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photo by D. Barnaal

For a number of years the Luren Singing Society has caroled at the Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum in Decorah for the “Christmas at Vesterheim” weekend festivities. The photo above is from their 2010 appearance on Dec. 5 in the “ship room” of the museum.

The traditional “uniform” for this event is a Norwegian sweater; the striking designs often are unique to their areas of origin in Norway.

The theme for the exhibits in the ship room is the passage across the Atlantic Ocean of the 19th century Norwegian immigrants.

NORDKAP MALE CHORUS**Minneapolis-St. Paul**

This will be our last HURRAH! As most of you know, Nordkap stopped operating on June 30th. Some of our members sang in the mass chorus at Sangerfest in Madison, even though our chorus did not appear on the program.

The NSAA banner, designed and constructed by Nordkap members Arnold Johnsen and Helmer House, was pictured on the cover of the Sept-Oct. issue of *Sanger-Hilsen*. So Nordkap will continue to “show up” via this banner at future Sangerfests. Eight of our members have joined the Norwegian Glee Club so far, so you can visit with them again in 2012.

Last May we celebrated Nordkap’s heritage with a banquet at Augsburg College, where Nordkap began in 1909. It was a way to remember and thank all the people who had a part in the 100-plus years of Nordkap singing. Our connection with Augsburg continues through a scholarship in honor of Kenneth Lower, a former Nordkap director, which is given each year to a music student at Augsburg. We hope to have our archival materials at the college as well.

We donated our tuxedo uniforms to the Red Wing State Reformatory. There is a male chorus program in this prison that is helping these young men to turn their lives around, and now they can “dress-up” a bit for concerts held at the prison. We all know that music is a powerful force that can change lives.

As reported last year, we celebrated our Centennial in March 2009 with a concert and reception at Central

Presbyterian Church in St. Paul. The Glee Club and two Swedish male choruses joined us in this celebration, and it remains a memorable occasion for us!

If you have back issues of *Sanger-Hilsen* you can read a summary of our history, written by Giggs Bretheim in 1999. Many dear friendships were born and nourished in Nordkap. Fine directors, accompanists, and officers drew the best out of us. But too many of our members retired, moved away, or left this earth altogether for us to continue to sing together, and recruitment of new voices proved difficult.

We are grateful for our most recent director, Carsten Slostad, our accompanist, Dan Ritter, and our last President, Duane Olson. All during our years of working together, the Women’s Auxiliary helped us so generously. We thank them too, and their most recent president, Julia Arlandson.

Respectfully submitted,

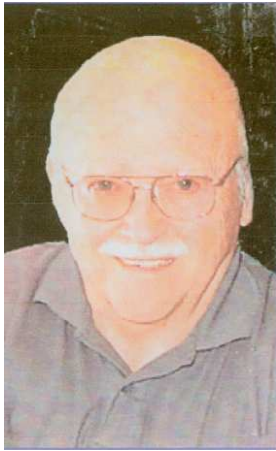
Wendell Frerichs, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS**Sioux City IA**

The Nordiks sadly note the passing of a former longtime tenor in the Chorus.

Wilbur Dixon, 80, died Sept. 29, 2010 in California. He lived many years in Sioux City, sang in the Chorus, directed church choirs, and was a church soloist.

Wilbur owned a countertop and cabinet business in Sioux City until 1997. Married in 1952, the couple moved to California in 1987. With his wife Marie they managed apartments until retirement to their RV in 1997.



Wilbur Dixon

They traveled extensively and volunteered in various parks, museums and lighthouses. The travel ended when she was diagnosed and later died of cancer. Since then Wilbur has twice been in Willamette Valley Hospice Care, and was twice discharged from that care, as he lived beyond medical projections.

Wilbur is survived by three sons, Jeff, Brad and Roger, a daughter Kathy Crawford, 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Blessed be his memory!

Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB

Minneapolis MN

With 11 inches of snow we just got a good start on our new season of Minnesota's winter wonderland. That is about 20% of what is a normal winter amount and in 100 more days (the average) we will see bare ground again. That is what the folks who lost trees, shrubs and power have to look forward to. It was a pretty scene as we drove out to Fort Snelling for our annual singing for the Memorial Chapel service. Chaplain Beale

provided his usual robust sermon, which was very meaningful for the Veterans Day week. Many Sojourner members in their Colonial uniforms were a part of the packed chapel. We always look forward to being a part of this service each year, and the Glee Club responded with a fine turnout.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17th, we had a singing engagement in Roseville. Now we are focusing on our music for the Yule Concert at *Mindekirken*, Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church, where we will be joined in concert with their choir on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

As this is being written, our member Bob Berndt is undergoing some serious surgery. We all pray for a good result for this fine gentleman.

We feature a new member, Connely Dyrud.



Connely Dyrud

Connely was born in Thief River Falls MN, where his father farmed and also owned his own road construction company. His mother was a teacher and homemaker.

Connely graduated from Thief River Falls High School in 1960. Graduation from California Lutheran Bible School followed in 1963. In

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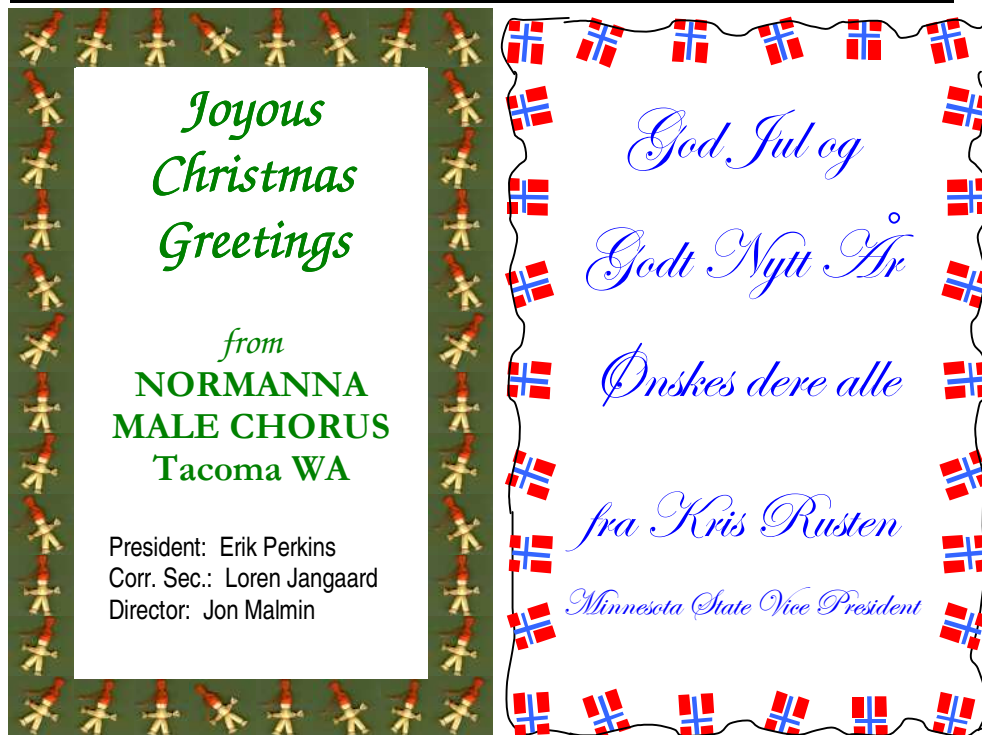
WISHES YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEVE SANGEN

Edwin Kramer, Director



1966 he graduated from Minnesota State at Bemidji.

In Sept. 1966 he married Carolyn Hove of Hove Supermarkets. In 1969 he graduated from the Association of Free Lutheran Churches Seminary in Plymouth MN. In Sept. 1969 he, Carolyn and daughter Shannon left for Sao Paulo, Brazil. They entered a language school and graduated in 1970. That summer they ministered in the Lutheran Free Mission of Campo Mourao, Parana, Brazil. Connely was Dean of the Lutheran Bible School and Seminary, while Carolyn worked with abandoned children in the Miriam Children's Home of that city.

In 2004 Connely and Carolyn returned to Minnesota, where their four children and three grandchildren live. In April 2005 Carolyn was

diagnosed with cancer; that Sept. she went home to be with her Lord.

Connely is currently teaching Missions in the Association of Free Lutheran Churches Bible School and Seminary in Plymouth.

Andy Anderson invited Connely to sing with the Nordkap Chorus in 2007. Now Connely has moved on to the Glee Club, for which we are very grateful. He has joined several other Lutheran pastors and missionaries who have made a large contribution to the Glee Club.

For a bit of humor: After seeing several cars on the road this week with deer on their roofs, I thought of this, seen in a publication: "A new neighbor moved into the neighborhood and soon called the local township office to request the re-

removal of the DEER CROSSING sign on our road. Her reason: Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing any more." (This new neighbor is also a voter.)

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

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MINNEHAHA MANDKOR

Sioux Falls SD

The Mandskor has been practicing hard, mostly on Christmas music for the upcoming concerts.

We have a joint rehearsal with five other men's choruses in the area for our annual Festival of Men's Voices on Nov. 18th. The concert for the benefit of "The Banquet" will be at Central Baptist Church Nov. 28th.

The Mandskor has accepted an invitation to sing at Macy's in the Empire Mall to help their Children's Make a Wish sponsorship on Nov. 27.

On Dec. 6th the Mandskor will celebrate their 120th Christmas and Anniversary party at the Sioux Valley Electric Building. Pres. Ray Ode and Director Terry Walter do a bang-up job of making this a very fine evening celebration. Our Thanks!

Our member Myron Larson resides at Prairie Creek Village. We are happy to sing a concert for their residents in early December.

Wishing all of you a blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Respectfully,



Bob Stenberg, Corr. Sec.

Glade
Jul
To All
Singers
of N.S.A.A.

Ed Kramer
Sangerfest
Assistant Director

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY

Decorah IA

We were saddened, but not surprised, to learn of the death of Mrs. Stanley Oftelie at Amana IA on Nov. 6th after a long illness. She was 83.

Sally (Erskine) and Stan were married in Grand Rapids MN July 22, 1950.

After they retired in 1996, they moved to Texas and later back to Iowa.

We had to change rehearsal sites a few times this fall because of conflicts with Decorah High School's football playoff games. Once we even had to cancel entirely because we could not arrange an alternate site on short notice.

As I write this, we are awaiting our first significant snowfall, at the same time as many of us will be attending the Christmas at Luther festivities. We will be busy on Dec. 5th with our annual caroling schedule at Vesterheim and area nursing homes. The day climaxes with a festive feed at Good Shepherd Church, furnished by David and Gail Judisch and Bernie and Carol Gluth.

Our Christmas concert will be out of town, at Washington Prairie Lutheran Church, rural Decorah, on Sunday, Dec. 12th. We shifted the time a bit to accommodate the Decorah Chorale, which is presenting its concert later in the afternoon, within the city.

The theme for the concert is *Jubilate Deo* and will feature a special number arranged by Bernie Gluth of a well-known hymn, written by Pastor U.V. Koren, long-time pastor of our host congregation, whose death occurred 100 years ago. The hymn "*Ye Lands, to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise*" ties in with a post-concert program to be presented by Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Bicknese, "*A Koren Christmas*", based on the Diary of Elisabeth Koren.

The Luren Family Christmas Party will follow the concert and historical program. We look forward to a fine

meal prepared and served by the ladies of the congregation, and then a little respite from rehearsals until Jan. 17th.

However, we have another First for Luren's long history. We have been asked and have accepted the invitation to sing for the ordination of Jan King, daughter of Bernie and Carol Gluth, on Saturday, Jan. 8th, at Decorah Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m. Jan has received and accepted a Call to serve a congregation near Houston MN with the interesting name of Looney Valley Lutheran Church.

The Luren Christmas Party is also the time to formally welcome our new members. So this report includes brief biographies on three more beyond those listed in the previous issue.



Rich Gloede

Rich Gloede was born at Sumner IA. His father was a farmer, while his mother (nee Judisch) was a housewife. Rich was the second of four children, two brothers and one sister.

Rich graduated from Sumner High School and went on to Hawkeye Community College, where he received his A.A. in Accounting. He worked in this field in Waterloo for 22 years, then for eight years as a youth

counselor, and now works for Bremer County as an accountant for social programs.

Rich married a Decorah girl, Kathy (Orvella), who teaches in the Sumner-Fredericksburg Community Schools. They have two children, Heather and Anthony.

Rich participated in High School vocal music, including All-State his Senior year. He has sung in church choir for 15 years, and his family has had a singing group.

Rich was invited to Luren by his uncles, David and Lawrence Judisch. He sings baritone. Of Luren he says, "I enjoy it. It's fun. The people are friendly."



Colin Pickett

Colin Pickett was born at Spring Valley MN, but grew up in the Preston area. His father worked in a bank, then became an assessor. His mother did clerical work. Colin is the youngest of three children, one sister and one brother.

Colin graduated from Fillmore Central High School in 1996. He sang in the 7th and 8th grade chorus, and also played alto saxophone. He went to North Dakota State University in Fargo for one year, then transferred to

Winona State University. He works for Tuohy Furniture in Chatfield MN.

Colin married Jennifer Tesmer, daughter of Jerry and Kathy. They have three children, two girls 6 and 4, and one son, 16 months.

Colin was invited by his father-in-law. He sings baritone. His first impressions of Luren: "Very professional; light-hearted atmosphere; I enjoy the fellowship."



Eugene Somdahl

Eugene Somdahl was born at Faribault MN, the second of four boys. The family was living in Kenyon at the time. His father was a tailor; his mother a housewife.

The family name comes from Somdalen, east of Hønefoss, Norway.

The family moved to Minneapolis in his Junior High years, and he attended "Old North" High School, then went on to the University, majoring in Math and Psychology. He received his degree in Psychology, but later earned a Master' in Software Engineering at St. Thomas University in St. Paul. He has worked in the computer field from the early 1960s.

Gene is married to Sandra, who has a son and daughter by a previous mar-

riage. Gene has a daughter by a previous marriage; she has three children.

Gene's father was an old-time fiddler. Gene sang in Junior High Glee Club, plays guitar by ear, and has been around folk music for several years.

Since the Somdahls moved about six years ago to Decorah, he has been invited by several Luren members and encouraged by his wife to join. He says he enjoys Luren, although the music is quite different from what he has been used to.

Next issue I will introduce new member Ryan Fordice. We are delighted to welcome all of these men into our chorus.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

Holiday Greetings

from

NORDIC MALE CHORUS

Sioux City, Iowa

President: Gary Munson
Director: Charles Schuett

Merry Christmas and Good Wishes in the New Year

from the

Grieg Male Chorus and Auxiliary

Canton, South Dakota

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Healthy New Year

Veterans Chorus Director Bernhard Gluth

God Jul og Godt Nyttår fra Thor Fjell

NSAA Vice-President at large

NORSE GLEE CLUB**Sioux Falls SD**


As expected, our weekly gatherings this Fall have focused upon the music for our upcoming "concert season." We averaged about 25 members in attendance. Also, we were engaged in a "new member" recruiting effort, which is paying some dividends. In early November, at our annual business meeting, a new slate of officers was elected and installed. Our new president, Robert Amend, led us in showing appreciation to our out-going president of three years, Robert Tidemann.

In mid-November we presented a concert of traditional Norwegian and American music at the Dow-Rummel Retirement Village. About 75 residents were in attendance. Also in November, we joined with five other

"men" choruses from Sioux Falls and presented a holiday concert with the 125 voices, called The Festival of Men's Voices, at the Central Baptist Church. The offering donations went to a local charity called The Banquet.

The next day, Nov. 29th, found us, the Norse Glee Club, in concert at the Good Samaritan Village retirement center. Again our program had a holiday theme.

Three more concerts occupied our attention in early December. First, on Dec. 2nd, we presented a holiday concert at the South Dakota Penitentiary, a site we visit twice a year. The audience was very appreciative of our efforts. Then, on Dec. 5th, for a second year in a row, we presented a concert of traditional Norwegian and holiday music at the



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And the coming
NEW YEAR

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Waterford-At-All Saints retirement community. Both resident and community individuals were invited, and "standing room only" prevailed in the chapel. Our sixth and final concert in six weeks, was conducted Dec. 12th at the Good Samaritan Luther Village retirement center.

In all, the Fall has been music-filled, as we were initially challenged but then satisfied with our mastery of the music. We ere gratified by the reception of our music by the audiences. For us, camaraderie has reigned and we look forward to the possibilities in the coming New Year.

Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

On Saturday, Oct. 30th, our chorus celebrated its 140th Anniversary at the

Wellington Restaurant in Arlington Heights. The highlighted focus of the celebration was the concert performance by the chorus.

An added benefit was guest soloist Jim Cornelison, a professional opera singer who also performs on TV singing the National Anthem for the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks.

The second half of the concert included participation of singers from various choruses, from the audience and Jim Cornelison's involvement. Preparation for this included a mass rehearsal on Oct. 26th at our clubhouse, The Estonian House in Lincolnshire.

The participating choruses were Bjornson Male Chorus, The Sibelius Male Chorus of Chicago, The Waukegan Swedish Male Chorus.



The Chicago Swedish Glee Club, and The Swedish Male Chorus of Chicago. This swelled the number of singers from 14 to 40+.

The music selections for the mass chorus were: *Let There Be Music*, *Sanctus*, *Navy Hymn*, and *America, the Beautiful*.

152 members and guests were treated to a memorable evening of entertainment, socializing and just plain fun! The food and service at the restaurant were fantastic and many enjoyed dancing to the wee hours with music provided by the Sticks and Keys Band.

We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 3rd. God Jul!

Submitted by Thor Fjell, President



**Holiday Greetings
From the Sioux Valley
Singers Association**

Jul Hilsen fra
Minnehaha Mandskor Sioux Falls
Norse Glee Club Sioux Falls
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FROM EVERYONE AT BJØRNSON
 MALE CHORUS
 WE WISH YOU ALL A
 MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
 HAPPY NEW YEAR

CHAIRMAN OF 2010 SANGERFEST

Sincerely, Roger Stavnem

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison, Wisconsin

We tip our hats to Don Berg and Dennis Barnaal for their great work in publishing the Sanger-Hilsen and particularly for the upgrade to the paper now being used for the publication. The pictures are much clearer, and there is less likelihood that the Post Office will damage the copy as it passes through the mail system.

Three new members have joined our Chorus so far this year, and all of them sing second base. Roger Morris joins us as a transfer from the Luren Singing Society. Roger and his wife Nancy recently moved to Madison from Decorah to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Roger sang with Luren for 27 years so he is thoroughly familiar with the songs we sing. Roger was a high school

teacher, restaurant owner and insurance salesman before his retirement. Since moving to Madison, Roger and Nancy have joined St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Monona and sing in the church's choir as well as the Monona Senior Choir.

David Druckenbrod is a practicing psychologist who was recruited by fellow psychologist, Jon Lewis. We anticipate that the overall mental health of the Chorus will increase dramatically with David's addition to the group. David and his wife, Patricia Renault, have for 32 years owned Stoughton Family Counseling, a private mental health clinic. David and Pat have four adult children: Samantha, who works for Johnson & Johnson in Colorado; Noah, who is doing post doctoral work at Harvard University; Aaron, who is a film editor in Hollywood, California; and



God Jul & Godt Nytt År

Normennenes Singing Society

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- Thor Fjell.....President*
- Howard Larson.....Music Chairman*
- Charles Kessell.....Director*
- Una Stroda.....Accompanist*

Jesse, who works in Madison and is an accomplished skateboarder. David also sings in St. Ann's Catholic Church choir and has performed in several local theater productions.

Our third new member, Myron Wilcox, owned and managed the Wilcox Insurance Agency in Stoughton for 21 years. He was very active in the Sons of Norway Lodge of Stoughton and served as its president for three years. He also served as Executive Secretary of the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce for several years. The Chamber is responsible for organizing and managing Stoughton's annual Syttende Mai festivities. Myron now lives in Madison with his wife Donna. He is active in the Zor Shrine Temple and works part-time at Home Depot. He enjoys traveling to visit his three daughters who live in Holmen, Milwaukee, and Mesa, Arizona.

The Chorus also welcomes back two of our long time members who have been on medical leave. Jim Pettersen is on the mend after knee replacement surgery, and Chuck Morkri, after double by-pass surgery. Both singers are well on their way to full recovery and are happy to be singing again.

The Chorus kicked off the holiday season with a concert at Park Prairie Retirement Apartments on November 30. Our annual Christmas potluck was held at Idun Sons of Norway Lodge on December 7. As always, everyone had a great time meeting our new members and reminiscing about Sangerfest 2010. The Chorus' Founders Day Dinner is set for January 30 at Stoughton Country Club.

All members of the Edvard Grieg Chorus extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our fellow Norwegian singers!



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.



**God Jul
og
Godt Nyttår
from
Richard and Penny Leake
NSAA Recording Secretary
NSAA Webmaster**

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

I've lived here my entire life, so one would think after ALL these years I would catch on. Yes, once again winter is here and caught me completely off guard! Maybe it's because one day I'm painting a porch railing in a t-shirt, stopping to get a cool drink, and the next I'm struggling to find my way home from work on ice-packed roads. It should be no surprise; in a few days we will be seated around a table heaped with delicious Thanksgiving traditions, and enjoying fellowship with family and friends. We hope all of you have enjoyed a beautiful fall season.

Our chorus has enjoyed a busy schedule this fall. On Oct. 11th, we had the privilege of performing a concert at Waterford Apts. in Sioux

Falls, where chorus and auxiliary member Maynard and Alice Lintvedt live, as well as former auxiliary member Arlys Eiesland. We thank the Lintvedts for making the arrangements for the early evening concert.

The following Monday, Oct. 25th, we traveled to Hills MN, where we performed in the chapel of the Tuff Memorial Home. The evening was arranged by an aunt of our chorus president, Bill Kortemeyer. Let me share a personal note. Hills once had a very active male chorus, and hosted Sioux Valley Sangerfests and other events. During this concert at Tuff Memorial Home, my father Julian Holter sang the solo in *Den Store Hvide Flok*. The first time he sang this solo was also in Hills. The first Sioux Valley Sangerfest my parents attended together, when they were “dating” was also in Hills in 1939. Our director announced this during the concert. During the following coffee time, two residents of this complex told us they had attended that 1939 Sangerfest.

Our thanks to our president and his aunt, Pearl Sundem, for arranging this concert. The following Monday, Nov. 1st, was the last of our four concerts performed at Canton Good Samaritan Home, which is our regular rehearsal site. We are thankful to have such a nice site, and it is a privilege for us to say “Thanks” by giving a concert for them from time to time.

Since our last concert, our rehearsals have focused on preparing for our annual Christmas Concert, to be hosted by the Grand Valley Lutheran congregation Sunday, Dec. 12th. This will benefit LOVE INC in

Canton. The following evening we will celebrate our annual Christmas party, also at Grand Valley Church.

Our Grieg Chorus family was deeply saddened when we lost a very close friend, Arnold Beck, on Nov. 27th. Arne’s wife Ruth is our accompanist. While not an active member of NSAA, Arne was active in spirit. Arne and Ruth have attended 10 NSAA Sangerfests. While we were rehearsing, Arne was on duty helping in any way. He registered every year, and we should have offered him an honorary medal.



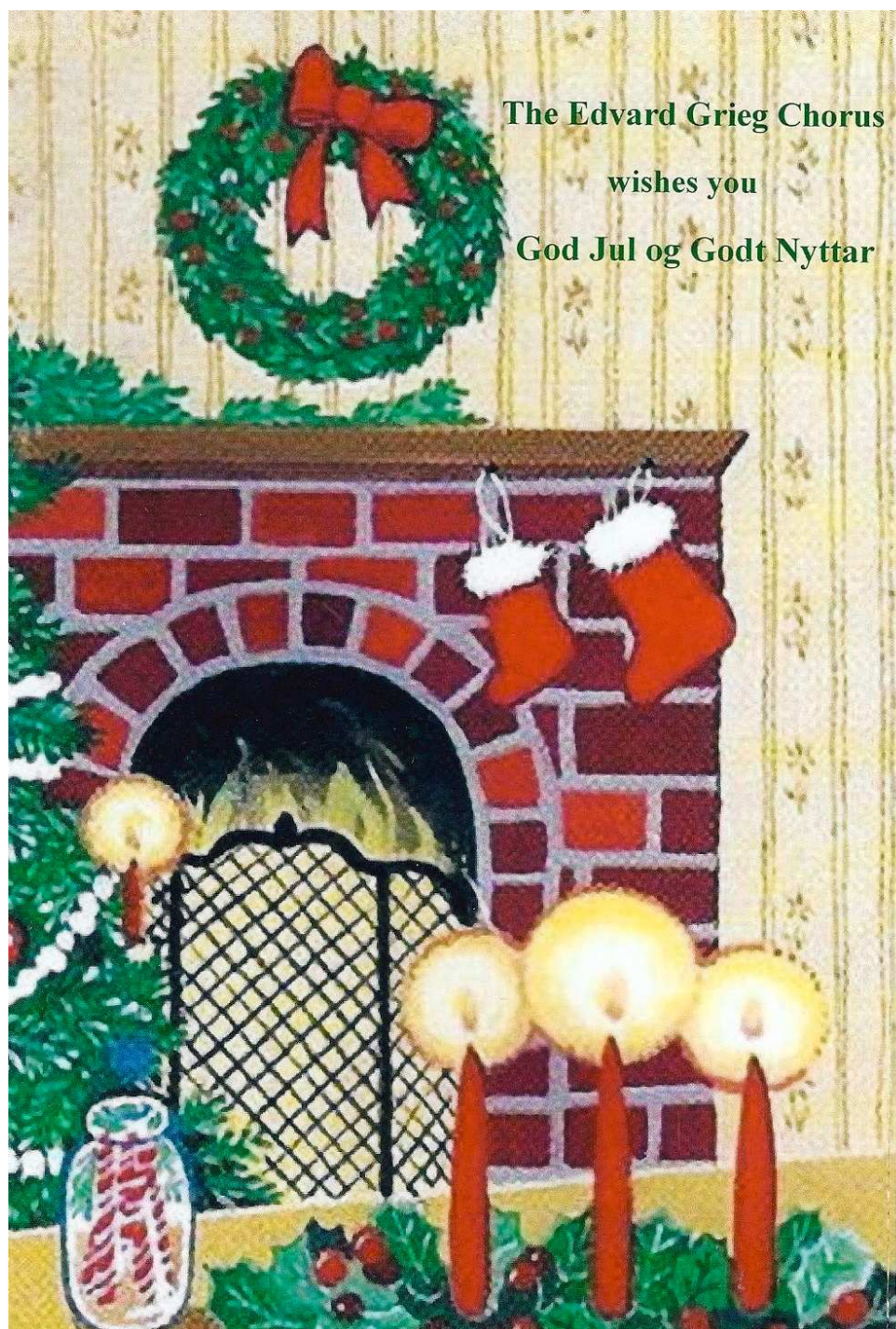
Arnold Beck

Arne may not have sung in our chorus, but his helpful, generous spirit, great sense of humor, and positive outlook brought great HARMONY to all who had the privilege of knowing him.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

Gledelig Jul



The Edvard Grieg Chorus
wishes you
God Jul og Godt Nyttar

**With Warmest Season's Greetings
To All Singers & Friends from the
Norwegian Glee Club & Glee Club Auxiliary**

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***With Warmest Season's Greetings
to All Singers and Friends
from the
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and Norse Glee Club Auxiliary
Sioux Falls, S.D.***

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LUREN SINGING SOCIETY**Decorah, IA**

Founded March 17, 1868

We the members of the Luren Singing Society family wish one and all fellow-singers and families of NSAA and PCNSA choruses the best of Holiday Happiness and New Year joys. May the love and enjoyment of male chorus singing continue and thrive through our individual and group efforts during the coming years."

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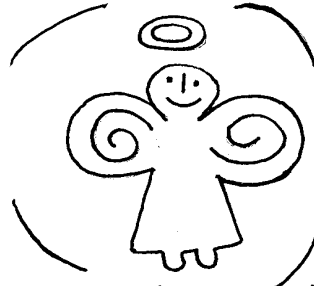
**Greetings and best wishes for a joyous Christmas
and a musical New Year**

From the Skagit Valley Mannskor
Mt. Vernon, Washington

Please join us for the PCNSA 2011 Sangerfest, to be held in Mt. Vernon, Washington on July 7-9, 2011. For more information, contact Jeff Highland at highland@smumn.edu

**The angels rejoice at the
birth of the Savior**

Donald and Barbara Berg
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Season's Greetings
Our Best Wishes
For A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year

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CHICAGO

Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at V.F.W. Hall; Camfield and Higgins Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068. President: John Lee, 738 Bent Ridge Lane, Elgin, IL 60120, tel. (847) 741-4210; Secretary: George Michals, 5236 Arlington Drive West, Hanover Park, IL 60103; Director: Edwin Kramer, 32600 East Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030, tel. (847) 546-2050.

Normennesen Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8PM (except July and August) at the Estonian House, P.O. Box 95, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. tel: (847)537-8016. President: Thor Fjell, 1041 W. Ogden Ave. #118, Naperville, IL 60563. Tel: (630)369-4233, cell: (630) 479-4233, thorffjell@comcast.net. Recording Secretary: Frank Potempa, 1788 W. Sherwood Rd., fcpotempa@sbcglobal.net Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, perc55@juno.com.

ROCKFORD

Harmony Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at our Club: 1104 15th Ave. Rockford, IL 61104. President: Steve Litteral Sr. 618 13th St., Rockford IL 61104, tel. (815) 399-2794. Corresponding Secretary: Dan Lindberg 214 Rome Ave. #2 Rockford, IL 61107. Tel. (815) 229-0625. Danielalindberg@CS.COM Director: (vacant).

IOWA

SIoux CITY

Nordic Male Chorus

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Luren Singing Society

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MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

Nordkap Male Chorus

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55113-6561 (651) 489-8947; Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639.

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SOUTH DAKOTA

SIoux FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Center For Active Generations, 2300 W. 46th St., Sioux Falls, SD. President: Ray Ode, 3900 N. Six Mile Rd, Sioux Falls SD 57110. Tel: (605)582-3438; Corr. Secretary: Robert Stenberg, 313 Washington Ave., Dell Rapids, S.D. 57022; Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 3390607, <clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com>.

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CANTON

Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN

MADISON

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CALIFORNIA

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SACRAMENTO

Nordik Sangkor

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SAN FRANCISCO

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OREGON

EUGENE

The Norsemen

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Thorsmen

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WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsals every Tuesday evening, 6:00 pm at the Norway Hall, 1419 North Forest St., Bellingham WA. President: Larry Peterson. Tel. (360) 935-1110. Secretary: Jim Florence. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, tel. (360) 966-3132, stmjensen@earthlink.net, cell phone 303-3919.

EVERETT

Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue
Everett, Washington 98201

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at Normanna Hall, 11665 Pointe Place, Anacortes, WA. 98221-8519; President: Ferris Allen tel. (360) 435-3144, FerrisAllen@msn.com; Secretary: Rick Larson, (425) 481-5594, rick.larson@areva-td.com. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Road, Bellingham, WA 98226, tel: (360) 966-3132, stmjensen@earthlink.net, cell: (389)393-3919

POULSBO

Vestre Sund Mannskor

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SEATTLE

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Every Monday evening 7:30 p.m. Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 N.W. 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117. Officers: President: Howard Slauson, 6318 189th Pl, Lynnwood WA 98036, (425)774-4635, howardslauson@comcast.net; Corresponding Secretary: A.J. Skurdal, 3246 NE 104th St. Seattle WA 98125, tel(206)525-2524, askurdal@aol.com; Director: Robert G. Johnston, 4707 NE 192 Pl., Lake Forest Park, 98155, tel. (206)362-1094, hobsings@gohuskies.com

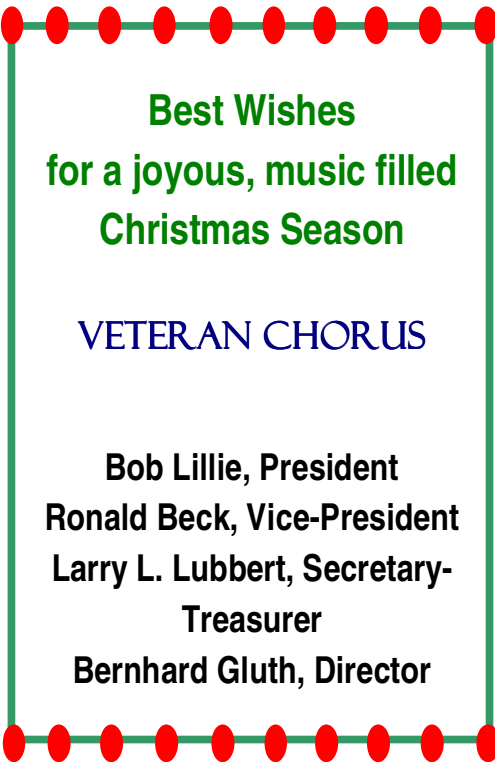
Skagit Valley Mannskor

Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM Fir-Conway Lutheran Church, 18101 Fir Island Rd. Mt. Vernon Wa. 98273. Officers: President Alvin Stenslan, 11665 Pointe Place, Anacortes Wa. 98221 tel. 360-558-1166. Secretary Dick Tjersland, 17638 Greenacres Rd. Mount Vernon Wa. 98274360-428-4650. Director Steve Jensen, Bellingham WA, 98226 Cell phone 360-303-3919.

TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

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