

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

The days are already getting noticeably longer. We're up to four hours of daylight per day. By Iditarod time, we'll have nearly 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness.

I am happy to report that basketball sponsorships were sold out in under 24 hours...and I never had to leave the building. When it's 20 below, faxing sponsorship proposals to local businesses is a pretty efficient way to get the word out. Everybody faxed back their signed contracts...some with encouraging comments...and we

were sold out.

It was also a big season in Genesis Recording. Luda Kinok and her worship

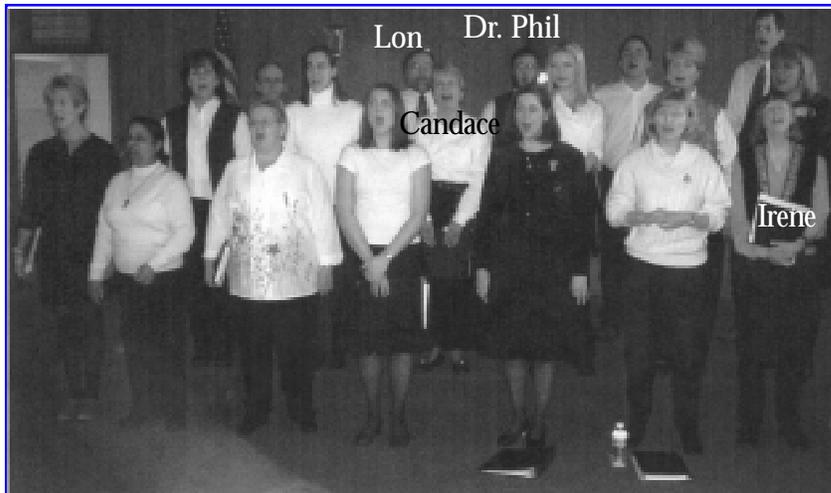


Dennis Weidler

teammates, Anna Larsen and Cathy Lyons recorded a CD with Luda including five selections in the Russian language. Cindy Reeves flew in from Alakanuk with her family to visit her parents in Nome and recorded 28 songs she had written. We also recorded the Community Christmas Concert and broadcast it live on the Sunday before Christmas.

And, it wouldn't be Christmas Eve without the Talking Christmas Card. We had over 100 calls in a 2-hour time period, from as far away as Murphy, North Carolina.

Winter is a very busy time in Nome and Western Alaska. It's good to be really busy when it's dark. ■



*KICY is well represented in the Annual Christmas Concert. Lon, Candace, Dr. Phil and Irene are highlighted above.*

## 'Tis the Season for Joyful Christmas Music.

There's no time to get bored during the holiday season from Thanksgiving through New Year's. Folks are either busy rehearsing for an upcoming event or performing in an event.

The Nome Arts Council sponsored their annual Community Christmas Concert, held on December 18 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Nome. Their financial support included air fare for a gifted pianist, Mara Gano from Anchorage. Mara also accompanied the worship team at the Nome Covenant Church on Sunday morning. What a wonderful bonus blessing.

KICY was well represented in the concert with Lon, Candace, Dr. Phil and Irene all performing and I was able to setup to record and simultaneously broadcast the entire concert.

There were a wide variety of Christmas Carols, selections from Handel's Messiah, solo performances, a string ensemble and even a community

singalong time. All in all, it was a fun event.

I replayed portions of the concert from CD for the hour just prior to our Talking Christmas Card program on Christmas Eve. That helped make the whole afternoon more festive.

In addition to the Community Concert, there were many other events this season including a High School Choral Concert and a High School/Junior High Band Concert. It kept our one and only music teacher, Ron Horner plenty busy.

Of course, KICY AM-850 and ICY 100.3 FM were both playing non-stop Christmas music for the last five days before Christmas. We start adding Christmas music to our schedule the day after Thanksgiving and keep adding more and more until we are "Your Christmas Music Station". ■



*Cindy Reeves in Genesis Recording.*

## The Recording Studio Stays Busy.

**J**ust last year, Cindy Reeves had traveled to Nome from her home village of Alakanuk, where she is a teacher, and recorded several songs she had written. This year, she performed live on our annual week-long Share-A-Thon and brought her children along to join her. Our listeners really responded to her joyful Christian walk expressed through music.

When she returned to Nome to visit her family for Christmas, she brought with her a keyboard, a guitar and 30 new songs!

She has such a gift for music and wants to share this God-given gift with others. Her first step is to secure copyright on her compositions and then hopes to have her

songs published so churches and worship teams could share her gift with others in praise to God.

After several days in the studio, Cindy had 28 songs recorded, including three tracks featuring her children in supporting roles.

Now, as we mix and master the new material, we have plans to add these new songs to the KICY on-air music library.

We have had numerous inquiries from groups and individuals about recording their music both in the studio and on location. Lucy Barton, Pastor of the Methodist Church hopes to record the Inupiaq Choir before the end of January.

Every recording means additional material for our listener's enjoyment.

## From The Russian E-Mail Bag

Dear Friends from far Alaska!

Hardly radio signal with high quality can reach Moscow. But owing to the Internet your radio station excellently passes in all territory Russia. Through Internet broadcasting audibility is very good.

I would like more to learn about your radio station.

I ask you to send in my the address following materials: the schedule of broadcasting, a pendant of radio station, stickers, calendars and other materials.

Certainly I will very glad and for other souvenirs and materials about your radio station.

I also will glad to the religious literature, but, please, IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE.

Kind regards, George Khabotjev, Moscow, Russia

# *A Prayer Request.*

*For each of our staff members.*

**Maj. Gary Grennon**

**Irene Houdek**

**Luda Kinok**

**Adam London**

**Carol Morton**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Lon Swanson**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

**L**ess than a month after everyone returns to the KICY fold, we're all on the road again.

Lon Swanson, Adam London, Luda Kinok and Dennis Weidler are all traveling to the Covenant Midwinter Conference in Chicago.

Please pray for Irene, Dr. Phil, Major Grennon, Frances Whitmore and Carol Morton as they remain behind to keep things going.

Luda will be speaking at two salmon dinners and will host a KICY Russian Mission Breakfast for interested Pastors at the Midwinter Conference.

# Where Are They Now?

Wow, it's hard to believe it has been almost six years since God used His amazing and unique ways to bring us to KICY. He called Beth to Nome to work with Eskimo Elders through a church program directed by the Nome Community Center. While there, she enjoyed listening to KICY and began volunteering a couple evenings a week where she soon met Steve who had also responded to God's calling.

Through several miraculous turns of events, Steve knew KICY was where God was leading him. From the volunteer work experience at the radio station, God challenged us causing growth and maturity. He also gave Steve clear direction of where his career was headed. From the wide variety of

volunteer jobs KICY offered, Steve found his niche in Christian Broadcast Engineering. Along with a life calling, Steve found a life partner. We were married in March 2003 in Beth's home town of Wakefield, Virginia.

In order to pursue Broadcast Engineering, Steve needed more education to have a broader understanding of the field. He did this in St. Louis, MO where he recently graduated in May of 2005. Not long afterward, God opened a door where he could use his education and experience from KICY at his new job at Salem Radio in Seattle, WA. We are adjusting to the 'big city' and are looking forward



Steve and Beth Pond

to our June work team trip to Nome where we will join the Smit clan in building the base foundation for the new FM tower.

# Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

Thanks to those who donated over \$6,000 in the last two months. We're off to a good start. Our insurance check should be arriving in Chicago shortly and we'll begin the process of ordering materials for this summer's rebuilding project.

Please keep this entire rebuilding project in your prayers. Our radio mission to Russia is sorely missed.

\$150,000

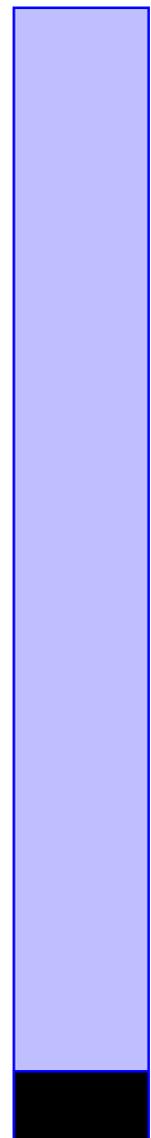
\$125,000

\$100,000

\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000



# Memorials

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

- Dorothy Espin
- Carl 'Gramps' Nelson
- Tom Dotomain
- Jean Larson
- Clarence Johnson
- Geneve & Lena Asp
- I. Ronken
- Frank Bland, Jr. MD
- Alice Pierson
- Jim Rohrer
- Harold Engstrom
- Willis Erickson

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

- November Income-  
**\$32,667.49**
- November Budget-  
**\$39,025.00**
- December Income-  
**\$56,845.54**
- December Budget-  
**\$53,045.00**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*

**Thank you for your donations allowing us to work for you in the Arctic.**



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# Congratulations to Our State Senator.

Nearly everyone who has volunteered at KICY or has been reading the Call Letter since 1960, knows of the Olson family from Golovin. Sister Olson Johnson is Vice President of Arctic Broadcasting Association. All the Olson children attended Covenant High in Unalakleet. Brother Donny is a medical doctor, a pilot, and has been our State Senator serving western Alaska, for the past six years.

Donny has contributed a great deal to KICY. Five years ago he donated his piloting skills and a helicopter to allow us to properly determine our FCC Proof of Performance for the AM direc-

tional signal. Donny has also taken KICY staff on many retreats

to Serpentine Hot Springs over the past six years and has helped with transportation during Iditarod.

We are delighted to announce that on Thanksgiving weekend Donny married Willow Alanna in her hometown of Fairbanks.

A few weeks later, the couple traveled to Nome where they hosted a reception at Old Saint Joe's, the city operated community hall. There was lots a great food and a chance to meet the couple and offer our congratulations.

We wish Donny and Alanna the very best in their new life together and ask for God's blessing.

Thanks, Donny, for bringing your wife to Nome for all to meet!



*Willow and Donny Olson*

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