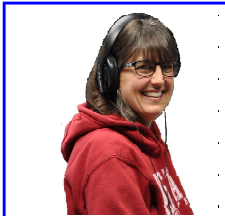


# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

Another March is in the books. It is easily our busiest time of year for broadcasting. High school basketball ramps up with regional and state tournaments for both Nome and the smaller schools in the Bering Strait region. And in the midst of that comes two



**Patty Burchell**

intense weeks of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. This year's race was won by Norwegian Joar Leifseth Ulsom.

A soft spoken young man, Joar (as well as all the competitors) battled deep snow and strong winds as the trail was more "typical" this year.

It was so fun to have visitors here as well. Carrie Esau, who volunteered this past summer, returned to experience the finish of the race. Also, Jane DeVries, one of Dave and Kathy DeVries' daughters, and Barb Carlson, a former volunteer, returned to Nome after a very long absence. Their enthusiasm for Nome and the race was a wonderful addition to our coverage this year.

The Nome Covenant Church hosted many events during Iditarod week, including a Gospel SingSpiration evening, which we were able to broadcast live.

Whew! Time to take a deep breath and begin to prepare for work teams coming this summer! ■

## Faith-sharing and Iditarod

Months before this year's Iditarod Sled Dog Race began, DeeDee Jonrowe announced it would be her last. The iconic musher has raced in 35

Iditarods, with 16 Top 10 finishes, including 2nd place in both 1993 and 1998. Tough as nails, but as personable and sweet as can be, DeeDee is a fan favorite in the villages the trail runs through. Her solid faith has sustained her through personal tragedy including cancer and the loss of her home two years ago to fire. Through it all she praises

God for the journey.

Unfortunately, DeeDee had to drop out of this year's race just a few hundred miles into it due to illness. That didn't stop her from visiting villages and helping at checkpoints. She was able to spend time with friends in Unalakleet, where the community threw her a party. In Nome, she was under the Burled Arch for nearly every finisher.

Each year the Nome Covenant Church hosts an Idita-Sunday service

and invites mushers to share their faith stories. DeeDee has been a part of that service for many years, and this year was no different. Her joy in the Lord and in

life are contagious, and her words always inspiring.

Joining the festivities this year was Dennis Agajanian, billed as the world's fastest flat picking guitar player. A traveling musician and evangelist, Dennis shared songs of faith and



*DeeDee Jonrowe and Dennis Agajanian share the stage*

words of invitation. Dennis has visited Nome several times, and has been affiliated with Franklin Graham's ministry. His concert included plenty of hymns and songs to sing along with, and his guitar skills really are amazing.

What a joy to have people of faith add to the festivities at the Iditarod finish line. And what a blessing to be able to share these events with our listeners across Western Alaska. ■

# A Return to Nome



*Barb (BJ) Carlson hosts The Breakfast Club with Lon*

While washing the bathroom of the KICY “Brown House” as we prepared to leave Nome after more than a week visiting during Iditarod, I chuckled to myself. I hadn’t realized before how intertwined in my memory KICY and washing the bathroom are. During my junior and senior years of high school at Nome-Beltz, each Saturday morning I would do my household chore of washing our downstairs bathroom and then hop on my bike to ride to KICY for my noon to six p.m. shift on the AM station. How I loved those hours of playing music and reading the news, weather, and Ptarmigan Telegraph.

Fast forward a significant number of years to the present. A childhood friend, Jane DeVries, and I decided to celebrate a milestone birthday by returning to Nome for the Iditarod this year. What an amazing experience our ten days in Nome turned out to be. At first it was unsettling to have everything feel familiar, but not. After a while, though, it was obvious that Nome’s people are still warm and welcoming. Running into people from my memories and making new friends was delightful.

Getting to help out with the Breakfast Club one morning was another delight. Gone were the teletype pages of weather and news I used to read. And there was no need to rush between songs to pull records in order to have music to play. Even the studio I sat in with Lon was different than the one I had spent so many Saturdays in. Despite reading the weather from a computer screen and watching an automated system switch between songs, one thing hadn’t changed. KICY is still dedicated to its mission of serving the people of Western Alaska. Being around the staff during our visit, I was impressed with their servant hearts toward the station, the Covenant Church, and the Nome community.

Being part of KICY during high school made those years very special. I sometimes marvel at the fact that the station let me join the team when I asked. I didn’t have any radio experience, or even much work experience, but my enthusiasm and desire to help out were encouraged. My time at KICY definitely played a part in shaping who I am today. I hope many more volunteers can experience the wonder that is the KICY experience. ~Barb Carlson ■

## *Prayer Requests: For each of our staff members*

George Bard

Patty Burchell

Kathy Horner

Bertha Koweluk

Luda Kinok

Lena Mathlaw

Josie Stiles

Lon Swanson

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### *Other prayer requests:*

*That God would raise up  
one year volunteers for the  
station.*

*That summer projects  
would be fully funded and  
accomplished.*

### *Praise God*

*For all who support KICY  
in prayer, with finances,  
and as volunteers.*

*For our listeners who en-  
courage us daily. ■*

# Host Your Own Wild Alaska Salmon Dinner

It's time again to share the idea of your church hosting a KICY Wild Alaska Salmon Fundraising Dinner. We are in the planning stages for our Fall Tour and would love to include your church. Target dates are for late September and early October, and as only one dinner is scheduled, there is plenty of room on the calendar for your preferred date. As churches sign up, you can find an updated schedule on our home page at [www.kicy.org](http://www.kicy.org).

Our website also offers more details about hosting a dinner. Or, feel free to talk with any of the pastors where we have had the honor of preparing a salmon dinner in the past. We love to ship in Nome-caught salmon, cook it up and share the vision of KICY. The salmon is free but the memories are priceless. Can we count on your church to host salmon-chanted evening? ☐



**2018 Fall Tour**  
**Saturday, October 6, 2018**  
Haddam Neck Church  
East Hampton, CT

## Memorials

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

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**  
**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**  
**Ernest N. Sagoonick**  
**Dean & Myrt Hanson**  
**Chuck Hunter**  
**Shirley Fransen**  
**Arlene S. Hartman**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

**\$53,260.92**

-March Budget-

**\$40,195.89**

-March Expenses-

**\$53,934.57**

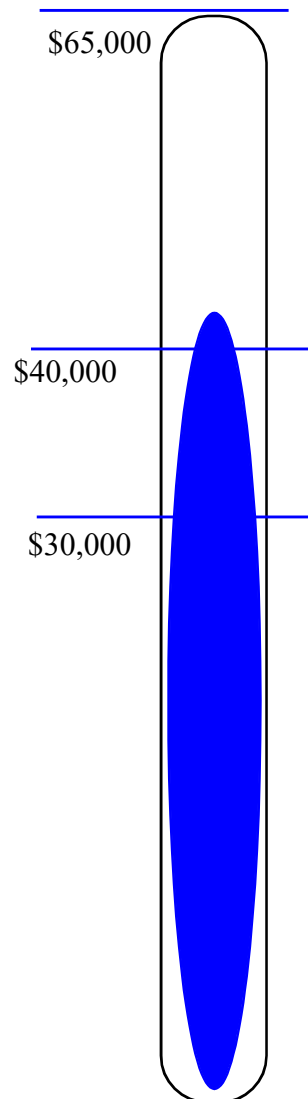
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## Help Wanted

The time has come. KICY's computer automation system, while functional, is 18 years old and needs to be replaced. The up-graded, streamlined system will interface more easily with our music and program files. In addition, the aging lights on the towers need to be replaced. We have the opportunity to do both this summer, and you can help. Please consider a special donation to our Capital Campaign fund toward these projects. A combined \$65,000 will get it done, and as you can see, we are about 2/3 of the way there. Thanks in advance for your help in putting us over the top.





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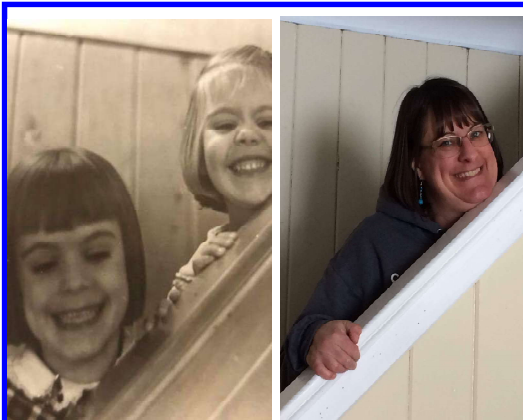
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## Returning to “Nome Sweet Nome”

What a joy and privilege it has been to return home to Nome and KICY after many years! I am the oldest child of Dave and Kathy DeVries, who served at KICY in the ‘60s, ‘70s, and early ‘80s. Growing up in Nome as part of the KICY and Nome Covenant Church families is something I wouldn’t trade for anything.

For a “milestone” birthday this year, I was blessed by my family and friends with the gift of a trip “home” to Alaska for the Iditarod. It was fun to travel with my childhood Nome friend Barb Carlson, who also loves the Iditarod. We got to see the start of the race in Anchorage and Willow (my first time at the start) and to return to



*The Gray House bannister-then and now*

Nome for the finish after many years.

However, by far the best part of the trip has been connecting with KICY/Nome friends including some I’ve known for years and others who are new friends. The Nome bond is deep and unique,

and something I treasure.

My visit and walk down memory lane has been incredible and has reminded me anew just how important the ministry of KICY is. It’s been great to get to know the current staff and help them a bit. I’ve seen firsthand the need for more year long (or longer) missionary volunteers to serve here in Nome. I fondly remember how much the volunteers who served at KICY impacted my life as a child, and I know they’d say God grew them greatly through their experiences. If you or someone you know is looking for a life-changing, new adventure, contact Patty at KICY about opportunities for serving. God just might be calling you to KICY! ~Jane DeVries