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Harmony Singing Society. Back row left to right: Wade Vance, Brad Whitlock, Bob Aden, Jim Lynch, Bob Smith, Chuck Dreyfuss, Dan Lindberg, Bill Forsen, John Monsen, Ken Damon. Front row left to right: Sharon Whitlock, John Brinkman, Wayne Hoffstrom, Don Cunitz, Dave Wood, Sherry Dreyfuss. Absent: Don Anderson, Dana Bailey, Steve James, Jerry Lofquist, Joe Metzler, Linda Smith.

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY Rockford IL

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Harmony Singing Society held their Anniversary Dinner Feb. 13th. Our chorus always enjoys singing for this event. Fellowship, music and food were most enjoyable. This year we sang: I'm Bound Away, It Had to Be



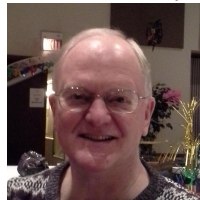
The anniversary cake.

You, Lilø Red Riding Hood, Standing On the Corner, *Tonerna*, and Turn Around Look at Me. This singing season certainly has been going by fast. Before we know it, we'll be at Sangerfest.



Harmony performing at the Ladies Anniversary Dinner, Feb. 13.

As I write, Spring is close- I'm ready!



Steve James, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

Along with the other member choruses of the Sioux Valley Singers Association, our main focus now is preparing for the upcoming NSAA Sangerfest, and learning the music. Our chorus had the opportunity to host the first of four joint rehearsals of the Sioux Valley Singers held at the Grand Valley Church Fellowship Hall, Canton. Combining voices of the four choruses is always a great benefit as we review familiar selections and learn new ones.

Our new accompanist

Please meet our Grieg Male Chorus accompanist, Claradith Kingsbury. I

told Claradith I wanted to do a feature on her for the *Sanger-Hilsen*, and asked her to make some notes for me. She told me to use what I wished and to rewrite as needed.

Besides her great gift of musical talent, Claradith is a very warm, enthusiastic, motivated people-person. As I read her notes SEVERAL times, I found myself intrigued and smiling, so I am sharing this with you just as she wrote it.

Special note: Since our chorus meets in a community room of the Good Sam Home in Canton, we have our regular visitors to rehearsal, especially from the assisted living area. It is never unusual to find Claradith still seated at the piano, after rehearsal, playing favorites for the residents, while they listen and sing for as LONG as they wish!



Claradith Kingsbury

Hello, my name is Claradith Kingsbury. I was named after my two grandmothers, Clara and Edith. They were fighting over whom I would be named after, so my dad put both names together as one.

My parents were George and Mildred Vandel. I was born and raised in the 50s in Sioux Falls. When I was 3, my brother started attending grade school, and I started stuttering. Mother had the idea that piano lessons might give me a distraction. I couldn't read, so mother came with

me to lessons, so she could help me at home.

I had the same piano teacher clear through High School. I was very involved with the music and drama department, playing and singing for choir and musicals. I went on to the University of South Dakota, graduating with a Music Education degree.

My first teaching job was at Adams Junior High in North Platte NE as a general music class instructor. I taught there three years, then retired from public school. I moved to O'Neill NE and was married in 1978. Once we moved into a house, I was able to start giving piano lessons. At one time I had over 30 students!

My oldest daughter, Carrie, was born in 1988. Laura was born in 1990 and Josh in 1993. I was a busy, full-time mom. When Carrie turned 5, I started home-schooling. Later, when the children were older, I added piano teaching again.

No matter where I lived, I have always been involved with church music. When I attended Pine Bluffs Baptist Church, two other ladies, Gloria Stielow and Billie Sanders, joined me in a trio. We called ourselves "Notes of Grace," and performed in churches and nursing homes in Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado. We even made a CD!

Life brought its changes, so the children and I moved to Sioux Falls in 2005. I was involved with the care of my parents, home-schooling along with different jobs. Currently, I give piano lessons through Community Education and have 17 students. I also accompany St. Mark's Choir and the Grieg Male Chorus.

My two daughters have graduated from the University of Sioux Falls and

are living on their own. Josh is a first-year student with Augie Access. This is a program allowing students with cognitive disability to attend college. The focus is career development. He is hoping to move into the dorm this fall.

It will feel strange to finally have an empty nest. My mother said, "Don't worry; they always come back." So I continue serving on the bench - that's the piano bench - as long as I can see and hear, and my mind doesn't give out!

We hope this finds all the members of the NSAA enjoying our long-awaited spring weather, as you prepare to join us in Sioux Falls in June.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY Chicago IL

On Friday, March 18th, the Chorus hosted our 36th annual Festival of Song at our rehearsal site, The Estonian House near Lincolnshire. There were six individual choruses each performing two selections, and we came together in a mass chorus.

The mass chorus selections were: Let There Be Music, You'll Never Walk Alone, Sanctus, Rise Up O Men of God, Dear Land of Home, and God Bless America. There were 82 singers participating in the mass chorus and our accompanist, Michael Benshish, did a great job with the singers.

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**DEADLINE FOR
 May-June 2016 ISSUE
 June 1, 2016.**

A big social time following the concert, with sandwiches and treats served. A big *öTusen Takkö* is extended to Frank Potempa and his committee for a great effort. A wonderful time was had by everyone!

I have *öGreat News.ö* We have a new singer! His name is John Slader and he is an experienced singer. As a bonus, he is a first tenor! An interesting footnote is that John actually contacted us. For many years we have advertised in local papers and this time it paid a big dividend. John will not be attending Sangerfest, because he will be touring Norway for three weeks during that time.

The Chorus has been working hard with Sangerfest music and we are looking forward to a great time in Sioux Falls. We are still researching transportation options, bus or van, for our older singers.

By the way, at a recent rehearsal we celebrated Henry Carlson's 90th birthday of April 6th. *Gratulerer med dagen, Henry!*

Leve Sangen,



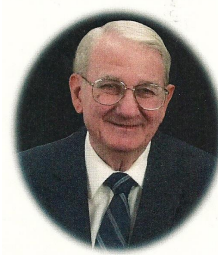
Thor Fjell

NORDIC MALE CHORUS

Sioux City IA

Much as other choruses prepare for the June 9-11 Sangerfest, the Nordics are *öwood-sheddingö* the concert selections at their Monday evening *öpopcornö* rehearsals. They are also polishing individual and Sioux Valley numbers for the Sioux Falls event.

The Chorus and Auxiliary also are looking forward to hosting a combined session with the other three choruses of the Sioux Valley group. That is scheduled for May 2nd.



Walter Lenz

The Chorus sadly reports the loss of a former bass-baritone member, Walter C. Lenz. He passed away Feb. 18th at a Sioux City Nursing Home at the age of 84. Walter was born and raised in Sioux City. He graduated from East High School, and then joined the US Air Force, where he served in England.

Walter worked as a Territorial Insurance Claim Adjuster, and also sold radio advertising. Walter had a great love and appreciation for music, but what he loved most was spending time with his wife Ednalouise and family. He will be remembered at the Sangerfest Memorial Service. Blessed be his memory.



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS

Chicago IL

Dear Singer Brothers,

Our first outing in 2016 was on Friday, March 18th at the 36th annual Festival of Song, produced by the

Normenneness Singing Society at their clubhouse in Lincolnshire IL. Seven choruses were in attendance.

Each chorus sang two songs, then they joined together for the finale. A mass chorus of 100 singers sang six of our favorite tunes to the appreciation of the large audience. Refreshments were then served to end a fun evening.

We have been currently working on the June Sangerfest music but also on music for our next concert at Ed Kramer's church on Saturday, April 16th in Grayslake IL. It was held at Trinity Lutheran Church's 75th anniversary celebration.

The combined mixed chorus of Bjornson and Trinity's senior choir, 60 singers, sang three songs: *Veni Creator Spiritus* (a Latin chant), *Never Weather-Beaten Sail* and *With a Voice of Singing*.

Next, the combined chorus, including a trumpet, sang *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*.

Then Bjornson's tenor soloist, Ken Michaels, sang *The Lord's Prayer* followed by the chorus singing, *Rise up O Men of God, Sanctus, Jubilate Amen*, and *The Awakening* combined with *The Men of Liberty* Freemont Chamber Singers.

The combined choruses ended with *Beautiful Savior* and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

Hope to see you all in South Dakota for the Sangerfest.

Leve Sangen,



George Michals Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison WI

Our 91st Founders Day Celebration on Sunday, March 20 was an outstanding success with over 60 members and spouses in attendance. This year's event was held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison. After Dwayne Berg told a few Norwegian jokes and Chorus historian Al Swain presented a brief history of the Chorus since its founding in 1925, we settled back for the evening's entertainment.

Our Social Director Phil Dybdahl had engaged a very special guest to perform for us. Professional singer, Jeni Houser, literally brought the house down with her performance of classical music, show tunes and operatic offerings. Members of the audience reported they were convinced that their punch glasses were about to explode when Jeni hit several high notes in a row!



Jeni Houser

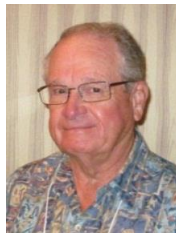
Jeni is a graduate of Lawrence University in Appleton and the daughter of Chorus member David Houser and his wife Emily. Jeni has performed throughout the country and she expects to spend a considerable amount of time performing in Europe later this year.

After all of his hard work organizing the event, Social Director Dybdahl was unable to attend as he was recovering from open heart

surgery. We are happy to report that Phil is well on the road to recovery and will be rejoining the Chorus shortly.

Looking ahead, the Chorus' next performance will be at the Skaalen Home and Rehab Center in Stoughton on April 26. Chorus Director Mark Everson has informed us that we will be singing several songs from the Sangerfest program as well as our two "memorized" selections for the Parade of Choruses. The month of May is also looking busy with *Syttende Mai* activities and another special performance two weeks before we head to Sioux Falls for Sangerfest 2016.

I hope everyone had a chance to see the recent show on NOVA "Vikings Unearthed." There seems to be little scientific doubt that Leif Erickson and the Vikings were in North America at least 200 years before Christopher Columbus!



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR

Sioux Falls, SD

As expected, Mandskor activity since the last *Sanger-Hilsen* has been almost exclusively related to the Sioux Falls Sangerfest 2016. Ad sales for the souvenir program book so far have exceeded expectations. President Marlan Velgersdyk has been setting the pace and conducting himself in an exemplary manner as leader, teacher, and salesman. At this

time, one of the most important activities has to do with ticket sales.

There have been monthly meetings of the Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA) Sangerfest Committee. Representatives from Mandskor, Grieg, Nordic, and Norse are members of the Committee.

These meetings are chaired by NSAA President Marlan. Well organized, they address a myriad of subjects, from ad sales to facilities, to program book, events and schedules, etc. In order to keep travel and time spent at a manageable level, the last two meetings have been held prior to the joint practices.



Lyle Kroon, Gail Kristensen, and David Lien at an SVSA Committee meeting.

Plans are progressing nicely, and by the time Sangerfest arrives, all, or nearly all of the loose ends will have been tied down.

Two SVSA joint rehearsals have been held so far: the first at Canton (hosted by Grieg), and the second at Active Generations in Sioux Falls, hosted by Mandskor. Attendance has been good, and the Sangerfest music, while not yet perfect, is getting better. The last two practices will be at Sioux City (Nordic) on May 2, and Norse in Sioux Falls on June 6.



Mary Schoep and Carol Velgersdyk at the food table for the SVSA Chorus rehearsal, prepared by Mandskor Auxiliary.



Gordon Grimsrud, Bill Schoep, Jim Pollmann, and John Nelson enjoy post SVSA Chorus rehearsal refreshments.

ABOUT MEMBERSÍ We have two new members, Eldon Anderson and Hunter Friesen (grandfather-grandson). Spotlights will come in a future issue.

Snowbirds Roger Amdahl (bass), Jerry Muchow (baritone), and Charles Berdahl (second tenor) are back in town, bringing our roster back to full strength. John Nelson suffered a stroke recently, and is just now able to participate again.

SONS OF NORWAY TORSK DINNER on March 4...Terry Walter

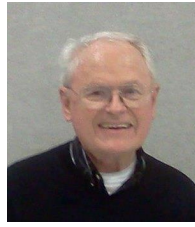
(Director) and husband Don Cooper worked in food preparation and serving. Marlan Velgersdyk, Larry Luinenburg, and Ray Ode combined their talents to sell Sangerfest ads and tickets. They reported a very warm reception.

SINGOUTSÍ We did not perform during the month of April, but in May, we have three singouts scheduled. On Sunday, May 1, we will sing at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The Sons of Norway Memorial Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church will be on May 12, and on Saturday, May 21 we will travel to Freeman SD for a concert at Oakview Terrace. Plans there include a tour of the museum, and dinner at a local restaurant. With some exceptions, our program for these singouts will include the Sangerfest pieces.

GOURMET GUYSÍ As we have done for the past several years, Mandskor will again have a stand at the Active Generations annual fundraiser on Sunday, April 17. Our theme, yet to be named, will have a Norwegian flavor. Bill Hoffman is chair and chef for this event, and he will be preparing a wonderful smoked Norwegian salmon served on a cracker with cream cheese and a garnish.

Larry Luinenburg and John Rasmusson will be assisting Bill. Tony Leggett will be at a table nearby in the event that extra help is needed.

IN CONCLUSIONÍ Because of the hard work by Mandskor members and the other SVSA choruses, we are comfortable about the rapidly approaching Sangerfest in June. Comfortable may not be the right word. We are still a bit nervous about final preparations.



John Rasmusson Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

We had only one Lenten service to sing at for this year, on March 9th at Calmar Lutheran Church, following a soup supper. Both supper and service were well attended. Calmar Lutheran congregation and their interim pastor/Luren member Phil Olson were good hosts.

A month later, on Sun., Apr. 10th, we sang a benefit concert at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Waukon, honoring Msgr. Ed. Lechtenberg, who has been a member of Luren since the early 1980s, and also raising funds for the Driftless Area Visitors Center, that is being built along the Mississippi River south of Lansing IA. We in Luren had õpassed the hatõ earlier for this cause, and the donations received that afternoon were substantial.

Our companion group, Northern Lights (*Nordlys*) is giving its spring concert Sunday, Apr. 24th, at 4 p.m. at Decorah Lutheran Church. Several of Luren wives are involved.

Our own concert with the Norsemen of Luther College is set for Sunday, May 8th, also at Decorah Lutheran, at 7 p.m. This too is a benefit event, for which we have not yet decided to whom the offering will be given.

Thursday, June 2nd, we will sing for the Sons of Norway lodge of LaCrosse WI. The lodge changed its meeting site, so this will be at a Presbyterian Church, 1327 N. Salem, LaCrosse. Their traditional fare for the post-concert is home-made pie and ice cream, to which we look forward.

The concert will serve as our dress rehearsal before we head for Sioux Falls and Sangerfest.



Luren Singers at Calmar Lutheran.



Luren Singers at St. Patrick's Church.

One of our members, õHubõ Christen, is now a resident of an Assisted Care facility in Freeman SD,

where his daughter is living. Hub had surgery and suffered side effects from the procedure. He can still sing, but is not able to take part in concerts. Whether he will be able to attend any of the Sangerfest events is uncertain at this time. We hope that a few of us are able to visit him while in Sioux Falls.

A final note: The inurnment of Ron Martinson, who sang with Luren in the mid-50s, when the transition was made to having more English songs, will be Friday, May 27, at 2:30 p.m. at the Lutheran Cemetery in Decorah, with a time of fellowship following at First Lutheran Church.

We look forward to renewing acquaintances and making new friends at Sioux Falls in just a few weeks.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB

Sioux Falls SD

March saw our music folders become complete with SangerFest 2016 music for both our individual presentations at the Parade of Choruses and the Grand Concert. Rehearsals, as expected, are increasingly focused and intense, yet we seem to be progressing with some satisfaction.

For six of these eight weeks we practiced as our chorus alone, but for two rehearsals we joined with the other three choruses comprising the Sioux Valley Singers for combined rehearsals. The richness of the sound in the larger groups gets your

attention, and gives you a sense that some serious progress is being made.

On March 14th, The Grieg Chorus of Canton, SD played host, and on April 11th the Minnehaha Mandskor of Sioux Falls hosted this second combined rehearsal.

We recently got an updated photograph taken for incorporation into the Sangerfest 2016 program folder. The passage of time with membership losses and gains necessitated this update.

Our May/June future has us again supporting a worship service at St. Dysmas Chapel at the state penitentiary, as well as continuing our Sangerfest preparations.

Spring is a time for hope and rejoicing for all of us. First, as a chorus, we are most pleased to welcome two new singers into our membership, Allen Eide, Brandon SD, and Brian Noe, of Sioux Falls. Both have joined the baritone section, and from early indications each will be a valued asset. Secondly, several of us came together on Saturday, March 26th, to help former member, Eugene (Gene) Johnson celebrate his 85th birthday. He is now in residence at the Good Samaritan Village in west Sioux Falls.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

Note to Veterans Chorus Members

Greetings to all Veterans Chorus members! The 2016 Sangerfest is creeping up on us and I am looking forward to it.

As I hope all of you know by now, the songs we are singing at the Parade of Choruses are *Morgensang af Elverskud-Gade*, and *No Man Is An Island - Spies*. As you know, our rehearsal time is limited so it will help us greatly if you spend some time reviewing your music and know it well enough so we can have a good performance.

Let's all do our best and have fun doing it! I look forward to seeing all of you and let's have a great Sangerfest!



Your director, Bernie Gluth.

ATTENTION: CHORUS CORRESPONDENTS

Take note that the deadline for the next issue has been moved up, so we can compile the material and mail the issue prior to Sangerfest. Your help and cooperation are appreciated.

Don Berg and Dennis Barnaal

Mandskor Member Spotlight



Jerry and Karen Muchow

Jerry Muchow joined the Mandskor in 1992. He father, Willis Muchow, had been a member of the top tenor section for years, receiving his diamond pin for Sangerfest attendance, and he wanted Jerry to come sing with him. Along with his contribution to the baritone section, Jerry has long served as librarian for the chorus.

A Sioux Falls native, Jerry attended country school through 8th grade and Washington High School for four years. His was the last class to attend four years at Washington before the school switched to being a 10-12 institution.

Jerry is retired after 45 years with John Morrell Meatpackers. His wife Karen is retired from her work as an elementary school teacher. Their grown children (Jerry has six and Karen has three) and eight grandchildren complete the family.

Hobbies include golfing, traveling, working in the yard, and contract painting. The Muchows spend five months a year in Mesa AZ, but are always glad to get back to their home in Garretson SD and the Mandskor activities.

For a chuckle:

A Lady in a neighboring town thought to start something new in the social line and sent out invitations to attend an øelephantö party. The guests were instructed to each bring something she did not want and had no use for. The party promised to be a success, until the appointed evening when eleven of the eighteen arrived with their husbands.

AGENDA FOR NSAA BIENNIAL MEETING

June 11, 2016

- (1) Meeting called to order (M. Velgersdyk)
- (2) Roll call of officers by Recording Secretary (R. Leake)
- (3) Credentials Committee report (Marshal R. Amdahl and Assistant Marshal J.Slostad)
- (4) Action on Minutes of previous meeting (M. Velgersdyk)
- (5) Action on applications of new choruses
- (6) Report of Director-in-Chief (D. Judisch)
Report of Assistant Director-in-Chief (T. Walter)
- (7) President's report (M. Velgersdyk)
- (8) Reports of Vice-Presidents (T. Fjell and State Vice Presidents)
- (9) Report of Corresponding Secretary (D. Berg)
- (10) Committee and Web-Site reports (R. Leake)
- (11) Treasurer's report (F. Peterson)
- (12) Report of Auditors
- (13) Report of Editor of *Sanger-Hilsen* (D. Berg)
- (14) Review and determination of honoraria, membership dues, subscription rates, etc. (as specified in the by-laws)
- (15) Unfinished business (M. Velgersdyk)
 - a) New chorus interest
 - b) Future sites for Sangerfests: 2018 (Decorah); 2020
 - c) Sangerfest 2016 update
- (16) New business:
 - a) Future Sangerfest suggestions
 - b) Continued financial support for Center for Western Studies
 - c) Invitation to PCNSA for joint Sangerfest in 2018, Decorah
 - d) Greeting to PCNSA for Sangerfest 2016, June 23-25 @ Everett WA
 - e) Other items of business
- (17) Official acceptance of invitation to next Sangerfest(s)
- (18) Election of officers, Directors, etc. (19) Adjournment

THE 2016 PCNSA SANGERFEST

Scheduled for June 23-25 in Everett, Washington

Headquarters hotel is - Holiday Inn
3105 Pine Street
Everett WA 98201

Host Chorus - Everett Norwegian Male Chorus

Director in Chief - Steve Jensen

Assistant Director in Chief - Erik Eliason

Sangerfest Chair - Allen Feris

Summary Schedule of Events

Flags ceremony and reception banquet - Evening of June 23.

Grand Concert at Everett Performing Arts Center
followed by After Glow Party- Evening of June 24

Annual Business Meeting - June 25 AM

Grand Banquet and Awards - June 25 PM

Grand Concert Music:

As per tradition, the concert opens with *Ja Vi Elsker* and the Star Spangled Banner and closes with *Landkjending*.

Other pieces (order not finalized yet) are; Built on a Rock, Five Hundred Miles, *I midnattsolen*, It Is Well With My Soul, Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho, *Naar Fjordene blaaner*, Olaf Trygvason, *Sangerhilsen*, *Sigurd Jorsalfar*, *Skomvaer-vals*, *Sønner av Norge*, Who are the Brave.

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Harmony Singing Society

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IOWA SIOUX CITY

Nordic Male Chorus

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

DECORAH

Luren Singing Society

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Ken Larson, 210 Iowa Ave. Decorah IA 52101. tel. (563)382-8167. larsonke@luther.edu. Corresponding Secretary: Donald L. Berg, 407 Leif Erikson Drive, Decorah, IA 52101-1038, tel. (563) 382-5727; Director: Dr. David Judisch, 814 Fifth Ave., Decorah, IA 52101, tel. (563) 382-9222 judiscda@luther.edu.

MINNESOTA MINNEAPOLIS

Norwegian Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Robert O. Olson, 7442 Pillsbury Ave S, Richfield MN 55423-4115; tel. (612)866-0687, bobjoolson@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, 5115 S. Rolling Green Ave. #210, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. tel. (605) 371-0669. mcvelgersdyk@midco.net Corr. Secretary: John Rasmusson, 4312 W. 58th St. #109, Sioux Falls SD 57108, tel. (605)271-0838. mrgail@sio.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 57013. 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: 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 unknown

President: Larry Schaleger, qubedude@aik.cin; Secretary: Paul Eikeberg, tel. (925)485-1538 vikingike@yahoo.com. Director: unknown

SAN DIEGO

San Diego Mannskor

Rehearsal: every Monday at 7:00 p.m. on the campus of San Diego State Univ. in music Bldg. President: Sven I. Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Pl. Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (619) 709-6171, svenio@cox.net; Secretary: Jon Homerud, 3354 Bonica Woods Dr., Bnita, CA 91902 (619)223-2784 holmerud@cox.net; Director: Paul May, tel. (619)227-9979 paulthomasmay@gmail.com

SAN FRANCISCO

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 O'Brien.

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: Duane Esperum, tel. (206)501-2010 desperum@gmail.com; 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 Lannsing Avenue North East, Salem, OR 97303. President: Paul Flora, tel. (503)363-9753 paul.flora@pgn.com; Secretary: Wes Anderson, tel. (503)363-1714 wander@comcast.net; Director: Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, whitewolf372@centurytel.net

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, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net.

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 bruland2@comcast.net. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

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: Warren Rosvold, (360)930-0504, wrosvold@gmail.com; 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: Jens Eysteinsson, tel. (205)799-8000, JensEysteinsson@AmericanSeafods.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

SKAGIT VALLEY

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, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Each Monday 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 20 Tacoma Ave. S, Tacoma, Wash. President: Pete Petersen, tel.(509)607-9406, o.petersen@gmail.com. Secretary: Loren Jangaard, 5917 34th St NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, tel. (252)265-2312, jangaardl@hatmail.com. Director: Jon Malmin, 14211 Peacock Hill Ave, Gig Harbor WA 98332, (tel) (253)514-8677, jmalmin2@comcast.net



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Kjosfossen, beside the steep Flam to Myrdal railway. Note the Huldre (seductive forest woman of folklore) in red singing by the waterfall.