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NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

*GRAND CONCERT - 7:00 PM, June 20, 2020*  
 Overture Center for the Arts, Madison, Wisconsin

Ja, vi elsker dette landet	Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson/Rikard Nordraak
Star Spangled Banner	Francis Scott Key/John Stafford Smith

I

Norges Fjelde	Halfdan Kjerulf
Ved Rondarne	Edvard Grieg/arr. Kramer
I Will Lift My Eyes	Victor Johnson
We Rise Again Dubinsky/Macmillan/Stephen	Smith
Psalm 24	Gunnar Wennerberg

II

III

Thou Art Holy	Craig Courtney
Norge, mitt Norge	Alfred Paulsen
Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out	Mark Hayes
Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor	Irving Berlin

IV

V

Antiphon from <i>Five Mystical Songs</i>	Ralph Vaughan Williams
Per Spelmann	Norwegian Folktune/arr. Trond Dahlen
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal	Craig Carnahan
Get Me to the Church on Time from <i>My Fair Lady</i>	Frederick Loewe
Landkjending	Edvard Grieg

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Veterans Chorus for Parade of Choruses: (selected by Mark Everson)

- 1) Hil dig, Norge                      Rudolph Magnus Forwald
- 2) America, the Beautiful

**NSAA President's Column**

*"The purpose of fun is to have it."*  
Unknown

Singing is fun. Being a part of a singing group is fun. We look forward to choir nights—the camaraderie, striving for a purpose, the accomplishments, and of course the jokes. Many of us are not formally trained in music, so a primer in music terminology is due. So here is the official glossary of music terms adapted from Wolfgang Rattelmacher to help you in your understanding of music:

- COUNTERPOINT: type of Baroque punishment;
- CUT TIME: when you're going twice as fast as everybody else;
- BREVE: the way a sustained note sounds when you run out of breath;
- FINE: 1) that sounded just great!; or 2) finally!
- DA CAPO AL FINE: I like your hat!
- METRONOME: a short tenor that lives in the city;
- REFRAIN: don't do it (except in music, where it means do it again);
- INTERVAL: how long it takes you to find the right note;
- AUGMENTED FIFTH: a 36-ounce bottle of aquavit;
- BARLINE: a gathering of people, among which may be found one or more chorus members;
- CADENCE: when everybody hopes you are going to stop, but you don't.

We love to sing, and will have the opportunity to join in song at the upcoming Sangerfest, to be held in Madison on June 18-20, 2020. In addition to singing we are planning a number of special events and classes

in which you and your guest can participate together. Mark your calendars—check out the NSAA website for future updates. You don't want to miss the fun.

*"As long as we live, there is never enough singing."* Martin Luther



Paul Larson, NSAA President

### **EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI**

Our Chorus has been in summer recess since we wrapped up the 2018-19 performance year with our successful joint concert on June 7 with the Luren Singing Society. At the conclusion of each year I typically prepare a year-end performance report that summarizes the membership, social, and financial data for the year.

We began 2018-19 with 40 members. During the year we lost three members: Glenn Van Rossum who left to pursue other musical opportunities, Orin Hermunstad who died unexpectedly on October 28, and Al Swain who died on May 15 while on vacation in Hawaii. We ended the year with an active membership of 37 singers and 3 professional musicians. At this point two individuals have expressed interest in joining the Chorus for 2019-20, and we hope more will join us for Sangerfest 2020.

We participated in 20 events during the past year including 16 performances and 4 social gatherings. Major performances included the annual Christmas Show for the Mandt SON Lodge, *Syttende Mai* concert at

the Opera House, joint concert with the Luren Singing Society, and four funeral services for members of the Chorus family. Social events of note included our annual fall picnic, Christmas party, Founders Day celebration and the Syttende Mai afterglow.

Financially we approved a \$25 increase in our annual dues as well as increases in the salaries for our professional staff. We ended the year with a \$2,000 increase in cash on hand in addition to maintaining the Chorus reserves.

We are looking ahead to 2019-20 as we will celebrate two major events, the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Chorus and Sangerfest 2020 in Madison on June 18-20. Planning for both of these milestones is already underway. We will also continue our efforts to secure additional performance opportunities, increase our income through fund raising, and recruit new members.

We already have four events on the calendar for the new season: annual fall picnic on September 10, the 175th Anniversary celebrations at East Koshkonong Lutheran on October 6, and West Koshkonong Lutheran on October 13, and our annual Christmas performance for the Mandt SON Lodge on December 13. Perhaps the Koshkonong celebrations deserve a further comment. Norwegian immigrants founded one church 175 years ago. As it seems to be the Norwegian Lutherans way, a theological argument arose in the church so of course one group of believers split off to form another church. I have been told, but cannot verify, that the argument was over the

issue of predestination! Perhaps we will learn more about this interesting history when we perform our two anniversary concerts in October.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

### GREIG MALE CHORUS Canton SD

Summer always passes too quickly, But, with September approaching we enjoy the excitement of once again beginning weekly rehearsals and fellowship. Greetings to all our brother singers of the NSAA as your choruses begin another season of harmony!

During our summer break we gathered on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> to enjoy our annual Grieg chorus picnic. Once again we assembled at the Moe Parish Park, Hudson SD. Our picnic photo was taken at a beautiful new addition to the park, the Prayer Garden. As with any potluck event, there was a bounty of delicious food to enjoy. Keeping with tradition, after the meal, each person shared highlights of family the summer.



Grieg Male Chorus picnic at Moe Parish Park, Prayer Garden.

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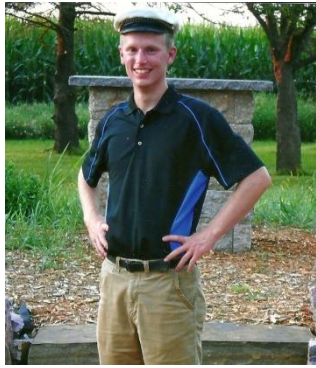
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Jakob Huber

As our new director, Jakob Huber, begins his second year with Grieg and looks forward to his first NSAA Sangerfest, it seemed very fitting to present him with a traditional singer's cap. Jacob is very enthused with our chorus' history, Norwegian language and music, so the cap was a must!

My Dad always spoke of how grand the NSAA singers' parades were at the different host cities, with all the singers proudly wearing their caps. He had two, so it was my honor to present one as a gift to Jacob. I have enjoyed marching in only two such parades, which were shorter and smaller than my Dad recalled. But it has been, and is still my hope that some day the parade will again appear on our Sangerfest schedule; I know I will proudly wear Dad's other cap!



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

**NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB  
Minneapolis MN**

A very sad interruption of our summer vacation was the passing of

our dear friend and former singer Ron Hemstad. The Glee Club sang at the Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life of Ronald Birger Hemstad. Ron was 86, survived by wife Betty. He had a long career as an attorney and spent many years with Betty at their summer home on the Gunflint Trail, planning and nurturing trees and plants. He had served also in the Air Force at the SAC in Omaha. His family was his first love. He will be greatly missed.



Ronald Hemstad

Practices will begin again on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, one day after Director Carsten returns from his sabbatical in Norway. I am sure he will have stories and suggestions to enhance our concert performances. Prior to our restart we will enjoy our summer picnic at the Danish Center on Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>. This will also be the location for our Christmas party. We appreciate fellow-singer Erik Bruun for making these arrangements.

Our business manager Ted Anderson and Director Carsten will be putting the finishing touches on our busy winter schedule.

For a smile. As was common, the baseball player and his wife got into a nasty quarrel at breakfast. "You're not a good lover either," yelled the husband. "Oh, like you're Don Juan?" his wife replied sarcastically. "You keep up that language and you are asking for trouble," shouted the husband. "What are you going to do,

try to hit me?" she asked. If that's what it takes," he said. "Listen, Superstar. You couldn't hit water if you fell out of a boat."

And so it goes.



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

## NORDIC MALE CHORUS

### Sioux City IA

It will soon be time for the male Nordic Chorus to gather again. Our only summertime togetherness was on July 4. It has been the tradition of the Sioux City Scandinavian Society, of which we are members, to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July game of the Sioux City Explorers, the local semiprofessional baseball team. This year, those of us able to stick it out, were treated to a walk off win in the twelfth inning just before midnight, followed by a patriotic themed fireworks display.

The club would like to thank Jackie Weil, wife of one of our former basses, for the memorial for her late husband. Larry who died earlier this year will be greatly missed. Five members of the Nordic Chorus and five members of the church's men's group, of which Larry was also a member, joined together to sing at Larry's funeral.

Talking to Larry was one of my great enjoyments. I recently found out that Larry was on the Sioux City Fire and Rescue thirty years ago when Sioux City was the site of the crash of Flight 232. This was the flight that was diverted here when a failed engine part knocked out the hydraulics. Even though they were

only able to control the engine thrust, the pilot was able to get the plane over the runway but sadly crashed in the last few seconds. Larry was part of the group that found the severed cockpit and helped save that part of the crew.

[Ed. note: The hero pilot Al Haynes died Sunday, 25 August 2020 in Seattle, one week shy of his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.]

We are looking forward to the next Season. We will be preparing for December and our Christmas tour of some of the local Nursing Homes.



David Carlson, Corr. Sec.

## MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR

### Souix Falls SD

Although the summer season is a break from rehearsals and concerts, it is not a break from activity. The Mandskor met for their annual picnic on Sunday, July 21, at Terrace Park. President Larry Luinenburg introduced John Pollmann as the new director. (More about John in a New Conductor Spotlight.) After a 6:00 PM potluck, and some discussion about our chislic venue at the Sioux Empire Fair, we were able to stay for the Sioux Falls Municipal Band concert at 8 PM.

The Fair began, Friday, August 2, but work began earlier that week. Don Cooper, Jerry Muchow and Roger Amdahl towed the concession stand from its storage location courtesy of Anita Preheim. This is a pre-dawn event to avoid traffic. The exercise is repeated in reverse after the close of the Fair. Dedicated

singers and auxiliary women clean and stock the concession stand in time for the first dozen chislic\* to drop into the sizzling oil.



Jim Pollmann, Don Cooper, Derick McKenna on the opening shift at the fair. Photo by Terry Walter.

The effort reaped record sales this year from the very start. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of Fair participation by the Mandskor. For more coverage, visit our Facebook page.



Mandskor mascot Winston is depositing money from sales at the Chislic concession stand.

Plans are underway for another fall trip to Minneapolis, October 5-6. This year, we will attend MAMA MIA at the Chanhassen, LOONEY LUTHERANS at the Ames Center, sing at St. Stephen's Lutheran in Bloomington and visit the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

\*Chislic is the official South Dakota Noshö or snack food. Cubed lamb on a stick came to SD, with immigrants from Russia and the word is derived from a Russian word for shish kabob. It is decidedly not Norwegian, but it is wildly popular in the southeast part of the state and successful marketing translates into generous profit. That's a language we all understand.



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

**New Conductor Spotlight**

John Pollmann will take the podium as conductor of the Mandskor when rehearsals begin, September 9. He graduated Augustana College with a degree in music education, and taught middle and high school music in SD, for 7 years before accepting a graduate assistantship at Northern Arizona University.



Amber and John Pollmann, with sons Miles and Max.

While at NAU, he conducted the Freshmen Men's Chorus and assisted with the Shrine of the Ages Choir, Chamber Choir, and the Master Chorale of Flagstaff. In preparing choirs for concerts, he has conducted major works such as Mozart's Requiem and Britten's War Requiem. He ranks performing with the Shrine of the Ages Choir at the Western Division American Choral Directors Association convention in Anaheim, CA, as a highlight of his career as a singer.

Mr. Pollmann has been a teacher for 20 years, the last 11 of which have been at Pipestone, MN Area Middle and High School. His second career is as an outdoor writer, with over 500 articles published in local, regional and national publications. He has a passion for conservation and the outdoors, particularly upland bird and waterfowl hunting, having traveled across North America in pursuit of both.

Most important to John, are his wife of 11 years, Amber, their 2 sons Miles (8) and Max (4), and John's father James who sings bass with the Mandskor.

**NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY  
Chicago IL**

This summer we were saddened by the death of one of our singers, Jerry Jensen. Jerry was a dedicated member of the chorus who served for more than a decade as our Membership Chair. He was responsible for recruiting a number of men to our chorus. In that role he also maintained strong ties to local media to promote the organization and our events. The chorus sang at his funeral

service at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Deerfield on June 13th.

We have been having member meetings this summer to plan events to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Normennenes Singing Society. Founded in 1870 as The Nordmaendenes Sangforening in Chicago, the organization has been continuously operating since October 30th of that year.

Our overall plan is to bring a sense of our history and the accomplishment of our 150 years to the events and programs on our calendar for the next year, and point to our Anniversary celebration planned for October 2020. We will be kicking off these efforts with a presence at the 40th Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park in South Elgin IL on September 8th. We will staff a booth there and distribute information about the organization, look to recruit new singers and promote our 150th Anniversary.

We have begun to rehearse in our regular Tuesday evening for the upcoming season. And we are looking ahead to next year's Sangerfest. Our next choral event will be participation in services at the Lutheran Church of the Master in Carol Stream on the morning of September 8th. Our accompanist, Mike Benschish, is Director of Worship & Music Ministries there and we are looking forward to singing with him there.



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.



**NORSE GLEE CLUB  
Sioux Falls SD**

Last issue I reported on the successful completion of the 51<sup>st</sup> Biennial Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA) Sangerfest 2019. As of this writing, I understand, I can report the accounting is complete, the bills have been paid, and a small profit was realized. As a result of our (Norse Glee Club) advertising efforts for the program booklet, we received a portion of those profits, and as has been the tradition, the host chorus, the Minnehaha Mandskor, in this case, have also elected to donate a portion of the proceeds to the SVSA organization.

This past week (on Sunday, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>) Bob and Margaret Tidemann played host at their country home for our annual summer potluck picnic. The event was well attended. Those able to be there enjoyed good food, nice surroundings, and much camaraderie. Thank you, Bob and Margaret.

We begin Fall rehearsals on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Our near-term focus, as in most years, will be preparation for the Sioux Falls community-wide Festival of Men's Voices, scheduled for late November, and holiday concerts as they begin to materialize. Further out will be our early preparation for the NSAA Sangerfest 2020.

One activity item that we continue to defer is consideration of whether we will be able to hold a Lutefisk supper this Fall, as in past years. Our decision will be contingent upon coordination with other groups and individuals who, historically, have assisted us. Other fund-raising

opportunities have possibilities as well.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY  
Decorah IA**

We congratulate member Ben Tokheim and Elizabeth Fondell who were married on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Gary SD. They returned in time to take part in several of our summer events. We have not yet had the opportunity to fete them; perhaps the Auxiliary will do something extra at their October meeting, which will be also Ladies' Night.



Ben and Elizabeth Tokheim

At the same time we can congratulate Fordyce and Marjorie Brevik who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary July 20<sup>th</sup> with an open house at Blackhammer Lutheran Church, rural Spring Grove. This was between the county fair and Nordic Fest. For both events the weather was ideal. However the Fest was marred by an accident on the courthouse steps

following our Friday evening concert when Jim Lage tripped over something, fell and suffered a broken rib . He's the guardian of our funds, so we want to keep him intact.



Luren window at 2019 Nordic Fest.

Thanks to Gail Judisch and Roger Buhr for assembling our window display for the Fest, with 1825 Sloopers theme. Ours was probably the only one, whereas some years ago many of the store windows had a display relating to the theme of the Fest.

Again this year members of the Luren Singers sang on a float in the Nordic Fest parade, on Saturday, July 27.



Luren Singers sing on their 2019 Nordic Fest float.

We will resume rehearsals Monday evening, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. We will quickly ratify the results of our springtime election, and hope to welcome some new members. Our first concert is at

the end of the month of October at Greenfield Lutheran Church, Harmony MN, where member Rolf Svanoë is the current pastor.

One new member is Doug Poppen, who has been the choral director at North Fayette High School in West Union until his retirement last spring. He will be our Associate Director, and he sings First Tenor! I'll have more to report in the next issue. Doug will succeed Bernie Gluth, who is also relinquishing his role in leading off our concerts with playing of the lur. Rolf Svanoë has already been doing this, beginning with our mini-tour last June.



Bernie Gluth passes the Luren lur on to Rolf Svanoë, at right.

We learned recently of the death of Kathryn Ulvilden Moen. She died on May 19, 2019 in St. Paul at age 99. She was director of Luren Singers for the years 1955 and 1956, while serving at Luther College as organist and instructor of organ. A tribute to her appears later in this issue.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

**A Tribute**

Michael Barone, host of *PipeDreams* on Minnesota Public

Radio, wrote a tribute to **Kathryn Ulvilden Moen**, which is briefly adapted and supplemented here.

Kathryn taught for 32 years at U. of Wisc. River Falls, retiring at 86! She held various church positions as organist, including Luther Seminary, just two blocks from her home in the St. Anthony Park area. You could always find her in a crowd; she presented the image of a little old lady school teacher.



Kathryn Ulvilden Moen at Old Village Hall Inn in Lanesboro. Photo by Michael Barone.

She sometimes drove to Decorah in order to take part in events at Luther (3 hours each way), often ending the occasion by playing "To Luther." She also played piano and cello. She was a beautiful, gracious and grand dame of the organ.

Her husband Norman, parents, four siblings and one niece preceded her in death. She is survived by nine nieces and nephews.

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

No report for this issue due to the death of Valerie Michals, wife of correspondent George Michals.

We extend our sympathy to George and the Chorus.

**Correspondents: please send in complete chorus rosters!**

### **Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association Sangerfest 2019**

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association held its 110<sup>th</sup> annual Sangerfest in Eugene/Springfield, Oregon on June 20-22, 2019. The event was hosted by the Norsemen Chorus of Eugene at the Springfield Marriott Garden Inn.

Over three days, 77 singers from nine choruses, along with family members and friends, renewed friendships, enjoyed performances by individual choruses, socialized over luncheons and dinners, participated in the annual business meeting, and attended the Grand Concert of the combined choruses. The Ladies Luncheon featured a local Scandinavian musical group.

The Grand Concert was held at the nearby First Baptist Church, a beautiful and well-equipped worship and concert space. The concert included 15 choral selections and was directed by Director-in-Chief Erik Eliason and Assistant Director-in-Chief Ed Amundson. Jeff Highland provided piano accompaniment.

Erik is a member of the Everett Norwegian Male Chorus. Ed is the long-time director of the Norsemen Chorus of Eugene and at this concert was the tenor soloist in *Norge mit Norge*. Dr. Alf Knudsen, Director-in-Chief emeritus, led the chorus in *Landkjenning*, and Peter Butler, a member of the Salem Thorsmen Chorus, performed the baritone solo.

Dr. Ednaldo Borba was the featured guest artist, performing Edvard Grieg's *Piano Sonata Op. 7 in E*

*minor* to audience acclaim. From Brazil, Ednaldo recently completed his doctoral studies at University of Oregon in piano performance. He also serves as the rehearsal accompanist for the Norsemen Chorus of Eugene.

Submitted by Jeff Highland  
PCNSA President

### **Mandskor Reflections on 30 Years by Terry Walter**

Dennis Barnaal suggested that I submit some memories of my time with the Mandskor. They are many and precious. The chorus has become family to my husband and me. When I submitted my resignation, I felt a deep and profound sadness. But it is my feeling that even though change is hard, change is good.

I am excited for the opportunities this time might give us to travel. (I am told one needs to do that before one lacks the time or the money because the strength is the most important.) And I am excited for the opportunities it will give the Mandskor to grow and thrive under new, capable and younger leadership.

I came to the Mandskor as their accompanist in the fall of 1989, when Eileen Farnsworth retired after some 50 years with the group. After playing for a performance by the Sioux Falls Centennial Choir conducted by local radio/TV personality Ray Loftesness, I was working my way through the Arena when I felt a tug at my suit jacket.

Two gentlemen from the Mandskor had heard me play and were pursuing me through the crowd. It was Willis Muchow and Les Farley. They said they were looking for an accompanist for the Mandskor and could I come on

Monday night. Having just given up playing with the Sioux Falls Municipal Band, I had Mondays available. At rehearsal, I learned that Ken Mannes was the conductor. This was a familiar face from Freeman, SD. Ken and I worked together well. The chorus met on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Bergland Center for Seniors, in downtown Sioux Falls.

The fellows were good about making sure that I got to my car after rehearsal without incident. Roger Amdahl is the only member of the group I met 30 years ago, who is still an active member. Jerry Muchow joined soon after I was hired and we attended our first Sangerfest in Madison WI, in 1990.

Ken Mannes retired in 1993, and Mark Adams came aboard. Mark was not a good fit for the choir and the membership soon severed his contract. Harlan Hallstrom stepped up from the baritone section to be the next director, but in February of 1996, within months of taking the baton, he became critically ill. His wife Bev called and asked if I could manage rehearsal from the piano. I did that and continued to conduct with Eileen Farnsworth returning to the piano bench.

Harlan never returned to the Mandskor. He passed away that spring. The search was on for a conductor. Rex Livermore stated that he kinda liked Terry where she was. The chorus agreed and turned their focus to a search for an accompanist. Several women came to audition. Eileen sat in on these auditions to offer guidance. Some candidates were good pianists but were not good accompanists. One was competent but played too loud and it was also

noted by one member that she sat funny. It was comical at the time but showed just how important it was to the chorus to find exactly the right person for the job.

Jake Muchow was singing with us briefly, but long enough to tell us that Deanna Wehrspann was back in Sioux Falls and playing for the choir he sang with at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He had already asked her if she was interested and she was. She came to audition and when I cut off the group to go back to rehearse a specific phrase, Deanna was already at that spot. It was a match made in heaven.

I was the accompanist for the Elks Chorus for 23 years and when my husband Don Cooper and I were married in 1990, they sang at our reception. The Mandskor joined them to delight our 300 guests. It was some years later that Don became a regular member of the Mandskor. Because of a shortage of tenors, he sang for awhile as an unofficial member, until taking the full plunge.

There were 8 to 12 singers at any given rehearsal when I became director. By inviting children with connections to the chorus to join the group for some concerts, a new feeling of energy and hope was brought to the organization. It grew to 29, but due to attrition and some resistance to sing Norwegian, the group has not reached 30.

Several things have given the group cohesion in the last years. Fund raiser meals hosted at our home were a way to boost the Mandskor bank account when interest rates fell. We sold tickets for a gourmet dinner prepared by my husband and me. Fun filled evenings included white elephant auctions, games and even a mock

wedding ceremony for two newly married couples in the chorus. Couples promised to love, honor and cherish and Mandskor and to affirm their vows by answering, "Ja, sure, you bet cha!"

Bob and Arlene Stenberg hosted a Danish meal with many courses. They appeared in traditional costume and taught us the art of "Skål!" Our beer mug was never to be less than half full so we would always have enough to join in a toast. The annual trips to Lincoln NE; Minneapolis MN; and Pierre SD, with sight-seeing and performance opportunities have done much to foster a feeling of camaraderie.

In 2001, then President Ron Beck arranged for the Mandskor to take a Caribbean Cruise. The waffle brunches and ultimately the chislic stand at the Sioux Empire Fair (a brain child of Kirk Preheim) have been vital to the financial health of the chorus.

Since Kirk's death, my husband Don has handled ordering the product and has worked many shifts at the fryer and as general repair man when electrical or plumbing issues arise. He was the first Gourmet Guys chef from the Mandskor. Participating in this fundraiser by Active Generations is a way for the chorus to show its appreciation to the Center for allowing us to rehearse and keep our music in their facility.

For many years, Don and I hosted a Christmas sing-along at our home, the first Saturday of December. We had as many as 85 people gathered to sing, eat, and sing some more.

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**ILLINOIS  
CHICAGO**

**Bjornson Male Chorus**

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**Normennes Singing Society**

Rehearsal each Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. (except July and August) at the Estonian House, P.O. Box 95, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. tel: (847)537-8016. President: Thor Fjell, 1041 W. Ogden Ave, #118, Naperville, IL 60563. cell (630)479-4233 [thorffjell@comcast.net](mailto:thorffjell@comcast.net) Corresponding Secretary. Dan Boyle, 8840 Forestview Rd., Evanston, IL 60203, tel (312)330-1450. [danielboyle@me.com](mailto:danielboyle@me.com) Director: Charles Kessell, 6042 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60634. Tel: (773)481-5941, cell (773)858-5325, [perc55@juno.com](mailto:perc55@juno.com).

**ROCKFORD**

**Harmony Singing Society**

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. [stevej1945@comcast.net](mailto:stevej1945@comcast.net). Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)978-2245. [swedishcantor@gmail.com](mailto: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: David Carlson, 1324 29<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux City IA 51104. (701)680-9684 [n0zln713@gmail.com](mailto:n0zln713@gmail.com); Director: Charles Schuett, 5040 Stone Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106, tel. (712) 276-2328, [scschuett@aol.com](mailto:scschuett@aol.com).

**DECORAH**

**Luren Singing Society**

Rehearsal: Every Monday night, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Roberts High School. President: Dan Alstad, 19714 Co. Rd. 4, Spring Grove MN 55974. tel. 507-498-3676, [dalstad@springgrove.coop](mailto:dalstad@springgrove.coop). Corresponding Secretary: Donald L. Berg, 407 Leif Erikson Drive, Decorah, IA 52101-1038, tel. (563) 382-5727; Director: Dr. David Judisch, 814 Fifth Ave., Decorah, IA 52101, tel. (563) 382-9222 [judiscda@luther.edu](mailto:judiscda@luther.edu).

**MINNESOTA**

**MINNEAPOLIS**

**Norwegian Glee Club**

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**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**SIoux FALLS**

**Minnehaha Mandskor**

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**Norse Glee Club**

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Nordic Hall. President: David Lien, 1800 Split Rock Blvd., Brandon SD 57005, tel. (605)582-3565; Corresponding Secretary: Gail Kristensen, 111 W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Apt. #110, Sioux Falls, SD 57104, tel. (605)731-5281 [mrngail@sio.midco.net](mailto:mrngail@sio.midco.net). Director: Lyle E. Kroon, 1216 Sunset Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 212-1309.

**CANTON**

**Grieg Male Chorus**

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**WISCONSIN**

**MADISON**

**Edvard Grieg Chorus**

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**SIoux VALLEY SINGERS  
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**OAKLAND**

**Normanna Glee Club**

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**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 Mathesen, 1601 Oakwood Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 tel: (650)947-1359, [dchouse@earthlink.net](mailto:dchouse@earthlink.net); Director: unfilled.

**OREGON**

**EUGENE**

**The Norsemen**

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**WASHINGTON**

**BELLINGHAM**

**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**EVERETT**

**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**POULSBO**

**Vestre Sund Mannskor**

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**SEATTLE**

**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**SKAGIT VALLEY**

**Skagit Valley Manskor**

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**TACOMA**

**Normanna Male Chorus**

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(from page 13) The Mandskor was part of this evening. When we moved not once, but twice, Bob Stenberg and Roger Amdahl came with pickups and strong arms.

Roger Amdahl and Jerry Muchow worked for several years alongside us as we renovated numerous properties in Sioux Falls and AZ. The chorus has been with us through the happiest and most difficult times of our lives, singing for my parents when they were in the nursing home as well as at their funerals and at that of Don's brother-in-law. But then, that's what families do.

In addition to my Mandskor memories, I have fond memories of the Sioux Valley Singers and the larger NSAA group. It has been an

honor to be elected to conduct both groups. My sincere thanks to all who placed their confidence in me. I've been humbled by your support and you have my very best wishes.

I have often said that I was never happier than when I was conducting the Mandskor. Bringing life to a beautiful piece of music is a distinct feeling of euphoria and men's voices are my favorite medium. I have been moved to tears on many occasions. While the time has come for retirement, and Lord willing, more travel and more Arizona time (we love company and invite you to visit us), Don and I intend to remain connected and of service to the Minnehaha Mandskor. Phillipians 1:3