

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

The only constant is change. So it goes here in the arctic, as well. New volunteers, an upgrade in technology and greater reliability all add up to make 2014 a very exciting time to serve at KICY.

This fall, we suffered many computer failures as motherboards and

harddrives exceeded their life expectancy. That forced us to invest in new Windows 8 computers for the four critical



Dennis Weidler

sites at the station. The AM and FM studios, the main office and the General Manager's computers were all updated. That transition presented a few 'learning curve' challenges. At the same time, high speed broadband arrived in Nome with a new fiber optic cable and microwave path from Anchorage. Data speeds have increased from just over 512 kbs to 6 meg per second. But we still have data caps, so we have to be careful with the new service as it is very easy to exceed the caps and then the meter really starts to spin and the costs quickly escalate.

But everyone at KICY has been enjoying the new improvements as most of our programs are downloaded from the internet. Nearly none are provided on CD-ROM. It is a blessing to be able to join the rest of the 'connected' world. ■



Lon Swanson checks out the new hard drives.

## The last of the Windows 98 Computers is retired.

We love them. We are frustrated by them. We have come to rely on them. Yes, I am talking about computers. The broadcast chain is dominated by computers, and up until Christmas, some were 12 years old running on an unsupported operating system, Windows 98.

As of the New Year, all of the old computers have been replaced with new systems running Windows 7. At the same time, we upgraded hard drive space from 36 Gigabytes to 500 Gigabytes. We had filled the old drives with music (which we thought we would never do in 2001).

Today, the new network allows for the seamless flow of data and music, a redundant storage drive and ample room to increase our music content.

KICY already has one of the largest libraries of native Alaskan singing. There is also a very large library of Russian Christian music which Luda has compiled over her years here.

When we lost the hard drives on one

of the computers before Thanksgiving, I quickly began transferring the music libraries into a spare drive. We certainly didn't want to lose the music we had worked for decades to collect.

By the first week of the year, all 9 computers on the broadcast local area network were working as a team and not one element was lost in the transition.

Fortunately, we had kept the licensing current with our automation supplier. As a result, we upgraded the computers and the software, but there was no additional cost. The licensing also provided 24 hour telephone support. Yes, we spent many hours on the phone and even more time linked directly from Texas to our system here in Nome. This is another time when the upgraded internet connection was a huge benefit.

2014 is looking good! ■

## The Murdock Charitable Trust Approves Grant Funding.

In December, KICY received the official announcement that the Murdock Charitable Trust of Vancouver, Washington has approved our grant request for \$150,000 toward the construction of a new, four unit apartment building.

This is the third grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust since 2006. We

were granted \$30,000 to replace and rebuild the FM tower, antenna and transmitter. In 2008, we received \$70,000 to assist in the rebuilding of the AM transmitter site following the devastating fire. Each was a matching grant. So KICY needs to raise \$150,000, as well.

Housing in Nome is a continuous challenge. The new hospital needs to hire 125 additional staff. The Nome Police Department is constantly being challenged by new hires unable to secure reasonable housing. Every fall, new

teachers seek reliable and comfortable housing. It goes on and on.

What will one apartment building do for housing? Honestly, it will barely put a dent in the problem. But it will assure us that there will be no

problem leasing apartment space to professionals entering the job market in Nome. This will help to stabilize our cash flow as energy costs show no signs of abating.

This will allow

KICY to turn a Capital building project, funded in part through the grant and built with volunteer work teams, into positive, monthly cash flow for the operating budget.

Please pray for the successful outcome of the building project this summer as many pieces have to fit together at the right time.

If you enjoy working with your hands and perhaps have some building skills, we would appreciate seeing you in Nome for a week or two.

As Bill Hartman once said, "Some go by giving and some give by going". KICY appreciates both. ■



**M.J. Murdock**  
Charitable Trust

## From the Virtual Mail Bag.

I have enjoyed a pleasant afternoon listening to your station online. I checked out KICY-FM's website, too. God bless you and your staff.

Donald Lord, Yukon, OK

Enjoying KICY in Afghanistan and Qatar. Keep up the great work. Psalm 37:23

Hunt & Stephanie

I love listening to your music. I decided to record my parents, Billy and Sally Teeluk from Eek, Alaska. I wanted to see if you can play these three songs on the air? If so, please let me know if you do.

Sarah Peterson  
Mountain Village, AK

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

**George Bard**

**Ian Coglan**

**Emily Kennedy**

**Dr. Phil Schobert**

**Josie Stiles**

**Lon Swanson**

**Rolland Trowbridge**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

Progress continues on the plans to build a four unit apartment building this coming summer. We have work teams beginning to make travel plans. We do know that the first barge, with all the building supplies, should arrive by June 10th if the harbor is free of ice.

Please check the kicy.org home page on the internet to see the most recent schedule of work team arrival and departure dates.

At this point, Alaska Airlines has discontinued the morning flight into Nome. That leaves only two flights a day, but that may change by the time summer arrives.

We look forward to your arrival in Nome! ■

# More And More Dinners Are Added For 2014. Is Your Church On The List?

Our desire is to have a continually growing Salmon Fundraising Dinner list of upcoming events. Hopefully there will be one near enough for you to come and share in wild-caught Alaskan salmon.

The most recent tour from Kearney, Missouri to Farmington Hills, Michigan provided a great opportunity to share the mission of KICY. Thank you to all who made it possible.

The May tour begins on Sunday, May 11th at Haddam Neck Covenant Church in Connecticut. That is followed by Pilgrim Covenant in Granby, Connecticut on Tuesday, May 13th and Bethany Covenant in Berlin, Connecticut the next day, May 14th.

If your church is in the neighborhood, and that can be liberally applied, let us know. We would love to add you to the itinerary.

We are also hoping for a summer tour on the west coast, anywhere from Washington state to

Arizona. A KICY Salmon Fundraising dinner is a fun event where we bring the fish, cook it, serve it and have a great time sharing the scope and breadth of this unique broadcast ministry.

Proceeds from these dinners will help in the construction project this summer.

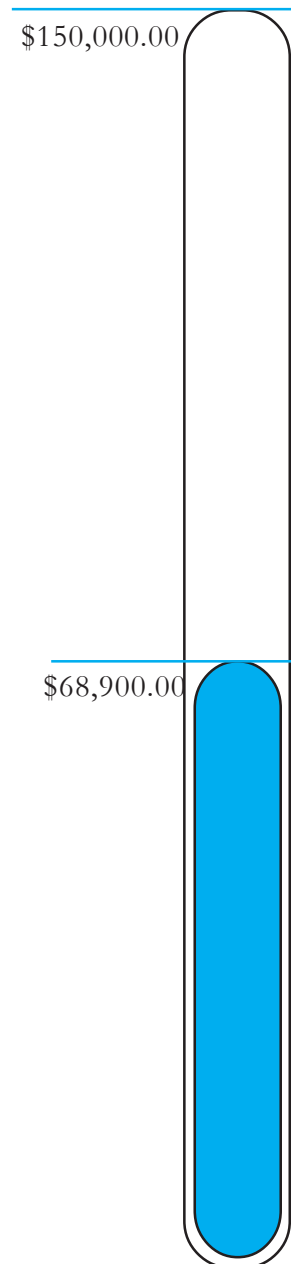
Call Dennis Weidler toll-free at 1-800-478-5429 or send along an e-mail to [dennisw@kicy.org](mailto:dennisw@kicy.org). We'll do whatever we can to get your church on the schedule. ■



## Can You Help?

We continue to move forward with a major construction project this summer and we need your help. The property next to the KICY studio has become available and we have plans to build a four unit apartment building. Work teams are assembling.

Can you help? As you can see, we need to raise \$150,000 to match a grant we have been awarded. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated.



## Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Ray Mellin  
Karl Zeil  
Herm Leonard  
Glen Harman  
Rev. Harold Swanberg  
Lewis Entz  
Theodore Hendrickson  
Guerie Towarak  
Raynold & Florence Peterson  
Walt & Lucille Hoseck

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-December Income-

**\$51,253.43**

-December Budget-

**\$63,780.00**

-December Expenses-

**\$51,347.10**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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## Welcome to Emily Kennedy.

During the Nome Covenant Church's 100% Sunday presentation, I challenged the congregation to step up and help out at KICY. From that one brief mention, three new volunteers came forward. Last month we introduced you to Josie Stiles. This month, we'd like you to meet Emily Kennedy.

Emily is the middle child of Joe and Paula Kennedy. The Kennedy family is part of the Nome Covenant Church and very active in the community helping out at the TLC Bible and Book store, as well.

Emily has been training in several jobs to fill her volunteer time at KICY.

First, she is responsible for processing each of the donations we receive. A very fast learner, she retained a lot of information very quickly. She is also involved with one of the program-



*Emily Kennedy at her post at the front desk.*

ming aspects of KICY. Emily is in charge of updating and determining the relevance of the dozens of Public Service Announcements which arrive in the mail each month. While we receive a lot of announcements, living in the arctic, many simply don't make sense for our listeners.

Emily has a great attitude and is a very self motivated volunteer. We are all thankful for her service.

Next time, we'll introduce you to her sister, Hannah. She is in training to take over many of the 'dubbing duties' of Ian Cogan. We are so blessed to have such willing workers. ■