

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Some of you may remember in 2003, several of us here at KICY took our amateur radio technician license test and we all passed.

At the encouragement of our engineer, Terry Reynolds, I studied and took my General License test about two months ago. It took a while to find three, qualified examiners here in Nome, but one Saturday afternoon at the power plant, I was able to take the test. Candace has been quite tolerant about my hanging antenna wires in our backyard, but did question my sanity when I made repeated trips to the roof to secure a few critical items. That all said and done, on May 22nd I made my first successful HF contact through the Bush Net in Fairbanks. It was pretty exciting.



Dennis Weidler

Summer has come to western Alaska. That also means summer work teams are due to arrive. Terry Reynolds is supervising a cable replacement team to work at the transmitter site for a few days.

Then starting on July 9th we have 5 weeks of teams including Farmington Hills, Michigan, Tucson, Arizona and New Richland, Minnesota. Please pray with me for safe travels and safety on the job site. ■



Dave Olson, Gary Walter and Dennis Weidler

A Joyful Celebration.

Take one helping of the Annual TECCA Statewide Church Conference and mix that with an equal part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of KICY and you have the recipe for an event of major proportions in western Alaska.

April 17th, 2010 will live on in the hearts of the Conference attendees, the former KICY volunteers and staff and those from the community of Nome who all shared in the event.

At 5 o'clock just under 400 sat down to enjoy a sumptuous prime rib dinner. Jack Brown provided the wonderful piano music as the perfect accompaniment to the meal. Under the M.C. talents of ABA board member, Rob Hall, the evening kicked off with video greetings from U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich, State Senator Donald Olson, State Representative, Neal Foster and even presidential candidate and talk show host, Mike Huckabee. John Handeland, representing the City of Nome, read the proclamation designating April 17th, 2010 as KICY Day.

A congratulatory letter from our U.S. Congressman, Don Young, was read.

Maggie Olson shared the significance KICY has had in her daily life as well as others in villages since KICY signed on exactly 50 years ago.

The short version of the KICY Anniversary video was presented.

We were also fortunate to have 100% of the former General Managers of KICY able to join us for the festivities. Ernie and Barb Hansen and family, Ralph and Gert Fondell and their daughter Rebecca Carlson, Jim Brewer, John and Sheri McBride and Dave Oseland were called to the dais to receive their certificates of achievement.

ABA Vice President, Terry Reynolds, with Ralph and Gert Fondell by his side, presented a brass plaque and honored their years of service to KICY by announcing the naming of the studio building The Fondell Broadcast Center. *--page two*

Lon Travels To Shishmaref To Record The Lutheran Conference.

Spring brings with it a huge number of village Get-togethers and State-wide Church Conferences. Every other year, the Lutherans meet at either a western Alaska Bush village or in Nome. This year, it was Shishmaref's turn on the northern side of the Seward Peninsula.

We got Lon on a flight with all his recording gear for the four day event.

He returned with many memories and hours and hours of recorded music and testimony.

Now, he has begun editing each of the evening's programs into individual songs. It takes a long time and attention to detail. But the result is a lot of new music to be added to our library of native singing.

We thank willing servants like Lon who take their time to travel to area villages to serve them and KICY. ■

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

George Bard

Luella Dennis

Isaac Gartung

Lena Mathlaw

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Louis Murphy

Penny Olanna

Lon Swanson

Rolland Trowbridge

Jon Wehde

Candace Weidler

Frances Whitmore

New Anniversary Goal Announced.

The Arctic Broadcasting Board of Directors has established a new financial goal to coincide with our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

All of the 50th Anniversary resources will be placed in the

Endowment Fund.

Please indicate 50th Anniversary Fund on your check.

\$50,000

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We were all honored to have both the President of the Covenant Church, Gary Walter and Executive Minister of the Department of Church Growth & Evangelism, Dave Olson on hand to provide their insight into the past 50 years of service to western Alaska.

Luda Kinok, our Russian Program Director, told of her relationship with Christ and how KICY was a significant part of her coming to faith.



Maggie Olson, Sister Olson and Rob Hall

The Nome Rec. Center was outfitted with banners, balloons, streamers and stiking blue table cloths. These were topped with special Anniversary placemats featuring the F.C.C. broadcast log from that first day on the air. Clearly visible were the signatures of Art Zylstra, Ralph Fondell and Howard Nelson.

In Nome, a month later, many in the community are still talking about KICY's celebration dinner and the 50 year legacy. It was a night to remember. Thanks to so many who made it possible. ■

We are seeking Salmon Fundraising Dinner opportunities. If your church, men's group, women's group or Sunday School class would like to serve as hosts for a dinner, let us know.

Dennis Weidler will be traveling on the east coast again during the first two weeks in October.

Put it on your calendar right now and prepare for an interesting evening with great Alaska salmon and an in-depth look at KICY.

We have tentatively scheduled a dinner in Modesto, California for August 28th. We need to have at least one more on the west coast to make it viable. ■

KICY Honored At Sports Banquet.

At the recent Sports Awards Banquet, held at the Nome Elementary School Commons, KICY was presented a golden bowl to recognize their 50 years of service to the student sports programs at Nome-Beltz High School.



students of Nome. For the past 50 years, KICY has made a great effort to broadcast our students in their athletic endeavors. As a proud parent, I know we all appreciate the work of KICY in bringing Nome schools sports events into our homes.”

In a surprise ceremony after the potluck, Nome Booster Club President, Mari Lammer, called Dennis Weidler to the front of the hall to make the official presentation.

At KICY, we know that honoring our student’s sports and academic achievements provides an opportunity to get into many different homes and hearts. A very special thanks goes out to Lon Swanson and George Bard who devoted a lot of time to airing sports coverage. ■

“We want to thank KICY for their dedication to honoring the

Operation Ready Power.

We have begun our search to order the new generator! We continue to get close enough to our goal to order it for delivery to Nome for installation next summer.

Thanks to all who helped make this happen. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this campaign.

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

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Memorials

In April & May, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Don Yorkston

Harold Swanberg

Dorothy Harman

S. Larson

Norman Barram

W. Baumgartner

Lloyd Johanson

Roy Olson

Polly Hunter

V. Ishikov

Wesley Ahlberg

Bernice Vlahakos

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-April Income-

\$29,830.43

-April Budget-

\$33,910.00

-April Expenses-

\$35,617.01

-May Income-

\$31,591.29

-May Budget-

\$33,610.00

-May Expenses-

\$28,943.95

*Includes Donations, Sales & Programs
but not designated funds.*



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Meet Rolland Trowbridge.

This is really the story of a family from Michigan on an adventure by boat. The first leg of their trip took them to Newfoundland. From there they decided to sail the Northwest Passage to the Arctic Ocean and the Bering Sea on their way to Bristol Bay.

Last fall, the family of four got as far as Nome, faced heavy weather and decided to hunker down for the winter.

I first formally met Rolland and his daughter, Bianca at a Seward Peninsula Amateur Radio Club meeting. Rolland is a ham and his eldest daughter, Janelle had secured her amateur license in Canada.

The next Sunday, it dawned

on me where I had seen this family before. They were at the Nome Covenant Church. I invited Rolland and his family to see the AM transmitter site and visit the studios. A few weeks later, he was volunteering on the



Rolland Trowbridge in the studio.

air with a weekend shift.

This family has an amazing story. You may wish to check their blog at sailingvesselprecipice.blogspot.com.

Although their plans are to continue to sail on, our hope is they will take some time to enjoy Nome and western Alaska. We enjoy having them as part of our church family and as part of the KICY staff.

It's a very small world. Being from western Michigan, we know of and share memories of many of the same people and places. Whatever the future holds for this family, I ask that you pray with us for them. They are a blessing to all they meet. ■