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A number of correspondents for this issue remark on cancellations of rehearsals due to the difficult winter conditions. The number of mornings below zero Fahrenheit is greater than in years going back to the late 1970s.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

As I write this, many folks are immersed in the wait for the naming of Oscar winners while there is even more tension among our singers awaiting the ballot results for the new officers of our Glee Club. Campaigning has been spirited. There was even one candidate blocking an aisle (ala New Jersey) to prevent some members from voting. But that was eventually opened by our Marshal and voting proceeded.

We can now announce the results. Three new members have won seats on the Executive Board. Jerry Dokka

is the new Financial Secretary; Paul Solstad, Marshal; and Arne Selbyg, Secretary for Associate Members. These are added to the strong team of incumbents: Herb Nelson, Pres.; Bob Olson #2, Vice Pres.; Ron Hemstad, Recording Sec.; Lee Randall, Treas. and Ted Anderson, Bus. Mgr.

Other newly elected officers include Earl Evanstad, Asst. Marshal; Dennis Sorheim, Asst. Music Director; and Phil Heide, Music Com. Chmn.

Pres. Nelson thanked all for their help and involvement that made 2013 a great year for the Glee Club, and we can be assured that with this strong

team in place, 2014 will be also. That includes, of course, the BIENNIAL SANGERFEST of the NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA in Minneapolis June 12-14, that will be memorable for all singers.

Since the last Sangerfest we have had, of course, our Christmas party, where the fast talents of our members were again on display. Maestro Joe Campion was at the podium to introduce soloist Gary Rust; a piano duet by Carston and Martha; the inimitable Button Box/comedy performer Earl Evanstad; and of course Gudmund Julseth with his gang of eight Norwegians (and one Dane) singing a selection of songs as only they can. A fun night for all and hosted as usual by our dedicated Auxiliary ladies.

Our Christmas concert with combined participation of the Swedish Institute Chorus and *Mindekirken* Church Choir was well attended. On Jan. 6th we provided a concert at *Mindekirken* as part of their *Julebord* fundraising dinner. Special appreciation for our efforts was acknowledged by the dinner organizers, and we gave them a special treat as they waited for the parade of Santa Clauses who were bringing in the special desserts. Our first tenor soloist Bjorn Lasserud sang all three verses of *Hälsa Dem Där Hemma*, with an accordion accompanist. All singers were given extra desserts as a reward.

Cheer committee members Phil Heide and Duane Olson reported that Clarence Hanson and Bob Berndt are having better days, for which we are very grateful. We are fortunate also that all of the other singers are

surviving quite well up in this frozen tundra. We have had great numbers at rehearsals and concerts.

Here we grow again, introducing new singer Phil Peterson. He's a native Minnesotan, who lived early years in Illinois and North Dakota before returning to graduate from Hendrum High School. That was followed by Augsburg College and a degree in sociology. His entire career as given to various aspects of social work. He retired in 2006. Phil and his wife live in Shoreview, centrally located to most of their five children and six grandchildren. He enjoys yard and garden work, volunteering and woodworking, and is an active member of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville.



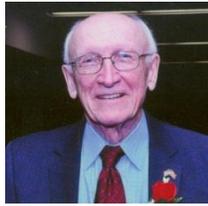
Phil Peterson

His Norwegian heritage stems from his immigrant grandparents. His father, a Lutheran pastor, began his career in the Norwegian Synod, preaching in Norwegian; his mother taught Bible School in the "mother" tongue. He has fond memories of listening to his parents singing duets in Norwegian well into their 90s. Thanks to Duane Olson for encouraging this fine First Bass singer to join our glee Club. A great addition.

For a smile: *Water in the Carburetor*. WIFE: "There is water in the carburetor." HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's

ridiculous!ö WIFE: öI tell you there is water in the carburetor.ö HUSBAND: öYou don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where is the car?ö WIFE: öIn the pool.ö

"He must pay?"A husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her mother and said, öHe fought with me again. I am coming home to live with you.ö Mom said, öNo, darling. He must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you.ö



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

Sunday, Jan. 26th, our chorus performed at the opening ceremonies of the 109th annual Norge Ski Jump tournament in Fox River Grove IL. Besides the Norwegian and American national anthems we sang öWinter Songö and öDo You Fear the Wind?ö We were fortunate to have a break in the weather, upper 20s and very little wind, as we sang outside in our Norwegian sweaters.

The event was well attended, with estimates of 4000 attendance. There was an international flavor for the day with jumpers from Norway, Finland and Slovenia. We were totally entertained by the jumping with a few jumps topping 80 meters. The hospitality extended to us by the Norge Ski Club, our hosts for the day, was outstanding.

Our next scheduled performance will be on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at the Torske Club luncheon at the Des Plaines Elks, and is öLadies Day,ö which will enhance the day because the wives of our singers will be included in the day's activities. The scheduled music selections for the day, besides the National Anthems are "Sentimental Journey" and "Aura Lee."

Additional performances include a Lenten service at Frank Potempasö church where he is director of the children's chorus. We are working also on an invitation from *Minnekirken*, Chicago.

Our 34th annual Festival of Song is scheduled for Friday, March 14th, when we invite other choruses to perform individually and we conclude with all choruses singing together. Also we have confirmed our annual spring concert for Friday, May 2nd.

All of our singers are anxiously looking forward to Sangerfest 2014. We have been rehearsing the music, and we will have a hospitality room ready and able to host visitors.

Leve Sangen,



Thor Fjell

**NORDIC MALE CHORUS
Sioux City IA**

Deadline for this issue (Jan. 20) also marks the date of our resuming rehearsals following the holiday recess.

Chorus members emptied their folders of Yuletide music and then ran

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through some warm-up melodies. They will be rehearsing national Sangerfest selections in subsequent sessions. Refreshments, including popcorn, concluded the opener.

Meantime, Director Chuck Schuett, Treasurer Stan Ahrendt and Ed Stone, Sioux Valley Singers Association President, have traveled to Beresford SD to confer with Sioux Falls and Canton choruses to begin future SVSA Sangerfest planning.

Two surgeons and a dermatologist were having lunch when the surgeons began to laugh hysterically. The dermatologist asked the doctors why they were laughing. "Sorry, you wouldn't understand," one said. "It's an inside joke!"



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Dear Singer brothers:

January 2014 has really had it in for us. The chorus has had to cancel two of the last three weeks of rehearsals because of the sub-zero temps we've been coping with. We're not used to being exposed to such low temps in this part of the country, especially with a wind chill of -40 F.

I'm sure you fellows up north of us are used to this freezing weather, so I'd just quit whining.

Bjornson managed to fulfill all of our dates in December, four concerts in all. *Minnekirken's* Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 15th is always the top. The endless flow of

talent is unbelievable. One group of singers followed by another chorus, soloist in between, then violins in a "Hoedown." Then the Nordic Ladies treated us with their magic, and finally Bjornson did our thing. What a wonderful evening of fellowship and song.

Our Christmas concert dinner on Friday, Dec. 20th, at the Avalon was well attended once more. We sang a couple songs; then dinner was served.

Phil Holmes was the MC. He kept the audience in a jolly mood with his Ole-and-Lena jokes. Then we had sing-alongs. In between were treats by three duets (I'd tell you who they were in my next report) and as usual the chorus brings down the house and everyone goes home!!

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

We are coming off our post-holiday recess, and will begin "Spring" rehearsals Monday, February 3rd. Considering the weather we have had so far this year, maybe those "snowbirds" have a good idea after all.

I am saddened to report this month the passing of another of our long time members. Roger D. Wold died on Monday, January 13, 2014 in Sioux Falls SD, following complications from a stroke he suffered several days earlier. He was 87 years of age, and had sung

Baritone in the Glee Club for many years.

Besides his musical contributions, he will be best remembered for a lively sense of humor. He and his wife, Rhoda, had been married for 66 years. The Glee Club was asked to sing at his funeral service on Friday January 17, and was honored to do so. We performed *Den Store Hvide Flokø* and *The Lord's Prayer*. Several attendees expressed their appreciation at our presence and our efforts.

This month, also, saw a continuation of a 15-year tradition for us when George and Judy Regan played co-hosts at a mid-winter evening of *Court Whist*. It is an event of card-playing, fellowship, and enjoying good food.

Of note, Judy initiated the crock-pot she won in a drawing last month at our Christmas party with a recipe of Apple Brown Betty to the delight of everyone. We changed card-playing partners every few hands, and rotated, as scores dictated, among the four tables this year. Prizes were awarded at the end of the evening for high scorer and low scorer. Typically, yours truly avoids either distinction. But this year, through skillful play I am sure, I wound up with the men's LOW score prize. Maybe next year I can make it two-in-a-row.

As ever, the musical selections for the Sangerfest in June look daunting today, but generally we accept these challenges, and things seem to work well for us eventually.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Secy.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison WI

What a winter this has been! Our two performances in December went well and our Christmas potluck on December 10 was a success. All three of these events were scheduled on Tuesday evenings, our regular practice night. We took the next two Tuesdays off as they were Christmas and New Years respectively. Then the winter weather took its toll and the first two scheduled practices in 2014 had to be canceled. The practice on January 7 was canceled when the temperature fell to -16 degrees with strong winds and a resulting wind chill of -50 degrees.

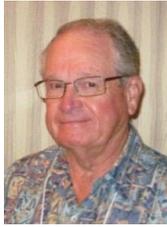
The January 14 practice was canceled due to a snowstorm that produced extremely slippery roads. Counting the scheduled activities in December and the holiday break, our Chorus has been unable to practice for seven weeks! We hope to resume practicing the Sangerfest music at our next practice on January 21. We have already been warned that make-up practices are likely.

Over the holidays our Chorus received the news that our very talented accompanist, Carolyn Fuerst, has decided to move to Minnesota to be closer to her family. Carolyn has been with us for five years and was the accompanist for Sangerfest 2010 held in Madison.

We will truly miss Carolyn, not only for her musicianship, but for the warm, patient, and friendly person that she has been despite having to work with all of us "grumpy old men." The music committee of the Chorus is busy at work recruiting a new accompanist, but replacing Carolyn will be very difficult.

With the success of last year's St. Patrick's Day concert at the Opera House in Stoughton, discussions are now underway about a possible repeat performance in March. Planning is preliminary at this point, but it gives us something to look forward to.

Finally, Chorus members are excited about the upcoming Super Bowl as two former Badger football stars will be playing. Russell Wilson, quarterback for the Seattle Seahawks, and Monte Ball, Denver Broncos running back, both set school records and played in Rose Bowl games as members of University of Wisconsin Big 10 Championship football teams. Since the Packers aren't playing, it doesn't matter which team wins.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR **Sioux Falls SD**

The months of December, 2013 and January, 2014 were relatively quiet for the Mandskor.

Because it happened after the deadline for November-December, it should be noted that Chorus member Bill Hoffman and his wife, Marta, hosted a number of us at his home following the November 25 rehearsal for an enjoyable time of fellowship, drinks, and appetizers.

Our last official activity for 2013 was the Christmas party on December 2. As usual, it was a festive evening of delicious food, a little wine, and entertainment by three quartets. The

quartet members included several from Mandskor í Gospel Gold (Bill Hoffman, Bob Viet, Dennis Wollman, and Jake Van Den Hul), The Messengers (Marlan Velgersdyk, Bob Viet, Ray Schnabel, and Brent Tjeerdsma), and Mogen's Heroes (Bill Hoffman, John Mogen, and Denny Gale). The Auxiliary ladies did a wonderful job of decorating, providing goodies, and organizing a hilarious game with prizes to close the program.

On December 17 we participated in a program of music following the services for Phyllis (Jake) Van Den Hul at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. Phyllis was an auxiliary member, and loved life and all kinds of music. Phyllis passed away December 12, after a battle with ovarian cancer.

Activities for Mandskor will resume on Monday, February 3. Rehearsals will be focused on preparing for the NSAA Sangerfest in Minneapolis in June. Joint rehearsals with the other Sioux Valley Singers choruses will start on March 31, hosted by the Norse Glee Club.

Respectfully submitted,



John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY **Decorah IA**

We were able to get our caroling and pre-Christmas concert in before the winter weather set in, although we did have some snow on both dates.

With fine publicity we had excellent attendance at the concert at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia MN. The Thankful Brass group of six men from the Spring Grove area led us off, and Rachel Grippen Storlie did fine solo work on several numbers. In our concluding piece, *Variations on Jingle Bells*, there were about three places where we could have ended the singing. At each time the audience broke into applause, only to learn that we were not done singing yet! It gave a rather surprising ending to the whole concert. Fun!

Just after Christmas, we learned of the death of Rev. Robert Hansen, who had sung with Luren for over 20 years before retiring to Northfield MN. His obituary is on page 9. We sang at the memorial service held in Northfield on Jan. 11th.

We note too the death of Mary Martinson, widow of Harold, at the end of December.

We were scheduled to resume rehearsals Jan. 27th, but bad weather led the schools to cancel for the day, so we followed suit.

With uncertain weather again on Feb. 3rd, we did come together in much smaller numbers and dug in on several new pieces. We learned too that another former Luren member, Clarence Amundson, had died Feb. 2. His obituary is also on page 9. We had the privilege of sharing in that memorial service on Feb. 6th.

With Easter late this year, we have one Lenten service on our singing schedule, at Decorah Lutheran, on April 2nd. We expect another invite by an out of town congregation.

Our highlight concert of the year is with the Luther Norsemen, set for May 11th at Decorah Lutheran Church.

Luren Spotlight

Sophia Huang was born in Orange County CA to parents who were born in China. She is the slightly older of twins. In 1994 the family moved to Fort Dodge IA. She began taking lessons on piano at age six. She was in many musical groups in High School.

Sophia will graduate from Luther College in 2014 with a major in voice and piano. She sang with Aurora, the first-year women's choir and for these last three years has been part of Nordic Choir (although she decided to not be a member her last semester).



Sophia Huang

Dr. Judisch recruited her as Luren's accompanist, and delights in introducing her as "from Eastern Norway." She has done and will be doing solos for some of our numbers too.

She surprised us at our rehearsal on Feb. 3rd by announcing that she had gotten engaged over New Year's!

She describes Luren as "a very fun group, enjoyable, with lots of energy."

Obituary

Clarence E. Amundson was born July 29, 1925, at rural Clermont IA, one of six sons and one daughter of Ole and Nina (Loftsgard) Amundson.

Clarence graduated from Clermont High School and lineman school training in Chicago, served in the Korean War, and worked as a lineman for ACE Telephone, from which he retired in 1987.

Clarence and Johanna (Jo) Anderson were married Sept. 18, 1954 in Cedar Falls IA. They were parents of three children.

He loved to sing. He and most of his brothers joined the Luren Singers of Decorah and attended rehearsals and concerts faithfully. He was often a soloist; one of his favorites was *Norge mit Norge*. Reluctantly he retired from Luren after over 25 years with many fond memories of tours, including three times to Norway.



Clarence Amundson

Clarence died Feb. 2, 2014 at the Good Samaritan Center in West Union IA, where he and Jo had lived for several years.

He was preceded in death by parents and three brothers: Almer, Morris and Clifford, and two sisters-in-law: Norma and Hildur.

Surviving are his widow, children: Caren Reaves, Eric and Olin with their families, totalling eight grandchildren; two brothers: Art and Kenny, one sister, Norene Landsgard,; and one sister-in-law, Marjorie Amundson.

The memorial service was held Feb. 5th at East Clermont Lutheran Church,

to which he belonged from the time of his baptism as a child.

As expected, the service was one of much singing, including Luren's presence and singing of *Den Store Hvide Flok* and *Aftensang*.

Obituary

Pastor Robert N. Hansen was born May 15, 1927 and grew up in Greenville MI. He graduated from High School in 1945 as valedictorian, and entered the US Navy at the end of WW II.

Bob graduated from Dana College at Blair NB in 1949, then went on to the Trinity Seminary, also at Blair, and was ordained upon graduation in 1952. That same year he married Betty (Beck), whom he had met in the summer of 1949.

Bob served Brooklyn WI Lutheran Church for one year, then moved on to St. John's at Oregon WI for four years followed by 4+ year stint at Pella Lutheran in Selma CA. They returned to the Midwest to serve St. Peter Lutheran Church, Northfield MN from Dec. 1962-Jan. 1978. He then accepted a call to a two-point parish near Harmony MN. This enabled him to join the Luren Singers, with which he sang baritone for 27 years. He retired in 1992, but remained in Harmony until moving back to Northfield in 2008.



Robert Hansen

Bob lived in the Northfield Retirement Community while Alzheimer's gradually took its toll on his mind. He participated in Mayo Clinic's Alzheimer's project and bequeathed his body to the Clinic and Mayo Medical School.

Bob died Dec. 29, 2013. His widow Betty, one son Mark Bach, and three daughters with their children, are left to mourn his death.

The Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Robert Hansen was held at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Northfield MN Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014. Betty had arranged for Luren members to travel to Northfield via bus. The service was a multi-media review of the many aspects of Bob's wonderful life, with lots of music. Luren sang *Den Store Hvide Flok* and *We Shall Walk through the Valley*. Truly it was a memorial service to remember.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

New Year's Greetings to you all! On Dec. 7th our chorus presented the annual Christmas concert, hosted by Grand Valley Lutheran congregation. The 4 p.m. concert was again given to benefit the Lincoln Co. SD chapter of Love, Inc. (Love in the Name of Christ). During the concert the audience enjoyed baked goods with coffee and hot cider, and joined in caroling during the program. It is a very fun and relaxing performance for us and, as a chorus, we were very

delighted and thankful that a large collection was received for Love, Inc.

On Mon., Dec. 9th, the annual Christmas party was held at Grand Valley fellowship hall. The buffet banquet was followed by a short program of games and music. One game included passing Christmas stockings, provided at each table and, by touch, guessing the contents. Most guessed items like the pencil, marble, or crayon. However, one item slipped by everyone, a small package of lutefisk! Following the program everyone enjoyed coffee and treats provided by the Grieg ladies.

Dec. 31st our chorus sang at the funeral of our former accompanist, Ruth Beck. Ruth was Grieg Male Chorus accompanist from 1992-2012, when failing health made it necessary for her to move to an assisted living unit. I have often wished there had been an accompanist recognition in the NSAA, as Ruth and her husband Arne attended all national Sangerfests through our evening in Fargo in 2008.



Ruth Beck

Ruth accompanied our chorus one last time in May 2013, when we sang at the assisted living unit where she lived. That performance ended up being the last time she played a piano and, as people came to the visitation or funeral service, that performance was playing on a laptop.

The service was one of true celebration of her life. Of course there were tears, but equal were the smiles and laughter when, during his eulogy, Ruth's grandson stated that the family was always amazed that a staunch, full-blooded German woman would dedicate 20 years of her life to a Norwegian chorus. Ruth loved it when people really sang out as she played. That was very evident that day as during each hymn the sanctuary was filled with harmony honoring her memory. We will miss her greatly.

Our chorus has been on break through the month of January, but will resume rehearsals on Mon., Feb. 3rd. As I look at the location of each of the member choruses of NSAA, it's obvious all of us are in a "winter wonderland." Here's hoping all of you are healthy, happy, and WARM(!), as we all prepare to enjoy another national Sangerfest.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

PCNSA NEWS

In the Jan. 19, 2014 issue of The Seattle Times, a Local News article featured the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle, which will host the PCNSA Sangerfest June 21 at Seattle's McCaw Hall. The Seattle Chorus is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year and for the 105th time will join other West Coast male choruses for the special events. Some of the NSAA chorus members will recall the Centennial Sangerfest in 1989 when we had the opportunity to share our love of singing.

The article gives some of the spirit of a rehearsal. "We're going to imitate French horns," said Alf Lunder Knudsen, a longtime member and one of the directors of the Seattle group. As Knudsen was about to give the downbeat he asked "What's the problem there? Just blow through your lips." Someone muttered "I can't read the notes." "Put your glasses on!" Knudsen shouted.

The oldest member of the chorus is Harry Solheim at 92 years. Why does he make the trip from Mukilteo to Seattle for chorus rehearsal each week? "I like to sing," Solheim explained that his father was once in the chorus so joining was easy.

The youngest member of the Seattle Chorus is Howard Sluason at 55 years. He is unsure if he is second, third, or fourth generation Norwegian and barely knows lutefisk from lefse. Sluason explains "The music is robust, manly music. We sing of the ocean, things that resonate with me personally."

Allan Ferris, a member of the Everett Norwegian Male Chorus said the closest he comes to having Scandinavian blood "is getting a transfusion in a Minnesota hospital!"

Harmonizing for Good Health.

This is the title of an article which appeared in the Jan.-Feb. 2014 issue of the AARP Bulletin. The article states that a professor at the U. of California in San Francisco has studied choruses in Finland and found an improved quality of life among older choir members. Another study at Georgetown University concluded that older adults who sang in a chorus had fewer falls, fewer doctor visits, and less loneliness.

48th Biennial Sioux Valley Sangerfest Minutes
(continued from Sept. Oct. 2013 Sanger-Hilsen, p.13)

New Business

MSC(Stone/Amend) that a memorial service honoring the following deceased members be included in the 2013 Sangerfest Concert Program:

Minnehaha Mandskor: Winston Hill, Myron Larson, Kirk Preheim, Robert Stenberg

Norse Glee Club: Gene Bennet, Elmer Hovland, Stanley Hesby,

Grieg Male Chorus: Maynard Lintvedt, **Nordic Male Chorus:** John M. Kvidal

Awards. MSC that the following Sioux Valley Singers Association medals be presented and members recognized:

Names are listed on page 5, July-Aug. 2013 *SangerHilsen*

President Hepner presented a letter to Board of Directors by Joe Issakson dated May 6, 2013 in regard to creating a storage container (box) to store historical materials for the Sioux Valley Singers Association at the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD. Letter was read to the delegates by Secretary Beck. Copy attached to minutes.

MSC(Gail/Marlan) to direct secretary to submit SVSA historical data/copies to the Center for Western Studies.

Medals exchange procedure discussed. Medal recipients to turn in the former medal for a new medal with the appropriate bar attached to simplify the process during presentation of the medals.

Sangerhilsen ads discussed. M/S/C to authorize payment for next two \$45 Christmas ads and \$15 club index fee.

President Hepner discussed new policy by NSAA for recognition of members who have completed 20, 25, or 30 or more Sangerfests. This would be a plaque and a special gold lapel pin. Also a lapel pin for 5, 10 and 15 years. No objection was given on this by the delegates.

After considerable discussion on whether or not the SVSA should consider having 501 C-3 status for the 2016 NSAA Sangerfest it was moved by Ode, second by Kortemeyer to direct the executive committee to pursue the cost of the 501 C-3 status for the SVSA and then proceed with how to fund the cost. Motion carried.

Selection of next convention city:

Invitation by Gary Munson from Nordic Male Chorus to host the 2015 SVSA Sangerfest in Sioux City, Iowa.

M/S/C(Stene/Kortemeyer) to accept the bid from Nordic Male Chorus.

Election of officers

The following were nominated for the various elected positions:

President Ed Stone Nordic Male Chorus

Vice President David Lien Norse Glee Club

Secretary Ronald Beck Minnehaha Mandskor

Treasurer David Stene Norse Glee Club

Marshal Larry Weil Nordic Male Chorus

Director Lyle Kroon Norse Glee Club and Terry Walter Minnehaha Mandskor

Associate Director Chuck Schuett

A secret ballot was cast for the position of director which resulted in Terry Walter being elected as Director.

A separate vote was taken for the balance of the officers. All in favor.

Closing prayer was given by President Hepner.

M/S/C Meeting adjourned.

Ronald D. Beck, Secretary SVSA

60th Sangerfest 2014 Events Schedule

| Time | Event | Location |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday June 12, 2014 | | |
| 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Registration | Hotel Hallway to Ballroom |
| 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Velkommen Kaffee | Registration and Hotel logic Room |
| 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Transportation Tickets | Registration Table or Nordic Butikk |
| 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Mini Tour Signup | At Registration Table |
| 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Raffle Ticket Sales | Nordic Butikk -Hotel Gallery Room |
| 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Nordic Butikk | Hotel Gallery Room |
| 1:15 p.m. | Sangefest 2014 Opening | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 1:30 p.m. | Mass Chorus Rehearsal | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 3:30 p.m. | Individual Chorus Rehearsals | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 6:00 p.m. | Memorial Service | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | Parade of Choruses | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 9:00 p.m. | Afterglow (<i>Buffet & Cash Bar</i>) | Hotel Ballroom |

Friday June 13, 2014

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| 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Nordic Butikk | Gallery Room |
| 9:00 a.m. | DirectorsøBreakfast Meeting | Boardroom, 3 rd floor |
| 9:00 a.m. | State Vice Presidents Meeting (<i>Light continental breakfast</i>) | Ballroom öCö |
| 9:00 a.m. | Corresponding Secretaries (<i>Light continental breakfast</i>) | Logic Room, 3 rd floor |
| 10:00 a.m. | VeteransøPrePaid Brunch Meeting | Ballroom öA/Bö |
| 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Ladies Outing | Hotel Entrance |
| 10:00 a.m. | Mini Tour Departures if Requested | Hotel Entrance |
| 1:30 p.m. | Mass Chorus Rehearsal | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 5:30 p.m.-6:00p.m. | Pre-Event Reception (Cash Bar) | Ballroom Hallway |
| 6:00 p.m. | Award Ceremony & Awardee Pictures | Ballroom |
| 7:00 p.m. - ??? | Formal Banquet (<i>White Coats</i>) & Dancing | Ballroom |

Saturday June 14, 2014

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| 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Nordic Butikk | Gallery Room |
| 9:00 a.m. | NSAA Officers & Delegates Breakfast | Ballroom öDEFö |
| 10:00 a.m. | NSAA Business Meeting | Ballroom öDEFö |
| 11:00 a.m. | Ladies Luncheon | BallroomöABCö |
| 1:30 p.m. | Mass Chorus Rehearsal | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 6:30 p.m. | Mass Chorus & NSAA Officers Pictures | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 7:00 p.m. | Grand Concert | Ted Mann Concert Hall |
| 9:00 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. | Afterglow (<i>Buffet, Cash Bar & dancing with Leroy Larson and The Minnesota Scandinavian Ensemble</i>) | Hotel Ballroom |

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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 (630)837-8615; Director: Edwin Kramer, 32600 East Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030, tel. (847) 546-2050.

Normennes Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. (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@shcglobal.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: Jim Wolf, 1104 15th Ave., Rockford, IL 61104, tel (815) 965-7833.; Corresponding Secretary: Dan Lindberg 214 Rome Ave. #2 Rockford, IL 61107. Tel. (815) 229-0625. Danielalindberg@cs.com Director: Greg Gyllsdorff, 5922 Allerton Dr., Rochford. Tel. (815)637-9696

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 regors5@juno.com; Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, scschuett@aol.com.

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Luren Singing Society

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MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

Norwegian Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Herb Nelson 620 Oak St W, Stillwater MN 55082-5624 (651)587-4819 herbert.nelson@comcast.net ; Corresponding Secretary: Charles Engh, 7642 Prairie Flower Blvd., Chanhassen, MN 55317, tel. (952)401-8838; cbengh@hotmail.com Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639 carstonian@hotmail.com .

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: Marlan Velgersdyk, 4509 S. Magnolia Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57103. tel. (605) 371-0669. mcvelgersdyk@midco.net Corr. Secretary: John Rasmusson, 4312 W. 58th St. #109, Sioux Falls SD 57108, tel. (605)271-0838. jpras@midco.net Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com.

Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: Steve Espeland, 48304 278th St, Canton SD 57103. Tel (605)987-5720; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17th St., Apt. #110, 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 Good Samaritan Center. 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 evers11111@aol.com.

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SINGERS ASSOCIATION**

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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, jugjockp47@aol.com; Director: Dick Meyer, 3440 Adell Ct., Apt. 2, Oakland, CA 94602, tel. (510) 482-4714, meyersfbc@aol.com.

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@cox.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: Mark Williams, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 541-343-8060. Secretary: Stan Sigstand, % Sons of Norway, Sonja lodge #38, 710 McKinley, Eugene OR 97402. Director: Ed Amundson, 29453 Culver Lane, Junction City OR 97448-9438. tel. (541) 998-6329 amundson@peak.org

SALEM

Thorsmen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Annex, 1198 Lanning 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: Kathy Haug, 21050 Fern St. Indianola WA 98342. Tel. (360) 908-9806. Kathy@meland.com.

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: G. Robert 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@comcast.net Secretary: Loren Jangaard, 5917 34th St NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, tel. (252)265-2312, jangaard@hatmail.com; Director: Jon Malmin, 14211 Peacock Hill Ave, Gig Harbor WA 98332, (tel) (253)514-8677, jmalmin2@comcast.net

From NSAA President.

Here is a repeat of the hotel information. A block of rooms has been reserved at our host hotel [Courtvard Minneapolis Downtown](#), 1500 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55454. The cost of a room is \$121.00/night plus tax and the Executive Suites are \$181.00/night plus tax. Arrivals as early as three days prior to June 12, 2014 and departures up to three days after June 14, 2014 may be reserved at the same rates, providing rooms are available. The hotel was completely renovated in 2013.

You may begin **making your advanced reservations** by calling [1-888-236-2427](tel:1-888-236-2427). The reference name is; "Sangerfest 2014". Also be prepared to use the Booking Codes below that describe the rooms.

If you prefer to use an **online reservation**, go to the website www.marriott.com/mspdc.

Here is quick on-line reservations procedure;

1. Go to; www.marriott.com/mspdc
2. Enter Check In and Check Out Dates
3. Number of Rooms and Number of Guests
4. Click on Special Rates & Rewards box
5. Check "Group Code"
6. Enter your choice of Booking Codes
 1. Double Queen Rooms SGFSGFA
 2. King Rooms SGFSGFB
 3. Executive Queen Suite SGFSGFG
 4. Executive King Suite SGFSGFF
7. Continue to enter credit card information, etc.



Herb Nelson, NSAA president