

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic


This is always an extremely busy time of year. One might think that when the Christmas holiday is over, things would quiet down in our little community. Nothing could be further from the truth. Right after New Year, it's Hoop Time in western Alaska! That means as many as 18 games in a three-day weekend. Every community has a tournament, including Nome where we had the Nanook Subway Showdown for three days, followed by a midweek conference schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday and a three day Norton



Dennis Weidler

Sound Shootout that Thursday, Friday and Saturday, also held in Nome.

In ten days we played basketball on eight of them...and usually at least three games day. In the middle of all that, we launched Dr. Phil's Bible Trivia Challenge on a Saturday afternoon.

Fortunately, we have had great support from the community. Don Stiles is our key play-by-play announcer being joined by The Major and others from the community. And a special thanks to George Bard. He and I are the two designated board operators for all of the basketball games. It's a relaxing way to spend a Saturday evening, waiting for that next commercial break. It's a pleasure knowing we can bring basketball to so many. 



Operators Are Standing By!

Bible Trivia Contest Draws Teams from Lower 48.

On January 20th, we launched the first annual, Dr. Phil's Bible Trivia Challenge. We had no idea if anyone would take three hours out of a Saturday afternoon to play Bible Trivia, but we set out to find out.

Prizes were sought from sponsors in the community and Dr. Phil and his wife, Lisa ended up with over 70 prizes to divide among the winners. This included airfares to several western Alaska destinations, hotel accommodations, theatre tickets, footlong Subway sandwiches, prepaid phone cards, specialty coffee drinks, even a \$100 in home heating oil.

The contestants had a week to register their team and we even put a notice on our website. To our surprise, three teams registered from Wisconsin. Another dozen teams registered from western Alaska.

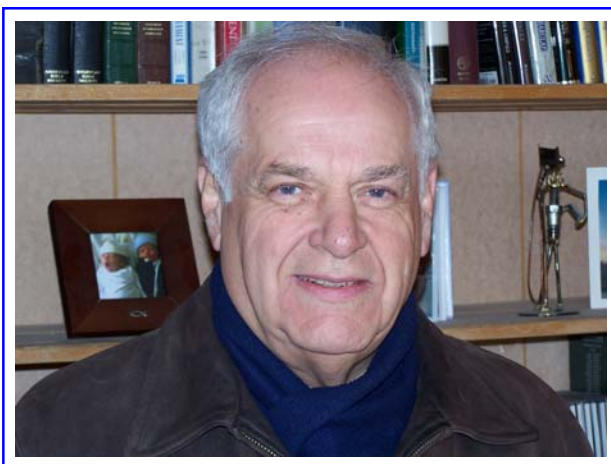
The entire staff was on hand to answer the five phone lines we routed from various offices in the studio building to the lobby. Dr. Phil Schobert and Dennis Weidler were

the on-air hosts asking the trivia questions and playing Praise and Worship songs to give everyone time to do a little digging and call in with the correct answer.

In the traffic office, the Controller for Nome Joint Utilities, Mike Cusak, had developed a special Excel Spreadsheet into which he had entered all of the team names and numbers to facilitate the scoring of the contest. Luda and Lisa took the answer slips from the phone operators and delivering them to Mike with the spreadsheet.

After three hours and some of the most challenging questions ever conceived, a clear winner emerged. From Nome, it was the team known as Soldiers for Christ with a day-long total of 220 points. Right behind them and firmly in second place was the Seventh Day Adventist Church team with

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Meet Jim Engwall.

Jim Engwall brings a host of experience to the Arctic Broadcasting Association board. Born in Glenview, Illinois, Jim married Lola Anderson of Trimont, Minnesota, in May of 1964 after graduating from North Park University in 1963 with a B.A. in Economics and a Minor in Communications.

Jim was encouraged by former Covenant World Mission Secretary, Ralph Hanson to be the first participant in what later came to be called the Covenant Short-Term Mission program, serving summers of 1960, 61 and 62 at KICY.

Jim worked in health care financial management positions from 1963 to 1971. In 1971, Lola and Jim were called to be career Covenant missionaries, Commis-

sioned at the 1971 Covenant Annual Meeting to serve full time at KICY as Business Manager and News Director.

In 1980, Jim returned to health care financial management work in Illinois. In 1984, he was called by the Covenant's Pacific Southwest Conference to be Assistant Superintendent for Business Management / Vice President-Finance.

In 1990, Jim was elected to the Arctic Broadcasting Assn. Board of Directors and in 1997, became Campus Administrator of Mount Miguel Covenant Village, Spring Valley, CA.

Jim retired in 2001, to work part time as a real estate escrow agent. In 2005, he became a Covenant Estate Planning Officer, serving part-time at Mt. Miguel Covenant Village and in 2006, Jim became a full time Covenant Estate Planning Officer, serving Arizona and Southern California. ■

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205 points. The SDA Team actually scheduled a potluck after their Sabbath worship just to be prepared to play our trivia contest.

It was a fun event and the three hours flew by. Already there is talk of the next Bible Trivia Event, but I think making it an annual event is just about right. ■

Alaska Fact:

This month, we received several listener e-mails from Japan, Sweden and Finland. One Japanese listener really enjoys our programming and has requested a work shirt, baseball hat, coffee mug and keychain! We never know whose lives we're touching.

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.

Luda was not able to return to Russia for college as flights to anywhere in Russia from Nome became non-existent. She is now considering on-line classes through the University of Alaska-Anchorage. Please keep Luda in your prayers.



Tim Sergie with his new H4-ZOOM digital recorder.

Tim Sergie Records 18 Hours of the Shaktoolik Get-Together.

We thank God for opportunities like this. Pastor Tim, our Breakfast Club morning radio host, was invited to speak at the recent Shaktoolik/Koyuk Get-Together. This is four day, annual event hosted by the Shaktoolik Covenant Church, located at the eastern end of Norton Sound.

Just before Christmas, we invested in a new, self contained digital recording device called an H4-ZOOM. The device records high quality digital, stereo audio directly onto an SD chip. From here, it can easily and quickly be downloaded into our computer software for quick editing and uploading into our broadcast system.

Tim took the new unit with him and recorded over 18 hours of native singing on three tiny digital chips. Fortunately, Tim kept great records of the singers and the songs so we can edit the files and get them directly into our on-air playlists. What a blessing this little device has turned out to be. In fact, Nome Public Schools bought one through us for their music department, Tim purchased his own unit and we use one to record the Nome Covenant Church worship service every Sunday morning.

This is the right tool at the right time to allow us to add more Inupiaq, and other languages directly into KICY. ■

Memorials

In January, we received memorials in the name of:

**Ralph Hanson
La Kene Wallin
Dorothy Harman
Elsie Ahlem
E. A 'Hap' Carlson
Margaret Robinson
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Marge Crider**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-
\$38,926.84

-January Budget-
\$45,985.00

-January Expenses-
\$31,569.02

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*

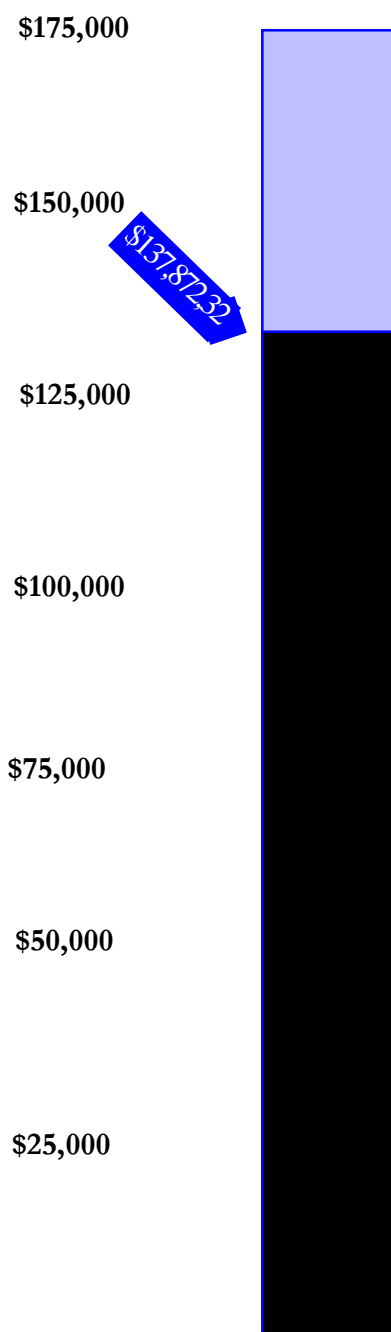


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Operation 'Solid Foundation'.

We have surpassed the \$137,000 mark with \$27,000 received in January. 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.



Nome Scouts Stop By The Studios.

I was helping to install the new sound system at the Lutheran Church here in Nome when their team leader, Arne Handeland, asked if he could bring his den of Tiger Cubs by for a tour of the studio. It seems they need to visit a broadcast facility to earn their next badge.

One afternoon during the holiday vacation, three Tiger Cubs and their adult chaperones appeared at our studio doors.

Following a tour of the studio, I presented each with a solar powered, pretuned KICY radio.

Based on their thank you letter to me, those radios were a big hit!

They also thought our bomb shelter turned recording studio was pretty interesting and there were a lot of questions about what was behind the little closet door under the steps. I explained that's where they kept the gas masks, Geiger counters and canned food and water.

Politics change, but a little boy's curiosity is constant. It was great fun having them stop by. ■



The Tiger Cubs on their tour.

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