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MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR

Sioux Falls, SD

PRESIDENT VELGERSDYK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF SANGERFEST 2016 AD SALES CATEGORIES

NSAA President Marlan Velgersdyk is honored to make public the outstanding work of SVSA chorus members and others toward raising the funding for Sangerfest 2016 as follows:

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Herb Nelson...Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis

2. Most Number of Advertisement, Ticket, and Sponsorship Sales by a Member of a Sponsoring Chorus

Bill Kortemeyer...The Grieg Male Chorus of Canton, SD

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President Marlan noted that there were a number of other efforts worth recognizing, but the list of categories was narrowed down to the above in

the interest of keeping it at a manageable level.

Judging from President Marlan's announcement, Mandskor members,

as well as the other Sioux Valley Singers Chorus members, have been preoccupied with wrapping up ad sales, sponsorships, etc. to meet the deadline for final assembly of the Sangerfest 2016

Sioux Falls Souvenir Program Book. Ticket sales are ongoing, being a major component of revenue in support of Sangerfest.



Sangerfest Program Book cover.

In addition to the sales activity, there have been meetings of the Sangerfest committee to fine tune plans and tie down loose ends. The most recent gathering was on May 2, before the joint SVSA rehearsal in Sioux City. The next one will be on June 6 just prior to the Sangerfest which starts on June 9. This will be at Nordic Hall in Sioux Falls, before the last joint SVSA rehearsal.



Terry Walter and Charles Berdahl.

About Membersí

Mandskor Chorus member Charles Berdahl is Vice President of the

Nordland Heritage Foundation. In the Spring 2016 issue of The NORDLANDER, there is an interesting article and photos about Charles' Norwegian background. Singouts.

As noted in the last Sanger-Hilsen report, on Sunday, May 1, Mandskor sang at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls (fundraiser for the Lutheran School). In the evening on Thursday, May 12, we performed at the Sons of Norway Memorial Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Oakview Terrace Nursing Home in Freeman, SD was the site of our most recent concert, on Saturday, May 21. ðHubö Christen is a resident at Oakview Terrace and also a former member of the Luren Singing Society. He joined the chorus in the 2nd tenor section as we sang *Norge Mit Norge*. We have encouraged him to attend the upcoming Sangerfest.



ðHubö Christen with Mandskor at Oakview Terrace Nursing Home.

After the program, some of our members toured the Heritage Hall Museum, followed by dinner at Blue's Restaurant.

Our last singout before Sangerfest will be at Brandon Lutheran Church, at the 8:15 a.m. service on June 5.

Syttende Mai...

Mandskor and Norse were among the sponsors for this year's *Syttende*

Mai celebration at First Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. President Marlan and Chorus Member Larry Luinenburg attended a table at the reception promoting Sangerfest 2016 and selling tickets.



Marlan Velgersdyk, Gail Kristensen, and Larrey Luinenburg promoting Sangerfest at the *Syttende Mai* celebration.

In Conclusion...

The members of Mandskor and the Auxiliary, as well as the other choruses in SVSA, have expended a huge amount of effort to make Sangerfest 2016 in Sioux Falls one of the best yet. We look forward to seeing you there, and enjoying the rehearsals, parties, and festive atmosphere.



John Rasmusson, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

(The following report was received by the Editor on March 21, but then was mislaid and omitted from the previous issue. The Correspondent made this mistake known immediately after that issue was received. This led to a prompt apology by the Editor. Most of the report is still relevant and has been

edited slightly to reflect the changes of tense, etc.)

Grass is greening, birds returning (of course many stay all winter to enjoy our hospitality). It must be Spring. Our warm-weather President, Bob Olson #2 has returned from Arizona. Bob Olson #1 has not been reading the weather reports and is still among the absents, as is Andy Anderson.

Of course, by the time anyone reads this, these folks will be in their seats, striving to catch up with the winterized, stay-at-home singers who have diligently tackled the music for Sangerfest.

The Glee Club was again asked to sing at the Lake of Isles Lutheran Church, where Arden Haug (our former director) is pastor. Our concert was preceded by a fine torsk dinner and a humorous author and book-seller, who had a difficult time to stop talking; but we had a fine evening.

Three days later we did a concert in Burnsville. Our Spring fund-raising lutefisk dinners were Saturday, April 9th; and then two more gigs including our Spring Concert Apr. 24th. On May 7th we participated with the Fellesråd Centennial at the Earl Brown Center. May 14th found us at ðThe Riversö for a concert and then, of course, *Syttende Mai*, observed May 15th at *Mindekirken*.

Lots of activities working up to Sangerfest. Everyone is taking energy boosters to make it all work. Our Business Manager Ted Anderson has been sitting in the sun and working the phone and computer from Arizona, working out our schedule. Sorry, we can't take them all.

Pianist Martha Mutch has returned

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from another underseas adventure with tales of that beautiful world most of us will never see unless we fall overboard from a cruise vessel.

I almost wrote a few lines about the political scene in our U.S., but thought better of it, as it sickens me - and at my age I have to husband my health.

For a smile: The lawyer said, "I have some good news and some bad news. I met your wife today, and she informed me that she just invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of \$15-20 million, and I think she could be right."

Saul replied enthusiastically, "Well done, my wife is a brilliant business-woman. You just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?" The lawyer replied, "The pictures are of you and your secretary."

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

When this appears (if it gets published), it may be after Sangerfest in Sioux Falls, a great city for this great event of the Norwegian Singers Association of America. This biennial event adds focus and wonderful fellowship for all member singers. The number of singers participating may be less, but are still so important. At this writing, all roads, by vans and cars, lead to the Sangerfest. We have given much of our rehearsal time to the music we will sing, both the songs for the Parade of Choruses and the Mass Chorus. We want to make a good contribution.

Saturday, May 14th, found us performing a concert at The Rivers in Burnsville, a very special place that invites us back each year, as close as we can come to *Syttende Mai*. They also treat us to a wonderful lunch of an assortment of Norwegian favorites.

I had a delightful conversation with one of the ladies in our audience, a healthy, spry, 100-year old with an infectious personality. I asked her what her secret was for such a long, good life. The first thing she mentioned was that she had a Martini each day. Now, of course, I am not recommending that this should be in everyone's program, but it sure seemed to work for her.

Sunday, May 15th, was the *Syttende Mai* celebration at *Mindekirken*. We provided our usual Prelude concert to this packed audience. It is great to see the large number of children in the audience and the colorful parade after the service. Our participation and that of others is always special and appreciated.

We sang at the Earl Brown Heritage Center on May 9th for the *Fellesraad* Centennial celebration. Over 100 representatives from all over the country attended this very special gathering, sharing the history of these many *lag* and their fellowship. Can you imagine the number of open-face sandwiches it took to satisfy this number of people? We were represented at this event by Earl and Shirley Evanstad and Dennis Sorheim, who shared in planning all the arrangements of this major event.

We gave sympathy for the loss of two lives this week. The mother of Carsten, Paul and Jim Slostad passed, as did Shirley Berger, Frank's wife.

The writer, regrettably, is unable to attend this year's Sangerfest. We will be waiting to listen to the CD recording of the performances. We hope everyone has another great experience.

Shortly after returning from Sioux Falls we will take part in Scandinavian

Day at the Falls Park. Summer will include our picnic and then, soon after, we will be practicing for the Fall gigs that Ted has already arranged.

For a smile: "Judy, do you see that elderly couple down at the other end of the counter?" "Yes. What about them?" "That's probably what we will look like in 10 years or so."

Judy said, "You do realize that is a mirror at the end of the counter, don't you?"

A side note: That story sounds quite familiar; perhaps I am repeating it from the past or I was the gent on the end of the counter.



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

Message from Director-in-Chief

Dear Brother Singers,

As we are all getting ready for Sangerfest 2016 in Sioux Falls, I would like to mention a few thoughts. First, Sangerfest is a great way to renew old friendships and to develop new ones. Second, it is a great opportunity to pay tribute to those who have honored our organization by attending Sangerfest on numerous occasions. Third, it is a very nice chance for us to welcome new members, especially those who are attending their very first Sangerfest. 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.

We need to remember that we continue to make music from the Scandinavian repertoire in order to preserve these fine traditions in that type of music. We come together as

brother singers to share common experiences in song. This is by far 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 about the Grand Concert songs! There are old favorites as well as some new challenging numbers that, I think, our audience will really enjoy.

Special thanks to our host chorus, the Minnehaha Mandskor, as well as all the folks from Sioux Falls for helping to make this Sangerfest one to remember. *Tusen takk!*

Med sanger-hilsen,



Dave Judisch

NORDIC MALE CHORUS

Sioux City IA

The Nordics are wrapping up their preparations for the Sangerfest, which included a May 2nd hosting of the Sioux Valley Singers. The "Force behind the Chorus" - our spouses, served a lunch to 44 members of the four Sioux Valley groups from Canton, Sioux Falls and Sioux City.

The women also have been active in preparing favors for the Sangerfest and will be assisting Chorus members in greeting and registration. They are always more than willing to give a helping hand, including holiday singing.

The Chorus has devoted much of its rehearsal time to the selections we will sing in the Parade of Choruses, as well as numbers in which we will join in with the Sioux Valley Singers. We also have continued to review the mu-

sic for the Grand Concert.

After the expected three days of good time in fellowship and music at the Sangerfest, the Nordics will take a summer holiday, returning next fall to continue their 125th year in seasonal concerts as well as preparation for the SVSA Sangerfest next year. There is also the possibility of a dinner to celebrate the 1891 beginning.



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison, WI

Our Chorus spent *Syttende Mai* weekend (May 13-15) in Stoughton enjoying the various activities of Wisconsin's largest celebration of Norwegian independence. Runners kicked off Saturday's events with the annual *Syttende Mai* 20-mile run from Madison to Stoughton. Visitors enjoyed the Rosemaling, Hardanger and quilt exhibits, parades, Norwegian dancers, lots of great food and entertainment throughout the three-day event.

We continued our annual tradition of singing at the Opera House on Saturday morning. Since the weather was cold and windy, our audience enjoyed moving inside for our hour-long performance. In fact, it looked like a full house.

In addition to the anthems, we sang 13 songs including our two songs for the Sangerfest Parade of Choruses, *The Eagle* and *Dansen pa Makeskjaer*. Other numbers included *Gift of Love*, *Norge, mit Norge*, *Nidelven*, *Fader i Himlen* and always the crowd pleaser, *Man from La Mancha*. We also tried

something new. Since we don't sell tickets for the show, we decided to try a free-will donation that we called "Put a Buck in the Bucket." To our surprise, we received over \$600 from our very appreciative audience!

On Sunday, we performed at two Stoughton churches: First Lutheran for the early service and Christ Lutheran for the later Norwegian service. At the First Lutheran service we sang several songs and provided the musical support to an Ole and Lena skit that also included bit parts for the King and Queen, Marv and Bert Klitzke. Then we sang all Norwegian songs for the Christ Lutheran service. After the service we enjoyed a delicious Norwegian luncheon provided by the women and men of the church.

Our final performance before Sangerfest was a bus trip to Westby, Wisconsin where we sang an evening concert at the Coon Prairie Lutheran Church. The country church dates back to 1857 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Our Chorus was sponsored by the Westby Sons of Norway Lodge that is currently celebrating its 100th Anniversary.

The concert was in honor of Owen and Naomi Bekkum, special supporters and benefactors of the Chorus. Coon Prairie Lutheran Church is Naomi's home church and is now used for special occasions including weddings and concerts. We enjoyed singing to a full house, and the Chorus received another standing ovation at the conclusion of the concert. What a great way to end our regular performance season!

We have two final practices before we head to Sioux Falls. We are

looking forward to seeing all of our fellow singers at Sangerfest 2016.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

At this writing, the rehearsal season (Jan-June) is coming to a close, and SangerFest 2016 is upon us. On May 3rd, we, as part of the Sioux Valley Singers, were in rehearsal in Sioux City, Iowa, hosted by the Nordic Male Chorus, and on June 6th a final joint rehearsal will be held here in Sioux Falls, hosted by us, The Norse Glee Club. Needless to say, we all are hopeful about the adequacy of our preparations, in both music and for the activities planned as this year's hosts.

As always, one of the important events of each SangerFest will be the Memorial Service remembering those members who died in the last two years. This year we will remember six (6) of our former members: PHILIP OLSON, GLENN C. JOHNSON, KENNETH RAANES, LLOYD O. RAANES, GLENN J. ELIASON, and a former accompanist and NSAA SangerFest soloist, MURIAL ELIASON.

Continuing for a moment in this vein of remembrance, I regret to report the death of a former member of our ladies auxiliary. DOROTHY SEVERSON was the wife of Dennis Severson, one of our former baritones. He passed away in 2009. DOROTHY died on Sunday, April 24th following an extended period of failing health. She was 89 years of age. Her funeral

services were held on April 30th with several Glee Club members in attendance.

On a more pleasant note, we welcomed two new members into membership of the Norse Glee Club. Mr. BRYAN NOE, and Mr. ALAN EIDE were sponsored into membership, and voted in by acclamation. Our baritone section is being richly enhanced by their contributions.

In keeping with tradition, we sang at the *Syttende Mai* dinner celebration at the First Lutheran Church, here in Sioux Falls. We led in the singing of both national anthems, and then performed *Mighty Men of Song*, *Nidelven*, *Sangen*, and a rousing *Hil Dig Norge*. Our work was met with an enthusiastic response from the 400-plus attendees. Lots of smiles!!

As you read this, SangerFest 2016 will be history, but the memories will linger. In future articles I hope to bring you some impressions from our first-time attendees. Have a safe summer.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY Rockford IL

Our Spring Concert was held at Grace Lutheran Church in Loves Park IL.

Our program began with a presentation by the Rockford Flute Club. It was enjoyable to listen to the flutes only. Interesting to hear the different sounds based on the size of the flute. Some were quite small going up to one that was quite large.

Among the numbers we sang were:
I'm Bound Away

Fader i himlen

Standing On The Corner

Turn Around, Look at Me

Let there Be Peace on Earth

Bob Aden has a beautiful baritone voice and sang during intermission.

We are looking forward to Sangerfest 2016.



Steve James, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY

Decorah IA

Our Mothersø Day (May 8th) joint concert with the Norsemen (freshmen male chorus) from Luther College included also a group of about 100 boys from the Middle School of Decorah and several combinations of students from the Decorah High School. Our total of all age groups was ca. 200. Dean Beckman, who has often been our Luren accompanist and who is the instructor of the Viking Voices at the school, had a fine commentary on the value of such a concert prior to leading his group's selections. He spoke of the way the young one look up to the older singers as their mentors and models to follow.

By the way, there were five of last year's High School singers who were now singing with the Norsemen. This is a pattern we have observed several years. We hope some of the young men from the Norsemen will also be in our Luren ranks or in some other male chorus in years to come.

The free-will offering at the concert was designated for the Food Pantries located at Decorah Lutheran and First Lutheran Churches.

As this is written, we are basking in the memories from our concert for the

Wergeland Lodge of Sons of Norway at LaCrosse on June 2nd. Every two years we receive and enthusiastically accept their invitation, in part because it includes pies and ice cream during the fellowship time following our singing. The gathering this year was at North Presbyterian Church in North LaCrosse, the Lodge's current meeting site.

This concert was a good extra rehearsal before heading out to Sioux Falls for Sangerfest.

We have our candidate for NSAA President for the next two years, leading up to our hosting Sangerfest 2018. We will formally introduce him in the next issue.

We have been signing up for our four-hour shifts manning our food stand at the Winneshiek County Fair, which runs July 12-16. This is our main fund-raiser, but also provides us with an opportunity to recruit singers.

Two weeks later, July 28-30, will be Nordic Fest, which is celebrating its 50th year. One of the group who organized the first Fest is one of our Luren members. Jerry Aulwes will be recognized at the Opening on Thursday evening and again during the Parade on Saturday morning.

As usual, Luren will provide music as a ðpreludeö to the official opening on Thursday evening, give our concert at the Courthouse square on Friday evening, and have our float in the parade Saturday morning. Many of us will be involved in other activities during the Fest, such as manning some of the booths, guiding at Vesterheim, and serving in other places and ways.

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SIOUX CITY

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Normanna Glee Club

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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

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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

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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

With one more rehearsal on June 5th we'll be heading out for Sioux Falls by bus on Thursday morning, coming back Sunday. We hope to see many old friends and meet many more new ones.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS

Canton SD

Greetings from the Canton Grieg Male Chorus! Suddenly it is only 12 days until once again we all join voices, celebrating another NSAA Sangerfest!

Our chorus activities have centered primarily around preparing for Sangerfest. However, on May 9th, we

presented an evening concert at Stoneybrook Suites Assisted Living, in Sioux Falls. Our group had not been to that location before, and it afforded us a great opportunity to perform several of the upcoming Sangerfest selections. We enjoyed a good evening, with time for fellowship after the concert.

Members of our chorus attended joint rehearsal of SVSA choruses in Sioux City, hosted by the Nordic Male Chorus. We look forward to one more joint rehearsal, hosted by the Norse Glee Club on June 6th.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on June 9th.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.