

# KICY Call Letter

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## Manager's Mic

We just put the wraps on the 39th Iditarod...and our 12th! Seriously, this was our 12 Iditarod. Where has all the time gone? Candace and I remarked just last week that we had never lived in one home for more than 6 years. That's not true any more. The Brown




*Dennis Weidler*

House has been a comfortable home for 12 years come this August.

Before we moved to Nome we never had a

family of mushers living in our basement, either. For the past 7 years, the mushing Smyth family has been our guests during Iditarod. This year, Ramey came in second behind John Baker. Brother Cim came in 21st. Patriarch Bud, who mushed in the very first Iditarod, was on hand to welcome them both to Nome. There was a lot to celebrate. Simply finishing an Iditarod takes a lot of perseverance...and a special relationship with your dogs. At one time, there were seven Smyths in our tiny basement apartment this Iditarod. It just adds to the excitement.

In addition to Iditarod coverage, someone went and scheduled the statewide basketball playoffs the same week. We were able to carry all the games in our region. Unfortunately, the Nome Boys lost their games in Anchorage. 



*NRB Chairman (l), Bill Skelton, Dennis Weidler and NRB President and CEO, Frank Wright (r)*

## NRB Honors KICY-AM For Fifty Years of Service.


The National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) notified us back in November that we had been selected to receive a "Milestone Award" to be presented at the closing banquet of the annual convention in Nashville, Tennessee. It caught us a little by surprise that such a large, nationally prominent organization would select a station serving in the 'uttermost parts of the earth' for an award ceremony, simply because we lasted 50 years.

But, as they stated in their notification letter "Longevity in any field is becoming a rarity, and exemplary service in Christian broadcasting for 50 years—or more—is a feat worthy of recognition and applause. With the *Milestone Award*, NRB desires to honor the industry pioneers who brought Christian communications to the place of respect and achieve-

ment it enjoys today."

We were also honored when the Covenant Church web site posted the story as did the local newspaper, The Nome Nugget.

It has been quite a year, starting with the celebration dinner in Nome last April 17th and culminating in the NRB awards ceremony nearly a year later.

The back story on the award was the fact that the only other radio station to receive a Milestone Award was the one in Pennsylvania, literally in our back yard. Our family listened to WDAC at home and in the barn where we milked our cows. It was a very special evening for me to have such a close relationship with the two stations honored on that one evening in Nashville. In God, there are no coincidences. 

## Five Salmon Dinners in Seven Days.



*Fifty pounds of salmon ready to bake.*

In what could only be described as a whirlwind tour, we managed to fit five salmon fund-raising dinners into only seven days.

Fortunately, most locations were close by. The only real logistical challenge came in driving from Waseca, Minnesota to Rockford, Illinois. I had only 6 hours to get there. But, the roads were clear and dry.

Thanks so much to each church, ECC/Lanyon, Iowa, Christ Community in Owatonna, Minnesota, The Evangelical Free Church in

Waseca, Minnesota, First Covenant in Rockford and Country Covenant in Campton Hills, both in Illinois.

Now, we're scheduling for the fall tour from Minnesota to Connecticut. We have already booked dates from October 6th through the 16th. If your church is anywhere along the I-80 corridor between Lincoln, Nebraska and Livingston, New Jersey and you'd enjoy a wild Alaskan Salmon Fund-raising Dinner, call Dennis Weidler at 1-800-478-5429 or send me an e-mail at [dennisw@kicy.org](mailto:dennisw@kicy.org). ■

## Work Teams Prepare For Summer Arrival In Nome.

The schedules are in place and the work teams are busy raising support to travel to Nome and provide the critical labor for this summer's work projects. On the docket are (1) the installation of our new back-up generator at the transmitter site, (2) the replacement of the chimney and the roof at the Brown House, (3) the replacement of the insulation, Tyvek(r)

and siding at the Brown House, (4) and if there is time and staffing, the replacement of the roof at the Studio Building. Plus (5) The



*The Farmington Hills team hard at work last summer.*

Towers For Jesus Team plans to be in Nome to repaint the west tower, plumb and tension all three towers and rebuild the ground system at the west tower. It's going to be a very busy summer. But we all thank God for such willing servants. ■

## A Prayer Request.

*For each of our volunteer staff members.*

**George Bard**

**Adam Lust**

**Luda Kinok**

**Lena Mathlaw**

**Louis Murphy**

**Penny Olanna**

**Lon Swanson**

**Rolland Trowbridge**

**Candace Weidler**

**Dennis Weidler**

**Frances Whitmore**

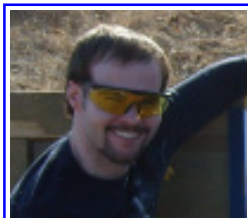
It is with a very sad heart that we will say goodbye to Jon Wehde at the end of this school year. He has taken a position in Kotzebue, nearly 120 miles north of Nome. While there are many exciting possibilities on the horizon for Jon, we will all feel the loss. And, not just here at KICY, but throughout the Nome Public School system.

So, we wish our longtime volunteer, basketball play-by-play announcer, host of three different programs, and friend, Godspeed in his travels.

Hopefully, he will drop-in from time to time and, who knows, maybe produce a program in Kotzebue we can air on KICY AM & FM ■

# New Volunteers Set To Arrive This Summer.

This has been a very exciting time as young people in the church are again looking to KICY



*Ian Coglan*

as an opportunity for service and to learn.

One of our volunteers this summer, Jonathan

Bruce, will be working at KICY to earn college credit. The other two, Ian Coglan and Stephen Palmatier, are currently college roommates at North Park University. They took the opportunity to meet with me

during the past Midwinter Conference and are looking to serving as full-time, supported volunteers for a

year. I ask that you keep each of these three in prayer as they seek the financial and spiritual

support of their family, friends and co-workers. They are also seeking travel mercies, as it can seem like a long way to get to Nome. May God bless them as they prepare to serve and in their travels. ■



*Stephen Palmatier*

# The Endowment Fund.

We have chosen this coming year to launch our most ambitious fundraising event yet. The KICY Endowment Fund, administered by Covenant Trust, will allow continued operation long into the future. Only the interest from this fund is used for KICY operations.

\$1,000,000

\$500,000

\$31,900

## Luda Returns From Back Surgery.

Luda Kinok has just returned from Anchorage where she had outpatient surgery to repair two ruptured discs. Her recovery has been so quick and so complete it could only be a gift from God!



## Memorials

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

**Tom & Annie Dotomain**  
**Edward Lattimore, Jr.**  
**Dorothy Harman**  
**Willard Pearson**  
**Norma Harvey**  
**Lillian Bakken**  
**Sherman Erickson**  
**Lloyd Johanson**  
**O. Zinter**

Thank you for remembering a loved one with your gift.

## PLEASE NOTE!

-March Income-

**\$31,572.82**

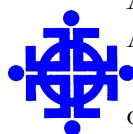
-March Budget-

**\$28,415.49**

-March Expenses-

**\$32,546.96**

*Includes Sales & Programs but not designated funds.*



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## Austin Rings Repaired.

I saw the tower lights flashing on my way out to a basketball game only to notice that the lights on the west tower *weren't* flashing on the way back. That's a little unusual. And, we were still on the air. Hmm. There was no winter storm, no power outage.

The next day, we discovered that a support pipe had broken at the threads and the two pieces of the Austin Ring transformer had come into contact with each other. They were fried. We notified the FAA.

These interlocking rings are made only in Canada so we ordered up a pair and waited for their arrival. Jim

Hulse from Towers For Jesus heard of our plight and offered his expertise. We couldn't have been more delighted when he offered to jump on the next available flight. With weather

delays and the need to fabricate some parts we spent three days to get things back to being fully functional. We couldn't get the new support pipe length to be what we needed, so Jim ended up welding the old pipe back together.

Then, to make things even more interesting, his return flight was also delayed for a few more days so he helped swap out a broken fan in the transmitter, fixed the station's vacuum cleaner and repaired the plumbing in the Brown House apartment where he was staying. In all, a very productive trip!

Thanks Jim! ■



*Lon Swanson and Jim Hulse making repairs.*