

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

**B**rutally cold. I don't know any other way to say it. This is the coldest for the longest since we arrived thirteen winters ago. Just before Christmas, temperatures plunged to near -30 and stayed there and then got colder, down to -42. And stayed there. In the middle of




Dennis Weidler

January, it got to 7 above zero one day but dropped back down the next day. Did I mention it was cold?

Unfortunately, half of the vehicles in Nome wouldn't start. Half of the water pipes froze. Half of the drains iced over. The poor guys in the Yellow House didn't have running water for nearly two weeks because their drains froze. Luda's supply pipes froze, but she knows the secret to getting water flowing again. Our drain in the studio sink froze, so we used the bathroom sink to make coffee.

Oh, yes. Our first bill for home heating oil in the new year was over \$6,000. Granted, that's for the studio, the Brown House, the Yellow House and the Gray House. But still, \$6,000.

Yet, we are all in good spirits. I was interviewed on the Janet Mefferd Show and she asked how the staff was doing. I told her, "You don't come to Nome to volunteer without a sense of adventure". 



*The USCG Cutter Healy, the T/V Renda and a helicopter at the Harbor.*

## The Renda Makes Historic Fuel Delivery.

**A**fter months of waiting and an Act of Homeland Security, Bonanza Fuel in Nome has taken delivery of their 1.3 million gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel. It was an interesting time as reporters from the BBC, The AP, CNN, The L.A. Times and hundreds of other news gathering organizations descended on Nome to witness the first-ever Alaska delivery of fuel through the ice pack.

This is just a few months after Nome made the lead story on the Weather Channel with the 'biggest' fall storm in history.


Actually, the storms of 2004 and 2005 were probably more severe for us in Nome and there was, for us, a more destructive blizzard the first week of December.

But, this was history in the making and it was exciting to be part of it.

Luda Kinok, our Russian Programmer, was asked to be the translator

for the Russian captain and the owner of the Renda in discussions with the Coast Guard, the City of Nome and Sitnasuak Native Corporation officials. She was escorted out to the Renda and treated royally. They invited her to share several meals on-board which she was more than happy to accept.

During an interview at the KICY studios, we found out the Renda's owner has four other identical tanker vessels, a fleet of refrigerated ships and a fishing fleet. He has been transporting groceries from Dillingham to Chukotka for over a decade and was very impressed with the spirit of cooperation from all parties.

Our thanks goes to the Coast Guard and the entire crew of the Healy for arranging to escort the Renda to Nome. 

# Big Time Basketball Action.

It's a big, big basketball season and Steve Palmatier, our play-by-play master, is in the middle of it all.

One weekend he called a

dozen games as stations from around the state were calling for feeds of the competition with the teams from their communities.

The week earlier we faced a challenge as the phone company failed to connect our phone line before the game. Steve ended up sitting in one of the coaches offices calling the action on the phone while looking through the office window. It still sounded



*Another big sports weekend.*

great, but the vantage point was less than ideal.

The season is about half over although there were fewer home games this year. Steve kept busy coordinating feeds from distant

games and tournaments and staffing the board operators to coordinate the broadcast of the games and insert the sponsorship commercials.

Speaking of sponsorships, we were blessed to be able to sell out the basketball broadcasts again this season. We want to thank all the local businesses and organizations which support local basketball and support KICY. ■

# A Prayer Request.

*For each of our staff members.*

**George Bard**

**Ian Coglan**

**Andrea Irrigoo**

**Luda Kinok**

**Louis Murphy**

**Stephen Palmatier**

**Lon Swanson**

**Rolland Trowbridge**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

## Meet Andrea Irrigoo.

Andrea contacted KICY earlier this year about volunteering. She was already hosting radio shows with her friends in an imaginary station she had put together at home.

Andrea is a Sophomore at Nome-Beltz High School and is active in music and sports but still finds time to bless our listeners each evening on ICY 100.3 FM.

Thanks for your help, Andrea! ■



*Andrea busy in the studio.*

We are so blessed to be fully staffed once again. I thank God that young people from Nome have come forward and expressed their desire to be part of KICY AM & FM.

On another note, Ian Coglan had the opportunity to interview the World's Strongest Man, Bill Kazmaier in our studios. He was in Nome for a motivational presentation at Nome Public Schools. During the interview he had an opportunity to talk openly about his faith in Christ.

One of our greatest blessings in radio is to respond quickly to opportunities to share a relationship with Christ to those who walk through our doors. What a wonderful, rich history. ■

## Our Listeners Share:

"My roommate is from Nome and I'm from Golovin so we both grew up listening to KICY. Listening to it makes us feel closer to home."

--Josephine Daniels, ACC Student, Soldotna, Alaska ■

# Most Recent Fundraising Goal Is Met.

We made it. The expenses for Luda's medical and immigration legal fees have all been covered. Thank you so much.

2011 was a challenging year with so many unexpected and unbudgeted expenses. As you may remember, last winter the West Tower Austin Ring transformer's support pipes filled with ice and burst causing a catastrophic failure of the rings and loss of our tower lights. Well, they failed again. This time for an unknown reason. Fortunately, they are still under the manufacturer's warranty.

The extremely cold temperatures brought other challenges to light. The drain system in the Yellow

House really needs to be replaced. In the process, we hope to relocate the bathroom from the tiny, closet-like room where it is now, to the back, left bedroom. We will lose one of the four bedrooms, but gain a much more comfortable bathroom (one where you can fully open the door and not be forced to back into the shower).

We will also need to raise and level the Yellow House to allow the drain system to be rebuilt. Parts of it are broken and the rest is sagging badly, so water collects in the low point and freezes.

So, we are asking for help again. Hopefully, the \$19,000 target represented on the meter on the right will meet our needs for the summer work teams to purchase the materials to get the work done.

The summer is short, but we have been amply blessed by dozens of workers who give their time and their talents to help keep us comfortable during the long arctic winters.

## Memorials

In December and January, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain  
Edward Lattimore, Jr.  
Doris Barton  
Raynold & Florence Peterson  
Walt & Lucille Hoseck  
Agnes Komakhuk  
Wes Ahlberg  
Bernise Teagren  
Bernice Reynolds  
Esther Franklin  
Scott Patrick  
E. Lindstrom  
Miriam Lindberg  
Ione Liebl  
Helmut Zeil  
Gordon Lundgren  
J. H. Anderson  
Ken Kroeker  
Don Barker  
Bob Summers

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-January Income-

**\$38,848.87**

-January Budget-

**\$63,653.00**

-January Expenses-

**\$34,968.70**

*Includes Sales & Programs but  
not designated funds.*



Arctic Broadcasting Association is an affiliated corporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

## Can You Help?

This summer, we need the financial resources to repair the storm damaged roof of the phasor building. We also need to re-roof the studio building and repair the plumbing connections to the Yellow House.

If you are able to assist financially, mark Capital Campaign on your check. And God bless you for keeping KICY's needs in your prayers.

\$19,000

\$9,500



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## Austin Rings Fail In Blizzard.

These past several months have presented many, many challenges for us living and working in the arctic. While the nation was focused on Nome during the really big storm back in November, early December blizzards were much more daunting. We had three storms in a week which dumped a lot of snow. Immediately after, the temperatures dropped as low as -40 and stayed there. And stayed there. A fan motor in the transmitter building burned up. We lost 8 of the 12 fuses which provide power to the fans in the transmitter. The generator battery charger was toast and

the Austin Rings we installed just last February failed. Did I mention it was way below zero? The Austin Transformer technicians back in Toronto kept me

running out to the site to take measurements.

It did turn out to be a failure of the rings themselves...which never happens. We were sure to order the

'arctic' version as a replacement. We are all hoping for warmer temperatures so we can take the old rings off the base of the west tower and install the new ones when they arrive.

In the meantime, we have been notifying the FAA of our tower light outage and they have been very patient while we arranged for repairs.

Pray for safety and wisdom as we work outdoors. ■



*Steve Palmatier checks my work on the rings.*