

KICY *Call Letter*

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Manager's Mic

It's always a great joy to celebrate a milestone like our 50th Anniversary. It's also equally good to have all the planning, logistics and volunteer coordination all wrapped up. By the time this newsletter is published, the dinner will be over and the many, many guests will have returned home. The work of KICY will go on.

I had the privilege of taking many calls from listeners who wanted to share their memories as well as their appreciation for our 50 years of serving the Lord with affirming and uplifting broadcasts.



Dennis Weidler

One listener shared that they listened to KICY all day long in their home because they needed what we provided. Another said that KICY is "Our 911 in the villages". Still others reminisced about the early days when KICY was the *only* source for news and local information in western Alaska.

I had worked in commercial radio for over a decade in the Lower 48 and never had I connected with listeners as we do in Bush Alaska. I thank God for the encouragement I received. Radio really is a two way medium when we open our hearts and phone lines.

My daily prayer is that we can continue to meet the spiritual needs of our listeners long into the future. ■



Lon before his flight.

An Unplanned Flight.

On Thursday, January 28th I woke up with an ache in my chest that would not go away. I showered, dressed and went down to the AM studio. The pain was still there. I took an inventory, trying to isolate the location of the pain. It was not a pain that I had experienced before. It was an irritating cramp in the middle of the chest that wouldn't allow me to inhale freely. "Doggone it," I thought. "Guess I should do something about it." I called George, another KICY volunteer, and told him I was not feeling well and going to the hospital. I put my coat on and since the hospital is only four blocks away, I started walking. (Oh, what a Swede I am.) On my way, I was almost to the police station when two officers in a patrol car stopped to ask if I was all right, and if they could help. "Well," I started, trying not to make it a big deal, "I'm having some chest pain and I'm heading to the hospital to get it checked out." "Get in the patrol car." They said. I did.

At the Norton Sound Hospital emergency room, they put me right

on the gurney. All I could do was let the ER staff do what they do. It was all out of my control. I received excellent care as they treated the symptoms. They got my heart under control and prepared me to be medivaced to Anchorage. Oh boy! A plane ride! Oooo.... A very expensive plane ride. Hmmm... Anchorage is definitely too far to walk. I'm thankful for the staff at Norton Sound Hospital.

I had missed a previous medivac by fifteen minutes and it would take another 45 minutes to get a pilot and flight nurse. While waiting, we were able to get the family and friend phone tree going. I was transported by ambulance to the airport and was able to walk onto the plane and on to the stretcher. There were two flight nurses. Maybe there was more wrong with me than I thought. They had me on oxygen, an IV, and monitored my heart all the way to Anchorage. The flight

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was uneventful and I had a nice conversation with the nurse closest to me.

In Anchorage, I walked off the plane, laid down on the stretcher, was loaded into the ambulance and taken to the emergency room.

At the hospital, they inserted two stents into my coronary arteries through a tiny incision in my thigh. I was up and around the same day. Yup, the same day.

While in Anchorage I was visited by Terry Reynolds, Ralph Fondell, Sonny Chambers, Dr. Phil and Lisa Schobert and Nome Methodist co-Pastor, David Elmore. I was

released on Saturday morning and back in Nome on Saturday night.

By Monday, I was back at work, though with an abbreviated schedule. Julie Yoder Elmore, the co-pastor of the Methodist Church here in Nome, handled the on-air duties of the Breakfast Club so I could rest up and allow the incision time to heal.

This life can throw you a curve from time to time. I am just extremely thankful for all the prayers I know were offered on my behalf.

I am also thankful for the great staff at both Norton Sound Health Corporation and Alaska Regional Hospital. ■

A Prayer Request.

For each of our volunteer staff members.

George Bard

Luella Dennis

Adam Lust

Lena Mathlaw

Luda Kinok

Anna Moore

Louis Murphy

Penny Olanna

Lon Swanson

Jon Wehde

Candace Weidler

Frances Whitmore

New Anniversary Goal Announced.

The Arctic Broadcasting Board of Directors has established a new financial goal to coincide with our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

All of the 50th Anniversary resources will be placed in the

Endowment Fund.

Please indicate 50th Anniversary Fund on your check.

\$50,000

The Nome Boys Team Takes Second In The State.



The Lady Nanooks on the road to fourth place.

A big congratulations to the Nome Nanooks boys and girls basketball teams. Both made it into a playoff berth at the state tournament held in Anchorage this season and broadcast live on KICY AM-850.

The Lady Nanooks placed fourth

in the state and the boys team finished their season in second place in their respective 3A divisions.

It was an exciting season with lots of very close games and great radio drama! ■

Praise God! Our summer work team schedule is full. We are so blessed that three different work teams are set to travel to Nome and KICY this summer.

Teams from Faith Covenant in Farmington Hills, Michigan, Vista Covenant from New Richland, Minnesota and the ever-faithful Tuggy/Kirby Team from Tucson, Arizona are all scheduled to be in Nome from July 10th through August 15th.

There's lots to do and the volunteers to do it. Keep their travels in your prayers. ■

Wild Alaska Salmon Anyone?

Right now, there are no Salmon Fund-raising Dinners scheduled. Not one. Yet Salmon Dinners remain our primary means of communicating the story of KICY and raising the funds necessary to continue our ministry. If your church would be willing to host a dinner, give me a call, toll-free at 1-800-478-5429.

I would be delighted to bring the salmon, cook it and serve it for your church. But, I make it a point to bring the salmon only where KICY is invited.

This past winter, I had the privilege of traveling to Bemidji, Minnesota, Farmington Hills, Michigan, McPherson, Kansas and Tucson, Arizona, cooking

salmon as I went. If you'd like to hear how those dinners were re-

ceived, I can provide names and numbers and you can discuss how you might best host a KICY Salmon Dinner.

Of course, with travel costs being what they are just to

get out of Nome and then out of Alaska, our goal is to schedule at least three dinners in one "Salmon Tour". Four would be even better.

The post-dinner comments are universal, "I had no idea of the vast reach of your radio station". Or, "I never knew that KICY was the *only* radio station that listeners could hear in the Russian Far East".

If your church would be willing to partner with us, we'd welcome the invitation. ■



A recent Salmon Dinner team.

Operation Ready Power.

We had a great blessing over the past two months as nearly \$22,000 was added to our Capital Fund to purchase a new standby generator for the transmitter site. Thank you, thank you!

\$45,000

\$40,000

\$35,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$15,000

\$10,000

\$5,000

\$0,000

Memorials

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

Tom & Annie Dotomain

Edward Lattimore, Jr.

Don Yorkston

Kevin Oyoumick

Dorothy Harman

Benjamin Eakon, Jr.

M. Watkin

Klava Makarova

Leland Anderson

Sherman Erickson

R. Warner

Ella Marie Olson

Hultman I. Kiokun

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

PLEASE NOTE!

-February Income-

\$32,912.95

-March Income-

\$33,762.21

-February Budget-

\$30,760.00

-March Budget-

\$31,560.00

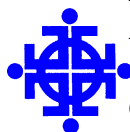
-February Expenses-

\$48,073.82

-March Expenses-

\$44,840.30

*Includes Donations, Sales & Programs
but not designated funds.*



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Meet Lena Mathlaw.

Hello! My name is Lena Mathlaw. My parents are Edna and the late Rex Mathlaw, Sr. from Nunivak Island and Bethel. In addition to volunteering at KICY AM-850, I currently work full time for the State of Alaska as a career development specialist. This is a position I have held both in Bethel and Nome.

I moved to Nome in August of 2009. It is hard to believe I've been in Nome nearly a year!

In Bethel, I volunteered a bit for the local Christian radio station so I had

some idea what to expect when I started helping out here at KICY. I enjoy volunteering here,

supporting its programming/mission, and getting to know all the volunteers when our paths cross during the week.

I don't have any plans to leave employment with the State of Alaska but I am not sure how much longer I will be in Nome.

Until the next chapter of my life, which only God knows when it will start or will take me, and while I am in Nome I hope to continue helping out at KICY. ■



The camera-shy Lena Mathlaw.