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Sampler of NSAA Chorus Christmas activities.



Above: Nativity scene at Latter Day Saints Church where Harmony Singing Society performed Dec. 4.



Luren Santa Dave Judish gives a present at Luren Christmas dinner in Mabel MN.

Right: Performers for the Norwegian Glee Club Christmas Party.



Left: Minnehaha Mandskor Christmas party at home of Director Terry Walter and husband Don Cooper.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

Again, by the time this article is published, several notable events (singing and otherwise) will have already taken place. On Sunday, November 8th, we did sing at the õFestival of Menøs Voicesö held here in Sioux Falls.

Each of the six participating choruses presented three or four individual numbers, and then the massed chorus of 100-plus voices closed the event with the õDown to the River to Prayö from the stage production õO Brother where Art Thouö as arranged by Glenn Aspaas. Some 900 persons were in the audience. A good-will offering of about \$17,000 was gathered. These proceeds will be used again this year by õThe Banquet,ö a local charity, for its õProject SOS.ö

Following the õFestival,ö our musical focus quickly shifted to holiday selections as we had several other singing engagements booked. Each of the three for December is an annual revisit for us with music appropriate to this time of year. On Monday evening, December 7th, we sang our Christmas concert in the chapel at Touch-at-all-Saints retirement home, here in Sioux Falls. There were about 70 residents and guests in attendance. Yours truly, a resident as well, acted as the masterof-ceremonies, and I hosted a which reception followed. Appreciation was expressed by many residents for this beginning to their holiday season.

On Monday, December 14th, we will perform at the Inn at Westport retirement village. A former member, Bob Osborn, has recently taken up

residence there. Finally, our annual performance at the Jameson Annex of the State Penitentiary as part of a worship service has now been delayed until after the New Year.

Shifting away from music õnewsö for a moment, several other items are worth noting. First, on Monday, November 2nd, we held a dinner celebrating our 87th anniversary since the clubos formation in 1928. Then, in the same week, on Friday, November 6th, we hosted some 400 diners at our annual LUTEFISK supper. Generally, high praise was given by them for the menu, and to the glee club members and their spouses for their efforts. The following week, we held our monthly and annual business meetings. Officers for 2016 were elected. For the most part, the slate was the same as 2014. Steve Espeland will stay on for another year as President. Bob Tiedemann, a long time member, has agreed to now serve as vice-president.

With regret I report the passing of another former member of our Glee Club. LLOYD RAANES (Ray-nez) died on October 22, 2015 at the age of 89 years 10 months. His memorial service was held on October 27th, with many of the Glee Club in attendance. Due to failing health he had not been an active member for several years. LLOYD sang 2nd tenor, as did his younger brother, Kenny, whose passing I reported in January this year.

Each of them had followed in the footsteps of their father, Hans Raanes. Hans had been one of the earliest members of our Glee Club. LLOYD S wife of 55 years, Norma, and his second wife for twelve years, Frances, both predeceased him. Following his military service during

WWII, he was employed locally as an auto mechanic. After retirement he extensively volunteered as a driver for the VA Medical Center here in Sioux Falls. He was active, as his health allowed, in several organizations, Our Saviorøs Lutheran namely, Church, VFW Post 628, the Moose Lodge, Sons of Norway, as well as our Glee Club. Our current membership recalls both brothers with affection and fondness.

We will be taking a leave of absence in January, and have agreed to convene again on Monday, February 8th, 2016. For now, then, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year is sent to all of you from the Norse Glee Club.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB

Minneapolis MN

The end-of-year season started sadly with our singing at Clarence Hanson funeral. A church full of the many friends of Clarence and Florence, and a beautiful service for this wonderful human being. He was so important to the Glee Club for over 50 years, and will be sorely missed.

Nov. 1^{st} we sang Mindekirken, helping to participate in All Saintsø On Veterans Day we will be singing at the Arbors in Burnsville. On Monday, Dec. 14th, our gig is at the Martin Luther Manor, and then on 20^{th} the our Julekonsert Mindekirken, joined with several other That is always a singing groups.

wonderful event with an appreciative, capacity Christmas audience.

Our Christmas party, hosted by our fine Auxiliary, will be Saturday, Dec. 5th. Santa has been alerted along with a talented number of performers.

Ted Anderson, our intrepid Business Manager, has already made several concert commitments for 2016 that will take us right up to Sangerfest.

Our restless past President, Herb Nelson, has solved his need to keep busy and productive by accepting the responsibility of being the bookkeeper at *Mindekirken*. He had to undergo some extensive vetting before the announcement became public. We wish him well in keeping the numbers straight.

For a smile: A very elderly gentleman walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He was in his mid-90s, very well dressed, hair well groomed, great looking suit. Seated at the bar was an elderly, really classy-looking lady (mid-80s). The sharp, old gentleman walks over and sits next to her. He orders a drink, takes a sip, then slowly turns to her and says, õSo tell me. Do I come here often?ö



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

Mandskor members have been very busy since the last issue of Sanger-Hilsen, mainly doing singouts at various places in the City. Specifically, the performances were at the OgGorman Performing Arts Center

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DEADLINE FOR Jan.-Feb. 2016 ISSUE Feb. 10, 2016.

Theatre)í Fellowship (Lorang Menøs Voicesí in the afternoon on Sunday, November 8*; at Active Generations on Nov. 10 (Veterangs Day gathering); Sunday, November 29 in the afternoon at Trinity Reformed Church. Our most recent concert was for the residents of Avera Prince of Peace in the afternoon on Wednesday, December All performances seemed to be appreciated and enjoyed by audiences.

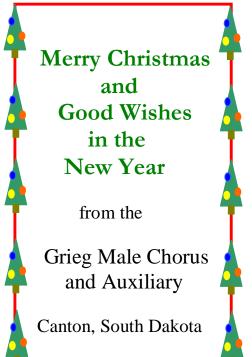
*At the FOMV, there were five other choruses from the area. The performance was for the benefit of the Banquet Ministry, a non profit that feeds two meals a day to the hungry at two locations. A free will offering and gifts from sponsors totaled about \$17,000 (up from \$14,500 last year).

President Marlan, as chair for the 2016 NSAA Sioux Falls Sangerfest to be hosted by Sioux Valley Singers choruses, is happy to report that we are on schedule at this time with fundraising. As of now, approximately \$10,000 worth of ads are sold. Marlan¢s advice is õJust Ask!ö Preliminary attendanceí it appears that this will be one of the biggest Sangerfests ever.

In the very near future a new campaign for personal ads will be launched. This will involve all NSAA members and their wives/companions. Watch for the details...information will go out to all choruses.

Program Note: There will be a chorus from Norway at Sangerfest. Final arrangements are being made. Look for more information in the next issue of Sanger-Hilsen.





In the evening on December 7 the members wives/ chorus and companions were guests at a lovely Christmas party at the home of Terry Walter and Don Cooper (Terry is our director, and Don is a first tenor). Departing from the custom of having a sit down dinner, members brought appetizers and drinks for a cocktail party. After eating, drinking, and socializing, there was singing of carols, accompanied by Hans Peterson on the violin, his wife Geri and Terry on piano, and Terry on saxophone. It was heartily agreed that this was a very enjoyable way to celebrate the approaching holiday.

Treasurer Roger Amdahl (Dene) and Assistant Librarian Jerry Muchow (Karen) have departed for Mesa, Arizona where they will spend the rest of the winter. As time goes on, we may be missing a few other singers, but hopefully they will not stay away so long. Those of us who stay around feel badly that some feel compelled to leave during the best part of the winter (???).

The rehearsal and activity schedule for the rest of December is blank as of this time. Next time we officially get together will be for rehearsal on Monday, January 4, 2016.

John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI

Our Chorus began the performance season on November 10 with a concert at the Oakwood Village University Campus in Madison. We sang a full program of our favorite songs including Dansen pa Makeskjaer, Norge, mit Norge!, The Eagle, Fader in Himlen, You Raise Me Up, and Man of LaMancha.

Chorus member Jim Pettersen, a resident at Oakwood, arranged the event again this year, and he and his wife Gloria hosted the afterglo following the performance. Jim has been a member of the Chorus for 22 years and is considered the õDeanö of our group. A retired faculty member of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Jim has served the Chorus in many leadership capacities including Vice President and President.

Jim was also responsible for the very successful Sangerfest our Chorus hosted in Madison in 2000. He has attended no fewer than ten Sangerfests. Jim has decided to take the winter off but plans to rejoin us in the spring. We will miss his strong bass voice and quick wit during his break, and we look forward to his return for our annual Syttende Mai concert at the Stoughton Opera House.



Jim Pettersen

On December 1, the Chorus performed at Prairie Park Apartments in Madison in our first of two Holiday performances. A week later we sang

the second concert at the Heritage in Middleton, a Madison suburb. sang many of the same songs we sang for Oakwood and then followed up with our Christmas selections, O, Jul med din glæde, Jeg er sa glad hver julekveld, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, and Musevisa. Audience members then joined us in a Christmas Carol sing-a-long and we ended with Glade Jul, Hillege Jul/ Silent Night. Based on the audience reaction at both concerts, our efforts were greatly appreciated and put everyone in a holiday mood even though we have received virtually no snow so far this year.

We ended 2015 with our annual Christmas potluck and party at Idun Sons of Norway Lodge, our practice facility. The entertainment included several songs performed by a quartet made up of Russ Nelson, Jack Nelson, Jim Svanoe, and Brian Gjermo. Our accompanists Linda Johnson and Linda Svanoe then played a beautiful recorder and violin duet.

Of course, Jon Grinde got into the act with his rendition of Yogi Yorgeson, and following a long-standing tradition, Brian Gjermo sang *O Holy Night*. Music Director Mark Everson then led the Chorus and our guests in a Christmas Carol sing-along. It was a great evening of fellowship, and we thank Phil and Audrey Dybdahl for organizing the joyous event.

The Chorus will be on a year-end break until January 12 when we will renew our focus on the Sangerfest 2016 music. All of the members and families of Grieg Chorus want to wish our brother singers and their families a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.



BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore - Ahhhh, Christmas is here again. BMC is prepared to appear at all our usual parties that have become a natural part of the Chorus' Christmas programs.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 6th we were part of the Christmas program in Chicago at the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Logan Square. The program is filled with many talented groups. First up were about twenty 8-10 year olds who sang three Christmas carols directed by Chuck Kessel. Their rendition of õGo Tell It On the Mountainö drew thunderous applause from the congregation. Next, Pastor David Schoenknecht gave the welcoming speech.

Next Normennenes sang three songs, Her Kommer Dine Arme Små, Deilig er Den Himmel Blå and õAngels we have heard on Highö....Very Fine!

Then Irine Rosnes, violinist, with Yeeseon Kwon on piano gave her beautiful rendition of õOle Bull.ö

Minnekirken Choir sang several traditional Christmas carols. The Grieg Ladies Singing Society sang õSleep Baby Sleep,ö õI wish you Peaceö and Anglarna Och Herarna, directed by Caroline Uhlig. Beautifully done ladies!

The Chicago *Spelmanslag* is always a popular group with their guitars, violin and the lead piccolo player/director. They played õBaltic Crossing Christmas,ö *Jeg er Så Glad Hver Juleveld* and *Nu Tändas Tusen Juleljus*. Well Done!

And, last but not least, BMC led by Ed Kramer, with Michael Bensish and Una Stroda playing a duet on the piano. We sang a rendition of õO Come all ye Faithful,ö õCome Lord Jesus,ö *Et Barn er Født* and õO Holy Nightö sung with Ken Michaels as soloist.

Afterwards we all escorted a lady from the choir to the lower level for a fantastic buffet.

On Saturday Dec.12th we are singing at the Danish Christmas service at the Edison Park Lutheran Church. On Tuesday evening Dec. 15th we will be at the Danish Retirement Home in Chicago. We know every singer will be there due to the fabulous dinner served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Our final endeavor will be on Friday evening, Dec. 18th at our Christmas party at the Avalon Banquet Hall. We always have a line-up of talent to treat our guests to an evening of spiritual songs to praise Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

The Nordics concluded their 2015 musical agenda with Christmas concerts at several care facilities and the Scandinavian Societiesø holiday dinner. The Chorus also enjoyed its own annual yule party. One evening program on the November-December schedule had to be called off when a snowstorm invaded the area.

As the singers take up rehearsals again in January, their attention will be to the Sangerfest in Sioux Falls next June, with planning by the Sioux Falls, Canton and Sioux City groups.

As the Nordic chorus enters its 125th year of organization, it continues to echo both the fellowship and the blending of human voice harmony as it brings Season¢s Greetings in the spirit of singing and the Scandinavian musical heritage.

A song for a snowmanøs birthday party: õFreeze a jolly good fellow.ö



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

In the previous issue I reported the death of Art Amundson, for which I had no obituary at that time.

Arthur W. Amundson was born May 12, 1923 and died Sept. 28, 2015. His parents were Ole and Nina (Loftsgard) Amundson. He had four brothers and one sister. Art with three brothers Almer, Morris and Clarence sang together as a quartet in the Clermont area, and all eventually became part of the Luren Singing Society.

Art married Norma Opsand June 21, 1947. Their surviving children are Elaine, Diane Hamer, Pauline Miller, Bruce, Janet Aanes. One son Brian and an infant daughter preceded him in death. Norma died two years ago. There are seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. One brother, Kenny, and one sister, Norene Landsgard, survive.

After the singalong on Friday, Oct. 23 at the Clermont Opera House, in which Luren participated, the memorial service was held Oct. 24 at the West Clermont Lutheran Church.

Our only other gig this fall was the joint concert with Decorah Chorale, Northern Lights and Luren on Oct. 11 as a benefit to partially fund purchase of a grand piano for Decorah Lutheran Church, where many concerts by the three groups and others take place.

Caroling took place Saturday Dec. 5 and included Vesterheim (Bethania Church), Aase Haugen Home, Wellington Place and Eastern Star, with our final destination in the Fellowship Hall of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where we were hosted by our directors and their wives. No snow! Delightful weather!

We are scheduled to sing our Holiday Concert at First Lutheran Church in Mabel MN Sunday, Dec. 13 with our traditional party following in the relatively new Community Hall. The free-will offering will go to the Food Shelf in the Mabel community.

We have welcomed several new singers into our ranks.



Alex Aakre was born at LaCrosse WI, the youngest of three children. His siblings are twin sisters. His father was an elementary school principal, while his mother teaches second grade. Alex is a Holmen High School graduate, now attending Luther College. He was not involved in musical groups, but did take part in õeverything else.ö At Luther he is pre-law.

He is an Eagle Scout. For his project he constructed a full-size stabbur, which is now at Norskedalen, a museum at nearby Coon Valley WI. Alex was invited to Luren by Lee Grippen and Kenneth Larson. His first impressions: õFantastic.ö He sings Second Bass.



James "Jimmy" Miller was born at New Richmond WI, the third of four children. He has two older brothers and one younger sister. Their father is a laser engineer, while their mother is stay-at-home. At New Richmond High School he played violin in the orchestra. A freshman at Luther College, he is majoring in

Computer Science, with a minor in Environmental Science.

Jimmy is very interested in Norwegian culture, especially wood-carving. He has three pieces on display at the current exhibit at Vesterheim Museum. He too was invited to Luren by Lee Grippen and Kenneth Larson. His first impressions of Luren: õVery good, a fun group.ö He sings Second Bass.



Matthew Johnson is a son-in-law of Rev. Philip Olsen, married to Ana, with a five-year old daughter, Rachel, and another child due in April 2016, sex to-be-determined. Matt was born at Decorah and is a DHS graduate of 1998. He sang baritone in DHS Choir and participated in the Dorian Music program at Luther College and in Madrigal.

His father is a truck driver for Caledonia Haulers, and his mother works in Day Care at Ossian DeSales. Matt took part in the John Deere program at NICC, Calmar and now teaches in the same program. Matt sings Baritone and was invited by his father-in-law. He says Luren is "fun, good sound, good group of guys.ö



Peter Dodington was born in New York City, the youngest of three, one older sister and one older brother. His

father is an Electrical Engineer, specializing in Radio Navigation and ITT. His mother originated in Nebraska, so he does have Midwest ties prior to moving to Decorah in May of 2015. Peter grew up and attended schools in New Jersey, then went on to Stanford University on the other side of the US. He taught High School English and Latin in New York, and has a PhD degree in Classics from the University of Iowa. He does private tutoring in Latin.

Peter and his ex-wife have three children and three grand children. Peter sang in High School Choir and is now a member of the church choir at Grace Episcopal Church. He was invited to Luren by Marjorie Wharton, organist at Grace and wife of George, a former Luren member. She is our new accompanist for Luren, the subject of a separate interview.



Marjorie Wharton, our Luren accompanist, was born in Chicago, where her father - a Lutheran pastor - was serving Christ Lutheran Church. Rev. Orville Running moved from Chicago to Decorah to accept a position at Luther College as Art Professor. Her mother taught Art and Home Economics in Decorah High School and served as organist at Decorah Lutheran Church.

Marjorie was the third of four children, with one older sister, a younger brother and another younger sister. After graduating from Decorah High School, she came to Luther College, where she majored in French, graduating in 1966. She went on to earn her MA from Tulane University and decades later her DMA from the University of Iowa. She began her teaching career at Luther in 1979, and has now retired.

Marjorie married George Wharton in 1967. He served as Priest at Grace Episcopal Church in Decorah, while also teaching at Turkey Valley High School at Waucoma IA. He sang with the Luren Male Chorus for several years. They are parents of two children: Phi1ip and Julia.

Marjorie has taught piano and serves as organist at Grace Episcopal Church. She says she enjoys Luren and sees it as an opportunity to renew acquaintances with many people she has known previously. She was familiar with the Chorus from George's time as a member.

Marjorie's father lived to be 101 years old. If she has any of his longevity genes, we expect to keep her as our accompanist for a long time.

Dr. Judisch to be honored

We will take a break until Jan. 25th. Shortly after our return to rehearsals, we have a special event taking place at the Convocation marking the beginning of the second semester at Luther College. Along with other honorees, our director, Dr. David Judisch, will be awarded the St. Olaf Medal. Luren will be singing one selection, and will be sharing a luncheon following the ceremonies.

A special recognition is planned also during the 2016 Sangerfest in Sioux Falls, similar to the event in 1992 when Erling Stone, Enoch Lommen and Dr. A. R. Rikansrud were honored.

Dr. Judisch came to Luther College as Professor of Voice in 1974 and was recommended by his predecessor, Dr. David Greedy, to take over the post of Lurenøs Director in 1975. Jack Nelson was Lurenøs President that year and he and Dr. Greedy went to interview Dr. Judisch for the position. As is said, õthe rest is history.ö

Thus, Dr. Judisch has now become the longest serving Director of Luren, passing the famous Dr. Carlo Sperati. A special gift is being planned to honor Dr. Judisch on his achievement, to be presented at our Christmas party



Dr. David Judisch honored at Christmas party for 40 years service as director of Luren.

Ash Wednesday is Feb.10th this year and we typically participate in two Lenten services, one in Decorah and the other outside the city. We expect invitations soon after our return to rehearsals next month.

Then we'll return to working on the Sangerfest music, as well as our usual concert with Norsemen of Luther College on Mothersø Day Sunday.

We will also sing a concert in LaCrosse just prior to Sangerfest in June.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec. **About the St. Olav Medal**

The Medal of St. Olav was founded by King Haakon VII on 17 March 1939. It is conferred as õa reward for services in advancing knowledge of Norway abroad and for strengthening the bonds between expatriate Norwegians and their descendants, and their country of residence.ö

The medals are in silver surmounted by the Royal Crown. On the obverse is the portrait of the reigning King with his name and motto. On the reverse is St. Olavøs cross. Above the medal is the monogram of the reigning King. The medal is worn on the left side of the breast with the ribbon of the Order of St. Olav. The medal ranks 9th in the order of precedence of Norwegian medals.

NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY Chicago IL

Normennenes had their annual Christmas concert and dinner on Friday, Dec. 4 at Allgauerøs in Northbrook. The chorus sounded great to a well-attended audience. The music selections were as follows: õWinter Song,ö Jeg Er Så Glad, Deilig er Den Himmel Blå, Her Kommer Dine Arme Små, Glade Jul, Hil Dig Norge, õAngels We Have Heard On High,ö and õWhite Christmas.ö Following a wonderful dinner we had a sing-a-long headed by

Dan Boyle and Frank Potempa which was a lot of fun.

On Sunday, Dec. 6, we were a part of a big Christmas program at *Minnekirken*, Chicago. This proved to be very successful, and Bjornson Male Chorus was also a part of the program. There was a coffee social afterward, where we socialized with old friends. A good time was had by all!

Recently we had elections which included some changes. I would like to introduce our new music chairman, Bill Johnson. Bill is a former choral director and has been doing a great job with our website, www.norgesings.org. Our new recording secretary is Dan Boyle, and I am again president.

At a recent music committee meeting we discussed upcoming events. On Sunday, Jan. 31, we will again perform at the opening ceremonies at the annual Norge ski jump in Fox River Grove. Friday, March 18, we will host our annual Festival of Song at the Estonian House near Lincolnshire. We decided not to have a spring concert this year because of our schedule preparation for Sangerfest.

I want to personally wish everyone a very Merry Christmas! Also, that we dongt become too busy that we neglect the love of God, family, and friends.

Regards,



Thor Fjell

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY Rockford IL

Our Harmony Singing Society celebrated our 92nd year with an Anniversary Dinner at our Club November 14th. The dinner was catered and the meal was excellent.



Harmony singing at their 92nd anniversary dinner

We sang:

Fader I Himlen, Min Skol, Din Skol, õI'm Bound Away,ö õStandin' On the Corner,ö õLittle Red Riding Hood,ö õSalute to Our Patriots,ö õLet There Be Peace on Earth,ö and õGod Bless America.ö We enjoyed performing and were well received.

December will have a full schedule for us. We sang at a Latter-Day Saints Church the 4th. They presented their 5th Annual Nativity Display & Concert. They had more than 500 nativities displayed from around the world and eighteen choirs performing over a two day period. This is our third year with them.



Harmony Singing Society at the Latter Day Saints Church, 4 Dec. 2015.

We sing the 15th at Swedish American Hospital and perform a full concert the 20th at Broadway Covenant Church here in Rockford.

Two Ole and Lena jokes:

Railroad Tracks.

So Sven and Ole are walking home from the tavern late at night and they head down the railroad tracks, and Sven says, "This is the longest flight of stairs I ever climbed and my life." And Ole says, "Yeah, it's not the stairs that bother me so much, it's these low railings."

Wrong way on the freeway.

So Ole got a car phone and on his way home on the freeway, he calls up Lena and he says, "Oh Lena, I'm calling you from the freeway on my new car phone."

And Lena says, "Be careful, because on the radio they say that some nut is driving the wrong way on the freeway."

And Ole says, "One nut ---- heck, there are hundreds of them!"

Our chorus wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you at Sangerfest 2016!



Steve James, Corr. Sec.



THE MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR AND AUXILIARY

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Jul, jul, strålande jul

Jul, jul, strålande jul, glans över vita skogar, himmelens kronor med gnistrande ljus, glimmanda bågar i alla Guds hus, psalm som är sjungen från tid till tid, eviga längtan till ljus och frid!
Jul, jul, strålande jul, glans över vita skogar

Swedish carol by Gustaf Nordquist (1886-1949)

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| ŋ | MERRY CHRISTMAS | ŋ |
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God Jul og Godt Nyttår Herb Nelson, Past President

Norwegian Singers Association of America See you in Sioux Falls

With Warmest Season's Greetings To All or our NSAA Friends

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

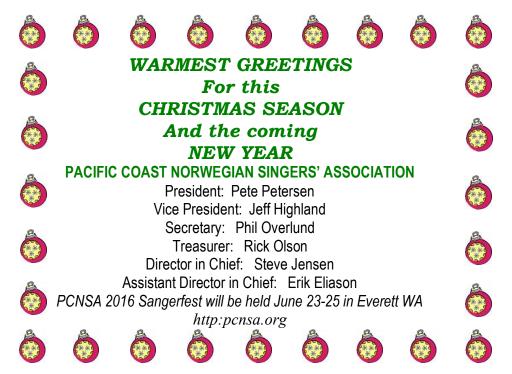
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Edwin Kramer, Director

God Jul og Godt Nyttar 2015



The Edvard Grieg Chorus in Madison Wisconsin wishes our brother singers and their families peace, prosperity, goodwill and good health!





Seasons Greetings A Blessed Christmas And A Happy New Year

DAVID AND GAIL JUDISCH
DIRECTOR-IN-CHIEF

NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA INC.





God Jul & Godt Nytt År

Normennenes Singing Society

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| Thor Fjell | President |
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| Bill Johnson | Music Chairman |
| Charles Kessell | Director |
| Michael Benshish | Accompanist |

Luren Singing Society

Decorah, IA

Founded March 17, 1868

We the members of the Luren Singing Society family wish one and all fellow singers and families of NSAA and PCNSA choruses the best of Holiday Happiness and New Year joys. May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire our singing. We anticipate being your host chorus for the 2018 Sangerfest in Decorah in June 2018, our 150th Anniversary year.

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With Warmest Season's Greetings to All Singers and Friends from the Norse Glee Club and Norse Glee Club Auxiliary Sioux Falls, S.D.

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Kim Kristensen

Ordell and Doris Krogstad

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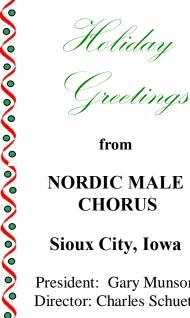
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NORDIC MALE CHORUS

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Bengt & Lotta angel



Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Healthy New Year

Veterans Chorus Director Bernhard Gluth

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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.

Normennenes Singing Society

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Harmony Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday 7:00 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: Steve James, 625 Dawson Ave., Rockford IL 61107. tel. (815)601-3813. stevej1945@comcast.net. Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)978-2245. swedishcantor@gmail.com

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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, OA 51106 ((712) 258-7445 gregors5@juno.com; Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, scchuett@aol.com.

DECORAH

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SIOUX FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

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CANTON

Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704

Rehearsal: Each Tuesday, 7 p.m. President: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr..., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 richarj@charter.net. Corresponding Secretary: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr..., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 richarj@charter.net; Director: Mark W. Everson, 711 Highway #106, Edgerton, WI 53534, tel. (608) 884-9398 evers11111@aol.com.

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CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND

Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: time and place unkown

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Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

Rehearsal: Meets every Monday 7:00 p.m. at 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127. 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)947-1357, dchouse@earthlink.net; Director: Megan OgBrien.

OREGON EUGENE

The Norsemen

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WASHINGTON

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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EVERETT

Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue

Everett, Washington 98201

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. at Normanna Hall; President: Craig Fredlund, tel. (425)210-9067, craig_fredlund@jamco-america.com .Secretary: Robert Bruland, tel. (425)335-1150 burland2@comcast.net Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

POULSBO

Vestre Sund Mannskor

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Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Every Monday evening 7:30 p.m. Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 N.W. 67th Street, Seattle, WA 98117. Officers: President: Jens Eysteinsson, tel. (205)799-8000. JensEysteinsson@AmcericanSeaffods.com Secretary: Rolf Federspiel, tel. (425)823-9080, farfarfed77@frontier.com. Director: G. Robert Johnston, 4707 NE 192 Pl., Lake Forest Park, 98155, tel. (206)362-1094, bobsings@gohuskies.com

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TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

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Hans Peterson on the violin accompanies the Minnehaha Mandskor and wives at the Christmas party at home of Terry Walter and Don Cooper.



Some of the 170 singers and guests at Luren Christmas Dinner in the Mabel Community Center on 13 Dec. 2015.

Best Wishes for a joyous, music filled Christmas Season

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