

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

What an exciting time as we anticipate the upcoming Christmas season. We began our Christmas music the day after Thanksgiving and it will continue through January 6th...at least in the Russian Programming. The amount of Christmas music increases each



Dennis Weidler

week until we play all Christmas music at noon on Christmas eve through midnight of Christmas day.

This is also the season of the Talking Christmas Card where we open up the toll-free phone lines starting at 2 o'clock Christmas Eve Day. From 2 until 4 or 5, we have all lines illuminated and listeners call-in to share greetings with family members all over Western Alaska.

We thank you for making these services to our listeners possible. Without your significant contributions during these last few months of 2016, we would not be able to keep the lights on, the buildings heated or the transmitter at full power. We would all like to thank you in advance for your generous support of this vital communications link to over 100 villages in north and west Alaska and even more in the Russian Far East.

May God bless you and yours this Christmas season and into the exciting New Year. ■

Dear Friends,

A little more than a year ago I packed up my house in California and headed north to Nome, following through on the vision and desire God had given me several years ago to return to KICY permanently. Or as permanent as anything is when we follow God's leading. When I left Nome in 2001 after two years of service at KICY a huge part of my heart stayed. Now, as I have returned, so many people have greeted me with the words, "Welcome home." And truly, Nome has become home for me.

Where does one find those feelings of home? For many in our listening area, KICY is part of what makes a place home. More than just a radio station, KICY is a companion at fish camp...a Bible teacher, especially for those who are in villages without pastors...a place to turn for encouragement and prayer...a connection to other believers in the remote areas of our region. For many who have moved out of the area, the ability to stream the station on line staves off homesickness and brings a little piece of home to their new location.

We don't take the invitation to enter the homes of our listeners lightly. It is a privilege to know we

are invited into living rooms and around kitchen tables. As remote and invisible as radio can sometimes be, staff and listeners feel a kinship with each other, especially as we join for prayer through CareForce. We have become

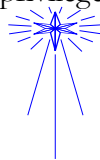
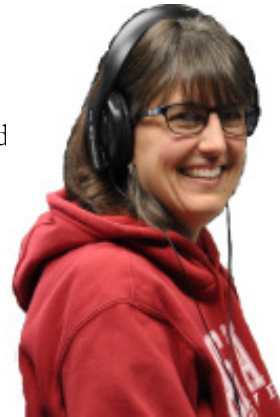
known as the "station that prays," one that brings a feeling of "home" to people both in their villages and in places far from home, and for that I am grateful.

You may be one who prays for us and our ministry, one who has given your time

volunteering on a work team here in Nome, or one who has given generously. Thank you. Each one has a part to play, and each one is important to this ministry. And so, as 2016 draws to a close I am asking you to prayerfully consider a year end gift to keep the ministry of KICY financially strong as we proclaim the Gospel. Your generosity will allow the programming of KICY to be heard loud and clear in homes across Western Alaska and the Russian Far East, reminding us all that our ultimate home is with Christ. But until that time there is KICY, a little piece of home in Western Alaska.

Serving Christ with you,

Patty Burchell



# Our Christmas Wish List.

It's that time of year again...a time of joy and celebration as we all look forward to the joyous Christmas season. Again by popular request, we have assembled a list of some items our staff would really enjoy receiving this holiday time. This year, we'll lead off with our eleven-year veteran Breakfast Club Host, **Lon Swanson**. He would like some *Regular Flavor Dunkin Donuts Coffee* again this year. This can be ground or whole bean (we have a coffee grinder but that ground coffee is really convenient).



Our Coffee Crew FM morning host, **George Bard**, actually isn't a big coffee drinker, at all. But, a hot cup of *Mint Tea* is what makes Christmas special for George.



Although the flavors aren't important, he does prefer mint.



Our Saturday announcer and Holy Growl host, **Ian Coglán** would like a variety of *Beef Jerky* again this year. Yum!

**Bertha Koweluk** is host of SingSpiration Time each weekday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. She also hosts the weekend Get-

Together. Her Christmas wish includes some *Walnuts Or Almonds*. Those are local favorites here in Nome. **Patty Burchell** is our Program Director, as well as host of the evening shift from 6 p.m. to midnight on ICY

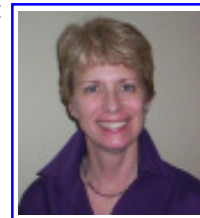


100.3 FM. Patty would enjoy *Mixed Nuts* for this Christmas season. That sounds super-terrific! Our Russian Programmer, **Luda Kinok** would really appreciate some *French Roast Starbucks (Bold)* for Christmas this year. I wish you could see her smile when we unpack the Christmas boxes. **Dennis Weidler** would enjoy receiving his perennial



favorites, *Roasted, Salted Almonds*. **Candace** thinks it would be a very special Christmas season if she could sit and shell *Pistachios*. That seems like time well spent here in the arctic.

Needless to say, but we'll say it anyway, our one, most sincere wish is that **you** have a joy-filled Christmas season.



Join with us as across the miles we share in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, Immanuel!

We look forward to serving our listeners in 2017 and sharing the Good News. ■

# A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

**George Bard**

**Patty Burchell**

**Ian Coglán**

**Bertha Koweluk**

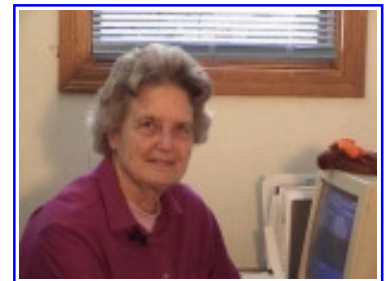
**Luda Kinok**

**Lon Swanson**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

## Happy Trails...



to Frances Whitmore.

After 26 years of service to AKICY and her many customers at the ticket counter at Alaska Airlines, we wish the very best as Frances moves to Idaho to spend time with family and friends. God bless you, Frances, and thanks for your many years of service. ■

# Come Join Us For Wild Alaska Salmon.

It's time again to share the idea of your church hosting a KICY wild Alaska Salmon Fundraising Dinner. There are now two coming up around the Covenant Midwinter Conference. Be sure to keep checking the KICY website for the most up-to-date information. There is also a dinner scheduled for October in Kalamazoo, Michigan so now's the time to start planning for your salmon 'chanted evening.

If your church would like to host a free salmon dinner, give us a call or send an e-mail to office@kicy.org. We love to ship in wild caught Alaska salmon from Nome, cook it up, serve it and share the vision of KICY in a brief PowerPoint presentation.

We try to take the pressure off your church team and do all the salmon preparation. Ask anyone who has had a KICY dinner. I think they'll all agree that they are lots of fun. ■



**Midwinter 2017**  
**January 30 to February 3**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**

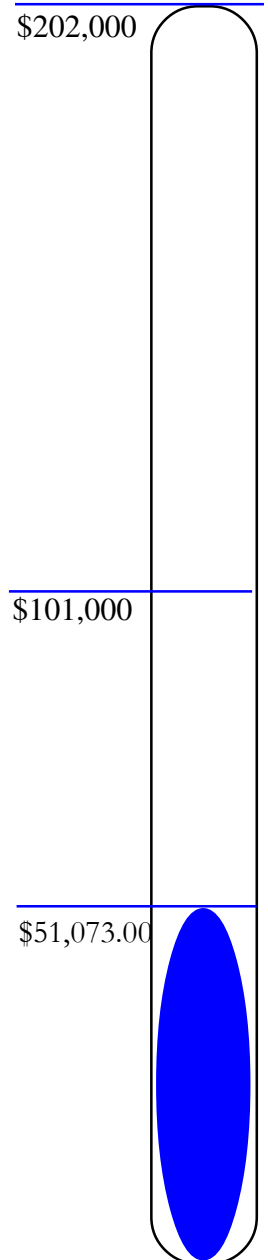
Saturday, January 28, 2017  
 Salem Covenant Church  
 Oakland, Nebraska

Sunday, January 29th, 2017  
 Christ Community Covenant Church  
 Owatonna, Minnesota

## Can You Help?

Our critical tower re-building project will hopefully bear fruit next summer between May 20th and June 30th. We tried to pick the absolute best possible weather window for the climbers to wrap this up. We have penciled-in 5 weeks, but the prayer is that they can finish much more quickly.

Rain and wind are the two elements which could slow things down. Pray that all goes smoothly and everyone remains safe and well.



## Memorials

In October, we received memorials in the name of:

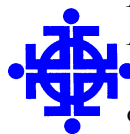
- Tom & Annie Dotomain**
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.**
- Dorothy Anderson**
- Jordan Rapetti**
- Margie R. David**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

- October Income-  
**\$45,496.76**
- October Budget-  
**\$45,131.69**
- October Expenses-  
**\$30,723.20**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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## Cabin Prayer Meeting Returns To KICY.

After a nearly 50 year hiatus, Cabin Prayer Meeting is returning to KICY.

This uniquely Bush Alaska broadcast originated in the early 1970's under James Barefoot of Polar Evangelism, based in Fairbanks. Mr. Barefoot would fly or take a snowmachine to villages all over Alaska, gather in homes and record music and testimonies. He would then return to Fairbanks and edit the material into half hour programs which would air on KICY as well as KJNP in North Pole, KOTZ in Kotzebue and KBRW in Barrow.

James passed away several years ago and his widow couldn't part with the boxes and boxes of vintage



*Going through the boxes of tapes.*

programs. Many had been well preserved on open reel tapes and some on cassette. A few months ago, the boxes of programs began to arrive in Nome and we set to

work transferring each program to a digital format. Some tapes were old and brittle and wouldn't pass through the machine. Some left a gooey deposit all over the tape mechanism. Many others were just perfect.

Of the intact programs, we began selecting those which weren't dated or no longer historically relevant. These are now being scheduled into our regular Native Music hours on weekends.

It's fun to hear our own Pastor, Harvey Fiskeaux on these early recordings. He was involved with Cabin Prayer Meeting in those early years and has been well known to KICY listeners for decades. ■