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*Mandskoret Bislett Bad & Rundkjøring from Oslo, Norway.*

The above chorus from Oslo will be singing during the 2014 Sangerfest in Minneapolis. Their name is very tongue in cheek as they are named after a traffic intersection in central Oslo. (See page 16 for more details about this intersection.) It is an ensemble of like-minded and light hearted businessmen who also perform informally at events abroad. The choir has been featured as far afield as Houston, London, Singapore, New York, and Florida. Their repertoire ranges from sea shanties to Elvis. Note that they are highly decorated!

**From the Director in Chief**

Dear Brother Singers,

As we make final preparations for the great Sangerfest 2014 at Minneapolis, Minnesota, I am reminded of some things that are very important. First, we continue to make music from the Scandinavian repertoire in order to preserve these fine traditions in that type of music. Second, we come together as brother singers to share common experiences in song. Third, we are able to greet old friends and make new acquaintances.

All in all, Sangerfest is our best opportunity to preserve the Norwegian male chorus heritage and to continue important traditions in male chorus singing that were started long ago.

This year I am especially excited with the Grand Concert! There are old favorites as well as some new challenging numbers that, I think, our audience will really appreciate. I want to mention briefly one piece, in particular. That piece is *Ut mot havet*, by Edvard Fliflet Braein. I hope you have enjoyed learning this piece as much as I have! What a tribute to the character and style of Norwegian music.

The availability of the *Ted Mann Concert Hall* to us this year makes for some special acoustical opportunities. Special thanks to our host chorus, the Norwegian Glee Club, for helping to make this Sangerfest one to remember.

Sangerfest is also a great opportunity to pay tribute to those who have honored our organization by attending on numerous occasions. My congratulations and best wishes to those who are earning medals this

year! We also need to remember those who have passed on and will no longer be with us at this Sangerfest.

Thanks to the folks in Minneapolis for being hosts to us this year. *Tusen takk!*

*Med sanger-hilsen,*



Dave Judisch

**Sanger Hilsen fra Herb Nelson,  
NSAA President**

You have secured your lodgings, your meals have been ordered, your singing venue is waiting, the orchestra has tuned up, all we need is your safe arrival and we will leave a light on for you.

It has been a labor of love by the Norwegian Glee Club and Auxiliary Members to prepare for your attendance at the 60<sup>th</sup> Biennial Sangerfest 2014.

We hope you will love and enjoy every minute of good fellowship as we have a three day celebration of our Scandinavian Heritage.

*(By the way there will be a small box on top of the hotel on top of the AC condenser where you can deposit your complaints and suggestions.) ☺*

All seriousness aside come and enjoy, enjoy, enjoy because we know that we will enjoy seeing you in Minneapolis at Sangerfest 2014.



Herb Nelson

**NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB  
Minneapolis MN**

The *Syttende Mai* weekend found the Glee Club participating in five concerts in three days. Fortunately our singers continue to sip from the fountain of youth. The energy and enthusiasm that emanate from this chorus are something to behold. Now that *Syttende Mai* is behind us, we can give all our focus on putting our finishing touch on Sangerfest music and, of course, on all the details that this host chorus has assumed.

This issue of Sanger Hilsen will probably be in the mail after Sangerfest. Much effort under the leadership of NSAA and Glee Club President Herb Nelson, Glee Club director Carsten Slostad, and all the singers and our great Auxiliary has hopefully provided all attendees with a great experience. The number of singers in Norwegian choruses shrinks a bit each year, but it is made up by an even stronger commitment to continue our mission of preserving and promoting our Scandinavian musical and historical culture, while enjoying a strong bond of fellowship.

All of our *Syttende Mai* concerts were special. The concert on the Crystal Court in the IDS Tower downtown, in connection with a Norway House promotion, was quite interesting. Of course the prelude concert we provided at Mindekirken, followed by the parade of hundreds of children and adults through the neighborhood with a sea of Norwegian flags and music was quite spectacular.

The special song dedicated to the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Norway's Constitution, *Det går et festtog gjennon landet* was being sung as they

marched. We sang this song also in our Prelude Concert joined by the fine church choir. Our weather cooperated to hold this wonderful day of celebration. All the children enjoyed the hot dog and ice cream picnic on the church parking lot after several blocks of marching.

After these church events, all the Glee Club singers went to another church to be part of long-time singer and Club Treasurer Lee Randall's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. After singing we were treated to wonderful snacks and a chance to visit with the large number of family members and friends.

For a smile: Little Harold attended an auction with his father. He watched as his father moved from horse to horse, running his hands up and down each horse's leg, rump and chest. After a few minutes Harold asked, "Dad, why are you doing that?" His father replied, "Because when I am buying horses, I have to make sure they are healthy and in good shape before I buy." Harold looked worried and said, "Dad, I think he UPS guy wants to buy Mom!"



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

**NORDIC MALE CHORUS  
Sioux City IA**

Rehearsals were complete as the Nordics made ready for the trip to Minneapolis and the 60<sup>th</sup> Biennial Sangerfest 2014.

Director Chuck Schuett had the group run through some of the more

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difficult parts of the national program, and reviewed individual music to be presented by the NMC as well as the Sioux Valley Singers' contributions.

With the Chorus in its usual summer recess, planning will continue for the staging of the Sioux Valley Sangerfest here next year. One site and the speaker for the women's luncheon have been selected.

The Chorus will resume in the Fall.

Two parrots were sitting on a perch. One said to the other, "Do you smell fish?"



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY  
Chicago IL**

First of all, our Chorus is saddened by the departure of our accompanist Una Stroda. She had been with us for nearly nine years, and will be missed. She has outstanding talents and we all wish her the best with her future ambitions.

Our Chorus has been working hard on the Sangerfest music, and are looking forward to the "Minneapolis Experience." We are confident of a huge success with the outstanding preparation and talents of the Glee Club. *Mange Tusen Takk* for their wonderful efforts regarding this memorable event! Many of us can relate to wonderful memories and revisiting of friends and singing brothers.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Chorus performed our annual Spring concert at the

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Barrington. The MC for the evening was Frank Potemka, who did a great job. The Chorus had fun with the concert, performing traditional selections during the first part of the program, such as *Naar fjordene blaaner* and *Rett som ørnen stiger*.

But the second half we spiced up with *The Wild Rover*, *Chantey Medley*, and *Landlord, Fill the flowing bowl*, etc.

A fun night was had by all, which included a wonderful buffet after the program.

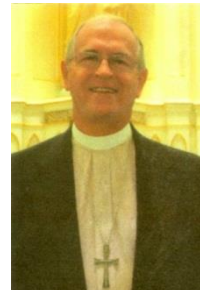
We hope to see many of you at Sangerfest. Remember, we do have a hospitality room and you are invited.



Thor Fjell

**EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS  
Madison WI**

The Chorus article submitted for the Jan.-Feb. 2013 issue of Sanger-Hilsen welcomed our new member, Rev. Hans Floan. At the time he joined us, Hans was battling cancer. But as a result of chemotherapy treatments he experienced good health and improved quality of life.



Hans Floan

In fact, Hans was looking forward to participating in Sangerfest 2014. Unfortunately, the cancer overtook available treatments, and his strength and mobility declined over recent months. Hans died at his home on Good Friday, April 18, 2014. The Chorus was honored to sing two songs for his funeral, which he had chosen:

*Den store hvide flok* and *Aftensang*.

Hans is survived by wife Connie, sons Erik, Einar and Obed, daughter Ingrid, and grandchildren Disa, Oscar and Kajsa.

On a much happier note, our Chorus sang a full concert for *Syttende Mai* at the Stoughton Opera House. This year's theme was "Jubilee! Celebrating 200 years of the Norwegian Constitution." We sang for a full house that enthusiastically enjoyed our 14 selections, many from the Sangerfest program list.

We followed up Saturday's performance with participation in two Sunday morning services at First Lutheran and Lutheran churches in Stoughton. The weekend festivities were enjoyed with excellent weather and large crowds.

Joining the Chorus for our recent performances is new member Karsten Snitker. He grew up near Decorah and graduated from Postville High School, then from Luther College in 2009 with a BA in Music and a Vocal Performance concentration. At the urging of friends, Karsten moved to Madison, where he enjoys the feel and excitement of our Capital City. In 2012 he traveled for six months with the *Up with People* performance chorus. The tour took the group to the Southwest US, Belgium, Scandinavia, Mexico and Brazil.

Karsten is currently Music Director at Peoples United Methodist Church in Oregon, a suburb of Madison. He was recruited to join our Chorus by member Dwayne Berg, who is also a member of the church choir. Karsten also works as an after-school teacher at John Muir School in Madison.

Looking ahead, the Chorus has a full schedule. We have been asked to sing at Thunder Valley Resort in Wisconsin Dells June 7<sup>th</sup>, giving us one more opportunity to practise before Sangerfest.

Then, on June 28<sup>th</sup>, after Sangerfest, we will be performing for the District 5 Sons of Norway Convention in Delavan. Finally, it looks like we will be singing the National Anthem at a Madison Mallards baseball game in July.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

### MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

April activities started with a sing out at Dow-Rummel Retirement Village, where we always enjoy the excellent acoustics in the chapel. The crowd was sizable and appreciative of our efforts.

On April 21, we made the trip to Canton, a few miles south of Sioux Falls, for another in the series of joint rehearsals with the other Sioux Valley Singers choruses to work on the Minneapolis Sangerfest music.

The 2016 Sioux Falls Sangerfest committee, which includes

representatives from all of the SVS choruses, met prior to rehearsal. Chair Marlan Velgersdyk updated the committee about preparations for the 2016 event, including how to promote it in Minneapolis. He said the Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau has been very helpful, and is planning to send people to Minneapolis. Lyle Kroon, of the Norse Glee Club, is coordinating with SFCVB.

Rodney Hoff (Norse) reported that he has been in contact with the Everett, Washington chorus, and asked if we should send an invitation to the West Coast choruses for 2016. (A letter has been sent, inviting them.)

The next joint rehearsal will be June 9, hosted by Minnehaha Mandskor at Active Generations in Sioux Falls. This will be the last rehearsal before Minneapolis.

We sang at Brandon Lutheran Church (Ray and Bonnie Ode, and Bruce and Leslie Duncan belong there) for the 8:30 service on April 27, followed by a concert at Trail Ridge Senior Living in the evening on May 15. On Sunday, May 18, we were at Zion Lutheran in Garretson, where Jerry and Karen Muchow are members.

We look forward with great anticipation to the meeting in Minneapolis.

Respectfully submitted,



John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

## LUREN SINGING SOCIETY

### Decorah IA

Our Mother's Day joint concert with the Luther College Norsemen, two male groups from Decorah High School and the Viking Voices from the Decorah Middle School was very well attended and widely praised. It was noted that seven members of the Norsemen had been members of the Decorah High School male chorus just last year. About 200 male voices were in the combined chorus for the final two selections of the program.

Dean Beckman, Viking Voices conductor, gave a fine tribute to this kind of program, pointing out that the older groups serve as fine mentors and examples for the upcoming classes.

The free-will offering, divided for four charities of the area, totaled over \$1300.

Rev. Ole Winter, a now retired pastor of Decorah Lutheran Church, submitted a fine Letter to the Editor, which carried the headline: "Concert: Nothing like it in the state (world)."

I quote, in part, "I wonder? Is there any other community in the state and nation that could present a musical concert with nearly 200-male voices pleasing the ear and the heart? Maybe you know of some other such city!"

Personally, I was the most pleased and pleasantly surprised to hear the young voices of men from the Decorah Middle and High School. The future of male chorus music is in good; those young men outdid themselves. God was praised. We were delighted.

Pastor Winter had much more to say that was praiseworthy and positive. We commend this type of event for other groups to emulate.

We are scheduled to sing for the Sons of Norway Lodge in LaCrosse on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. In effect, this is an extra rehearsal prior to Sangerfest. A special treat is the pie and ice cream to be served following the concert.

Speaking of Sons of Norway, our own Valdres Lodge in Decorah held its meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> with emphasis on the Bicentenary of Norway's Constitution. Nine Luren members sang the special song *Det går et festtog gjennom landet* as part of the program. We'll include it in some of our other concerts too, and during the various events at Sangerfest.

We held our elections for the coming year in May; we'll ratify them in September to make the process more official.

After Sangerfest and before the County Fair food stand July 8-12, we will entertain visiting choruses from Norway: on June 30<sup>th</sup> at Decorah Lutheran Church the Bodø Domkor in an 8 p.m. concert, for which Luren is to do a few opening selections, and a Swedish choir on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, for which the details are unclear. We were to have the Fuglset chorus from Molde, Norway on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but they are to be in Westby WI instead. So some of us may drive over and join them in one or two numbers.

After the County Fair some of us will help serve the Community Meal offered at First Lutheran Church on the third Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Then we do our Nordic Fest events July 24-26. Our Friday evening mini-concert will be at the Courthouse Square at 8 p.m.

It is not yet officially approved, but we have begun planning for a concert tour to Norway for June 2015. There

is an itinerary and preliminary pricing already proposed.

Finally, the promised interview with a **new member**. **Tom Stene** was born at Alma MI, the third of five sons of a cabinet-maker father and music teacher mother. His paternal great grandparents came from Norway. As a young family, they moved to Joliet, Montana, where the boys were all home-schooled all the way through high school. Tom did attend Millar College of the Bible in Canada for one year.

Tom attended our Christmas concert at Caledonia last December as a guest of the Bicknese family and expressed interest in joining our group. Well, he finally got the chance and is planing to be at Sangerfest this June!

Tom works in the West Union area. He sings baritone and plays trombone, and has studied piano under his mother who used the Suzuki method. So Tom is quite an accomplished musician with a wide vocal range and instrumental skills. He is enthusiastic about the Luren group. We hope he can stick around with us for a long time.



Donald L. Berg, Corr. Sec.

### HEY ALL YOU VETERANS

I hope you have been reviewing our Parade of Choruses songs for Sangerfest: *Vakra Sky* and *Holy Lord of all*, and bring your copies with you. We want to do our best and have a great performance at Sangerfest. I



look forward to seeing you there.  
Thank you! Your Director,  
Bernhard Gluth

**BJORNSON MALE CHORUS**  
**Chicago IL**

Dear Singer Brothers,

A quick recap of the Chorus' endeavors earlier this spring. I am happy to say we met all of our dates to perform before our many friends and supporters.

The crowning glory of 2014 so far is our being a part of Minnekirken's *Syttende Mai* program on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. I can only say, as a music lover, you had to be there! We even had 17<sup>th</sup> of May addresses by Paul Anderson, Honorary Consul General, and by Svein Ludvigsen, Governor of Tromsø, Norway.

On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Norwegian Constitution Day parade in Park Ridge was next. The parade marches through the neighborhoods and ends in Hodges Park, near City Hall, downtown Park Ridge. Several thousand people were there to enjoy the vendors, food, and activities for children. Fun Day!

The Chorus is getting anxious as the Sangerfest in Minneapolis is coming up - too soon! Are we ready? Are we prepared? Boy - our director, Ed Kramer is doing the "Hokey Pokey" in double time. Don't worry, we've got you covered!

Our present priority is Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Avalon Banquets in Elk Grove. You could almost call this a dress rehearsal for Sangerfest, as many songs on our program are also on the Grand Concert program in Minneapolis. This dinner concert will be special as we are celebrating our

90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. March 21, 1924 is the date.

As time marches on, we are faced with the hard, similar questions other choruses have encountered. We are very humble to have reached this milestone. Although our numbers have dwindled, we will travel on this journey for as long as we can still read the music - and stay on key.

In memory of our forebearers, we will always try to give our best - our very best!

*Leve Sangen!*



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS**  
**Canton SD**

Greetings from Grieg Male Chorus members and their families! Only 12 more days, and once again we will be celebrating another NSAA Sangerfest.

At Christmas 2012 I received a book entitled "Going to Sleep on the Farm" from our chorus director, Lane Karli and his wife Ranae. Although she had no idea how fitting it was, Ranae wrote inside the front cover, asking me to note the farmer holding his son on the last pages, which made her think of my Dad and me.

There were two houses on our farm, the second being occupied by my Grandmother. After evening chores were done, milking supplies were kept in my Grandmother's basement. Lined by huge cottonwood trees, the path between the two houses was only a short distance, but to me it was miles when the wind seemed to chant

frightening sounds through the large cottonwood leaves. Then my Dad would pick me up and simply tell me the trees were singing to me.

Now there is a large cottonwood tree outside the bedroom window, on my farm, and on a breezy night, I smile, eyes closed, and listen to the old cottonwood sing me to sleep. That book resides yet on my coffee table, as a reminder of life's everyday harmony. Music or associations with music have always been a part of our family's life.

Joining in 1936 and attending his first NSAA Sangerfest in 1938, Dad is especially pleased the organization is honoring members of his age and length of membership. Although the trip this year was not possible, both of my parents intend to attend the 2016 Sangerfest, and he will proudly accept the newly approved awards at the event. And they congratulate all those receiving these acknowledgments this year!

Since the last report, our Chorus enjoyed performing one final concert of the season at the Canton Good Samaritan Center. We also enjoy participating in the Sioux Valley Singers Association joint rehearsals in preparing for Sangerfest. The last joint rehearsal was hosted by the Nordic Male Chorus in Sioux City, with one rehearsal left, which will be hosted by the Minnehaha Mandskor in Sioux Falls.

Looking forward to seeing you June 12<sup>th</sup>.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

## NORSE GLEE CLUB

### Sioux Falls SD

At this writing, the rehearsal season (Jan-Jun) is coming to a close, and SangerFest 2014 is upon us. On May 12<sup>th</sup> the Sioux Valley Singers were in rehearsal in Sioux City, Iowa, hosted by the Nordic Male Chorus, and on June 9<sup>th</sup> a final joint rehearsal will be held here in Sioux Falls, hosted by the Mandskor. Needless to say, we are hopeful about the adequacy of our preparations. While SangerFest 2014 has been our total musical focus to-date, meetings are being held, and plans are well underway for SangerFest 2016 here in Sioux Falls.

With great pleasure we welcomed a new member into the Club. Mr. Ben Carson was sponsored into membership, and voted into membership by acclamation. He has become a valuable voice in the 2<sup>nd</sup> tenor section.

It is with continued sadness, however, that I report the passing of yet another of our long-time members. Dr. Arthur Olsen died on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. He was 84 years of age. He had been in failing health for some time, and was surrounded by his family at the time of his passing. Art and his wife, Ruth, had been married just a few months shy of 60 years. Members of our Glee Club and the Sioux Falls Mandskor were privileged to honor him at his memorial service on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We offered *Den store hvide flok*.

Art first earned a degree in philosophy at St. Olaf College, and then he earned a degree in theology from Luther Seminary. He was ordained in the Lutheran Church in 1975. He continued his academic

pursuits at Harvard Divinity School where he earned a Doctor of Theology degree. In 2002, Luther Seminary awarded him the Faithfulness in Ministry Cross.

During a 49-year tenure at Augustana College, he taught courses in religion, philosophy, and ethics. In recent years he was instrumental in the presentation of a course in the Principles of Biomedical Ethics. He additionally served in several administrative positions, including that of Provost for a time.

Art was a tireless proponent of his Norwegian heritage. In 2008, he was presented the St. Olav Medal by the Norwegian Consulate in recognition of his work to preserve Norwegian heritage, and to strengthen the bonds between Norwegian-Americans and Norway. He was a member of our Norse Glee Club for about 20 years, having attended seven SangerFests.

In Art's honor, scholarship funds have been established at both Augustana College and the Nordland Heritage Foundation.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Secy.

#### **Additional Sangerfest Items from Herb Nelson.**

I have requested of the Honorary Consul General of Norway here in Minneapolis, Gary Gandrud, to provide his signed letter of congratulations to each awardee. Unfortunately Gary will not be able to attend the special Reception or the Banquet as he is in rehab recovering

from a broken hip, but one of his Vice Consuls will attend both events.

The following NSAA Members will be presented the new 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Sangerfest attendance award at the Award Ceremony Friday eve at 6:00p.m. in the Courtyard Hotel Ballroom.

#### **From the Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis**

Bjørn Hagen - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Clarence Hanson - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Bjørn Lasserud - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sverre Waagen - 25<sup>th</sup>  
Joseph Campion - 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **From the Bjornson Male Chorus, Chicago**

John Lee - 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **From the Normenneses Singing Society, Chicago**

Karl Tangeros - 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **Norse Glee Club, Sioux Falls**

David Stene - 25<sup>th</sup>

Just think about it, over five hundred years of singing songs to honor our Scandinavian Heritage amongst these eight men!

#### **Mandskor Member Spotlights**

**Kirk Preheim** sings first tenor with the Mandskor and was in his first year (2012) as president of the organization. He joined at the invitation of then director Ken Mannes, in the late 80's. Ken had been his high school director.

Kirk sang for a short time but returned again at the urging of current director Terry Walter. Kirk grew up in a singing family that lived in a singing community and he has continued that legacy. He has sung in

church choirs and numerous quartets including the "Half Ton," "New Life," and finally "Master's Voice" for 22 years. Most recently, he has put together the "Gospel Gold" quartet. Wife Anita manages the sound and promotional aspects.



Kirk and Anita Preheim

Kirk and Anita have been married since 1971, soon after graduating from Freeman Academy in Freeman, SD. Kirk also attended South Dakota State University. They have 3 children Anton (computer programmer), Dustin (landscaper) and Karen (nurse practitioner) and 5 grandchildren. The Preheim's own and operate Preheim Landscaping.

Hobbies include fishing, traveling (they have spent extended time in Europe visiting their numerous foreign exchange students), cooking, and entertaining. Anita is also a fine photographer. Developing their recording studio is part of their retirement plan and singing will always be part of their lives.

**Larry Luinenburg** and Roxine are new to our Mandskor family. Larry sings bass and was invited to our

group by member Marlan Velgersdyk. They were classmates in high school and reconnected recently at a class reunion. A native of Worthington, MN, Larry attended high school in Hull IA, and focused on economic in college at Dordt in Sioux Center IA, and Calvin College in Grand Rapids MI.

His work as a programmer has taken him from Michigan, to Minneapolis, to Sioux Falls, where he worked for Citibank and helped move the credit card processing from New York to South Dakota. He retired in 2002, and recently moved back to Sioux Falls after 19 years in Baltimore MD, where he was involved in the merchant business.

Wife Roxine worked in management at Marquette Bank in Sioux Falls and as an office administrator for their church in MD.

The Luinenburgs have 2 children, Bruce and Kristi and 4 grandchildren.

Both Larry and Roxine enjoy singing (Mandskor and church choir) and travel. Larry also enjoys photography, especially nature and wildlife.



Roxine and Larry Luinenburg

## AGENDA FOR NSAA BIENNIAL MEETING

June 14, 2014

- (1). Meeting called to order (H. Nelson)
- (2). Roll call of officers by the Recording Secretary (R. Leake)
- (3). Credentials' committee report (Marshal J. Slostad and Assistant Marshal F. Potempa)
  - Greetings from PCNSA (J. Malmin)
- (4). Action on the minutes of previous business meeting (H. Nelson)
- (5). Action on applications of new choruses
- (6). Director-in-Chief report (D. Judisch)
  - Assistant Director in Chief report (C. Slostad)
- (7). President's report (H. Nelson)
- (8). Vice-Presidents' reports (VP T.Fjell & State VP's)
- (9). Corresponding Secretary's report (D. Berg)
- (10). Committee and Web-Site reports (R. Leake)
- (11). Treasurer's report (F. Peterson)
- (12). Auditor's report
- (13). *Sanger-Hilsen* Editor's report (D. Berg)
- (14). Review and determination of honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc. [as specified in the by-laws]
- (15). Unfinished business (H. Nelson)
  - a. New chorus interest
  - b. Future sites for Sangerfests 2016 (Sioux Falls) & 2018 (Decorah)
  - c. Nordisk Sangerforbund --share Jeff Highland's synopsis of the Tacoma meeting. Leake is presently a Board member of this group, which is proposing an American Branch of the organization
  - d. Sangerfest 2014 update
  - e. Sunday Morning after Sangerfest at Mindekirken--discussion re a volunteer mass choir for church.
- (16). New business (H. Nelson)
  - f. Future Sangerfest suggestions???
  - g. Financial Support for Center for Western Studies located on the campus of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D [R. Beck]
  - h. Approval of ByLaws changes [F. Peterson]
 

Added Medal Award categories were discussed extensively at 5/4/13 Board meeting. MSC (Peterson/Slostad) to authorize Nelson to arrange for a jeweler to set diamonds on the Gold medals in the quantity needed, as determined by the Corr. Sec. Further, in recognition of attendance at 25 Sangerfests, two diamonds would be affixed to the Gold medal; and for 30 Sangerfests, three diamonds would be affixed.

Peterson working on a proposed revision of Par. 3 regarding the added years (25 and 30) and will submit an amendment to be printed in S-H and acted on at the NSAA business meeting.
  - i. Other new business items
- (17). Invitation for the next Sangerfest
- (18). Election of officers(19). Adjournment

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 Singers Association**  
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#### Bjornson Male Chorus

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#### 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](mailto:thorfjell@comcast.net). Recording Secretary: Frank Potempa, 1788 W. Sherwood Rd., [fcpotempa@shcglobal.net](mailto:fcpotempa@shcglobal.net) Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, [perc55@juno.com](mailto:perc55@juno.com).

### ROCKFORD

#### Harmony Singing Society

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#### Luren Singing Society

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Dave Carlson, 110 Western St. Decorah, IA 52101. Tel (563)382-9411. [dbc.papa@mchsi.com](mailto:dbc.papa@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](mailto:judiscda@luther.edu).

### MINNESOTA

#### MINNEAPOLIS

#### Norwegian Glee Club

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### SOUTH DAKOTA

#### SIOUX FALLS

#### Minnehaha Mandskor

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#### Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: Steve Espeland, 48304 278<sup>th</sup> St, Canton SD 57103. Tel (605)987-5720; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### MADISON

#### Edvard Grieg Chorus

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**CALIFORNIA**

**OAKLAND**

**Normanna Glee Club**

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**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**OREGON**

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**WASHINGTON**

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**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**Normanna Male Chorus**

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In the foreground of the above picture is the *Bislet Rundkjøring* or Bislet Round-about, which was the first round-about in the city of Oslo.

The building seen central beyond the round-about is *Bislet Bad*, or Bislet swimming/spa facility, which opened in 1920 as Oslo's first indoor

swimming pool. The Bad now includes whirlpool/hot tub facilities and exercise equipment. Its design was inspired by the old Roman baths.

The famous Bislet stadium, established in 1922, is to the left of the round-about in the picture.