

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic


Never a dull moment. There's always something to look forward to in western Alaska. We're now approaching that one time of year when everything happens. Iditarod, and the accompanying mushers, visitors and house guests, is looming. Wall-to-wall basketball, often with different playoffs broadcast live on two different radio stations, starts next weekend. Then, there are the spring conferences. The Lutheran Church has their regional spring conference in Shishmaref this year. Pastor Harvey



Dennis Weidler

is in Elim at their spring Get-together. He's speaking and, at my request, recording the native singing four nights in a row. Our new digital recorder is going to come in very handy.

Then, there's the ECCAK annual conference, this year being held at Community Covenant in Fairbanks. I'm really looking forward to this one. I have been sending staff to record and send a live feed back from this conference since 2002. Now, it's my turn again. It's also a wonderful time to reconnect with others in ministry spread out across the huge expanse of this state.

Yup. Never a dull moment. And we wouldn't have it any other way...because our listeners appreciate it. 



Sam Talbert assists grill expert, Frank DeMarco


Dinner is Served.

It was a delightful evening to grill Alaskan Salmon in southern Florida. I had just finished the week-long Covenant Midwinter Conference in Denver, Colorado. Candace and I flew to Florida for our niece's wedding and were also able to schedule a Salmon Fund-raising Dinner at Lighthouse Covenant Church in Tamarac, just west of Fort Lauderdale. Yes, we squeeze about as much into a trip to the Lower 48 as we can manage.

Bog Tenglin, one of the chaplains at the Covenant Retirement Village of Florida, had hosted a speaking engagement for KICY last year during the same time period. Since then, he had placed an order for 50 pounds of silver salmon to be shipped from Alaska for he and his wife to share with friends and relatives.

This year, Bob and Lighthouse Covenant Pastor, Dave Anderson teamed up to bring a salmon fund-

raising dinner to Tamarac, Florida, just a hop, skip, and a jump away from where I had spoken last year. And, they were arranging to bring a shuttle bus from the Village so the residents could enjoy wild Alaskan salmon and hear of the vision and share in the needs of KICY.

I knew this was going to be a bit different than most salmon dinners as soon as I arrived. Outside the fellowship hall, there were four grills set up, loaded with charcoal. Inside the hall, there were 50 pounds of silver salmon fillets. Candace spent her time cutting the salmon into generous sized portions and Frank DeMarco manned the grills. His wife, Cindy helped decorate. Giant pans with roasted potatoes and vegetables and even an ice cream cake appeared. The salmon was delicious and everyone seemed to enjoy their Salmon Dinner. 



Meet Sister Olson

Margaret M. Olson was born to Martin L. and Maggie C. Olson in Nome, Alaska and was raised in the western Alaska village of Golovin, about 80 miles east of Nome. Sister, as she is known, graduated from Covenant High School in Unalakleet in 1977. She and her three brothers frequently commuted to Covenant High by plane, especially during the holidays.

She fished commercially for Salmon in Golovin and for Herring in Norton Sound for several years.

Sister also managed Olson & Sons Grocery Store and Olson Air Service for several years. Her Dad, Martin Olson, was also a Board

Member of KICY for some time in the mid-70's. Her Mom, Maggie Olson taught her to serve the Lord and has been a good spiritual leader in the Olson family for as long as anyone can remember.

Sister married Lynn O. Johnson in 2001 and is now employed at Norton Sound Health Corporation as an Administrative Office Assistant.

"It is good to see the Lord work in people's lives and to hear reports over the years on what the Lord has done for people, especially in the far East. And, I am blessed by the faithfulness of the Lord in each of our lives. It is a joy to serve as Vice President of Arctic Broadcasting Association," added Sister. ■

The ABA Board consists of:

Ted Haney - President
Sister Olson - Vice President
Rob Hall - Secretary
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KICY Fact:

This month we received an e-mail from a listener way down in the Lower 48. He lives south of Portland, Oregon. We have been getting a lot of new reports this year. One was from Fresno, California and another from the interior of Oregon.

A Prayer Request.

For each of our staff members.

George Bard

Maj. Gary Grennon

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Carol Morton

Tim Sergie

Dr. Phil Schobert

Chris Vandergraph

Candace Weidler

Dennis Weidler

Frances Whitmore

We are still looking for a full-time volunteer staff member to help answer phones, check e-mails, clear faxes and type Ptarmigan Telegraph messages and Public Service Announcements.

Josh Rogers, a volunteer two years ago, is returning for Iditarod this year. We already have lots for him to do!

We are so thankful to have repairs made to our AM Programming computer. Praise God for granting us wisdom.



Dennis Weidler replacing the hard drive and the sound card just before Iditarod.

Technical Difficulties Plague KICY AM-850.

It never seems to fail that as soon as I board a plane for a fund-raising trip to the Lower 48, some technical issue plagues the remaining staff members.

A case in point is my recent trip to the Midwinter Conference, a wedding and a salmon fund-raising dinner.

While in Florida, I received a call from Tim and George one morning that the 90 day old Moody Satellite receiver was screaming and all the lights were flashing on the front panel. I had a bad feeling about that because I knew there wasn't an audible alarm in the unit. What they were hearing was the receiver in dire distress. It was still under warranty

so the company immediately sent out a replacement and Luda and George manually replaced Moody Network programs with local music. The new receiver arrived, was installed and works great. That's a good thing because a few days later, the 36 gigabyte hard drive on the AM system crashed. We were without local programming and the only source we had was the new Moody Satellite Receiver. Tim Sergie learned how to spin CD's and do a completely live morning show from 7 to 9am. Please pray for the reliability of our technology. We just finished repairs one day before Iditarod coverage, basketball and the spring Get-togethers began! ■

Memorials

In February, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom Dotomain

Mr. and Mrs. Stoner

Kevin Oyoumick

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-
\$28,172.31

-February Budget-
\$28,095.00

-February Expenses-
\$26,295.38

Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.

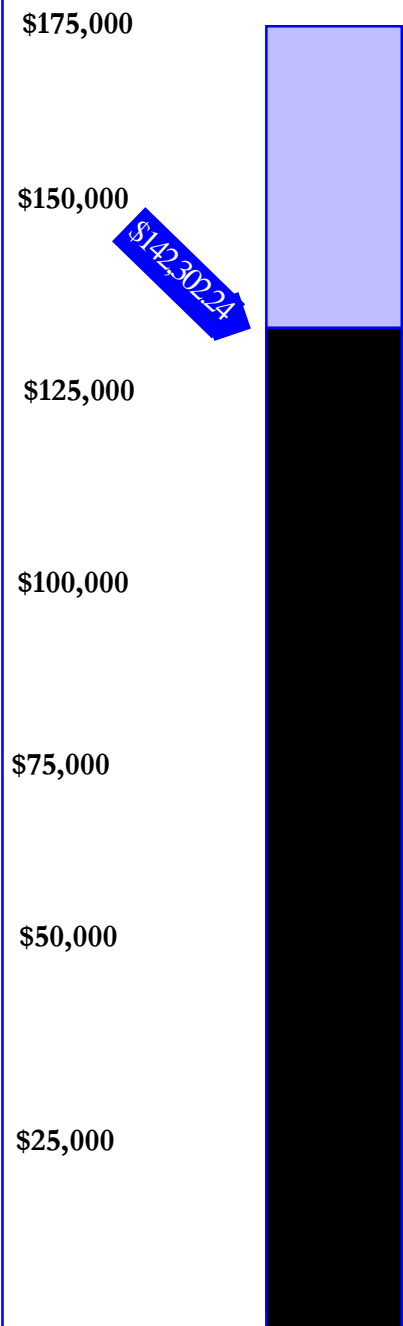


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Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

We have surpassed the \$140,000 mark with \$4,429.92 received in February. Thank you! That means the AM rebuilding project is still on target to be completed next summer.

But, we have only until **June 1, 2007** to raise the remaining funds. Please help keep KICY debt-free.



Time To Schedule Your Salmon Dinner.

It's time, right now, to get your church on the schedule for a FREE KICY Salmon Fund-raising Dinner. That's right, we have combined the words *Free* and *Fundraising* in the title of one event.

As you can see, the fall tour is shaping up nicely. However, we need to schedule a few more dinners between now and October if the AM directional rebuilding project is going to be completed on time.

We have found that it really doesn't make a difference what night of the week you are able to hold your salmon dinner. Our last event was on Wednesday and

there was a large, enthusiastic crowd. Often, weekends are so packed with other things to do that there is almost always some kind of conflict.

I also try to schedule at least three dinner events in one region...say the northeast or

October 7 - Lords Valley,
Pennsylvania - The Church at
Hemlock Farms

October - Kalamazoo, Michigan
TBA

October - West Peabody, Massachu-
setts TBA

midwest...wherever there's enough time to drive from one dinner to the next.

And, I provide the salmon, the placemats, trivia contest prizes, and a PowerPoint presentation which captures the vision of KICY and our unique Russian broadcast mission.

So go ahead. Pick up that phone and give me a call, toll-free, 1-800-478-5429. Just remember, we're on Alaska Time. That's four hours earlier than Eastern Time. Or, send me an e-mail at dennisw@kicy.org.

I'd love to cook some wild Alaskan salmon for you!

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