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Some NSAA Santas



Minnehaha Mandskor dir. Terry Walter and Santa Lyle Kroon, dir. of Norse Glee Club.



Santa David Judisch gives presents to good Luren children and grandchildren.



Dennis Barnaal is the *Julenisse* at Christmas at Vesterheim, Decorah, 1 Dec. 2012.



Frank Berger is Santa at Norwegian Glee Club dinner, 1 Dec. 2012.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

(The following report was lying undiscovered by the Editor in the Fax bin. My apologies to Jerry for this goof-up.)

Following summer break, the Chorus began regular rehearsals the first Monday after Labor Day.

Sunday, Aug. 12th, we gathered at Moe Parish Park, Hudson SD for our annual family picnic. We were thankful for a beautiful day, great attendance and, of course, an outstanding selection of hot dishes, salads and PIES! As has become a tradition, our director asked each member to bring us up to date on the summer activities. Ito always exciting to hear all that has happened in the lives of our chorus families.

Grieg Chorus has the opportunity to host the Sioux Valley Singers Association Sangerfest in June 2013.

Working in the electronics department at one of my places of employment, I am constantly in awe of the changes in technology, especially when a new item arrives and is already nearly outdated. After my experiences with my last two reports to *Sanger-Hilsen*, I question some areas of this advancing field.

The first I missed, I found the fax equipment where I work was all updated and changed that week. Even though I had a confirmation sheet, other fax messages had also not been received. Not trusting the equipment at work, I took the next report to a local pharmacy to fax. I had included a note to the Editor to let me know if he received it. Not hearing back, I returned to the pharmacy and refaxed it. They told me it was transmitted.

Both of these must be somewhere in the wires.

A member of one of our nearby choruses asked what was up, because Grieg is enthusiastically active and working hard at each rehearsal. When I told a friend who does programming about this, he said with a laugh, õIf in doubt, you can always rely on Snail Mail.ö So, if you are reading this today, it was sent by traditional mail.

At our June meeting of Corresponding Secretaries, one in the group said we should keep our news current and not report things untimely. Therefore, I apologize in advance. But I do need to mention one item from previous reports.

First, our sincere congratulations to our host chorus and auxiliary for a very enjoyable and outstanding Sangerfest.

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Holiday Greetings From the Sioux Valley Singers Association

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WISH YOU A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEVE SANGEN

Edwin Kramer, Director

The accommodations at the Pheasant Run were so impressive. Maybe we had a unique situation on our floor, but it was rare to come out of the room or attend any part of our Sangerfest and not receive a warm greeting from hotel staff. It takes a lot of work to host this event, so again our sincere thanks!

We are currently preparing numbers for our Christmas concert, to be held Saturday, Dec. 8th, at 4 p.m. õcoffee time,ö hosted by Grand Valley Lutheran Church, given for the benefit of our local chapter of Love, Inc. (Love In The Name of Christ) Our audience will enjoy coffee, hot cider and baked goods during the concert.

Director Karli works hard each year to add variety and new selections to the concert program. It is exciting to prepare and feel and hear everything coming together.

Greetings to all our Brother-singers and their families, with best wishes to each of you for a wonderful Holiday season.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY Chicago IL

(The following was prepared for the previous issue, but left out due to the extra materials. We apologize to Thor and Normennenes for this omission. The report has been combined and edited with the current one.)

Fall is definitely here and the Chorus has been enjoying spirited rehearsals. Foremost on the agenda was the 142nd Anniversary concert and

dinner, held at a new venue: õChandlersö in Shaumburg, on Sat. Oct. 27th.

The concert program included: Sanger-Hilsen; Riders in the Sky; Gud Signe Norigs Land; Hav; I Midnattsolen; Drinking Song; Patriotic Fantasy; The Wild Rover; and Rett som Ørnen Stiger.

An added highlight to a very successful concert was a special piano performance by our accompanist Una Stroda, which was very enjoyable.

The arrangements for the evening were capably done by Hazel Peterson and Janet Wold. *Tusen Takk*. This included a wonderful dinner and dancing to a live band afterward. It was great to see past-president Dick Biehl and Gladys making their way from Lake Mills IA to our party!

We are happy to report the return of 1st Tenor Bill Johnson to our rehearsals after his recent stroke. He is healing well and certainly a welcome addition to our chorus. Unfortunately we will miss Thor Larson, as he is now in Graduate School in Texas; we wish him well. The average age of the chorus just got substantially higher! Another singer, Jerry Jensen, had recent back surgery and is recovering well and is also attending rehearsals.

Next on our schedule is our traditional Christmas concert and dinner Dec. 7th. The Chorus has been working hard on this objective and sounding very good. Another venue is coming up at the annual Norge Ski Jump on Jan. 27th. :Last year there were 4000 attending this event; it proved to be a most memorable and enjoyable event for the chorus. Our goal has been to have one event per month.

We wish everyone the Best of the Holiday Seasoní and Good Health in

the Coming New Year! May we not become so involved as to neglect the love of God, family and friends. *God Jul!*



Thor Fjell

Char Ciall

NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

The Nordics are off and singing for another season with music under way for the Yuletide ahead!

The men, with assistance from the ladies associated with the Chorus, began their jolly schedule Dec. 3rd at Regency Square Senior Living and Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, the latter before a Spanish group in the church.

On Dec. 10th they will sing at Westwood Nursing and Rehab as well as Holy Spirit Retirement Home.

The final Christmas program will be on Dec. 17th at Countryside Nursing and at Sunrise Retirement Community. Following the Sunrise program, the chorus and their assistants will enjoy their annual festive party.

A new treasurer, member Stan Ahrendt, has taken over that duty, and our president, Gary Munson, does the popcorn refreshments enjoyed after each practice. Stan is a busy man with additional duties as president of the Scandinavian Societies.

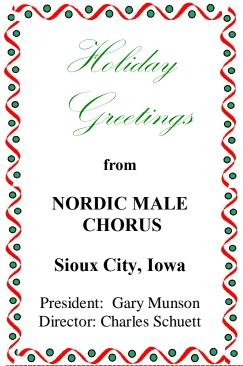
Following the Christmas schedule, the Chorus will recess until Jan. 21, 2013, when they will begin looking at music for the Sioux Valley Sangerfest in June.

When Ole was stopped at an Olympic track meet and asked if he

was a pole vaulter, he quickly replied, õNo, Iøm Norwegian and my name is not Valter.ö



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.





Valley Male Chorus sings at The Banquetøs Festival of Menøs Voices.

See p. 13 Photo by Rodney Hoff

With Warmest Season's Greetings To All Singers & Friends from the Norwegian Glee Club & Glee Club Auxiliary as we begin Preparations for your Sangerfest 2014

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> DEN NORSKE GLEE KLUBB I MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

Next on our schedule is our Christmas party put on by our auxiliary ladies, always a festive event with good food and fellowship. The entertainment is generated by our own members. Our perennial Master of Ceremonies, Joe Campion, has a vast reservoir of talent to put in the lineup. Itøs always a delight and amazement as to what happens when you turn them loose. And of course there will be singing and ancing around the tree and an all-sang of carols plus gifts for everyone to end the evening.

The other major event is, of course, Christmas concert at the Memorial Norwegian Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16th. Director Carsten has been working for weeks to put this together. We will be joined by the St. Paul Swedish Male Chorus, The American Swedish Institute Male Chorus and their cloudberries. The Mindekirken Choir and Lucia Singers will also be participating. Our rehearsals are now all focused on this very special event.

Glee Club membership has grown again with two new singers; more about them in the next issue. Our numbers are greater now than they have been for some years. This brings new vitality to our Club and enhances our presentations.

As I write this, it only two days before we will be singing at the Nordic Breakfast in the Bloomington Double Tree Hotel. This charitable annual event attracts about 800 early birds to share scrambled eggs at 6:30 a.m. and to hear from representatives of each of the Scandinavian countries and other notables. Considerable money is raised for the two chosen

charities, helping many needy families at this special time of the year. We are pleased to participate, even though getting up at 5:30 is no longer my thing.

Our dedicated Cheer Chairman, Phil Heide reported that everyone is in good health as we look forward to Christmas, and we send our best wishes to all NSAA singers and their families as we celebrate this special day.

Donøt let the following happen to you. An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m., and was asked where he was going at this time of the night. The man replied, õI am going to attend a lecture about gambling, fast women, alcohol abuse and the effects it has on your body, as well as smoking and staying out late.ö The office then asked, õReally? Who is giving that lecture at this time of the night?ö The man replied, õMy wife.ö



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

A Tribute to Arvid Carlsen

Born: December 23, 1914 Passed: November 5, 2012

Arvidøs singing voice was taken away in 2008 by way of a stroke. However for the most part he remained in good spirits.

Arvid was born in Chicago to Elvina and August Carlsen, both of whom came from Northern Norway. Arvid was always proud to call himself a *Nordlander*, an area of

Norway he came to know well from various trips taken back to Norway. Despite being born here, he was an excellent translator for our Norwegian, Swedish and Danish music. He was also versed to an extent in the Icelandic language.

Arvid was a graduate of Carl Schurz High School in 1933. In June 1941 he answered his countryøs call and enlisted in the US Army, serving as a medic in the 126th Infantry, receiving several medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart for being wounded in the Battle of Luzon in the Philippines.

After the War Arvid went on to earn a B.S. degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and went on to ply his trade as an Architect.

Some of the organizations he was close to are: Leif Erikson Lodge, Nordlandslaget (Past President), Icelandiic Association of Chicago and VFW Post 4946, 32nd Red Arrow Veterans Association.

Arvidøs greatest love had to be music, and he was very active with *Mindekirken* Choir, Chicago Swedish Male Chorus, Normennenes Singing Society and Bjornson Male Chorus. I had the good fortune to have had Arvid next to me for 12 years and Earl Bichel on my other side for 10 years.

The photo is of Arvid on the left with his longtime friend Tom Meland, taken just before a *Syttende Mai* parade in Park Ridge. The Melands were very important people in Arvidøs life; their daughters Carol Hoidahl and especially Lorraine and husband Perry Straw still are. Lorraine and Perry were taking care of Arvidøs final affairs.



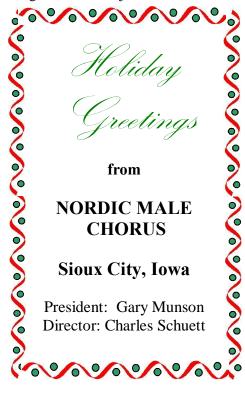
Arvid Carlsen and Tom Meland

There will be a Memorial Service for Arvid sometime after the first of the year; details forthcoming.

So long to a fine man and a dear Singer-brother.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Stavnem, Bjornson Male Chor.



God Jul og Godt Nyttar 2012



We wish our fellow singers and their families peace, prosperity, goodwill and good health!

From the Edvard Grieg Chorus Madison, WI

Dick Johnston Dwayne Berg John Beutel **Paul Larson Colin Cameron Jonathan Lewis Steve Christenson** Richard Lornson **David Drukenbrod Tom Martin-Erickson** Phil Dybdahl **Chuck Morkri Paul Eastwood Roger Morris Mark Everson David Nelson Steve Fortney Jack Nelson Carolyn Fuerst Russ Nelson Brian Gjermo Clyde Nyhus Phil Paulson** Jorgen Goderstad Jim Griffin Jim Pettersen Jon Grinde **Doug Pfundheller** Paul Haakenson **Norm Sime** Jim Hanson Jim Svanoe **Tony Hartmann** Linda Svanoe **Gary Hendrickson** Al Swain **Orin Hermundstad** Al Wahl

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EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI

Our Chorus performed at the Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge on October 26 as part of õDestination Stoughtonö weekend. We had a great turnout of both the Chorus and the audience, and we sang a full program of songs that lasted over an hour. Linda Svanoe stepped in as our director, and she did a great job directing as well as accompanying us on the recorder. Following the concert we enjoyed a time of fellowship with members of the lodge who served a variety of Norwegian treats and delicacies to all who attended the event.

Chorus member Jon Lewis, 2010 NSAA President and leader of our successful Sangerfest 2010 in Madison, underwent serious back surgery on November 9. The complicated surgery was successful, and Jon is now recovering at home. All of us extend our wishes to Jon for a full and speedy recovery, and we look forward to his return to active duty with the Chorus.



John Lewis

Our next concert is scheduled for December 3rd when we will perform for the Red Cross of Constantine at the Nakoma Country Club in Madison. Red Cross of Constantine is a Masonic organization that always

holds its annual meeting and holiday gala in December.

The Chorus will hold its Christmas Party on December 11 at Idun Lodge in Madison. This annual holiday potluck features performances by individual members of the Chorus as well as a full serving of Norwegian jokes by Dwayne Berg, our social director. We typically end the celebration with the singing of traditional Christmas carols and a song dedicated to our spouses and special guests.

All of us in the Edvard Grieg

Chorus wish our fellow singers and their families a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

Best Wishes for a joyous, music filled Christmas Season

VETERAN CHORUS

Ronald Beck, President
Bob Lillie, Vice-President
Larry L. Lubbert, SecretaryTreasurer
Bernhard Gluth, Director

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

The Mandskor is well into our fall season at this writing. We continue to have new singers joining us occasionally. Some decide they like what we have to offer; others find that Norwegian Choruses are not a fit for them. Two men who have decided to join our ranks are Ty Henschel in the baritone section and Larry Luinenburg with the basses. More on these fellows in future Mandskor Member Spotlights.

We had a wonderful trip to Minneapolis again this year. We left very early, October 20, to arrive at the Paddleford Boat Company dock by 10:00 AM. The Octoberfest meal which was part of the 4 hour cruise was well received by our group. Although we had heavy fog that morning, the sun broke through giving us a good view of some wonderful fall scenery and wildlife, including a Bald Eagle. After some time to check into our motel, we moved on to the Old Log Theater where we saw a production of othe Perfect Wedding.ö

October 21, we sang at First Lutheran Church in Le Sueur MN. We had a major role in the morning worship and were given the proceeds of a free will offering as well as a wonderful meal following the service. We backtracked a few miles to stop at Jimøs Apple Farm, Minnesotaøs largest candy store, before heading back to Sioux Falls.

October 22, we sang a concert for Trail Ridge Retirement Community. This was well attended by their residents, among whom are the parents of our accompanist, Deanna.

We had our annual meeting, at which we reaffirmed our president

Kirk Preheim and treasurer Roger Amdahl. Norm Braak is our vice president and John Rasmusson is serving as secretary/corresponding secretary.

November 4, we participated in the annual fundraiser for The Banquet, our local soup kitchen. This is called the Festival of Menøs Voices and includes five male choruses from the Sioux Falls area. November 26, we sang a concert at Bethany Meadows in Brandon, SD. Our former member, Don Zweep and wife Flora reside there. They have a much improved performance area and we enjoyed singing there very much.

We had our Christmas party/dinner, December 3, and report that it was an evening full of laughter and entertainment. John Pollman, son of member Jim Pollman, sang accompanied by his wife Amber. We also played some games which added to the levity and as always sang together before calling it an night.

We are still entertaining the idea of recording a CD/DVD, so much of our fall rehearsal time has been spent with that in mind. We are now on break until February to allow for those who go south to do so without missing rehearsals.

We wish all a Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year! Respectfully submitted,



Terry Walter, for John Rasmusson, Corresponding Secretary





WISHING ALL OF OUR
SINGER BROTHERS AND
LADIES A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sincerely,, Roger and Leslie Stavnem



Seasons Greetings A Blessed Christmas And A Happy New Year

DAVID AND GAIL JUDISCH
DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF



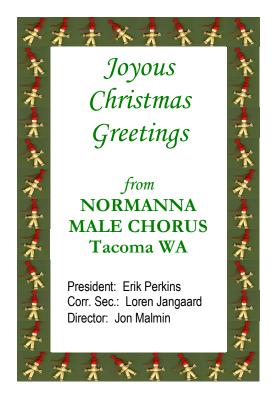
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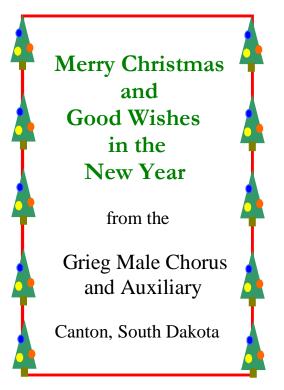
By the time of the publication of this article, several notable events (singing or otherwise) will have gone by, and more lie in the future for the holidays. As planned we did sing at the õFestival of Menøs Voices.ö mentioned in the last We individually offered issue. three songs within the patriotic õRock-A Soulö, theme. My õShenandoahö, and a variation of õGod Bless the U.S.A.ö program closed with the massed chorus of one hundred voices singing õAmerica the Beautifulö, as arranged by James Mulholland.

Following the õFestivalö our musical focus shifted to the holidays. We have three December singing opportunities scheduled to-date. One is at the Washington Crossing retirement home, a second at the Touchmarkat-All-Saints retirement community, and the third at the South Dakota Penitentiary Jameson All three of these are Annex. annual revisits at this time of year.

Shifting away from music for a moment, other notable events have occurred or are planned. On October 19, we again hosted our annual Lutefisk supper. This year we served over 500 patrons, all who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the fare.

On October 29, one of our longtime (now retired) members, Milton Steen and his wife, Elinor,



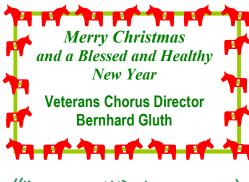


 70^{th} celebrated their wedding anniversary at an open house at home their at **Bethany** Meadows/Bethany Home in Brandon SD. Milt, while active with the glee club, sang tenor, served as President for two years, and chaired our Lutefisk suppers for several years. We wished them our heartiest congratulations.

On November 5th, we observed the Glee Clubos 84th anniversary of our 1928 charter. The next week, at our November business meeting, we installed our officers for 2012-2013. Steve Espeland became Darrell President. Espeland became vice-president, Rodney Hoff became recording secretary, and I will remain as the corresponding secretary. In addition to our performance obligations for December we will have a Christmas dinner ourselves and our families December 4th. Santa always makes an appearance. As many of you know we have a very special õinö with that kindly gentleman.

Stan Hesby

In closing I would like to mention a singing opportunity we had on October 3rd. The date is significant because it was less than three weeks following the tragic death of our member, Stan Hesby.





For background, Stan, for many months, had been key and the linchpin in an event inviting a group of Norwegian farmers and their spouses to his farm in Volga SD following their visit to the HøstFest in Minot ND this year.

Their trip had been organized through the agricultural magazine, *Bondebladet*. Stan extended an invitation for them to visit his farm to see his collection of antique tractors and those of his neighbors. Stan had a life-long passion for antique tractors and had collected a number of them.

That visit was to be on October 3rd. Stanøs friends and his wife, Marilyn, agreed to press on with the event in his memory. Some 46 tractors, cars, and other equipments were assembled on the Hesby

farm. That morning 40 guest farmers and their spouses arrived mid-morning to view that display. Marilyn had asked if we (the Glee Club) would be a part of the guestsø welcome as a tribute to Stan. We sang the Norwegian National Anthem. The guests were genuinely attentive and appreciative of our efforts.

Tours of the equipment then followed, with lots of energized discussion between hosts and guests. Stan had been central to the planning of this event, and to the planning and implementation of many others within his community. His spirit lives on. We were fortunate to have had him as a member of our Norse Glee Club. We were honored to pay this last tribute to him.

Gail Kristensen, Corr. Secy.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

The week before the elections we had two surprise visitors at rehearsal. The photographer was Swedish, the correspondent was Norwegian, and they were in Iowa, a vippestaten, (swing state) to cover the election for the Norwegian newspaper VG (Verdens Gang). They came to Decorah, a õNorwegian city,ö to the home of Larry and Lavonne Munson, and were invited to sit in on the

rehearsal, taking lots of pictures of our men, which can be seen on the magazines web www.vg.no. Their article was titled *Obamas* "norske"hær (Obamas Norwegian Army).

We have another returnee to our ranks from several years ago. Tim Samuelson sang with Luren back in the 30s for a couple years, while he was serving as Administrator of the Good Samaritan Homes in Postville and West Union. He moved on to a similar position at St. Johnos Lutheran Home in Albert Lea MN. He and his wife Jane still live there, but Tim is now also handling duties at the Nursing Home in Harmony MN, so he decided to take advantage of the nearness to Decorah and sing with us again. He sings Second Tenor.

The Holiday Season is upon us with its usual busyness. We caroled in the Vesterheim Museum and three area care facilities on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, ending with a fine Luren family party at Good Shepherd Lutheran, hosted by our directors and their wives. Dr. David Judisch said we sang the equivalence of three concerts during that afternoon.

Our final pre-break appearance will be at the Opera House in Elkader IA on Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 3 p.m. with a meal and party following at Johnsonøs Reception Hall, a restaurant in that town. The National Brass Quintet of the Elkader area will assist us on some selections. Both concert and party are in different venues; we usually sing in churches for Christmas. We thank Larry Landsgard for all his efforts in lining these up.

Rehearsals will resume Jan. 28th.

Larry Lubbert, head of our Tour Committee, has done preliminary work on two options for tours, either in late June or late September. Results of the survey favor our taking a tour to Northern Wisconsin in Sept.

(Cribbed from *Kontakt* publication of The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church of Chicago:

Ole and Lars were working for the city public works department in Wisconsin. Ole would dig a hole and Lars would follow behind and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one digging the hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldnot understand what they were doing. So he asked Ole, õlom impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I donot get it. Why do you dig a hole,

only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?ö

Ole, the hole-digger, wiped his brow and sighed, õVell, I suppose it looks odd because weøre normally a three-

person team. But today, Sven, who plants da trees, called in sick.ö)



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

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



God Jul & Godt Nytt År

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Luren Singing Society

Decorah, IA

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We the members of the Luren Singing Society family wish one and all fellowsingers 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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PCNSA 2012 San Diego Sangerfest a Great Success.

Report by Alf Knudsen

A large ÷collective sigh of reliefø has been heard all over San Diego ó and why not? The tightly knit Norwegian group of singers can relax ó but only till the next season of singing sets in ó after hosting a smashingly successful *Sangerfest*. Even the weather cooperated, with temperatures in a comfortable 90°s+ as opposed to the 100°s+ that since have hit õAmericaøs Finest Cityö.

"The Feminine Touch"...Founded in 1993 the 'San Diego Mannskor' hosted its first Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association (PCNSA) Sangerfest in 1996. After a 16-year respite the 16-voice chorus showed the world what a small group of men can accomplish with the right attitude, leadership and a whole lot of enthusiasm and hard work. Perhaps the fact that the chorus is one of only two PCNSA male choruses with lady directors at the helm ó Joyce Olsen of 'San Diego Mannskor' and Kathy Haug of 'Vestre Sund Mannskor' of Poulsbo ó also has something to do with the energy displayed!

This is by no means meant to belittle the role the wives played in this most successful *Sangerfest*. Their untiring work behind the scene was very obvious and appreciated by both out-of-town guest singers and their spouses, especially in the area of the hospitality room, which was as well stocked with a supply of Norwegian cookies from *krumkake* to *kransekake* and every conceivable delicacy in between enviable by any reputable bakery in any Norwegian community. Gallons of coffee (and other libations) were consumed and the pot never ran dry during our three-day stay.

This may indeed have been the offrosting on the cakeo but the real reason for the men assembling in Southern California was by no means neglected. Directors Ed Amundson and Dr. Jon Malmin of with assistance from Dr. Alf L.

Knudsen and Ms. Joyce Olsen ó fused the 106 individual singers representing the 12 choruses into one accordant PCNSA Mass Chorus.

Grand Concertí At the main event Concert Host Sven-Ivar Olsen, President of the host chorus, introduced Directors Amundson, Malmin and Accompanist Dr. Jeffrey Highland to an enthusiastic :full houseø audience, which was treated to a fine-tuned typical Sangerfest program ó printed in the July-Aug issue of Sanger-Hilsen.

Musical Arrangements. The PCNSA has been blessed with an oemerging groupö of fine arrangers over the past few years, specifically Peter F. Butler Jr., Director of the Thorsmen (Salem, OR) who has brought life to some of the õdear old belovedö Norwegian songs. A more recent composition. Gunstein Draugedalenøs "Doggdropen" has become one of Butlerøs favorite male chorus arrangements featuring soprano soloist accompanied by piano, guitar and violin. This year's new additions to the PCNSA repertoire were "Aftensolen smiler" arranged by Butler and the husband-wife team of Steve and Betty Jensen, and Joyce Olsenøs male chorus arrangement of the old Petter Dass hymn "Herre Gud, ditt dyre navn" set to an old Norwegian Folk Melody, a cappella with Christian Sanches playing a violin obbligato.

Appropriately, the evening squest artist was Thelma Johannesen, Soprano, who presented a group of Edvard Grieg selections accompanied John Danke, piano. Ms. Johannesen was also soloist at the 1996 Sangerfest. The Mannskor and the entire San Diego Norwegian community are indeed proud to feature this outstanding local talent. She also shone with the Mass Chorus in "Doggdropen" and "Aftensolen smiler". Erik Eliason, tenor and Peter F. Butler, baritone did an outstanding job in Anton Dvorak sofoin of Home.ö

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Bjornson Male Chorus

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