

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

What could be a cold, dark, quiet time in western Alaska is anything but. Iditarod and basketball weave a tapestry of broadcasting opportunities from January through the end of March.

The efforts of the KICY volunteer staff are so appreciated, not just by

our listeners, but by me, too. There are times we have had two basketball games on two stations simulta-



Dennis Weidler

neously. Then, throw in Iditarod coverage of a race that ended on Front Street in Nome at 4 o'clock in the morning. Our coverage started at 2:30 am. We were all a little bleary-eyed for the morning shows which started at 7 am.

On another note, I had the privilege of obtaining my Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner credentials. Three of us from Nome traveled to Unalakleet to administer the Technician license test. Five passed. Each was awarded a dual band radio. Our club also set up a repeater so they could get on the air before we left the village. There have been many more requests for testing in Unalakleet as well as Shaktoolik, Teller and Elim. It's a real joy to 'light up' an Alaskan Village with ham radio. Our next project is to donate an IRLP (internet connection) in each village. ■



The table is full of awards for the Musher's Banquet.

## Dallas Seavey Wins Iditarod 42. Zirkle in 2nd.

What a race! This is the first time in recent memory that the finishing lead team changed three times in the final stretch between White Mountain and Nome.

The race started under less than ideal conditions as warm temperatures and little snow in the interior actually presented the option of a re-routing of the race from Fairbanks, as they did in 2003. However, race marshals decided to run the event as scheduled on the northern route.

It was an extremely fast race as one musher noted, "there were no brakes because there was no snow. The dogs were traveling at the speed that they, not the musher chose."

In the interior, teams dealt with bare tundra, stumps and glare ice.

In the final hours, Jeff King's team seemed a sure winner as they left White Mountain with hours between them and Aliy Zirkle in second place. Dallas Seavey was firmly in third place.

This is where things took a decidedly dangerous turn. Hurricane force winds, bitterly cold temperatures and no visibility dealt a blow.

King's team was literally blown off the trail into piled driftwood on the shore of Safety Sound. After hours of untangling the team, they were all too exhausted to press on. They hunkered down a few miles from Safety Roadhouse in a pile of dogs and musher to wait out the storm.

In the meantime, Aliy Zirkle unknowingly passed them and sought refuge at the Roadhouse. Seavey got to Safety, checked in and continued to Nome. Zirkle woke up to discover him now leading the race. She set out after him. In a nutshell, Seavey won Iditarod 42 although he didn't know it until the marshal announced his victory.

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# Luda Obtains Visa And Returns to Nome.

It was the surprise e-mail of the decade. Luda sent a message that she was on her way to the U.S. Embassy in Vladivostok seeking a B-1 (business) visa. The next message was even more of a surprise. *It was granted!*



*Luda Kinok back in the studio.*

Russian Far East village of Provideniya. In this way, she can sustain her ministry through the use of her B-1 Business Visa.

Luda has taken the concept of tentmaking to new levels of productivity and efficiency. The demand for U.S.

products in a Russian village of 2,500 is sufficient to sustain her and her work here at KICY.

Please keep this situation in your prayers. It seems that increasing Russian influence over Ukraine could eventually create additional hurdles and challenges for travel between the U.S. and the Russian Far East. We continue to pray for the inroads Luda's ministry has made in a huge area of the Russian Far East including all of Chukotka, Kamchatka and Siberia.

We are all delighted to have Luda back in Nome and a presence in the studio each day. Her smile and laughter are contagious. ■

A week or so later, Luda arrived back in Nome. We had not prepared for her arrival so she spent the first several weeks in the Brown House basement. KICY housing was full at Iditarod time, so Luda was able to move into an apartment at the Assembly of God Church, where she had stayed during previous return visits to Nome. Needless to say, her broadcast outreach through KICY has remained her focus.

At this writing, she has a plane load of goods from i-Pads to snowmachines ready for departure at some future date back into the

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He thought he was still behind King and Zirkle. Aily came on strong but was never able to catch Seavey. She placed second a few minutes behind. King had to scratch as he sought the aid of snowmachiners who helped move his team to the shelter of Safety Roadhouse.

There were many, many other stories from the Iditarod Trail as each musher shared the experi-

ence.

It was a race for the record books, with new time records broken and Aily Zirkle finishing in second place for the third time in as many years. That record may stand for a long time.

The entire staff was exhausted following the race. Our continuous coverage began at 2:30 in the morning and wrapped up about 4:30. Yet we were all back to work for the morning shows! ■

# A Prayer Request.

*For each of our staff members.*

**George Bard**

**Ian Coglan**

**Emily Kennedy**

**Hannah 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](http://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?

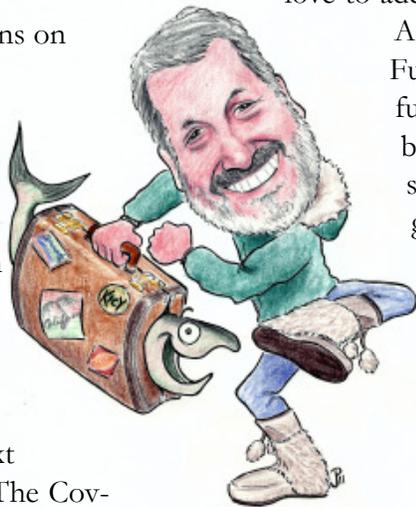
Our desire is to have a continually growing Salmon Fundraising Dinner list of upcoming events. Hopefully there will be one near enough for you to come and share in wild-caught Alaskan salmon.

The 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, Bethany Covenant in Berlin, Connecticut the next day, May 14th and The Covenant Church of Quincy on May 15th.

The west coast tour in August is also shaping up with Grace Community Covenant in Olympia, Washington on August 2nd. There

are open dates before the 2nd in the northwest and after the 4th in California.

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.



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

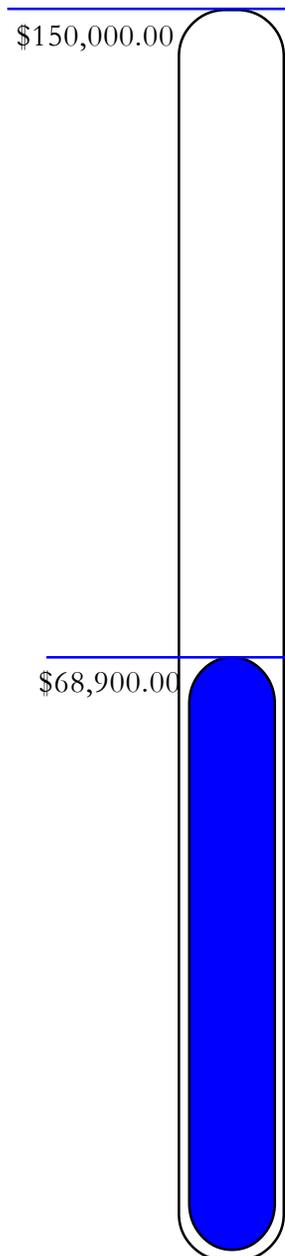
this summer.

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. Work teams are assembling.

Can you help? As you can see, poor Mister Thermometer is stuck at just under \$70,000 and we need to raise \$150,000 to match a grant we have been awarded. Your financial support would be greatly appreciated.



## Memorials

In February and March, we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom & Annie Dotomain
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Bill Smith
- Joel John
- Charles Kruse
- Ann Franklin Kauls
- Alex Kauls
- Leonard Wiehe
- Gary A. Cantrell

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

**\$33,880.10**

-March Budget-

**\$32,021.99**

-March Expenses-

**\$25,143.93**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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## Welcome to Hannah Kennedy.

We introduced you to Emily Kennedy in our last issue of the Call Letter. This time, we'd like you to say howdy to Hannah Kennedy, her older sister.

Hannah is our newest trainee in the art of dubbing programs. Each week there are two pages of daily and weekly programs which have to be transferred from web sites, CD-ROMs, and FTP sites. These then have to be trimmed, levels adjusted, file-type converted to our broadcast files and uploaded into our system. Some play on the AM

station, some on the FM and some are heard on both. That, in a nutshell, is Hannah's job at KICY. This is arguably one of the most tedious, yet one of the most important jobs at the

station. We are extremely thankful that Hannah is willing to help out. This has been Ian's off-air job, but he will be leaving in a few months and Hannah was willing to learn.

We have three studios where programs can be loaded and Hannah manages to use all three, going round robin tending the three work stations.

When she's not loading programs, Hannah is a full-time high school student and is very active in the Covenant Church Youth Program and helps out at the new Checkpoint Youth Center. ■



*Hannah Kennedy takes a brief break for a photo opportunity.*