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# LULLABY, SWEET JESUS (Lulaize, Jezuniu) Polish Carol. English text and SATB with Soprano solos by Paul Brandvik

Lulaizhuh, sweet Jesus, Angels surround you;
Lulaizhuh, sweet Jesus, Shepherds have found you.
Lulaizhuh, sweet Jesus, Lulaizhuh, lulai,
Mother will lull you asleep, Hush now your crying.
Lulaizhuh, sweet Jesus, Lulaizhuh, lulai,
Mother will lull you asleep, Hush now your crying.
Gently your eyes do close, Blest infant holy,
Peacefully blooms the Rose in manger lowly.
Lulaizhuh, sweet Jesus, Lulaizhuh, lulai.
Mother will lull you asleep, Hush now your crying.
Lulaizhuh, sweet Jesus, Lulaizhuh, lulai,
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It is said that Poland has the largest collection of carols and pastorals, in total about 600 pieces. Many carols have been written to the melodies of Polish dances, often in ¾ time.

This 17th Century carol is one of the most popular, a lullaby loved for its haunting melody. The words are simple, ones which every mother might sing to a child.

Frederic Chopin was a very talented composer of Polish birth. He included the melody of this carol in his Scherzo No. 1, Op. 20 in b-minor. His motivation for including this was partly patriotic, but also because of its exceptional artistic merit.

Chopin and Grieg were contemporaries and came to know each other. Each of them listened to the folk tunes of the rural people and incorporated them into their compositions, thus being easier to learn and memorize.

(By the way, Poland has one stave church, acquired from the community of Vang in Valdres, Norway.)

#### BJORNSON MALE CHORUS Chicago IL

After a short "Gab" session regarding our rather uneventful autumn, we started working on our Holiday Gigs, a mixture of old and new songs. For an older song, Winter Song, always a fun tune to sing. Another oldie, Maria's Vaggsang, (The Virgin's Slumber Song) by Max Reger. composed The original German text by Martin Boelitz, arranged by Ed Kramer, and translations to English and Svensk. This is such a beautiful lullaby, in fact, while we were singing it, two of our old-timers dozed off....just kidding.

Two of the new songs we are working on have 'well known titles,' Thou art Holy and Angels from the Realms of Glory, both beautiful songs but slightly different arrangements. Love Came Down at Christmas, all three songs are beautiful!

We will unleash this seasonal program on Sunday Dec.4th at Minnekirken Church in Chicago. On Saturday, Dec.10th we will present the same program at the Danish Christmas service at the Edison Park Lutheran Church.

The following Tues., Dec.13th we will repeat the program, with some Christmas Carols, at the Danish Retirement Home. Always a very appreciative audience. On Friday evening, Dec.16th we will have our annual Christmas dinner and concert at the Avalon Banquet Hall.

The chorus will sing, solos to follow and next there will be a sing-a-long. On a sad note, we will miss our singer brother, Phil Holmes who was always a wonderful host, R.I.P. Phil.

A Merry Christmas to everyone!

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

#### MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR Sioux Falls SD

Our fall session was a successful one. October 10<sup>th</sup> was our Hobo Stew night and again the soup was a culinary delight. Who would guess that throwing random cans of vegetables, etc. into a pot of hamburger base would create such a tasty result? But it works every year.

October 15-16, we bussed to Minneapolis for our annual excursion. We started with CAMELOT at Chanhassen Dinner Theater, then on to Plymouth for the Playhouseøs production of õRise Up, Oh Men.ö We overnighted in Plymouth and participated in two worship services at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Bloomington before heading home.

We had a busy concert agenda with October 30 Festival of Menøs Voices (a benefit for a local soup kitchen), November 7 Veteranøs Appreciation Event at Active Generations (Sr. Center), November 21 Trail Ridge Retirement Community, November 27 participation in a concert at Trinity Reformed Church in Sioux Falls (other groups performed as well).

Our Christmas party took place a week earlier than normal. Terry and Don appreciated the change as it made their escape to AZ easier to implement. The gathering took place November 28, in Brandon, SD, at the palatial home of Ray and Juanita Schnabel.



Mandskor singing at Festival of Menøs voices, Oct. 30.



Mandskor Christmas party at home of Ray and Juanita Schnabel.

It was a fun evening of food, fellowship and singing with Terry Walter at the piano and Hans Peterson on violin.



Terry Walter on piano and Hans Peterson on violin

Harkening back to when Bob Stenberg wrote these missives, I recall that he would include an update on

crops, harvesting and sometimes the weather. I have a first hand report that not all crops are in. Although the snow has vanished for the most part, the rains weeve had of late may dash the hopes of completing that task by yearøs end. Temps are mild for this time of year. Iom a walker and am in awe of

the green grass yet present now in early December. In fact, a few days ago, I spotted a bright yellow dandelion. Surely we will pay for this in the near future.

May our Lord be honored as we celebrate His birth! Blessed Christmas and a New Year brimming with things to sing about!



Terry Walter, Corr Sec.

#### EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI

Our Chorus mourns the death of brother singer Phil Dybdahl. Phil was born on April 6, 1936, and raised in Vermont Township, Black Earth, Wisconsin. He died on November 5, 2016 surrounded by his family singing to the end. Phil graduated from St. Olaf College with a degree in economics in 1959. He was a member of the St. Olaf Choir and his folk troupe, õThe Four Bards.ö He (continued page 6)

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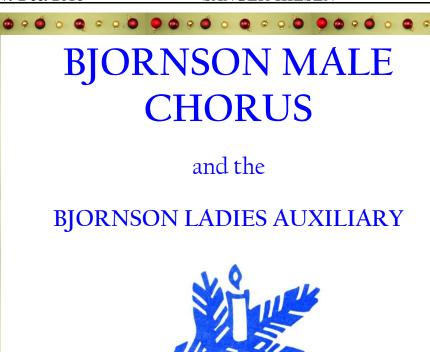
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# WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEVE SANGEN

Edwin Kramer, Director

serenaded his future wife, Audrey Kunau, at Agnes Melby Hall while standing atop his 1953 Studebaker. He and Audrey were subsequently married in 1960, and they raised three lovely and talented daughters, Ellen, Anne, and Kathryn.



Phil Dybdahl

Philos early career included writing and recording advertising jingles followed by insurance sales and investment broker. For over 30 years, Phil and David Nelson, another member of our Chorus, performed songs, jokes and other foolishness as Ole and Sven. Phil held song lyrics and melodies in his mind like a human jukebox. One of his greatest hits, Iove Been Everywhere, included verses for towns in Wisconsin and Norway. His mind was also a steel trap for Norwegian jokes; he knew hundreds of them and always had one at the ready. Phil served on the boards of the Madison Opera, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. Norwegian American Genealogical Center, Edvard Grieg Chorus and Stoughton Village Players. On December 2, our Chorus was honored to sing for Philos Celebration of Life Memorial Service at Luther Memorial Church in Madison.

The week of December 5, the Chorus sang three Christmas performances including Red Cross of the Constantine at the Madison Club,

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Park Prairie Retirement Apartments, and Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge in Stoughton. We will end the year with our annual Christmas Party at Idun Lodge on Tuesday, December 13.

We want to wish all of our brother singers and their families a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

#### NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

Yesterday, on a September day in November (all this shouting and hot air from the politicians must be the cause of this unseasonal weather; after we realize that none of their promises will be kept, then we can go into the deep freeze), we sang at the annual All Saints service at *Mindekirken*. Our songs were Rise Up O Men of God, Amazing Grace, and For the Fallen, and were well accepted by the attendees. This is a beautiful, heartfelt service of remembering those whom we have lost.

We were shocked by the unexpected passing of one of our long-term singers, Gary Rust. Gary was an important part of our Glee Club and a fine gentleman. He was often a soloist with out group and also a member of the Augsburg Centennial Singers. We sang at Garyøs service, as did an amazing group of perhaps 40 of extended family that included the well-known õBlenders.ö What a wonderful tribute to the memory of our dear friend.

We are now preparing for our Christmas Concert at Mindekirken and will be joined by the Finland 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choir, the Swedish-American Male Chorus, Pauline Fielde **Daughters** of Norway Damekor, Svenskarnasdag Girls Choir, and Kvinnekor Womenøs Choir. Wow! Maybe we should have scheduled this at the new Vikings The date is Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2:00 p.m., ending who knows when.

Many of us will be attending the Nordic Breakfast Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, joining about a thousand folks who drive to arrive at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington by 6:30 for their dish of scrambled eggs. Speakers will be Mary Lahammer from Twin Cities Public Television, State Senator John Marty, and Osmo Vänska, Music Director of the Minnesota Orchestra. Don Shelby from WCCO will again be the Master of Ceremonies. beneficiaries are Harvest Heartland and Minnesota Military Family Foundation. wonderful event to share gratitude for all the good things we enjoy and share with those that need a hand-up. Oh yes, the Augsburg Choir will be entertaining us with song

The Glee Club sang at the Keystone Communities of Eagan and the Dakotan County Library, and will be God Jul
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NSAA Vice-President at-large

singing at the *Vennekretsen* Sons of Norway Lodge in Anoka, leading up to our Christmas Concert. I wonder if we will have any snow to cover our green grass by that time. This September weather in November will certainly shorten our winter.

For Reality: I told my son, õYou will marry the girl I choose.ö He said, õNo.ö I told him, õShe is Bill Gatesø daughter.ö He said, õYes.ö I called Bill Gates and said, öI want your daughter to marry my son.ö Bill Gates said, õNo.ö I told Bill Gates, õMy son is the CEO of the World Bank.ö Bill Gates said, õOK.ö I called the President of the World Bank and asked him to make my son the CEO. He said, õNo.ö I told him, õMy son is Bill Gatesø son-in-law.ö He said,

õOK.ö This is exactly how politics works. Did you have any question?



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

#### THE NORSEMEN Eugene OR

Along with payment for their greeting, Director Ed Amundson told that the chorus has three sing-outs this December and Christmas party Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. õWe currently have 18 active singers and are looking forward to the

PCNSA Sangerfest in San Diego in June.ö Thank you, Ed, for this information. Let & keep in touch.

#### NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

-Tis the Season and the Nordics have joined in song and merriment to brighten Christmas for nursing home and community residents.

They opened their programs in South Sioux City on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Regency Square Senior Living, and continued later at Hope Lutheran Church. On Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> they were scheduled to sing at Holy Spirit and Northern Hills retirement homes. And a day later they performed at the annual Scandinavian Societies Christmas dinner.

The year was wrapped up with a program at Sunrise Retirement Community Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, and a Christmas party followed as the concluding event of 2016.

Adding a special flavor to the concerts again were the voices of spouses and friends of the chorus. The Belles passed out bells to the listeners for ringing along in öyingle bellsö in the Scandinvian manner.

The Chorus resumes rehearsals Jan.  $23^{rd}$  2017.

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Little Noah came into the house with a new harmonica. õGrandma, do you mind if I play this in here?ö

õOf course not, Noah. I love music. In fact, when your grandpa and I were young, music saved my life.ö

õWhat happened?ö

õWell, it was during the famous Johnstown flood. The dam broke and, when the water hit our house, it knocked it right off the foundation.



Grandpa got on the dining room table and floated out safely.ö

õHow about you?ö

õMe? I accompanied him on the piano.ö

Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

# LUREN SINGING SOCIETY Decorah IA

We have been busy preparing for our pre-Christmas concert on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. We used our caroling on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> as extra rehearsals, singing parts of our program at least four times: at the Vesterheim Museum (Bethania Church), and three Decorah-area Care facilities.

As I write this report, we are looking toward the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> concert at St. Peterøs Lutheran Church, Eldorado IA, followed by our party dinner at the Community Center in Festina IA. Festina is also the home of a very small early Roman Catholic Church/chapel, seating eight people; it is one of the to-see places to visit while in Northeast Iowa.

Along with many familiar pieces, we have two new selections, both of which were arranged by Bernie Gluth.

They are Advent Message and *Lulajz*, *Jezuniu* (Lullaby, Sweet Jesus).



Luren Singers and spouses line up for the Christmas dinner buffet in Festina IA on Dec. 11.

We will take a well-earned break from rehearsals until late January. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We anticipate invitations to sing for Lenten services in the area. Then we will join the Norsemen, freshmen men from Luther College, for our traditional Mothersø Day concert. In recent years we have had High School and Middle School male singers with us as well, which makes for an interesting and varied concert.

Our Savior® Lutheran Church of Lansing IA will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this coming year. Weøve been invited to sing for them and will do the concert in early June at a venue to be decided.



Planning is going on for Sangerfest 2018. If you have not done so, mark May 30-31 and June 1 on your 2018 calendar (Are they available yet?)

#### **New Member Profiles**



Eric Frydenlund was born, raised and attended school in Spring Grove MN. He is the youngest of four children born to his banker-father and mother who worked for veterinarian Jim Gray. He has two brothers and one sister. After High School, Eric moved on to Luther College, graduating with an Education major in 1984.

Eric taught mostly elementary grades, first at Glenwood IA and then at Zumbrota MN. He left teaching in 2008 and worked from home as a Title Searcher for a St. Paul firm.

He was in choir and band in High School, in the Luther Band for one semester, playing trumpet and in Nordic Choir as a Junior, singing 2B.

Eric was invited to Luren by Jim Gray. He now sings 2T. Of Luren he says it is a õfun group, very welcoming.ö



**Jim Harbaugh w**as born at the Naples FL Air Station, while his father was serving in the Navy. He is

the oldest of three children, with one sister and one brother.

He grew up near Champaign-Urbana IL, and graduated from Tuscola HS, then went to Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, majoring in Music Education. He has sung in a madrigal group and concert choir, and was once a õMessiahö tenor soloist. He taught K-8 vocal music in Chicago and St. Louis.

Jim changed careers by entering the Theological Seminary at St. Louis, and became a LC-MS Seminex pastor. He was ordained in 2001, 20 years after Seminary! He has served two congregations in the Northern Illinois Synod of ELCA and a two-point parish at Belmond IA, coming recently to Trinity Lutheran at Hawkeye IA.

Jim and wife Jan have been married 38 years and have three grown daughters and four grandchildren.

Jim as invited to Luren by õDocö Bicknese. He stated he had not sung in a male chorus since Seminary, so it has been good to be in this group. He sings First Tenor.



David Hegg is a native of Decorah, born to farm parents as the middle of three sons. He spent six years in rural school and graduated from Decorah High School, where he sang in the High School chorus. He has sung in church choir and been in several Musicals in community theater productions, as well as being involved in the building of sets and having other re-

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sponsibilities for New Minowa Players and other groups.

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David farmed with his father through 1997 and now works in PestControl. David and wife Elaine were married in 1974. They have no children.

David was invited to Luren by Lee Grippen and Dr. Judisch.. He had sung with Luren briefly previously and has now rejoined as a Second Bass.



**Benjamin Tokheim** was born at Dawson MN, youngest of three sons. His father is a potter and owns Tokheim Stoneware, where his mother also works.

Ben graduated from Montevideo MN High School and Carleton College, a 2006 graduate majoring in English. He taught Middle School science for two years in Brooklyn NY, then one year at Lac Que Parle Middle School back in Minnesota. He went on to Graduate School and earned his PhD in Inorganic Chemistry.

Ben participated in High School Choir and had voice lessons in college. He sings Second Bass.



## The Minnehaha Mandskor and Mandskor Auxiliary

Roger and Dene Amdahl Ron and Janell Beck Norm Braak
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Deanna Wehrspann Dennis and Carol Wollman



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### Normennenes Singing Society

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Ben is a one-year õfill-inö in the Chemistry Department for Luren member John Jefferson who is doing sabbatical research at Rochester MN He was invited to join Luren by, retired Physics Prof. Dennis Barnaal.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

#### NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY Chicago IL

Wow ó I look at the calendar and canøt believe we are already at the end of the year! It has been an interesting year which was highlighted by our Sangerfest in June! TusenTakk to Sioux Falls for a memorable and well organized event. Some of us are already looking ahead to Decorah Iowa for Lurenøs presentation of our next Sangerfest.

The chorus has had wonderful rehearsals with the introduction of new and challenging music. It seems our confidence has grown with the new music selections and the positive end results of a higher quality of presentation.

The chorus again decided to participate at Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park, South Elgin on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great vendor booth and had the ability to view the 2 DVDs from the Parade of Choruses and the Grand Concert from the Sangerfest which proved/to be very popular and brought back some nice memories. We were very lucky as the weather was perfect and the visitor attendance

was 2500 plus! We did receive 4-5 inquiries seeking information of our chorus and we had one attending a rehearsal! The day was a success for Normennenes!



Normennenes at Vasa Park.



Normennenes at Vasa Park

On Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There was a traditional concert along with a special music performance by Director Chuck Kessell and Accompanist Michael Benshish. Dinner was served and there was dancing and socializing. There were 90 + in attendance and a wonderful time was had by all.

Our annual Christmas program was on Friday, Decembe r 2<sup>nd</sup> and was



Normennenes singing at Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas program.

highlighted members bv our decorating our Christmas treeí Norwegian style. The decorations were beautiful and the chorus set the mood with the traditional carols Jeg er så glad, God Bless ye Gentlemen, Her kommer dine arme små and Glade Jul, along with other carols to add to a wonderful party and great holiday spirit.

Wishing everyone a Wonderful Holiday Season 6*God Jul*!



Thor Fjell.

#### 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, October 30th, we did sing at the Festival of Menøs Voices held here in Sioux Falls. Each of the, now, seven participating choruses presented two or three individual numbers, and then the massed chorus of 125 voices closed the event with õBe still my soulö as arranged by H.E. Singely III. Some 1,000 persons were in the

audience. A good-will offering of about \$16,000 was gathered. These proceeds will be used again this year by õThe Banquetö, a local charity, for its õProject SOS.ö

Partly because our Director has other õmajor obligationsö at this time of year, (with his bushy white beard, red suit, and all), we, the Glee Club, conducted three caroling concerts all on the same day, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We performed at three places we had visited on separate dates last year. In early afternoon, we sang in the chapel at Touchmark-at-All-Saints retirement home, later in the afternoon at the Washington Crossing retirement home, and finally, in the evening at the Inn at Westport retirement home. All three venues had receptive and appreciative audiences. We were praised by attendees for the fine start we were giving to their holiday seasons.

Shifting away from õmusic-newsö for a moment, several other items are worth noting. On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, as a fund-raising event, we hosted some 300 diners at our annual LUTEFISK supper. Attendance was lower than in previous years, but the event did somewhat achieve its objective. Generally, high praise was given by the diners for the menu, and to the Glee Club members, their spouses, and their extended family members for their efforts.

The following week, we held our monthly and annual business meetings. Officers for 2017 were elected. David Lien (pronounced õLeanö) was elected President, and George Regan, a long-time member and former treasurer, has agreed to be the Vice-President. Steve Espeland, our former president, has moved to

become the Marshall. Otherwise, the slate was the same as in 2016.

On Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, many of our members helped retired member, MARVIN G. NELSON, celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at a reception at his residence. He lives in the Dow Rummel Retirement Village here in Sioux Falls. Also, several of our members meet weekly with Marvin for coffee and a chat.

On Monday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the day after our caroling concerts, we held a combined anniversary observance and Christmas dinner event. We celebrated our 88<sup>th</sup> year since formation in 1928. The officers prepared the meal for the 40 attendees. After the meal we all enjoyed an inspirational presentation by noted author, Tom Roberts of the Children¢s Home Society.

One more planned õsocialö item is the õCourt Whistö evening to be hosted by George and Judy Regan at their home in mid-January. It will be the 18<sup>th</sup> year for this tradition of cardplaying, fellowship, and enjoying good food.

We will be taking a musical leaveof-absence in January, and have agreed to convene again on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for the purpose of conducting a business meeting, turning in õoldö music, and filling out our folders with selections for the SVSA 2017 Sangerfest to be held in June. For now, though, I send you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Norse Glee Club.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

# GRIEG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

Seasons Greetings to you all from the Grieg male Chorus.

Our Chorus has enjoyed several special events this fall. On Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, our Chorus presented a concert at Canton Good Samaritan Society. Following this concert, the Choir adjourned to the community room area, where we hold our weekly rehearsals. Arrangements had been made for the presentation of the NSAA Gold Medal with Three Diamonds award for Julian Holter that evening.

Making the presentation and evening extra special, past NSAA President Marlan Velgersdyk and 2016 Sangerfest Executive Secretary Gail Kristensen delivered a very formal and eloquent presentation of the award, representing 30 NSAA Sangerfests, AND in full NSAA formal uniform.

Julian and his wife Verna had registered for the 2016 Sangerfest and were prepared to attend, when Julian was unexpectedly hospitalized during the event. Julian joined Grieg in 1936, making this his 80<sup>th</sup> year of singing in the Chorus; he attended his first NSAA Sangerfest in 1938.



G. Kristensen left, and M. Valgersdyk present Gold Medal with three diamonds to Julian Holter, front.

This award has meant more to my Dad than words can express, and he has PROUDLY worn this medal at two Chorus events. Sincere thanks from our family to NSAA for this honor.

On Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> the Grieg Chorus presented our annual Christmas concert, benefiting LOVE, Inc., at the Valley Lutheran Church Grand fellowship hall. Once again we were blessed with a beautiful day, large crowd and generous hearts to support this worthy organization. Director Lane Karli selected a great variety of seasonal music and challenged us with some new selections that made for a fun program to present.

The following evening the annual Christmas party was held, also at Grand Valley. An enjoyable evening with games, caroling, an abundance of food, and fellowship with guests and our Grieg family made for a great holiday event.

 $10^{th}$ On Dec. our Chorus participated in the Canton Festival of Trees, held at the Lincoln Co. Courthouse. Each vocal group presents about a half hour of Christmas music as guests enjoy the trees. and gifts available from vendors.

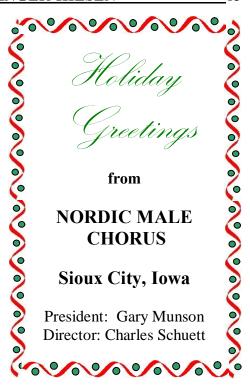
An upcoming event will be Monday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, when our Chorus will present our Christmas concert at the Canton Good Samaritan Society, followed by refreshments, celebrating

the 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Julian and Verna Holter.

Again, Christmas greetings from our Grieg family to yours!



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.



Merry Christmas and Good Wishes in the New Year

from the

Grieg Male Chorus and Auxiliary

Canton, South Dakota





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Marlan Velgersdyk

Norwegian Singers Association of America See you in Decorah





















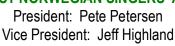


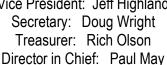
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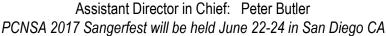


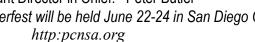








































#### The angels rejoice at the birth of the Savior

Donald and Barbara Berg **NSAA** Corresponding Secretary Editor-Publisher, Sanger-Hilsen



May you Chorus members be blessed as you share the good news of Jesus' birth in your beautiful music and the joy of the season with your good will.

Roger Buhr **NSAA President** 

#### God Jul ogGodtNyttar 2016



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

# Holiday Greetings From the Sioux Valley Singers Association

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Best Wishes for a joyous, music filled Christmas Season

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## 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 May 30, 31, June 1, 2018, our 150th Anniversary year.

Alex Aakre Dan and Kari Alstad David H. Andreae Kurt Anfinson Fred and Barbara Arnold

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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.

Robert and Karel Amend

Shane and Crystal Aman

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# Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association

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#### **Club Membership Index**

#### ILLINOIS CHICAGO

#### **Bjornson Male Chorus**

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 9857 Schiller Blvd. Franklin Park IL 60131. 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, ed. Kramer@ ATT.net.

#### Normennenes Singing Society

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. (except July and August) at the Estonian House, P.O. Box 95, Lincolnshire, L. 60069. tel: (847)537-8016. President: Thor Fjell, 1041 W. Ogden Ave. #118, Naperville, IL 60563. Tel: (630)369-4233, cell: (630) 479-4233, thorfjell@comcast.net. Recording Secretary: Frank Potempa, 1788 W. Sherwood Rd., fcpotempa@sbcglobal.net Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, perc55@juno.com.

#### ROCKFORD

#### **Harmony Singing Society**

Rehearsal each Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at our Club: 1104 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rockford, IL 61104. President: Jim Wolf, 1104 15<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rockford, IL 61104, tel (815) 965-7833.; Corresponding Secretary: Steve James, 625 Dawson Ave., Rockford IL 61107. tel. (815)601-3813. stevej 1945@comcast.net. Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)978-2245. swedishcantor@gmail.com

#### 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, Ostor (712) 258-7445 <a href="mailto:gregors5@juno.com">gregors5@juno.com</a>; Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, <a href="mailto:sechuett@aol.com">sechuett@aol.com</a>.

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#### Luren Singing Society

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#### MINNESOTA MINNEAPOLIS Norwegian Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: 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. 46<sup>th</sup> 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. 58<sup>th</sup> St. #109, Sioux Falls SD 57108, tel. (605)271-0838. jpras@midco.net. Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, clefdwellers on oak@juno.com.

#### Norse Glee Club

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: Steve Espeland, 48304 278<sup>th</sup> St, Canton SD 57013. 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 mrgail@sio.midco.net. Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 335-1624.

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#### **Grieg Male Chorus**

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#### **CALIFORNIA**

#### OAKLAND

#### Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: time and place unkown

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#### SAN DIEGO San Diego Mannskor

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#### 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 OgBrien.

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#### The Norsemen

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#### WASHINGTON BELLINGHAM

#### Norwegian Male Chorus

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#### Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue

Everett, Washington 98201

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#### POULSBO

#### Vestre Sund Mannskor

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

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