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From the President

First of all, we would like to say Congratulations and Thank You to Jon Lewis, the Edvard Grieg Chorus and the Grieg Ladies' Auxiliary for a wonderful Sangerfest in Madison. I agree with Jon 100%, Madison is one terrific city, a great place to have a gathering of old and new friends sharing wonderful music together. The pioneers that started Sangerfests in 1892 certainly began a grand and wonderful event. Now our turn is coming up in 2012 to carry on this great tradition. We are honored and proud to do so.

Sangerfest 2012 will be held June 14-15-16 at the Pheasant Run Resort, 4051 East Main St., (Route 64), St. Charles IL 60174. (630) 584-6300.

www.pheasantrun.com.

Room rate \$109 per night – Norwegian Singers.

Bring your golf clubs and walking shoes if you care to make use of their course and walking paths. Everything will be held here including all rehearsals and Grand Concert.

Before closing, I wish to add that I made a phone call a few months ago to Brooklyn. The pleasant, soft-spoken voice on the other end was Mr. Owen Flynn, the last surviving member of the Norwegian Singing Society of Brooklyn. He and his wife

are thinking of joining us at Sangerfest. Owen, you and your wife would be most welcome.

On behalf of Bjornson Male Chorus, So long for now.

Leve Sangen,



Roger Stavnem,
Sangerfest 2012 Chairman.

**NORDIC MALE CHORUS
Sioux City IA**

The Nordics spread the Yuletide message in song at several Care Centers to conclude their activities for 2010. At each facility the chorus brought bright holiday tunes and were then joined by their wives and friends in SATB melodies. Residents enjoyed ringing of bells provided by the chorus for a happy “Jingle Bells”

closer (sung as Yingle Bells in the Norse spirit). A couple of the singers took the limelight with crazy Christmas hats that both moved and played tunes.

A festive program of the traveling chorus was before a church group made up primarily of listeners with Mexican roots! It was a madcap merger of English, Norwegian and Spanish!

A snack party after one of the performances and the annual performance for the Scandinavian Societies' Christmas program wrapped up activities of the chorus until Jan. 17th.

Then rehearsals will resume for the 2011 season, including the Sioux Valley Sangerfest set June 11th at Brandon Lutheran Church.-

"I didn't really know how much my wife truly loved me," said a friend, "until last week, when I was home in bed with the flu. She was so happy I was home with her that, every time the mailman or the milkman rang the bell, she ran out and shouted, 'My husband is home, my husband is home!'"

Have a bright and healthy new year!

Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Dear Brother Singers,

Once again Bjornson Male Chorus is eagerly looking forward to the new year. After a very busy Christmas season fulfilling our usual commitments during the holidays, it was great sharing the fellowship with our friends, which made our efforts worthwhile.

On Friday, Dec. 17th, we presented our Christmas dinner/concert at the Avalon Banquets in Elk Grove Village, IL. A great time was had by all. The quartet kicked off the evening with two quick melodies, followed by a duet of Dave and Keith harmony, a solo of the "Christmas Song" by Dave, a number by Julian Ronning, then Rick Klein. We took a break then so dinner could be served – a delicious roast pork entrée with all the trimmings.

The second half of our program began with Val Michals singing a lovely song. She was followed by Bob Weldon, bass, and lastly the individual numbers were topped off by Ken Michaels' fine tenor effort.

The chorus concluded the evening with a few popular songs, with Ken leading the chorus, singing "O Holy Night."

We were off until Jan. 4th. Unfortunately, Earl Bichel died Jan. 3rd. Three days later, Jan. 6th, Ray Nielsen died. Ray was living at the Norwood Crossing Retirement Home in Edison Park IL, suffering total mental function loss the last several months. Ray was an accomplished musician, well known in the community. As a member of *Minnekirken* in Chicago, he was active as a soloist in the choir and, most notably, appeared at countless church functions, dances and picnics playing his accordion for everyone's pleasure. Ray was also a member of Normenneses Singing Society in the tenor section. He was an active member of Bjornson as a 2nd tenor. We joined Normenneses in singing at Ray's memorial service on Jan. 8th at *Minnekirken*. Ray was 74.

Earl Bichel was well known in the Danish and Norwegian culture as a composer, director and soloist. He was very active until his health started slipping about a year ago. At that time Earl was singing in our baritone section. About three months ago he entered the Belmont Nursing Home in Carol Stream IL. He was not happy, as he missed singing with us. Music was his life!

The chorus sang at his memorial service on Jan. 29th at the Danish Home. His family and many friends were in attendance. Earl was 89.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS
Canton SD**

A great dress rehearsal, hall festive with holiday decor, enthusiasm high, YES! The Grieg Male Chorus of Canton was ready for its annual Christmas concert. Plans changed, however, when a beautiful soft Christmas snow was accompanied by high winds and turned into a raging blizzard. Our Dec. 12th concert had to be postponed. Thankfully the weather moderated, and our chorus family were finally able to gather on Dec. 13th for the annual Christmas party. Thanks to President Bill and the Christmas committee for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship, caroling

and, of course, an abundance of great food and Christmas goodies.

The following week, Dec. 20th, the chorus presented its concert at the Canton Good Samaritan Center as the residents completed their evening meal. The concert was made available also to anyone from the Hiawatha Heights Assisted Living community, as well as others in the area. With former members, chorus accompanist, family members and friends as residents, our sharing the concert with them was a great start of Christmas week for all of us.

Instead of our usual winter break, the Grieg Chorus was “singing in the New Year” with our Christmas concert rescheduled for Jan. 2nd. With a brisk but beautiful Sunday afternoon the 4 o’clock candlelight concert was very well attended. This event was again presented to benefit LOVE INC (Love In the Name of Christ) in Canton. The concert was hosted by the Grand Valley Lutheran Church, with refreshments served during the concert. We are truly thankful to a very generous audience, allowing the afternoon to be a great support for the charity.

The Chorus resumes regular rehearsals the first Monday in Feb.

New Year Greetings to all our brother singers and their families.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

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**DEADLINE FOR
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**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

First of all, "*Tusen Takk*" to Jon Lewis and the Edvard Grieg Chorus for the CD of the Sangerfest Grand Concert. It is appreciated.

Our chorus has been healthy and active, with our last performance on Sunday, Jan. 30th, at *Minnekirken*, the Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church in Chicago. We sang the following selections: "Steal Away," "Beautiful Savior," and "The Gift of Love."

Our next appearance will again be at *Minnekirken* for their annual *kompe* dinner on Saturday, Feb. 19th. This has always been a fun event, and our singers will be wearing their Norwegian sweaters.

Friday, Mar. 25th, Normennenes will be hosting their 31st Festival of Song event. This has traditionally been a popular evening. This year eight choruses have been invited. Each performs two selections of their own choice and then get gather as a massed chorus to perform six selections. This year's selections are: *Let There Be Music*; *Stouthearted Men*; *Sanctus*; *You'll Never Walk Alone*; *Dear Land of Home*; and *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

After the concert there will be a coffee social and, yes, a cash bar, to add to the sociability of the evening.

Also on the horizon is our scheduled annual spring concert on Saturday, April. 16th. Details to follow.

Leve Sangen,

Thor Fjell, President/Correspondent

(P.S. by Editor: *Norwegian American Weekly* for Jan. 21, 2011, carried the obituary for Roy (Roar) Colmar Tingberg of Arvilla ND, who died in Grand Forks Nov. 22, 2010. Born in Skien, Norway Jan. 12, 1912, he became a barber in Oslo, was a prisoner during WW II for his involvement in the Norwegian national guard, and emigrated in 1951 to Chicago with his wife Mabel and two sons. He was a member of Normennenes for many years, a very accomplished pianist, almost a concert grade musician. After retirement in 1983, the family moved to Tampa FL. In 2001 he and his wife moved to ND to live with son Erik. His widow, two sons Erik and Peter, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one brother and one sister in Norway survive him.)

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR
Sioux Falls SD**

2011 Greetings from Mandskor. We had to get back to work as we had to plan and go ahead with our annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Feed on Jan. 16th. Well, the weather cooperated, and we had a good fund-raiser. We are losing more snowbirds each winter, so we are going to an April fund-raiser next year.

The Chorus has been saddened by funerals this winter:

Doris Schager passed away in December.

Gene Person, Mandskor member for 30 years, died Jan. 2nd. This was such a comforting funeral service at Grace Lutheran church, with the Person Brass Ensemble being part of the service. We sang *Den Store Hvide Flok* and *Halleluiah Bye and Bye*. His

obituary appears elsewhere in this issue (page 13).

Grace Amdahl, wife of former singer Leonard and mother of singer Roger, died Jan. 11th.

Winston Hill, retired singer, had a heart condition and had a few stents put in. He is now home, recovering nicely.

Mandskor will sponsor the Sioux Valley Sangerfest next June and has been planning for same.

We took a vacation from rehearsals until Feb. 7th. The chorus has accepted an invitation to sing at Dow Rummel Retirement Center Feb. 28th.

We've had enough cold and winter – and we look forward to Spring!

Respectfully,



Bob Stenberg, Corr. Sec.

**NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB
Minneapolis MN**

What's going on? 47 of the lower 48 states have been getting snow! We have passed 50 inches. I have a six-foot pile next to my driveway, and our heaviest snow month of March is still a few weeks away. We are indeed in a cycle of global warming and change that is creating some problems.

One thing that has not changed is the pleasure of gathering each week for practice for our next Glee Club concert. Director Carsten and pianist Martha are patiently bringing us along.

Looking farther ahead, President Herb has assembled a blue-ribbon committee of Einar Johansen, Dennis Sorheim and Jack Hauer to begin the planning for our 100th Anniversary celebration in 2012. I know other choruses have reached that milestone and it is such an important recognition of fellowship and the joy of singing that it is reached with great pride. We are also very proud to have six of our singers who have been with the Glee Club for over 50 years. They have provided much of the core that has sustained our chorus for these many years.

We are also grateful for the several new members that have strengthened our group recently; two more are highlighted in this issue:

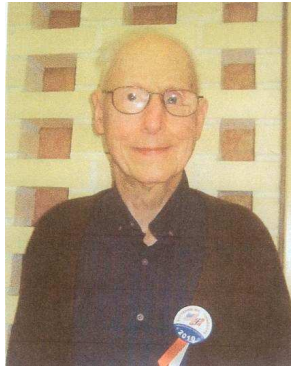


Norman Arlandson

Norman Arlandson sang with the Nordkap Chorus for 29 years, and 31 years with the American Swedish Institute Male Chorus. Norman is a Minneapolis native, a 1952 graduate of Edison High School, where he sang in the choir. After graduation, he served in the US Army Chemical Corps during the Korean conflict. He married Julia Peterson in 1958. They have three children, all living in the

Twin Cities area. He is retired from a career with Control Data Corporation. Norman and Julia have enjoyed singing together in church choirs, and are active at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church.

We are grateful that Norman is continuing his joy of singing with the Glee Club.



Louis Becker

Louis Becker is another gift from Nordkap. He joined the Glee Club last Fall after singing with Nordkap for 17 years. He also sang in the Augsburg College Choir, where he met his wife Agnes, and also the Augsburg and Luther Seminary Male Chorus.

Louis and Agnes served as missionaries in Brazil for 15 years. He was also a nursing home chaplain for 16 years. In addition, he was Visitation Pastor for Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Richfield MN. The Beckers live in Richfield and are parents of seven children. His Norwegian heritage stems from his mother, Gena Kvalheim of the Maloy/Nordfjord area of Norway.

They have had an interesting career and he is another fine addition to the Glee Club.

Some witticisms to ponder:

“Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.” (Mark Twain)

“The male is a domestic animal that, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things.” (Jilly Cooper)

“I don’t feel old. I don’t feel anything until noon. Then it’s time for my nap.” (Bob Hope)

“We could certainly slow the aging process if it had to work its way through Congress. (Many authors)

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY
Decorah IA**



Ryan Fordice

We first introduce new member **Ryan Fordice**. Ryan was born at Lake Forest IL, when his parents were attending a wedding! They had been living at Oxford Junction IA at the time. Both parents are Luther grads, as is Ryan ('08). He has one younger sister.

The family grew up in Dubuque, where Ryan graduated from Dubuque Hempstead High School. He was in All-State in both Choir and Orchestra. He began singing in a choir at 3 and began cello at 4. While at Luther he sang in Norsemen (so he has already

sung in concert with Luren in the spring of 2005) and in Collegiate Chorale. He played cello in the Luther Symphony Orchestra all four years.

Ryan's family bought property on Decorah's West Side last summer and moved from Dubuque. This correspondent met Ryan's father, Bill, and invited him both to Good Shepherd and Luren. Unfortunately, Bill has obligations at Luther on Mondays when we rehearse, but Ryan has been able to come and take a place with the baritones.

Ryan worked for Americorp Services for two years, and is now working as an Associate at Decorah Middle School. How long he will be able to continue with us depends on other employment possibilities.

We are delighted to welcome all of these men into our chorus.

It's been a long winter already. We had a good Sunday on Dec. 5th for our caroling at area nursing homes and the Vesterheim museum, with our party at Good Shepherd Lutheran, hosted by our directors. But the weather was something else when we were supposed to have our pre-Christmas concert and party on Dec. 12th. Church services were called off that morning and we had to postpone and eventually cancel the concert. We did get in the party the following Monday at Washington Prairie. We could not let all that food go to waste that their ladies had prepared, and most of the members, families and guests were able to get there.

But what to do with the music we had rehearsed for the concert? Well, that isn't being wasted either. We had

been talking about doing a new CD, so here was the opportunity. So, once we got back into rehearsals (after some more cancelled rehearsals in January), we arranged to record the Christmas concert for the CD. We are meeting in the Noble Recital Hall of the Jenson-Noble music building at Luther College for three evenings of recording. It'll take a while to get the project finished, but Lent is late this year, so we do have the time for it.

Our Lenten service appearances are set for March 16th at Glenwood Lutheran Church, rural Decorah (7 p.m.) and the Congregational/UCC in town the following Wednesday, March 23rd, also at 7 p.m.

Between these we have a concert set for the Sons of Norway lodge at Winona MN on Sunday, March 20th at 2 p.m. This will be at Central Lutheran Church, 259 W. Wabasha St.

On May 8th (Mothers' Day) we will sing with the Luther Norsemen at 7 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church.

May 15th we return to Spring Grove for a *Syttende Mai* concert at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2 p.m.

NAHA-Norge (The Norwegian branch of the Norwegian-American Historical Association) will hold its seminar in Decorah June 14-17, as a part of Luther College's 150th Anniversary year. The theme is "Migrant journeys: The Norwegian-American experience in a multi-cultural context." I submitted a proposal for a presentation, "The Importance of Music for the Norwegian-American Immigrant." I plan to use Luren as a case study, based on the beginnings of Luren as a quartet of men lonesome for the music of the home country. I'll have more to report, including

perhaps a summary of my presentation, which is limited to 20 minutes!

Winneshiek County Fair comes in early July; we'll do our usual stint at our food stand. Then at the end of the month comes Nordic Fest, July 28-30. The theme this year is "Take a Liking to a Viking."

Looking forward to these events is a way to shorten the winter. Soon we'll welcome back our snowbirds, whom we are missing for the recording sessions.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls, SD

January is our month for relaxation and reflection as we enjoy (or just endure) the winter's challenges. We held no rehearsals this month, but we did gather mid-month at the home of George and Judy Regan for an enjoyable evening of Whist. The periodically changing rules kept the evening lively, as well as our placement at different tables with different partners throughout. Prizes were awarded, but as usual, yours truly found himself in the "middle of the pack."

Monday, February 7th, began our weekly rehearsals for the year. We are in preparation for the June 2011 Sioux Valley Singers Association Sanger-Fest. This year it is to be held in

nearby Brandon, S.D. More later on this event as the date approaches.

We are in discussions also with the Nordlandfest Board of Directors as to how we can support and participate in planned *Syttende Mai* festivities here in Sioux Falls. Those attending can expect some informative displays emphasizing our heritage, a dinner, and a musical program of both instrumental and choral music.

Visitors to Sioux Falls are welcome to join us at our rehearsals in the Nordic Hall every Monday from now through June.

Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison, WI

On Saturday, January 15, ten members of our Chorus traveled to the rolling hills west of Mt. Horeb to visit former member, Johan Hoff, who was critically ill and had expressed a desire to hear some of his favorite Norwegian songs. After we sang several songs, including *Ja Vi Elsker*, *Norge mit Norge*, and *Aftensang*, we stayed for a short while to enjoy a cup of coffee and a visit with Johan's wife Ruth, daughter Inger and son-in-law Bill Schultz. In the early hours of Monday, January 17, Johan Eduard Hoff passed away peacefully at his home in Perry Township. Johan was 89 years old.

Johan had a very interesting and productive life. He was born December 29, 1921 in Steinkjer, Norway, and grew up in Namsos and Hamar. He studied chemical engineering and food technology at NTH in Trondheim. During World War II, Johan served Norway, Sweden

and the United Kingdom in the Coast Guard.

After the war, he completed his degree in 1948. He left his job in Kristiansund in 1951 and set off with a college friend to see the world. Their adventures took them through post-war Europe to England and then across the Atlantic on an old steamer headed for Brazil.

Instead, they landed in Venezuela where Johan met and married his wife Ruth. She then joined him on his journeys to Hamar, Norway where daughter Kirsten was born, then to Kitchener, Canada where daughter Karin was born, and to Boston, Massachusetts where Inger and Heidi were born. Johan received his PhD from MIT in 1961 and became a research professor at the University of Chicago.

Until his retirement in 1985, he served as a professor of Food Science at Purdue University. His research areas included tannins, proteins and protease inhibitors. A consummate scientist and scholar, Johan continued his writing, researching, and experimenting for 25 more years in retirement on his farm, Solbakken, in Perry Township. He also found time to compose poetry, write his memoirs, a children's book and a novel.

Johan was a member of the Edvard Grieg Chorus for almost ten years and served as our guide to the proper pronunciation of the Norwegian language. Occasionally, however, he and Henrik Hartmann, another Norwegian-born member, would engage in heated arguments over the "proper" pronunciations, much to the delight of the rest of us.

Johan was also a proud member of Ygdrasil, a Norwegian intellectual society, Den Norske Ingeniorforening, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Chemical Society. Johan is survived by his wife Ruth and their four daughters and husbands, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A private memorial service is being planned to coincide with Summer Solstice in June.

In other news, plans have been finalized for a performance trip to Door County in northeast Wisconsin on Mother's Day weekend to sing two joint concerts with the Peninsula Singers. The concerts are scheduled for Sturgeon Bay on May 7 and Sister Bay on May 8. More than 30 members of the Chorus plan to make the trip.

The Chorus' Founders Day Dinner was held at the Stoughton Country Club on January 30. Members enjoyed a wonderful dinner followed by entertainment provided by Laurie Riss, a cellist who performs with the Madison Symphony Orchestra, and her two sons, one who also plays cello and the other, marimba. This unique trio produced a very special blend of classical and contemporary music.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

**NSAA Annual Board Meeting,
Oct 28, 2010, Decorah, IA**

Roll call of officers: Attending were Thor Fjell, Roger Stavnem, Francis Peterson, Don Berg, Rich Leake, David Judisch. The Board regretfully acknowledged the dissolution and accepted the subsequent withdrawal of Nordkap Male Chorus from NSAA.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as printed in Sept-Oct 2010 Sanger-Hilsen with change made to reflect tax exempt organizations filing an E990.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer Peterson showed positive balances in the checking account (\$4,752.06) and savings account (\$1,020.09) and a negative balance (-\$856.90) in the Sanger-Hilsen account. The latter balance is attributable to timing issues with income expected in December. Sangerfest 2010 was very successful and made a contribution to NSAA of \$4,898.07. A CD without orchestral numbers will be available soon. The NSAA Board expressed its thanks to the Edvard Grieg Chorus in Madison.

President Stavnem reported on preparations for Sangerfest 2012. The schedule of events is currently being reviewed. Arrangements have been made for the DuPage Symphony Orchestra; music selections will be made by June 2011. Keys for a good Sangerfest were identified as good food and comfortable seating.

Corresponding Secretary Berg reviewed medal inventory status. Recommendation is that we will have to start ordering medals within two years.

Sanger-Hilsen editor Berg reported that we currently have 290 subscriptions with choruses contributing \$3.00 per member. Holiday greeting revenue and continued savings by printing in Calmar, IA, led Board to recommend no changes in rates or printing.

Unfinished and New Business:

The NSAA Constitution was reprinted in its current form with proposed changes in the Jan-Feb 2010 issue of Sanger-Hilsen. Proposed changes were reviewed in anticipation of a 2011 reprinting in Sanger-Hilsen.

Continued discussion about various member choruses taking advantage of the Group Exemption related to tax-exempt 501(c)(3) status of NSAA. Questions raised at the previous meeting by the State Vice-Presidents were reviewed. No action taken.

Board reviewed a letter received from Howard Paulson and accepted his resignation as NSAA Registered Agent. Motion approved to accept this resignation and elect Curt Hepner as his replacement.

The NSAA Website continues to grow in activity with visitors from all over the globe. The website will be used to continue to inform membership and visitors about Sangerfest 2012.

Discussion of ways to recruit new members continued from previous Board meetings. There was also some discussion about NSAA putting together a Norway tour in 2014. These items will appear again on the next agenda.

An invitation was received from Nordisk Sangerforbund, an umbrella organization for male choirs in the Nordic and Baltic Countries, asking NSAA to become a member. They wish to expand beyond their traditional borders by acknowledging organizations that promote musical heritage. This would be a non-paying membership but permit NSAA to have one person on the Board. Membership would allow additional connections in the Nordic and Baltic countries with other choruses and the opportunity to participate in Sangerfests or Festivals generally held in June or July. Motion to accept membership was unanimously approved. (Subsequent to the meeting, our request for membership was accepted by Nordisk Sangerforbund and Richard Leake was elected to the Board. Their next Sangerfest is June 15 - 17, 2012, in Tartu, Estonia. Anybody interested in attending?)

It was officially moved and seconded to hold the next Sangerfest June 14-16 at Pleasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL, hosted by Bjornson Male Chorus. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Leake, Recording Secretary.



Fall meeting of the NSAA officers at Decorah IA. Photo by Thor Fjell
From left: Roger Stavnem, Don Berg, Dave Judisch, Thor Fjell, Francis Peterson, Rich Leake.

“It is cruel, you know, that music should be so beautiful. It has the beauty of loneliness and of pain; of strength and freedom. The beauty of

disappointment and never-satisfied love. The cruel beauty of nature, and everlasting beauty of monotony.”

----Benjamin Britten

SANGERFEST 2010 FINANCIAL SUCCESS ALSO

We who attended Sangerfest 2010 in Madison, hosted by the Edvard Grieg Chorus will attest to the fact that it was a successful event. As your NSAA Treasurer, I will present some data indicating it was also a financial success!

Expenses were grouped in four categories:	
Concert Facilities	\$21,898.12
Music, etc.	30,342.54
Food, etc.	42,578.56
General, misc	13,951.98
Total Expenses	\$108,771.20
Receipts were grouped in four categories:	
Gifts, grants	48,375.00
Registrations	64,323.00
Ticket sales	15,209.48
Misc.	456.00
Total income	\$128,363.48
Net income	\$ 19,592.28

Twenty-five % (\$4,898.07) has been deposited into NSAA's account. The balance, 75% (\$14,694.21) remains with the Edvard Grieg Chorus.

I extend NSAA's most sincere CONGRATULATIONS to Chairman Jon Lewis and the entire Grieg Chorus and their spouses for a job well done.

Francis Peterson, NSAA Treasurer

FROM PCNSA

Welcome to PCNSA Sangerfest 2011! The Skagit Valley Manskor will host the 102nd PCNSA Sangerfest July 8th in Mt. Vernon WA. We extend an invitation to all members of NSAA and their member choruses to join the choruses from PCNSA in this event. If you are in the area or would like to be part of the celebration, please join us! For further information, please

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Obituary



Eugene Person

Eugene R. Person, a son of Carl F. and Alma (Paulson) Person, was born June 28, 1918 on a farm near Argonne SD. He graduated from Argonne High School in 1936.

Gene married Evenelle "Evie" Hansen Sept. 11, 1948 at Hendricks MN. They farmed in the Carthage SD area until moving to Sioux Falls in 1977. Gene worked at Sioux Valley Hospital until retirement in 1992.

Evie died Oct. 7, 1998. Gene died Jan. 2, 2011. One son, Jim, a brother Leonard and a sister Norma Shoemaker preceded him in death.

Survivors include five children, 15 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8th at Grace Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, with much appropriate music.

We offer our sympathy to the members of Mandskor and the Person family.

**Norwegian Singers Association
of America, Inc.
Pacific Coast Norwegian
Singers Association
Club Membership Index**

ILLINOIS**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.

Normennes 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, thorfjell@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**

Rehearsals: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 315 Hamilton Blvd. Sioux City, Iowa 51103; President: Gary Munson, 3303 Court St., Sioux City, IA 51104, tel. (712) 277-1428; Corresponding Secretary: Robert R. Hansen, 20 Eastview Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106 ((712) 258-7445 gregors5@juno.com; Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, scschuett@aol.com.

DECORAH**Luren Singing Society**

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Roger Buhr, 105 Randall Dr, Decorah IA 52101, (563) 382-3088 buhr@mchsi.com. Corresponding Secretary: Donald L. Berg, 407 Leif Erikson Drive, Decorah, IA 52101-1038, tel. (563) 382-5727; Director: Dr. David Judisch, 814 Fifth Ave., Decorah, IA 52101, tel. (563) 382-9222 judiscda@luther.edu.

MINNESOTA**MINNEAPOLIS****Nordkap Male Chorus**

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:00 p.m., at Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church, 53rd & Chicago Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN. President: Duane Olson, 9850 Lyndale Ave. S. Apt.57, Bloomington MN 55420-5295; Corresponding Secretary: Wendell Frerichs, 1776 Chatsworth St., Roseville MN 55113-6561 (651) 489-8947; Director: Carsten Slostad,

1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639.

Norwegian Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Herb Nelson, 4720 Larkspur Lane, Lake Elmo MN 55042-8541 (651)587-4819; Corresponding Secretary: Charles Engh, 7642 Prairie Flower Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55317, tel. (952) 4018838; Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639.

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>.

Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: Robert Amend, 46458 267th St., Hartford, SD 57033-6917. Tel. (605)361-2061; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 11 W. 17th St., Apt. #121, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, tel. (605)731-5281. Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 335-1624.

CANTON**Grieg Male Chorus**

Rehearsals: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Canton Lutheran Church. President: Bill Kortemeyer, 406 E. Poplar Dr., Canton, SD 57013, tel. (605) 764-9060. ringshanks@iw.net Corresponding Secretary: Jerry Holter, 28724 480th Ave., Canton, SD 57013, tel. (605) 987-2161; Director: Lane Karli, 3401 S. Grace Ave., Sioux Falls SD 57103-7219, (605) 275-5591. lkarli@sio.midco.net

WISCONSIN**MADISON****Edvard Grieg Chorus**

2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704

Rehearsal: Each Tuesday, 7 p.m. President: Steve Christenson, 519 N. Harrison St., Stoughton WI 53579, (608) 873-9846 steveKrisC@yahoo.com; Corresponding Secretary: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 ; Director: Mark W. Everson, 711 Highway #106, Edgerton, WI 53534, tel. (608) 884-9398 evers1111@aol.com.

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CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND

Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 8:00 p.m., Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94602. President: Howard Hansen, 149 Tharp Drive, Moraga, CA 94556, tel. (510) 376-7611; Secretary: Robert Brewer, 15 Castle Park Way, Oakland, CA 94611, tel. (510) 531-9684, jugiockp47@aol.com; Director: Dick Meyer, 3440 Adell Ct., Apt. 2, Oakland, CA 94602, tel. (510) 482-4714, meyersfbc@aol.com.

SACRAMENTO

Nordik Sangkor

Rehearsal: Second Sundays, 1:30 p.m., at Advent Lutheran Church, 5901 San Juan Ave., Citrus Heights, CA. Contact person/director: Walter Braafladt. President: Walter Braafladt, 4174 Dena Way, Sacramento, CA 95821, tel. (916) 482-7919, wbraafladt@softcom.net; Secretary: Rolf Owre, 145 Baxter Ave., Sacramento, CA 95818, tel: (916) 925-8409; Director: Walter Blaafadt, 4174 Dena Way, Sacramento, CA 95821, tel: (916) 4827919, wbraafladt@softcom.net.

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Mannskor

Rehearsal: every Monday at Calvary Lutheran Church, 424 Via De La Valle, Solana Beach, CA 92075. President: Sven I. Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Pl. Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (760) 735-6171, svenio@sbcglobal.net; Secretary: Jon Homerud, 3354 Bonica Woods Dr., Bnita, CA 91902 (619) 470-8745 holmerud@cox.net; Director: Joyce Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Place, Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (760) 735-6171, joyceolsen@mac.com.

SAN FRANCISCO

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Meets every Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at the Norwegian Club, 1900 Fell St., San Francisco, CA. President: Herleiv Storseter, 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94103 tel: (415) 344-0204; Secretary: Mark Mathisen, 1601 Oakwood Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 tel: (650) 574-2935, dchouse@earthlink.net; Director: Rebecca Stein, 204 Roseann, Pittsburg, CA 94565, tel. (925) 432-1120, beccab63@hotmail.com.

OREGON

EUGENE

The Norsemen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Sonja Lodge #38, Sons of Norway, 710 McKinley, Eugene, OR 97402. President: Mike Bagaason, 2060 Bailey Hill Rd., Eugene, OR 97405, tel. (541) 687-2562, bagaason@rio.com; Secretary: Roger Ness, 3079 Stapp Dr. Eugene, OR 97408,

tel. (541) 505-7769, rdpjness@hotmail.com; Director: Ed Amundson, 29453 Culver Lane, tel. (541) 998-6329 amundson@peak.org

SALEM

Thorsmen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Annex, 1198 Lannsing Avenue North East, Salem, OR 97303. President: Robert Johnson, 16485 Oakdale, Dallas OR 97338; Secretary: Roger Vinyard, 4085 47th Ave. NE, Salem OR 97305; Director: Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, whitewolf@proaxis.com.

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; President: Allen Feris tel. (360) 435-3144, Feris.Allen@msn.com; Secretary: Robert Bruland, tel. (425)335-1150 r.bruland@frontier.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

Meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Grieg Hall, Sons of Norway, 18891 Front St., Poulsbo, WA 98370. President: Stan Overby, 29311 Beach Dr., Poulsbo, WA 98370, tel: (360) 779-2460; Secretary: Robert Ellerby, 1261 Cameo Court, Poulsbo, WA 98370, tel: (360) 598.4831; Director: Jan Parker Peterson, 21600 Port Gamble Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370, tel: (360) 697-3277.

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, bobsings@gohuskies.com

Skagit Valley Manskor

PO Box 481, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM at Abel Lodge, 21098 2nd St. Conway WA 98238,. Officers: President: Jeff Highland tel. (360)387-5285. highland@smumn.edu Secretary Skip Ingraham tel (360)387-6168. Director Steve Jensen, Bellingham WA, 98226 Cell phone 360-303-3919 stmjensen@earthlink.net.

TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Each Monday 7:00 p.m., Gloria DeI Lutheran Church, 3315 South 19th Street, Tacoma, Wash. President: Erick Perkins, 6001-N 40th St; Tacoma WA 98407, tel. (253)272-7286, erperk@comcastl.net Secretary: Loren Jangaard, 5917 34th St NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, tel. (252)265-2312, jangaardl@hatmail.com; Director: Jon Malmin, 14211 Peacock Hill Ave, Gig Harbor WA 98332, (tel) (253)514-8677, jmalmin2@comcast.net

Bærumkoret from Norway to visit the midwest

Bærumkoret is a mixed choir from Bærum, Norway, just north of Oslo. In May and June of 2011, the choir will be touring and performing in the Norwegian American midwest. Presenting a broad cross-section of new and traditional Scandinavian choral music, the chorus will give American audiences an entertaining and warm glimpse into Scandinavian choral heritage and contemporary profiles. Their tour begins in Chicago, where they will perform at a gospel church on the south side, and at *Minnekirken*. They will also perform in Coon Valley WI. In Decorah IA they will be hosted by Luren and perform at Decorah Lutheran Church on Wed. June 1. Their tour ends in Minneapolis where they will give a concert at *Mindekirken*.

