

KICY Call Letter

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Manager's Mic

Wheh, what a time it has been! We are so thankful that Patty Burchell came up from California to help out with Iditarod coverage again this year. As it turned out, Lon Swanson's father passed away very unexpectedly on March 1st and Lon caught the next flight out to be with his family. We praise God's mercy to allow him to travel with extremely short notice. That left yours truly to fill in the Breakfast Club and SingSpiration Time each weekday. Plus, the Nome Nanook



Dennis Weidler

Boys basketball team made it all the way to the state championships in Anchorage

during Iditarod week. And, the Golovin Girls and the Elim Boys also made it to the state championships. We were able to cover the sled dog race and not miss a game of basketball during that busy week.

Now, a quick breather while we look ahead to the Lutheran Spring Conference in Brevig Mission and the Covenant Conference in Hooper Bay. They are both in April and we plan to air both live.

The new LEDs have arrived for installation on our three towers this summer. Hopefully that will save us some money on our electric utility bills which seem to have no upper limits! ■



Patty Burchell traveled from California to cover the race for us. She is joined by Chris Perrigo.

Mackey Wins in Iditarod Three-Peat.

Howling winds and dangerously low temperatures drove a big wedge between the two major groups of mushers during Iditarod 2009. From the Yukon River all the way into Nome, including the famous "Blow Hole", dog teams and mushers were challenged by Alaska's changeable weather. In fact, one of the mushers in the back of the pack, tried to walk from the Safety checkpoint with his team and scratched from the race just a few miles from Nome.

The winner, for the third time in a row, was Lance Mackey. He crossed under the arch on Wednesday morning at about 11:38 am. This is especially good news for those of us covering the race, as we could get a decent night's sleep before the finish. Based on years past, that is not always the case.

We had an Idita-spotter on the trail, but the bitterly cold temperatures forced volunteer, Adam Lust to turn

his snowmachine around and hightail it back to Nome. Better safe than to suffer frostbite. His hands were so cold, he couldn't dial the satellite phone to call in a report.

George Bard and Lisa Schobert took the van to Farley's Camp to follow Lance and his team into town. Adam took his SUV and cell phone out to assist Lisa and George with coverage. Dr. Phil interviewed guests waiting at the finish line while Patty Burchell called the race action as the teams came down Front Street. I was back in the studio taking feeds from all four sources, two cell phones, a MARTI unit and a SMARTI unit. Josh Rogers, a former KICY volunteer, reported over 1,000 listeners to our coverage on the internet alone.

It was a very successful effort and I thank all the volunteers who offered their help. ■

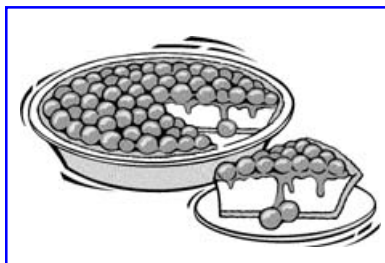
Calling for Your Recipes and Stories.

As we approach our 50th Anniversary, we are asking for your help in putting together a commemorative

KICY cookbook. To make the cookbook that much more interesting and desirable, we're asking for everyone who

has ever volunteered at KICY, KCFA or KYKD to provide a recipe, a brief story of your Alaska memory *and* your photograph.

Linda Reynolds of Eagle River will be coordinating the cookbook project. You can simply send your three-piece informational packet as an e-mail attachment directly to kicycookbook@gci.net.



Or, you can send hard copies of each of the same three items to KICY, P.O. Box 820, Nome, AK

99762. We'll scan the photograph and type up your recipe and story and forward them to Linda.

We'd love to hear from everyone who has ever served in

Nome or Anchorage or Bethel.

Our goal is to have the cookbook represent a volunteer history of those who have served since 1960. Your recipes don't have to be "Alaskan" in nature, just your favorite.

This promises to be a great way to connect our 50 year history of volunteers with a collection of usable recipes and memorable stories. ■

You Can Be An Arctic Ambassador of the Gospel.

KICY AM-850 offers a unique opportunity for you to sponsor one hour of broadcasting each month. For only \$42 a month, your name and your hometown will be broadcast as the sponsor of that hour.

If you would like, we'll also send you a CD of a live recording of one of your hours and a certificate of appreciation for your support of Christian radio in western Alaska.

We are now able to offer sponsorships of one hour of Russian

Programming each month. For \$42 a month, Luda Kinok will air your sponsorship in Russian and I'll announce it in English. Just be sure to specify if you would like to sponsor

an hour of Russian Programming and we'll make the arrangements.

We have a record number of Arctic Ambassadors and the membership keeps growing! ■

Only
\$42
a month

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

George Bard

Luella Dennis

Maj. Gary Grennon

Adam Lust

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Penny Olanna

Dr. Phil Schobert

Lisa Schobert

Lon Swanson

Chris Vandergraph

Jon Wehde

Candace Weidler

Frances Whitmore

The summer work teams are filling in this year's schedule. So far, we have teams in place from June 8th through July 11th. If you'd like to be part of a volunteer work team in Nome this summer, let us know soon so we can make plans for your arrival.

There are a variety of projects such as painting and light carpentry. We'll provide the materials and 24 hours of daylight.

So far, there is a team from Tucson again this year, a team from Eagle River and the Towers for Jesus crew. ■

Time To Schedule Salmon Dinners.

Have salmon. Will travel. That has been our motto for the past 10 years. Yes, Candace and I are celebrating 10 years of service at KICY here in Nome. When we arrived, we didn't know for sure if we would see the 40th Anniversary. Now, we are preparing to celebrate the 50th!


One of the reasons why KICY has been able to continue to serve the needs of our listeners is your willingness to welcome us into your home church for a Free Salmon Fundraising Dinner. I



provide Alaskan salmon, cook it and serve it. Your church provides the hall, the kitchen and the side dishes. After June 25th, we'll have a brand new, 50th Anniversary DVD presentation. Then, there's time for the question and answer period.

That's a favorite of mine.

At this time, we have only one dinner scheduled. That's October 3rd in my home church in Pennsylvania.

We'd love to visit your church family and share the story of the miracles that make up KICY. 

KICY Volunteers now have their own FaceBook Section.
Check it out. Sign up.

Memorials

In February & March, we received memorials in the name of:

Tom & Annie Dotomain
Mildred Just
Edward Lattimore, Jr.
Kevin J. Oyoumick
Dorothy Harman
Benjamin Stoner
Benjamin E. Eakon, Jr.
Wesley Ahlberg
Carl Nelson
R. S. Edwards
A. M. Musser
Margie Goncharenko
Sherman Erickson
Floyd Dahl
R. S. Edwards

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-
\$36,422.68
-February Budget-
\$27,510.00
-February Expenses-
\$36,899.26
-March Income-
\$25,287.85
-March Budget-
\$28,310.00
-March Expenses-
\$33,748.91

*Includes Sales & Programs but
not designated funds.*



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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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Gearing Up For the 50th.

It's hard to believe that in fewer than 12 months, we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary here at KICY. God continues to bless this vital radio ministry long after many thought we were no longer a viable mission. I would like to invite each of you reading this newsletter to come to Nome, share a celebration meal at the Nome Recreation Center on April 17th and see firsthand our work in reaching dozens and dozens of villages dotting western Alaska and our unique service to the Russian Far East.

We are also planning a 50th Anniversary kick-off Salmon Dinner this June at the Covenant

Church's Annual Conference being held in Portland, Oregon. Please fill out the reservation form included in the conference brochure when it arrives.

At that dinner, we also hope to be able to preview our 50th Anniversary DVD. I have already traveled to Anchor Bay, California and recorded in High Definition video, an interview with one of the pioneers of KICY, Bill Hartman. Many more interviews have already been scheduled.

We are also planning a series of 50th Anniversary Salmon Dinners. This summer should provide us with all the salmon



we need. Please contact us here at KICY if your church can host one of these dinners.

Hope to see you there! ■

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