

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

The snow is gently falling and the ocean is beginning to look like a giant slurpy. We're all settling in for a long winter. But, while the winters are long, they are also jam-packed full of things to keep us all busy.

I just returned from our semi-annual Arctic Broadcasting Association board meeting. The fall meeting takes place in Anchorage as no one is inclined to venture to Nome in November with the distinct possibility they won't be leaving for a while if the weather should take a turn.



Dennis Weidler

The high cost of energy was the greatest concern when reviewing our budget for 2009. While our friends in the Lower 48 are enjoying declining gas and fuel prices, ours are fixed until the next barge of fuel arrives in June of 2009. We are out of the market of supply and demand which exists even as nearby as Anchorage.

KICY is currently operating under an STA (Special Temporary Authority) with the Federal Communications Commission which allows us to temporarily reduce our power to 25,000 watts for our 'non-Russian' hours but still a full 50,000 watts for our Russian signal. We pray this is only temporary. So many have worked so hard to bring this powerful ministry to Alaska and Russia. ■



Tom King, Luda Kinok and Terry Reynolds

Kintronics President Visits Nome, Replaces Contactors.

We were so surprised when the President of Kintronic Labs, Tom King, insisted on coming to Nome (in October, no less) to replace 7 large RF contactors.

Last year, we rebuilt the AM Directional pattern with a system developed for us by Kintronics. The single glitch during the inaugural year occurred only at temperatures below -30 C. And, last year was one of the coldest we've had in my past nine years of experience. We were operating at or near the very lowest temperature conditions for a very small relay. This relay supplied a larger current for our contactors to change the pattern twice a day.

Terry Reynolds and I had constructed clip-on night lights attached to the relays to help keep them a little warmer during those coldest days. Tom King thought he had a

better idea. And, he was right.

In advance of his arrival, he had shipped up to Nome, nine boxes filled with RF contactors, wire, crimpers and tools of all types.

In just two days time, all 7 contactors were replaced with high voltage models and the small relays were on their way back to warmer climates.

What I didn't mention is that Tom accomplished this at no cost to KICY. Now, that's standing behind your product!

We are looking forward to this upcoming winter and fewer emergency trips to our transmitter site on those coldest days.

Reliability is critical in Bush Alaska. Thanks to Tom King and the great folks at Kintronic Labs, we have that reliability. Thank you, Tom. ■

Our Christmas Wish List.

How quickly the seasons pass! It's that time of year again to publish the Christmas Holiday Volunteer Wish List. We all feel so blessed by the events of the past year. But there are still items that



we can't always find in Nome...or are extremely expensive. This year, we'll lead off with **Pastor Tim Sergie**. He

would like some *gourmet coffee*. This can be ground or whole bean (we have a coffee grinder). **Luda Kinok**, who gets to celebrate Christmas in two hemispheres, is especially fond of *Chai or Spicy Tea*. Our evening FM



host, **Adam Lust**, would really appreciate some *unusual and unique coffees*.

Coffee Crew Host, **Dr. Phil**

has narrowed down his many choices to *M & M's*. **Lisa Schobert** gave this decision serious consideration and decided *Dove Chocolates*



with Caramel would satisfy her sweet tooth. **Jon Wehde**, producer of Garden Talk and What's Up at

Nome Public Schools, would enjoy some of *your favorite recipes*. Our longest serving volunteer, **Frances Whitmore** thinks it just isn't Christmas without *popcorn* or some *hot chocolate*.



Major Grennon



Fresh from the Lower 48, **Chris Vandergraph** thinks *roasted peanuts* are a wonderful, holiday treat. That brings us to **George Bard**



who took a lot of time to think about his Christmas wish but finally settled on *cheese*. Yes, cheese is what makes Christmas special for **George** though he didn't specify the kind of cheese. But we're sure he'd be happy with any kind. **Anna Moore** would like *spices for holiday cookie baking*. And, General Manager, **Dennis Weidler**, would really enjoy



roasted, salted almonds. Our one, most sincere wish is that **you** have a joy-filled Christmas season. Join with us as we share in the celebration of the birth of Jesus! We look forward to serving our listeners in 2009. ■

enjoyed his cashews so much last year, he said "Put me down for *cashews* again this year". There's a lot to be said for consistency.



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A Prayer Request.

For each of our volunteer staff members.

- George Bard
- Maj. Gary Grennon
- Adam Lust
- Luda Kinok
- Anna Moore
- Tim Sergie
- Dr. Phil Schobert
- Lisa Schobert
- Lon Swanson
- Chris Vandergraph
- Jon Wehde
- Candace Weidler
- Frances Whitmore

We are beginning 2009 with a full staff, reliable equipment and a shared vision to be a 24 hour-a-day companion to those who seek to know the Lord more fully and be comforted in His grace.

We are in "the dark time" when the sun rises a little after noon, Alaska Time and sets a little before 4 pm. And, when the sun does rise, it's only about 15 degrees above the horizon. So, even at 2:00 pm we cast long, twilight shadows. But God leads our steps, even in the darkness. ■

Chris Vandergraph Returns to Nome & KICY.

Some folks just can't stay away from Nome! For pastor, Chris Vandergraph, the pull was impossible to overcome. Less than a year after his volunteer appreciation dinner and the presentation of his service award, he has returned to Nome to work at the Nome Community Center where he acts as case-worker for at-risk children.



Chris and wife, Cindy at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Within a few days of his return, he was peeking in the studio door asking if he could get back on the air. It took only a few minutes of retraining, and Chris was back doing what he appears to really enjoy and that's being on the radio. So, welcome back, Chris Vandergraph, to both Nome and KICY. It's good to have you home again. ■

REMINDER:

These next few months are critical for the continued, successful operation of KICY. Please remember our unique, international broadcast ministry as we look to the close of 2008 and the beginning of an exciting new year filled with challenges and possibilities.

Remember that your year-end gift touches thousands of listeners every day, 24 hours a day. Some are on this side of the Bering Strait and even more are on the other side in Russia.

Thank you for your continued financial support.

-- Dennis Weidler & The entire KICY staff

Memorials

In October, we received memorials in the name of:

- Tom Dotomain
- Elsie & Bob Bone
- Edward Lattimore, Jr.
- Dorothy Harman
- Omar Ouenemoen
- Rev. John Bergman

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-October Income-

\$31,675.99

-October Budget-

\$35,205.00

-October Expenses-

\$37,879.53

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

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

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Luda Returns With Her Visa!

We did everything we could humanly do to assure that Luda would receive her R-1 visa. But even her Anchorage based immigration attorney gave her no better than a 50/50 chance of success. Not exactly a confidence builder. I remember telling Luda that it was now in God's hands as she boarded a Bering Air flight from Nome, bound for Anadyr and on to Vladivostock to meet at the U.S. Consulate. She walked out in very short order with her new R-1! It turns out actually getting the visa was the easy part.

As she was preparing to leave Vladivostock, the

airline on which she was traveling was not permitted fuel as they hadn't been paying their bills. Luda called on her cell phone and told me she was going to Moscow to catch a flight back

to Anchorage. They don't fly that route in the winter. Now, she would have to buy a round trip ticket to New York. So, off to JFK. As she was in the air, I logged on to Travelocity and found a very low (but again, round trip) ticket to Anchorage from New York. Then, a quick visit to the Alaska Airlines website and we had her back in Nome...all the way around the world!

Be faithful...and be creative. God rewards tenacity.

We thank God every day that Luda is willing and now able to serve for many more years. Thank you, Lord. ■



Luda Kinok and her new best friend.

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