

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Attend a salmon fundraising dinner when one is in your area. Starting next fall, our fundraising dinners will feature salmon caught and provided by listeners in the villages of Unalakleet and Elim. By the time you receive this newsletter, two more churches will have sponsored a free, salmon fundraising dinner to help support KICY. One in Owatonna, Minnesota and one in Rockford, Illinois. These dinners are the single best way to let you know what's going on at KICY, how



Dennis Weidler

to pray for us and to keep you up-to-date on our work in western Alaska and into the Russian Far East. Even the church I grew up in as a lad in Pennsylvania is hosting a dinner on October 3rd of this year.

My mother went to be with the Lord on December 10th. I am thankful every day that I was raised in a Christian home where serving others was what we did, not just talked about. We lost so many recently including my uncle, Ben Stoner as well as one of the founding figures of KICY Roald Amundsen, engineer Lew Entz and Pastor Fred Savok. Pastor Fred was a former pastor of the Nome Covenant Church. He and his wife Gladys both worked at KICY. All will be greatly missed. ■



Landis Bjorgen, Major Grennon and Abbree Verdin handle the broadcasts.

Basketball Fills Every Weekend.

It all starts as early as the middle of December and has been known to continue through the middle of April. Yes, it's basketball season in western Alaska! I am delighted to report that while we try to limit our sponsors to 10, this year we had to add one more. So we are in an oversold position with 11 basketball sponsorships.

Lon Swanson arrived just in time to help out with the first games of the season in mid December. We have also had a record number of three-day tournaments which really keep things interesting. As with most tournaments, you never know until a game is over when that team will meet the next competition. As the brackets fill up, we scramble to make sure we have staff in place to air the games. On the calendar again is the Norton Sound Shootout which is a Junior Varsity Invitational. Schools from throughout our region converge on Nome for a three day basketball event. Most parents aren't able to

travel to Nome for the games, so KICY provides an extremely valuable service with our live coverage of basketball action.

KICY and Nome Trading Company, the new grocery store in town, have partnered to honor the Stars of the Week for both the boys and girls teams. The criteria we selected were sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership. Each week, the coaches select a team member who best represents these attributes...not necessarily the high scorer or M.V.P. Nome Trading Company issues a \$25 gift certificate to each and we update the commercial and air the winners throughout the next game broadcast.

I was shopping one day and one of the students, and his three friends, came in to pick up his certificate. It was exciting to see the delighted expressions and pride on their faces. ■

Welcome Back, Lon!

We welcome back Lon Swanson as a full-time KICY Volunteer.

Many may remember Lon from his two-year term of service, which ended two years ago when he returned to his hometown

of Rockford, Illinois. Now, he has returned and we are delighted to have him back on the air. In many ways, it's like he never left!

Lon is safely settled into his old Apartment #2 and co-hosted the Breakfast Club during his first two weeks back in Nome.

Then, Tim Sergie announced



Lon Swanson, back at the controls.

his departure for Anchorage. That put Lon right back into his old air shift as host of the Breakfast Club.

Besides his on air work, Lon is busy scheduling the CareForce Team members. These are volunteers who give of their time to pray

for the many requests we receive.

Lon has also stepped in to help with our expansive basketball coverage. Lon and George have been sharing duties as Board Operators for the games, controlling the many elements which make up the broadcasts.

Please keep Lon in your prayers. We appreciate his servant's heart. ■

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

George Bard

Luella Dennis

Maj. Gary Grennon

Adam Lust

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Penny Olanna

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lisa Schobert

Lon Swanson

Chris Vandergraph

Jon Wehde

Candace Weidler

Frances Whitmore

Tower Lights to be Converted to LED's. Expect Huge Power Savings.

The costs for converting tower lights to LED's have dropped dramatically over the past three years. In fact, today we can convert three towers to efficient, money-saving LED's for about a third of the cost of three years ago. It's like getting three-for-one!

But the big news is the energy savings and the resulting financial savings we will enjoy. In the Lower 48, the average return on investment is about three years. In Bush Alaska, it's closer to eleven months! We will be able to save nearly \$9,000 a year in electricity a year. Add to that the savings we'll enjoy by not having to hire bonded

and insured tower climbers, pay for their travel to Nome and a supply of the old-style tungsten bulbs and we could see total savings of nearly \$125,000 over 10 years.

The average life expectancy of a tungsten bulb, even the new long-life bulbs, is about two years in the arctic. The new generation of LED's are warranted for a minimum of ten years.

An added bonus is that the new LED's are actually much brighter than the old light bulbs. Keep this project in prayer. We have already contacted Towers For Jesus to help us with the installation this summer. ■

The days are getting longer at an accelerating rate. We now enjoy nearly three more hours of sunlight than just a month ago.

We are also delighted to add two new local volunteers, Penny Olanna and Luella Dennis. Penny has been a loyal listener for many years and finally felt the call to serve at KICY. Luella felt God called her to Nome to serve in some manner and has been very active in the Friday Night Soup kitchen.

We thank God for the many who make light work of our service to our listeners. ■

Farewell to Tim Sergie.

We were extremely saddened to have to say goodbye to long-time Breakfast Club Host and Assembly of God Pastor,



Tim in the studio just days before leaving Nome.

Tim Sergie. Tim and his wife, Martha have moved from Nome to Anchorage which leaves a huge void in the River of Life Church and in the lives of our listeners.

Many knew Tim personally as he grew up in Bethel and Togiak in the Lower Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay

areas. Tim has been such a loyal laborer for all of our listeners in western Alaska, getting in each weekday morning by about 6 am to make sure all of his preparation work was completed for his morning broadcast.

The Sergie family is also very well known for their musical skills. Tim's love for Christ was always most evident by the huge smile he wore when proclaiming His name in song. He will be missed. ■



Say hello to our newest volunteers, Penny Olanna (l) and Luella Dennis (r).



Memorials

In December & January, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Carl Zinter
Esther Landis
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Lew Entz
Dorothy Harman
Benjamin Stoner
Helmut Karl Zeil
Charlotte Jensen
H. K. Carlson
Doris Schoning
Roald Amundsen
Hannah Miller
Martha Keller
Curtis Gustafson
Harold Swanberg
Inez Backlund

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-
\$77,053.14

-December Budget-
\$53,495.00

-December Expenses-
\$50,607.33

-January Income-
\$31,675.99

-January Budget-
\$48,960.00

-January Expenses-
\$45,964.36

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Operation Ready Power.

With the successful completion of Phase One this summer, we are gearing up for Phase Two next summer. That requires the purchase of a new 125 kw diesel generator for the AM transmitter site. We will need to order the generator in the spring for arrival by barge in the summer.

\$45,000

\$40,000

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\$30,000

\$25,000

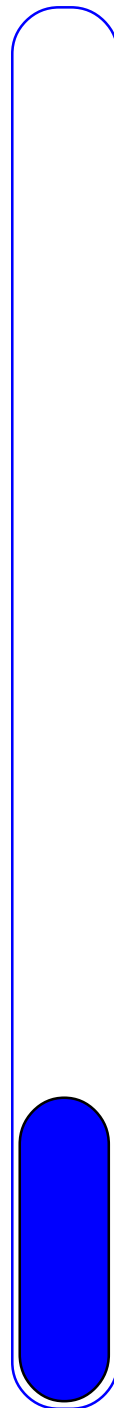
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Dr. Phil's Bible Trivia Returns.

After a year's absence, due to their managing of the All Alaska Sweepstakes last year, the Schoberts are back at it again this year with enough Bible Trivia questions for a five hour broadcast!

On Saturday afternoon, January 24th, from 1 to 6 pm, we simulcast both the AM and FM stations and opened up the phone lines, to allow 10 teams to compete in the Radio Bible Trivia Challenge.

Larry Thomas from Nome Public Schools developed a spreadsheet to help us keep an accurate score. Staff members signed up for various tasks and Dr. Phil and Lisa helped to keep everything coordi-



The operator team in full contest mode.

nated. There were a few players from as far away as Wisconsin and Tennessee who listened on the internet and used the toll-free number and even Skype to call in to compete.

Anna Moore was busy acquiring prizes from local businesses right

up to game time. Candace was in charge of food and beverage, several volunteered to handle the live on-air duties and the rest of us answered the phones.

By the time the smoke cleared, the scores were tallied and Dr. Phil answered all the challenges to his questions, we had a winner.

Of the ten teams who were registered to compete at the start of the contest, the hands-down winner was the ELT (Emerging Leaders in Training) Team from the Covenant Church consisting of Carlee Hobbs, Susie Fiskeaux and Joel Jorgensen. Congratulations to the winners and all who played! ■

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