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KONGESANGEN Arr. by Dave Judisch

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Kongesangen is the official greeting song for the king of Norway. King Harald V and Queen Sonja visited Luther College and Vesterheim Museum on October 13, 2011, as the first stop in their U.S. tour. They were invited by the College for its sesquicentennial.



Luren sings by Vesterheim for the royal couple. King Harald V and Queen Sonja

From the President

Dear Singer Brothers,

I hope everyone had a decent summer in spite of the fact that our weather was far from perfect in many places. Also, congratulations to the Sioux Valley Singers on their 47th Biennial Sangerfest, hosted by the Minnehaha Mandskor on June 11th.

Concerning our 59th Biennial NSAA Sangerfest, which will take place June 14-15-16 at the Pheasant Run Resort, our registration fee will be \$125 per person. Unfortunately, the cost for our convention does not decrease; however, the registration includes the following: Thursday evening Memorial Service and Parade of Choruses; Afterglow with Chicken Vesuvio, including salad, dessert, vegetables, starch, breads and rolls, coffee, decaf, teas and iced tea. Friday evening: Medal ceremony and Banquet – sirloin medallions and crusted salmon with all the trimmings.

These events will take place in the spacious St. Charles Ballroom.

Saturday evening following our Grand Concert we will return to the St. Charles Ballroom for an Afterglow of assorted mini-sandwiches, a variety of cheeses, olives, grilled and fresh vegetables, topped off with an assortment of sweets including fresh fruit tartlets, assorted cheesecakes, tortes, eclairs and cream puffs, coffee, decaf and assorted teas.

This will be a fine opportunity for all of us to gather one last time for songs and camaraderie before we head for home Sunday morning.

In closing I wish to add on a personal note that I will be part of the Veterans Chorus for the first time. Having spoken to that chorus' President Bob Lillie, I am very much

looking forward to singing with such a fine group.

Best wishes to all our singer-brothers and their ladies.

Respectfully,



Roger Stavnem,
Sangerfest 2012 Chairman

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**NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB
Minneapolis MN**

Excitement is building in the Twin Cities and beyond as we approach our Oct. 8th Fall Lutefisk dinners. Nationally acclaimed chef Einar Johansen has advised that the cost of fish has gone up, but we shall do our part in this soft economy by holding the line with our value pricing. Chalk up increasing prices to the Federal Reserve Bank, which has been working its printing presses overtime, devaluing our dollar (no politics, just some reality).

We had a great turnout for our first rehearsal to loosen up the pipes and start on some new music that we will be using in upcoming concerts. And, of course, we now have the list of songs that will be included in the Sangerfest at Pheasant Run Resort and Convention Center. President Herb Nelson has confirmed reservations at this facility, and it has been decided to

charter a bus for our travel. This will also permit us to schedule some singing engagements coming and going, which will give us some additional practice on the few Scandinavian songs included in the Grand Concert.

Preparations continue to move forward for the celebration of our 100th Anniversary. Long-time member Clarence Hanson has joined Dennis Sorheim and Jack Hauer, providing pictures, mementos and recollections from his 50 years with the Club. How fortunate we are to have seven current singers who have been with the Glee Club for 50+ years, who can share their memories and pictures covering over half of these 100 years.

Andy Anderson is sporting his newly reconstructed knee, and said it has been so much fun that he is going to have the other one taken care of too. It makes sense to have a matched pair.

Carl Peterson has not yet returned from his summer in Norway. Someone reported he is digging potatoes on his farm. We hope he had a good crop, or maybe he has been drilling for oil.

Our pianist Martha Mutch has scheduled another scuba diving adventure. She will be in the waters around Aruba in October. She has a passion to explore the beautiful world under the surface of our seas. We look forward to viewing some of the underwater pictures she will be taking.

For a smile: Bob, a 70 year old, very wealthy widower, shows up at the country club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy, 25 year old blond woman, who knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal

and charm, and who hangs over Bob's arm and listens to his every word. His buddies at the Club are aghast. At the first chance they corner him and ask, "Bob, how did you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replies, "Girlfriend? She is my wife!" They are astounded but continue to ask, "So how did you persuade her to marry you?" "I lied about my age," Bob replies. "What did you tell her, that you were only 50?" "No, I told her that I was 80."

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

The Mandskor is looking forward to another exciting year. We are thankful for all our faithful members, and one new prospective member, Jim Pollman. You can look forward to his bio and picture in a future issue.

Director Terry has plans for an exciting outing for Mandskor members, wives and friends on Oct. 22-23. We will go to Minneapolis and begin with a tour of the State Capitol in St. Paul. We plan to attend a dinner theater, "A Mighty Fortress is our Basement" at the Plymouth Playhouse. On Sunday morning we'll sing at worship services at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, by invitation of former Mandskor member Bob Berndt.

We have been invited to sing a concert at Dow-Rummel Village on Oct. 24. We will miss having Eileen Farnsworth in the audience.

We look forward to a rehearsal of Festival of Men's Voices on Nov. 22nd. The concert will follow on Sunday, Nov. 27th, at Central Baptist Church. This concert is for the benefit of The Banquet, in Sioux Falls.

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We are enjoying wonderful fall weather. We have not been inundated by rain, as we were last year. P.S. The corn crop looks tremendous in our area; the combines are ready to roll!

P.P.S. Arlene and I were privileged to attend a wedding of my cousin's daughter in Denmark; what a fun, great time!



Bob Stenberg, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Dear Singers,

Getting back on the line after Labor Day was kind of fun. Seems like everyone had an interesting summer to talk about. Two singers, Milt Gustafson and Julian Ronning, even spent some time back in Norway visiting family and friends. The rest of us did survive, though some of us had to work, while others were just plain playing.

We had our first rehearsal on Sept. 6th. We went right to work, because we were being featured at Vasa Park at their annual Scandinavian Day picnic in South Elgin IL. Singing outside has its drawbacks, but the sound system was fantastic. I'm sure we were heard all the way back to Timbuktu!

They had other singing entertainment there plus the *Leikarringen* Dancers put on a fine show. It was a perfect day for a picnic, as the huge crowd enjoyed the

fellowship and the many refreshment vendors.

As we head into the fall season we have our work planned for the coming holidays: Saturday, Dec. 3rd we're singing at the Edison Park IL, Lutheran Church for the Danes' Christmas program. We normally sing at the Atonement Church in Elmwood Park, but unfortunately that church closed this year, so Edison Park is the new gathering place.

Sunday, Dec. 11th, we'll be singing at St. Luke's Church in Park Ridge IL. Then it's Tuesday, Dec. 13th at the Danish Home in Chicago. This is where we sing for our supper. I always wonder why we have a full chorus that night! Ha!

Friday, Dec. 16th, we'll be enjoying our Christmas party at the Avalon. There will be several solos and chorus numbers to entertain the folks. A fine sit-down dinner, followed by more entertainment, will send the happy throng on their way home.

Our final appearance in 2011 will be Sunday, Dec. 18th at Minnekirken in Logan Square, Chicago. A fitting finale at their Christmas celebration is a blessed event.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

Greetings to our Brother Singers of the NSAA and their families .

The members of the Grieg Male Chorus with the other member choruses of the Sioux Valley Singers

Association celebrated the 47th Biennial Sioux Valley Sangerfest hosted by the Minnehaha Mandskor. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to the members of the Mandskor for another great Sangerfest.

Our chorus was pleased to have four new members attending for the first time: Brandon Bergren, Mark Petrich and his sons Allen and Christian. Three members of Grieg also received awards for five and 15 Sangerfests, and our Chorus' charter member, Julian Holter, was recognized for his 33rd Sioux Valley Sangerfest. Again, our thanks to our hosts for a very special event!

Following Sangerfest our Chorus was on summer break until the first Monday in Sept., when we began rehearsals. Members and their families gathered on the second Sunday in August for our annual family picnic. This year's event was held at Moe Parish Park, Hudson SD, a very attractive setting enhanced by a beautiful summer day.

A tradition at our picnics that I particularly enjoy is when our director, Lane Karli, gets the attention of all assembled, and each person brings us up to date on events in their lives, whatever they are. We sing, visit, laugh and pray together. That's why we are a family!

As we began our regular fall schedule, we looked forward to two events: a concert at Tuff Memorial Home in Hills MN and a dinner concert at the Good Samaritan Center in Canton. Our chorus continues our weekly rehearsals in one of the large lounges at the Center, and we enjoy the opportunity to say Thanks from time to time by singing for the

residents as they enjoy their evening meal.

Friday, Oct. 7th, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Maynard Lintvedt, longtime member of the Grieg Male Chorus and NSAA. He served the organization in many capacities, but is perhaps remembered best for his many years of serving as our chorus' corresponding secretary. I always looked forward to his reports, curious to see just what he might add to give the article some special flavor!

A college writing professor of mine told our class to always write something as simple as a thank you note with enough of our own style that the recipient would want to read it more than once.

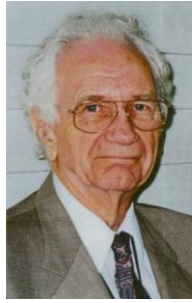
I know I always read Maynard's articles several times. He had the gift of bringing words alive in each line he wrote, and in between the lines, allowing or perhaps forcing his readers to really think about the topics of his articles. Humorous, serious, or just schedules, Maynard's reports reflected the twinkle in his eye we were all used to seeing.

We will miss Maynard, and his dedication to the organization, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Mary Alice, his daughters and their families.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

If only the best birds in the forest would sing there would be no music. We must use the talent that we have been given.

Obituary**Maynard Lintvedt**

Maynard G. Lintvedt was born June 11, 1914 on a homestead near Vivian SD, one of six children born to Carl and Bessie (Sletto) Lintvedt. After Vivian HS and Augustana College, he went on to SDSU for a degree in electrical engineering. After marriage to Alice (Skyaasen) in 1941, he worked in Ohio until moving to Canton SD in 1953.

Maynard was a member of Grieg Male Chorus of Canton and served as Corresponding Secretary for many years. He was a member of the NSAA Tour Chorus to Norway in 1995, was the proud recipient of the Gold with Diamond award from NSAA, and in later years became a member of *Psalmodikonforbundet I Amerika*, having "discovered" this unusual instrument and began to learn to play it.

Maynard died Oct. 7th at the Waterford Retirement Community in Sioux Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and five siblings.

Surviving are his second wife, Mary Alice, two daughters, three grandchildren, four great granddaughters, and one brother, Vernon, of San Diego CA

Funeral services were held Oct. 11 at Canton Lutheran Church with Grieg Male Chorus providing special music.

It was a personal privilege for the Editor to have sung with and worked with Maynard. We offer sympathy to his family and the Grieg Chorus on his death and their loss.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS**Madison, WI**

The Chorus hit the ground running this fall with our first practice on September 6 and a concert that following weekend for Cooksville Lutheran Church's Annual Fall Festival. Despite the fast start and little practice time, we had a solid turn out of singers and sang for a full church on a beautiful sunny afternoon.

Our official kick off to the season was the annual Chorus picnic and potluck at Lake Farm County Park on September 20, our regular Tuesday practice night. Again we had great participation of our members with everyone looking forward to another new year and Sangerfest 2012 next June in Chicago.

We performed two concerts in October. On October 7 we sang an evening performance in Stoughton for the Mandt Lodge Sons of Norway 85th anniversary dinner and celebration. We followed this with an afternoon concert on October 16 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Richland Center sponsored by the Richland Center Sons of Norway.

Then on November 4 we sang for the annual fall Lutefisk Dinner at Lakeview Lutheran Church in Madison. Following the Richland Center and Lakeview Lutheran performances, Chorus members were treated to outstanding meals of traditional Norwegian food and delicacies. We are anticipating that more performances will be on our

schedule as we move into the holiday season.

Now that the list of songs for Sangerfest 2012 is available, we will soon begin pulling together the music and practicing the material. It appears that the Grand Concert will include some music we are familiar with as well as some new songs many of us have not sung before. As always, we look forward to the challenge that lies ahead.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The Fall has started full of performance opportunities and musical challenges. Our Monday evening rehearsals are in place, and visitors to Sioux Falls are always welcome to join us. Our leader, Lyle Kroon, has offered us some incentives toward securing new members. No, it does not include him losing his "Santa Claus" beard, but nonetheless we are in "search mode."

In general, we are revisiting some repertoire pieces, preparing some new Christmas works, and even a first look at a Sangerfest 2012 "old" piece (composition dated 1913). Chorus performances are scheduled in October on the 14th to support the monthly birthday celebration dinner at the Active Generations center, and on the 17th we will be in concert at the Washington Crossing retirement home here in Sioux Falls.

Our Christmas preparation is focused toward some events now

scheduled and some others still under discussion. On November 27th, the Norse Glee Club will join with four other men's choruses from this area in a "Festival of Men's Voices." Our 100-plus ensemble performs annually in support of contributions to a local food-bank charity called "The Banquet." On December 8th, we will again visit the Jamison Annex of the SD Penitentiary with a holiday concert.

It's the music that brings us together, but it's probably the camaraderie that keeps us so. Early this month we were pleased to observe and celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Carol and Elvin Thomsen. Later in September, Carol surprised Elvin with an 80th birthday party at their home with the chorus invited. Elvin is one of our baritones, and currently our librarian.

Additionally, we also recognized the 80th birthday of Joe Isaksen, one of our basses, at an impromptu celebration. It's not all play though--- On October 21st we host our annual Lutefisk dinner. Jobs are being taken up, and ticket sales are underway. We generally serve about 500 – 600 appreciative patrons.



Gail C. Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY Rockford IL

Well, it's Fall and we are back to rehearsing. We have several dates for the Christmas season coming up and are rehearsing some new material for

those. Our next date is in November for our annual Men's Memorial Dinner.

I'd also like to introduce our "new" director, who just celebrated his 18th birthday. Paul J. Steffan is entering his 3rd year as Musical Director of the Harmony Men's Singing Society. A veteran of the Rockford Area Arts, Paul brings a unique perspective to his work, combining his training in musical theater, vocal jazz, and choral technique.

Paul has been singing in choirs since the 2nd grade, and has belonged to Mendelssohn Chorale, Kantorei, the Singing Boys of Rockford, (for 10 years) and the Rock Valley College Children's Choir. Paul has also performed as a soloist with the Rock Valley College Chorale, the Rockford Symphony Orchestra, nationally known pianist Doug Montgomery, and at various fundraisers for the Rockford Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center. Paul is also an active wedding and funeral singer.

Paul has also enjoyed an extensive involvement in theater. With over 55 productions to his credit, Paul has worked at area professional, community, and Summer Stock theaters, with some of his favorite credits being *Ragtime*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Oliver!*, and *Everything in the Garden*.

Paul's theatrical experience also encompasses musical direction. Paul has musically directed and conducted orchestras for several productions in the last 5 years, and recently had the privilege of directing the music and conducting the orchestra for a local production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* featuring a performer from the

original Broadway production of *A Chorus Line and Dream Girls*.

In addition, Paul is an active composer, arranger, and choral editor. Paul often writes his own arrangements for songs to be sung both by the Harmony Men's Singing Society and Basil, a men's a capella group at Keith Country Day School, which group he also directs.

As a composer of original work, Paul has written several scores that have been performed as underscoring for several plays, most notably his scores for *A Christmas Carol* and *Titanic: Tragedy and Trial*. He also has written compositions that have been used in local dance recitals.

Currently, Paul has been commissioned to compose an original score to be performed with The Illinois State Theater Association's All-State production of *Almost Maine*.

For all of his contributions to the Arts, in 2010 Paul was awarded the Mayor's Award for Artistic Excellence in the category of Exceptional Student. He also gets along pretty well with a group of grumpy old guys (who shall remain nameless).

Lastly, the judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena, who had charged non-support. He said to Ole, "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, Judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks myself."



Dan Lindberg, Corr. Sec

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY**Decorah IA**

Lots of excitement in Decorah and for Luren this fall! We did get to sing for King Harald V and Queen Sonja on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 13, and for the people who stayed around for a mini-concert after the royal couple left. The rain had come and gone, but the wind caused some problems with the mikes.

The following week we took part in a worship service at the Washington Prairie Lutheran Church at which some of the relatives of U. V. Koren, Norwegian pioneer and long-serving pastor of the congregation, were guests. Several dozen Koren relatives from Norway were present. Following the service, we gave another mini-concert in their fellowship hall and shared goodies.

New music and new members have brought more excitement. We will be singing with the *Nordlys* (Northern Lights) for their fall concert Nov. 20th at Decorah Lutheran Church. So we have been doing a couple of SATB selections, plus we'll sing some of our own numbers.

Then, following our caroling Sunday of Dec. 4th at Vesterheim and area nursing homes, we'll sing our pre-Christmas concert on Dec. 11th, also at Decorah Lutheran

We have taken a look at some of the selections to be sung at Sangerfest in St. Charles IL next June. Full-time rehearsals of these will have to wait a little while.

New Member Profiles

Richard (Dick) Biehl is not new to many of our readers. He sang for many years with the Normennenes chorus in Chicago, having joined them

in 1978, and over 30 years in church choir.

Dick was born in Chicago just before Christmas 1927. He graduated from Luther Institute (LCMS) in 1946 and went to work for Commonwealth Edison in their offices for 43 years.



Dick Biehl

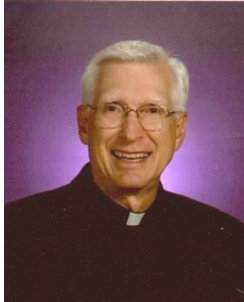
Dick is of German background with one Scottish and one Norwegian grandmother. His father worked for a funeral home and drove an ambulance; his mother was a home maker, and worked for an insurance company. His one older brother is deceased.

Dick married Gladys Wogen in 1956 in Chicago, where she was working as a parish worker, after having previously worked in ELC Headquarters in Minneapolis. They have one daughter, who has two children. The Biehls have one great grandchild.

Gladys hailed from Lake Mills IA, so when the opportunity arose, they decided to move back to her home town. Another Luren member, Pastor Carlton Shaw, retired to Lake Mills after service in north-central Iowa, so he and Dick got together and share the driving, and stay overnight following rehearsals with other members living in Decorah.

Dick says he enjoyed coming back to singing after a 15 year hiatus, and Luren has been a good option. "It's been fun." Dick sings baritone.

Rev. Daniel Knipper was born at Dyersville IA, the sixth of eight children (three girls, five boys). He grew up on a farm and attended country school, Xavier High School in Dyersville, then Loras College and Saint Bernard's Seminary in Dubuque.



Dan Knipper

Dan served parishes or as principal of schools in Bellevue, Gilbertville, Holy Cross, Plymouth Rock (rural Cresco), Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Lansing, all in Iowa – a total of 44 years.

Dan majored in music at Loras and has worked with choirs in various High Schools, as well as writing liturgical music. He plays trombone and guitar and sings Second Bass.

Dan joined Luren because "I enjoy music and love singing." Of Luren he says "terrific pianist, great conductor, serious men who know how to sing."

Dan is now retired to Decorah.

We have several other singers to do profiles on in future issues. We welcome Dick and Dan and all the rest, and we invite others interested in the group to join us on Monday evenings at the Vocal Music Room of Decorah High School.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

What is Your Musical Genealogy?

On Oct. 4th, Beth Ylvisaker, daughter of a retired Luther College professor, presented a Guest Lecture Recital entitled "Tracing My Musical Family Tree: A Lecture Recital of Memoirs and Music."

An accomplished pianist, Beth told of her first piano teacher and others who helped shape her musical career, as they introduced her to composers of various backgrounds. Just as in a family tree, each of these composers had his/her own teachers. In her presentation Beth spoke of and played pieces by Mozart, Barber, Beethoven, and Debussy. One piece she did not play, to which I looked forward, was "*Bryllupsdag på Trolldhaugen*" by Grieg.

I was seated next to one of Beth's early piano teachers, the wife a former Luren member, Kermit Hendrickson. Nora had difficulty in hearing all that was said, but enjoyed the playing by one of her piano students.

Ms. Ylvisaker's presentation led me to think about the people who had been influential in shaping my love for music and certain composers, etc, and how they in turn had been shaped by others over the centuries.

So, who were those piano or vocal instructors or band leaders, and how did or do you thank them for their influence in your musical life?

DLB

Aktuellt (topical)

From the Norwegian American Weekly of Oct. 21, 2011. On Oct. 15 approximately 100 protesters gathered in front of the *Storting* in Oslo for "Occupy Wall Street." More than 600 people said on Facebook that they would attend but the turnout was smaller than expected.

Mandskor Member Spotlights



Drs. Ron and Janell Beck

Dr. Ron Beck has been a member of the Mandskor baritone section for 20 years. A Sioux Falls native, he graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls and the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry. He has practiced dentistry in the US Army Dental Corps at Ft. Lewis, WA, Lennox, SD, and Dell Rapids, SD, retiring in 2001.

His first wife Gloria succumbed to cancer in 1998. They had three children, Thomas, Paul and Pamela. All are married and there are seven grandchildren. Ron is remarried to Janell, also a dentist. Janell has two grown sons. She continues to practice dentistry and is very active with the Lions' Club.

In retirement, Dr. Beck enjoys church activities, Lions Club, playing trombone in the Lennox Municipal and Sioux Falls New Horizon Bands and of course, the Mandskor, which he served as president for four years

Ray and Bonnie Ode

Ray Ode joined the Mandskor's baritone section in September of 2001, just in time to go to Pierre, SD, with the chorus to sing at the dedication of the Memorial to World War II

Veterans. It was one of the most moving experiences of his life.

When Ray retired from dairy farming, he found that he had a lot of time on his hands and his good friend John Nelson suggested that he join the Mandskor. He will always be grateful for that suggestion.

Ray spent 50 years in the dairy business and had the good fortune to serve on both the South Dakota American Dairy Assn. board and the South Dakota Dairy Council board. Presently, he spends his time singing with and serving as president of the Mandskor, with church activities, and helping his son on the farm.



Ray and Bonnie Ode

Bonnie, Ray's wife of 51 years worked side by side with him on the farm. In retirement, she is active with church, quilting and playing bridge. She supports the Mandskor by being an active auxiliary member. Ray and Bonnie have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

John and Joan Rasmusson

John Rasmusson joined the Mandskor in 2004, at the urging of Bob Stenberg and Ron Beck. (Director Terry Walter recalls lassoing him while shopping at Sam's Club.) He sings bass. A native of DeWitt, NE, he graduated from University of

Nebraska in civil engineering. His wife Joan is from Waverly, MN and graduated from Macalester in St. Paul. They met and married in Long Beach, CA, where Joan was teaching 1st grade and John was in the Navy. They've lived in Dell Rapids, SD, since 1967, where both were employed at Sioux Valley Telephone Company.

John has been active in the Lions' Club, Library Board, Boy Scouts, and Dell Rapids school board. John and Joan are members of Dell Rapids Lutheran church where both have sung in the choir. They have three children, eight grandchildren and

enjoy traveling and exercising. Joan is a swimmer and John is a tennis player.



John and Joan Rasmusson

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