

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

It's exciting to look at a new year as a clean, blank piece of paper. What a gift that is from God. Now, how will we write on that paper? Will we doodle in the margins or fold it in half so we won't have so much space to fill? Or, will we fill it with a list accomplishments for Christ or a list of lives we have touched in our daily communications. Then, will we ask for a second sheet and fill that as well?

The good news here is that everyone gets the same paper; the same possibilities. No one gets half a

sheet. No one gets disappearing ink. Given an entire year ahead of us



*Dennis Weidler*

all, my prayer is that we don't just "spend" time, but rather "invest" it and write boldly on our paper.

KICY has been blessed on so many levels in the past 12 months. We have rebuilt and completely paid for our directional broadcast system into Russia, thanks to so many who donated to the project and to the Murdock Charitable Trust for their grant of \$70,000. More than 65 volunteers came to Nome last summer and supplied an estimated \$500,000 in donated labor. Now, it is up to our staff to maximize the effectiveness of the tools we have, to share the Good News to the uttermost parts of the earth. ■



*Candace Weidler hands the Talking Christmas Card host new caller information.*

## The Talking Christmas Card Continues to Grow.

I had a feeling it was going to be a big year for a unique, annual event. That was even before the calls started coming in at about 1:45 pm on Christmas Eve. Yes, listeners were lining up to be part of the Talking Christmas Card!

KICY has a longstanding tradition of inviting the listeners to call our toll-free number. Then, we put them on the air and they share Christmas greetings with family and friends throughout western Alaska.

Based on the number of new listeners we have heard from over the past year, we weren't surprised when, at 2:00 pm, the phone lines lit up. Now understand, we had only mentioned this on the air at 1:55. And by 2:00, all three lines were in use! And they stayed in use until well after the end of the program two hours later. Finally, at 4:15 we had

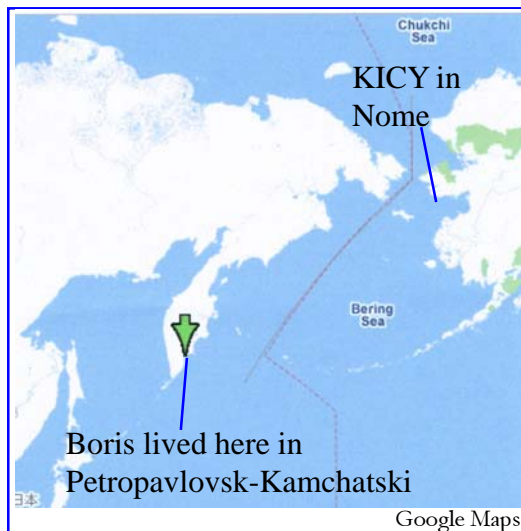
to announce we were no longer able to take calls and by 4:30, we had wrapped things up. Of course, the Talking Christmas Card was scheduled to air only from 2 to 4 PM. but we always give some extra time to handle the overflow. This year, there was a lot of overflow!

Besides western Alaska villages we had never heard from before, there were calls from North Dakota, three from Wisconsin and several from Anchorage.

We had three staff members, Dr. Phil and Lisa Schobert and Candace Weidler answering the phones and providing the first name of the caller, where they were calling from and what line they were on. This information was passed on to the on-air operator for coordination. ■

## From the Mailbag.

My name is Boris Surkov and I was listening to your station when I lived in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatski on the Kamchatkan Pensinsula, Russia. You have very interesting programs. I am native Russian, now in Bangkok, Thailand. I am interested in participation as a worker in your station.



Hi! My name is Johanna. I listen regularly to your station online. I am from the Arctic North of Sweden and a Christian. I currently live and work in London, UK. There are no Christian stations in Northern Sweden, so I listen to your station when I get homesick. You are in my prayers and I think you do a wonderful job.

Greetings. Last Sunday morning, your signal made it all the way to my home in Seattle. That's no easy feat, seeing as there's a station in Tacoma on the same frequency. Among the programs I heard were Unshackled, Sounds of Joy and at least two station ID's; one from Bethel and one from Hooper Bay.  
--Bruce

## Be An Arctic Ambassador.

Membership has its privileges. For only \$42 a month, you will be an official KICY Arctic Ambassador! That means you will sponsor one hour of broadcasting on KICY each month. We will record one of your hours and send you a cassette or CD with your name and address mentioned as a sponsor. From time to time, we will list all the Arctic Ambassadors in the Call Letter.

**\$42**  
*a month*

You will also receive an Arctic Ambassadors membership card and certificate. Your membership to this growing support organization will also be listed on the KICY web site.

But the greatest satisfaction will come from knowing that you will be sponsoring one hour a month for the continued operation of your 50,000 watt station serving the arctic. Our goal is to add 100 Arctic Ambassador members in the next few months. ■

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

**George Bard**

**Maj. Gary Grennon**

**Luda Kinok**

**Cathy Lyon**

**Anna Moore**

**Josh Remer**

**Tim Sergie**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

**Y**es, it's true. We do have a new volunteer on the way. But, we are still looking for full-time volunteer staff members to help take up some of the slack here.

If you know of a potential long-term volunteer (a year or more of service), encourage them to get in touch with KICY General Manager, Dennis Weidler. Or, they can download a volunteer application from our web site at [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org). ■

# We've Outgrown Our Standby Generators.

As KICY continues to expand the listening audience with improved facilities, the need to keep up as the electrical demand expands as well. In 1999, the broadcast studio/apartment building ran smoothly on a 12 kilowatt standby generator. Today, with the new FM transmitter at 1,000 watts and additional computer-based workstations, the generator simply cannot keep up with demand. In addition, the transfer switch is neither automatic nor safe to use.


The AM transmitter site has a 65 kilowatt backup generator which will operate the 50,000 watt AM transmitter at only half power.

We are launching a two phase, standby power campaign to improve the capabilities of both standby generators. While Nome Joint Utilities is reasonably reliable these days, when storms hit the region, that reliability is threatened, just when we are needed most.

The first portion of Operation Ready Power is the replacement of the studio standby generator in a new structure. We hope to raise the funds we need by the summer of 2008 and work teams are standing by to pour concrete, build a new building and install a new generator and transfer switch.

We will need to purchase a new 25 kilowatt diesel generator and transfer switch and have both shipped to Nome by June 1, 2008.

The new, and much larger, generator for the AM site will be Phase Two and is slated for installation in 2009. For that project, we should not need a new building nor a transfer switch.

So, we begin 2008 with an opportunity for you to provide KICY AM & FM with a safe, reliable backup power system, so critical in Arctic operations. We would appreciate whatever you may be able to provide. Simply write Ready Power or Capital Campaign on your check. 

# Operation Ready Power.

We estimate that \$45,000 will be needed to rebuild the generator building, install a transfer switch and a 25 kilowatt diesel generator.

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

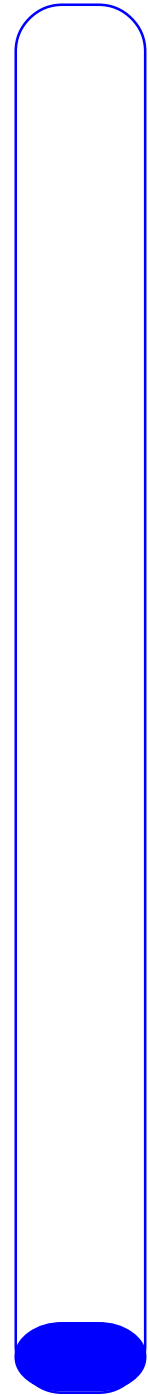
\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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## Memorials

In November and December, we received memorials in the name

- of:
- Tom Dotomain
  - Bonnie Larson
  - Edward Lattimore, Jr.
  - Kyanna Clark
  - Waskey Walters
  - Nick & Eva Novosel
  - Ruth Carlson
  - Willis Erickson
  - Terry Fonkert
  - Karla Cauley
  - John Carlson
  - Bob Rose
  - Bill Kronborg
  - Ruth L. Pedersen
  - Rose Vosgerchian
  - F. Gowen
  - Reuel Hockinson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

**\$51,814.91**

-December Budget-

**\$50,495.00**

-December Expenses-

**\$24,554.66**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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# Planning for the Future.

Who decides the future of KICY? In one respect, **you do!** Current giving meets immediate needs. But what about the future? Deferred gifts, both large and small, hold the key to our future, because they fund special needs and projects not covered by current giving. Bequests from wills, trusts and other creative giving options can make a significant difference in the future of our ministry at KICY and may offer significant tax savings. For the options best suited to your situation, contact Covenant Trust Company at 800-483-2177 or visit their website at [www.CovenantTrust.com](http://www.CovenantTrust.com). You may also contact KICY General Manager, Dennis Weidler [dennisw@kicy.org](mailto:dennisw@kicy.org) or Arctic Broadcasting Association Board member, Jim Engwall who also happens to be a Covenant Estate Planning Officer at [jlengwall@covenantestateplanning.org](mailto:jlengwall@covenantestateplanning.org) or call the number on the right. You should always consult your personal legal and/or financial advisor for advice as well. You **can** make a difference in the future of KICY!

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