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NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB**Minneapolis MN.**

Our October 8th lutefisk dinner was a great success with accolades all around. President Herb Nelson sent pictures to the Norwegian American Weekly with a story, which was published in that paper. Several of our skilled preparation team were featured along with an extensive story about this very popular Glee Club fund-raiser.

Gate Keeper Earl Evenstad had to cut off the sale of tickets when we reached capacity. Kudos to Director Carsten and accompanist Martha for pitching in in the kitchen and dining room as well as leading our singing between settings.

October 24th saw us up at the Heather's Manor in Crystal for a well-attended concert. We sang at Fort Snelling Chapel Sunday, Nov. 13th, just two days after Veterans Day, which gave this annual engagement special meaning. Chaplain Beal is retiring from the Army next year and in the planning for his departure he now has an Associate Chaplain, who on this Sunday provided a fine sermon with great energy and volume similar to what we have enjoyed with Chaplain Beal over the years.

Our annual Christmas Party, hosted by our dedicated Auxiliary members, was at the Double Tree Hotel again on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Good food and always outstanding entertainment as members display their incomparable talent.

On Dec. 8th we will be getting up in the middle of the night to join the Swedish Institute Chorus singing at 7 a.m. for the Nordic Breakfast at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington.

This fine annual Sons of Norway charity event benefits the Food Shelf and the Veterans. Over 800 are expected to enjoy an early breakfast and a fine program. Later that day we are singing at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills. After those concerts our focus will be on our Christmas Concert with the Swedish Institute Chorus and the congregation Choir at Mindekirken on Sunday, Dec. 18th.

Wes Schultz's surgery to remove cancer in his ear was successful. He said his new grafted skin became comfortable in its new location. He is now going down to Florida for a few weeks of sun and sand.

A Flash from Las Vegas: There was a sighting of our VP Dennis as the target of a lovely Marilyn Monroe look-alike as she went into the audience at the hotel theater. Another example of the continued magnetism of our distinguished mature singers. The fires never go out.

We are a bit tardy in introducing a late arrival from the Nordkap Chorus, bass Paul Thorson. He had been singing with Nordkap since 1994. Paul retired from Honeywell in 1991 as a senior production engineer. He also consulted in pollution control projects in Latvia and the Ukraine. Paul and his wife Joan have four children and eight grandchildren, all of whom live in the Metro area. Paul and Joan are charter members of St. James Lutheran Church in Crystal and have sung in the choir at that church and at other Lutheran churches. They were also in the Metropolitan Chamber Chorale for 13 years.

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**With Warmest Season's Greetings
To All Singers & Friends from the
Norwegian Glee Club & Glee Club Auxiliary
as we Enter Our Centennial Year**

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Frank Berger
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WISHING ALL OF OUR
SINGER BROTHERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

LOOKING FORWARD TO
SEEING ALL OF YOU
AT
SANGERFEST IN JUNE

CHAIRMAN OF 2012 SANGERFEST

Sincerely, Roger Stawnem

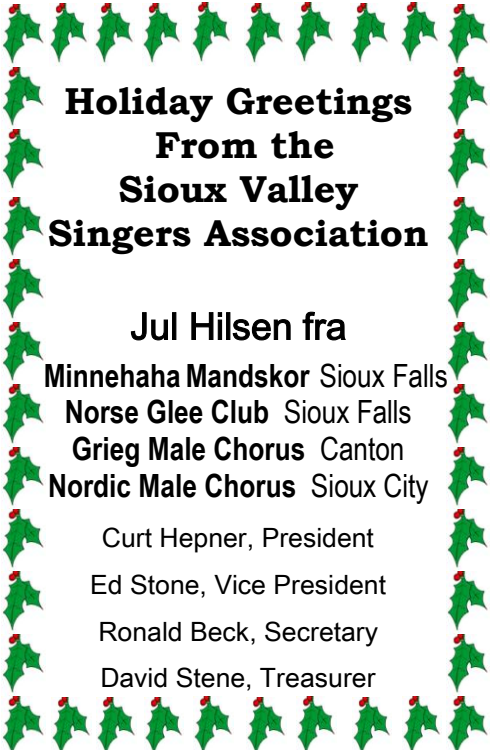


Paul traces his Norwegian roots to Setesdal and Nordre (?). He has been active in Boy Scouts going back to 1939 when the Scouts participated in crowd control for the visit to Decorah that year of the Norwegian Crown Prince and Princess. Also, he worked part-time in the *Decorah Posten* mail room. Another notable event in his life was a fall into a crevasse in the ice field on Mt. Galhopiggen (tallest in Norway). We are grateful he was pulled out in one piece and could now be a fine addition to the Glee Club bass section.

For a smile: A woman was sipping a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband and says, "I love you so much I don't know if I could live without you." He asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She replies,

"It's me talking to the wine."

Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.



**Holiday Greetings
From the
Sioux Valley
Singers Association**

Jul Hilsen fra

Minnehaha Mandskor Sioux Falls

Norse Glee Club Sioux Falls

Grieg Male Chorus Canton

Nordic Male Chorus Sioux City

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**A History of the Norwegian
Glee Club of Minneapolis**

The Norwegian Glee Club was formed on August 7, 1912, by the remaining members of two other Norwegian choruses: the Norwegian Good Templar Singing Society and the Hugnad Male Chorus. The original roster consisted of 26 members. Rehearsals began the next week and the first public appearance of the Glee Club was on November 10, 1912.

The club's first director was Carl G. O. Hanson who, except for an 18 month absence, served as director until 1944. Other notable directors were Robert Andersen (1948-1953), who was also a concert violinist with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra; Fred Wick (1953-1964), who was also the Director-in-Chief of the Norwegian Singers Association of America for many years; and Rolf Graning (1964-1980; 1983-1990). Arden Haug became director in September 1990. Current director is Carsten Slostad, who replaced Tom Ohnesorge.

Since both prior choruses had been members of the NSAA and had attended the 1912 Sangerfest in Fargo ND, the Glee Club immediately joined the NSAA and attended its next biennial Sangerfest in 1914. The club has been active at every national Sangerfest held by the NSAA since then. National Sangerfests have been held in Salt Lake City, New York, Chicago, Rapid City and many other cities throughout the Upper Midwest. The club has been the host chorus at several of these events. The club was represented also in Seattle in 1989 at the Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast

Norwegian Singers Association, celebrating the centennial of the State of Washington and the Seattle Chorus.

In addition to the many singing engagements at lodges, retirement homes, dinner meetings and patriotic celebrations (both Norwegian and American), the club has sung at many Spring and Advent concerts with other Minneapolis Norwegian choruses. It has also attended all national and local Sangerfests sponsored by the Twin City Scandinavian Center at Augsburg College.

The Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis plans to bring the musical treasures of Norway to the American public for many years to come, reminding us of our great Scandinavian heritage!

(This is the first of several historical items that Engh will be submitting concerning the Glee Club's observance of its Centennial in 1912.)

**NORMENNENES SINGING SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

Greetings, brother singers!

I am pleased to mention that the 141st anniversary celebration of Normennenes on Oct. 29th was a wonderful success! The chorus sounded great under the direction of Chuck Kessell and accompanist Una Stroda, and we had 14 participating singers. *Mange Tusen Takk* are extended to Hazel Peterson and Janet Wold for their efforts regarding dinner arrangements for the evening. A total of 97 members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the concert, dinner, and dancing to a live band until 11 p.m.

Our chorus has a new singer! He is Thor Larson, a second tenor, and is the son of Howard, our music chair, and at age 22 certainly lowers the average age of our chorus.



However, it is with great sadness I must mention the passing of our most respected singer, Peter Henriksen, 86. A 50 year member, he recently lost his 20 year battle with cancer. He was a past president of our club and a guiding light regarding our many important decisions over the years. He was also a participant in the NSAA Singers tours of Norway in 1995 and 1997.

We are looking forward anxiously to our annual Christmas party on Dec. 2nd. As a special treat we have invited a Children's Choir, directed by our own Chuck Kessell, as featured entertainment.

On Jan. 29th the chorus has been invited to perform as part of the opening ceremonies of the Norge Ski Club at Fox River Grove, an annual International Ski Event.

We will also be involved with two upcoming events at *Minnekirken* in Chicago.

On a personal note, my knee replacement surgery of Aug. 31st was a complete success. I am now scheduled for another surgery on my right knee on Dec. 28th.

Also, on another personal note, I became a grandfather for the seventh time on Nov. 5th! My son Erik and daughter-in-law Amy announced the birth of Caroline Catheryn Fjell.

I want to personally wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Leve Sangen,



Thor Fjell, President

**Best Wishes
for a joyous, music filled
Christmas Season**

VETERAN CHORUS

**Bob Lillie, President
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*Holiday
Greetings*

from

**NORDIC MALE
CHORUS**

Sioux City, Iowa

President: Gary Munson
Director: Charles Schuett



**Glade
Jul
To All
Singers
of N.S.A.A.**

Ed Kramer
Sangerfest
Assistant Director



**Merry Christmas
and
Good Wishes
in the
New Year**

from the
**Grieg Male Chorus
and Auxiliary**
Canton, South Dakota

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR
Sioux Falls SD**

We have had a busy and exciting time in Mandskor, but we have also been grieved by the passing of one of our dear brother singers, Bud Larsen, on Nov. 13th, 2011. We were privileged to sing at his funeral

At our annual meeting we had election of new officers. We have been very grateful to Ray Ode for serving as president for the past four years. Our new president is Kirk Preheim, who also comes with enthusiasm and has already recruited two new members.

They are Marlon Velgersdyk and Bob Veit, both very fine additions to our bass section. We'll have bios on them at a later date. Also we have one prospective member, Doug Torbert.

Mandskor has been considering new blazers. The decision became much easier when Kirk Preheim came forward with the statement that he'd help finance them. We thank you, Kirk! We'll be proud to debut them at the Festival of Men's Voices Nov. 27th.

The Mandskor has been invited to sing a concert at Prairie Village Senior Living Center on Dec. 12th at 7 p.m.

We are fortunate to have an accomplished accompanist in Deanna Wehrspann. Recently she has become a published composer as well. In addition to writing pieces for piano, she has written a chorale especially for Mandskor. The piece, titled "Moonless, Darkness Stands Between," is based on words by Gerard Manley Hopkins. We sing a premier performance of the work at the Festival of Men's Voices concert Nov. 27th at Central Baptist Church.

God Jul og Godt Nyttar



We wish our fellow singers and their families peace, prosperity, goodwill and good health during these holidays.

From the Edvard Grieg Chorus Madison, WI

Dwayne Berg
John Beutel
Colin Cameron
Steve Christenson
David Drukenbrod
Phil Dybdahl
Paul Eastwood
Mark Everson
Steve Fortney
Carolyn Fuerst
Brian Gjermo
Jorgen Goderstad
Jim Griffin
Jon Grinde
Paul Haakenson
Jim Hanson
Tony Hartmann
Gary Hendrickson
Orin Hermundstad
David Houser
Peter Elling Johnson

Dick Johnston
Paul Larson
Jonathan Lewis
Richard Lornson
Tom Martin-Erickson
Chuck Morkri
Roger Morris
David Nelson
Jack Nelson
Russ Nelson
Phil Paulson
Jim Pettersen
Doug Pfundheller
Roger Roloff
Larry Schulte
Norm Sime
Jim Svanoe
Al Swain
Al Wahl
Myron Wilcox
Al Wollenzien

**BJORNSON MALE
CHORUS**

and the

BJORNSON LADIES AUXILIARY



WISH YOU A

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

LEVE SANGEN

Edwin Kramer, Director

Mandskor is looking forward to its 121st Anniversary/Christmas Party on Dec. 5th.

From all of us in Mandskor to all of you, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Respectfully,



Bob Stenberg, Corr. Sec.

Obituary

Myron Wilbur "Bud" Larsen was born May 15, 1926, while his father was finishing his residency in Denver. He spent his grade school days in Hudson SD. The family moved to Watertown SD when he entered high school. Two days after graduation he left for service in the US Navy, where he served for two years on USS Natrona.



Myron Larsen

After his military service, Bud entered Luther College, graduating in 1950 with a BA in Biology. He attended Luther Seminary in St. Paul for one year, then returned to Augustana for education courses. There he met Elaine C. Lovro, whom he married on Aug. 24, 1952. They became parents

to three children: Judith, Steven and John.

Bud received his BS in Pharmacy from South Dakota State University in Brookings in 1956 and practised this profession in many SD communities.

His wife Elaine died in 2006.

Besides his children he is survived by eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

We extend our sympathy to the family and the chorus on his death.

**NORDIC MALE CHORUS
Sioux City IA**

The Nordics returned from their summer recess and lifted selections from their folders sung at the Sioux Valley Sangerfest in June.

Holiday music was handed out by Director Charles Schuett as plans were made for Christmas visits to several nursing homes as well as to a downtown independent living unit and a church gathering. Later on, wives and other women friends added their voices for the Yuletide programs, including the Scandinavian Societies' Christmas dinner.



Joe Ellickson

Joe Ellickson, who has a marvelous trained baritone voice, is a new member of the chorus. He graduated

from Sioux City North High School in 2005 and continued on at the University of Iowa where he graduated in 2009, majoring in vocal performance in a variety of music, including grand opera and musical comedy. He recently returned from Amman, Jordan, where for eight months he taught vocal music.

A family member of the Nordics, who is employed at Kohls Department Store along with Joe, urged him to sing with us, and the fact that he has some Norwegian roots perhaps encouraged him to join. He has received a warm welcome as a solo voice with the chorus!

Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY

Decorah IA

Our schedule has quieted down a bit after the furor of the fall. We did have the privilege of being invited by the ladies of our companion group, *Nordlys* (Northern Lights) to sing with them on Nov. 22nd. They did most of the singing, but we did have a few of our own and we joined in two SATB selections to conclude the program. Of course they also provided us with some refreshments and fellowship too. Touch of Brass helped out.

Our usual caroling party took place on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, costumed in our customary Norwegian sweaters. We were at Vesterheim and three nursing homes before we adjourned to Good Shepherd Lutheran for another fine party hosted by our directors and their wives. Mabe's Pizza was the feature of the evening menu, but there were lots of other goodies to enjoy.

Our pre-Christmas concert was on Dec. 11th at Decorah Lutheran Church. The Oneota Children's Choir

sang several selections as part of our program. This was a benefit for local food shelves and the Decorah Free Clinic, all worthy causes to help.

Following the concert we moved to the Fellowship Hall of the church for our party. We officially welcomed seven (!) new members and spouses. I reported on two of them previously. I will report on a few more here, with the balance in the next issue.

Bob Carlson and wife Mimi are both Luther College graduates. Bob came from Edina in the Twin Cities, took part in many musical groups both in high school and at Luther,



Bob Carlson

including Nordic Choir. He now has his own Real Estate business in Houston MN, which is located in the former grocery/general store owned and operated by a now deceased Luren member, Arnold Skifton. The couple have four children. Bob sings First Tenor.

Hugh Cochran and wife Lauren came rather recently to Decorah, when she took a position at Seed Savers. He originated in Lansing MI. He has an extensive background in music at various levels, having done solo work and being in several groups, vocal and Instrumental.

He has traveled quite extensively, having lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England besides Michigan, and now Iowa. He was looking for a

musical group to join and a friend recommended Luren. He has a love for music and for Norwegian culture and language. He sings First Bass.

We are delighted to have these new members with us. They bring a love for and knowledge of music to us, so we anticipate having them with us for a good long time.

We are "off" until Jan. 16th. We do have a couple of Lenten appearances already scheduled, a possible joint concert with the vocalists of Waukon High School, another invitation from the Sons of Norway lodge in LaCrosse and our regular joint concert with the Norsemen of Luther College in May.

We were surprised and saddened to hear and read that Tim Peter, who has been the director of the Norsemen for several years, will be taking a post

at Stetson University in DeLand FL, effective next August. We have had the privilege of hearing his choruses and of singing with them until his direction. We wish him well, but we also secretly hope he will return to our area in due time.

Dr. Peter has been a key figure in the Christmas at Luther presentations. If you have watched the TV productions of these programs, you have seen him and his wife Sandra, in action, truly dynamic and delightful people and excellent musicians.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.











WARMEST GREETINGS
For this
CHRISTMAS SEASON
And the coming
NEW YEAR

PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS' ASSOCIATION
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 PCNSA 2012 Sangerfest will be June 21-23 in San Diego CA
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EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS**Madison, WI**

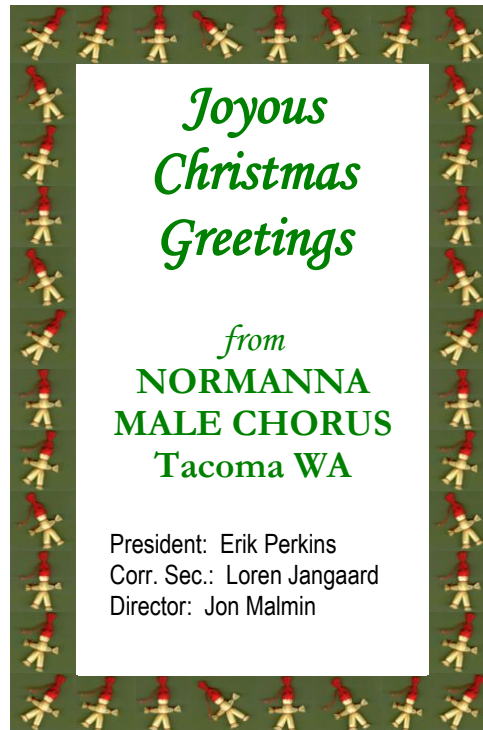
As the Chorus gathered to perform for the annual Lutefisk Dinner at Lakeview Lutheran Church in Madison on November 4, we were all saddened to learn that our senior member, Bob Jarlsberg, had passed away earlier that day.



Bob Jarlsberg

Bob was 86 years old and had performed with us as recently as three weeks before his death. Bob sang second tenor with the Chorus for over 30 years. He attended 16 Sangerfests and was the recipient of Bronze, Silver and Gold NSAA Sangerfest medals. Bob liked to joke that he was in the Chorus from the very beginning as he was born in 1925, the same year the Chorus was formed.

Bob's grandparents immigrated from Bergen, Norway. He was the youngest son of six children born to Hans Olaf Jarlsberg and Stella (Netland) Jarlsberg. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy two weeks prior to his graduation from Cambridge High School so his father had to pick up his diploma! He served on the U. S. George from July 1943 until his discharge in February 1946, seeing duty from Great Lakes to Okinawa. On April 30, 1949, Bob married



Patricia Krening in Racine. Pat preceded him in death in August 2003. Bob is survived by their two sons and a daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bob was an avid bowler, wood worker and a big fan of his nephew, race car driver Matt Kenseth. Services were held at Willerup United Methodist Church in Cambridge, the oldest Norwegian Methodist church in the world. It was founded in 1852 by Christian Barnes Willerup, a Norwegian circuit rider for the Methodist Church. The Chorus was honored to sing at Bob's service. We will all miss his pleasant smile and strong voice.

On a happier note, the Chorus held its annual Christmas Potluck on December 6, and on December 13 we sang a Christmas concert at Prairie Park Retirement Apartments in Madison. We will take a short break for the holidays and return in January to continue our review of the music for Sangerfest 2012. On January 29 we will celebrate our annual Founder's Day Banquet at the Stoughton Country Club. We wish all of our fellow singers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

NORSE GLEE CLUB

Sioux Falls SD

As expected, our weekly gatherings this Fall have focused upon the music for our upcoming "concert season." We continue to average about 20 members each week in attendance, having "lost" a few "snow-birds" to warmer climes. In November, at our annual business meeting, we elected our current slate of officers to a second term, and installed them for the next year.

Our Christmas preparation focused on some now completed events and some that yet lay ahead in December. On Sunday, November 27th, the Norse Glee Club joined with four other men's choruses from the area in a Festival of Men's Voices.

The individual choruses each presented a couple selections. We did "Wasn't that a Mighty Day?", and "Christmas is Coming!" Then the 100-plus voices of the massed chorus performed five numbers, closing with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." This number was dramatically highlighted by our own Norse Glee Club director directing it, while attired in his full Christmas Eve regalia.

Afterwards, not a few pictures were taken with "Santa". The concert is presented each year in support of a local food-bank program called "The Banquet." This year \$6,900 was collected.

The next day, November 28th found us in an informal rehearsal/concert at The Washington Crossing retirement community here in Sioux Falls. We had been there earlier in the Fall, and were invited to return as Christmas approached. We presented some

concert pieces, but also included a number of sing-along carols.

At this writing, two more concerts are scheduled. First, on Sunday, December 4th, for a third year in a row, we will present traditional Norwegian and holiday music at the Waterford-at-all-Saints retirement community. In past years, "standing room only" prevailed in the chapel. The second event, on December 8th, will be a return visit to the South Dakota Penitentiary. This is a site we visit twice a year in support of religious services.

It's the music that brings us together, but as likely it's the camaraderie that keeps us so. Our preparation and presentation of our annual Lutefisk supper proved to be very successful, by many measures. We served about 550 paying patrons. Their loyalty is noteworthy considering the distances some travel in order to partake.

Maybe a "first" this year; despite our planning for increased customer numbers we RAN OUT of Lutefisk, and had to rapidly recover by calling upon some local suppliers to supplement us. All reports later from patrons were that they got their "fill." This month, we will again combine our anniversary observance with our Christmas dinner and party. The Norse Glee Club is observing its 83rd year since charter.

In all, the Fall has been music filled, as we were initially challenged but then pretty much satisfied with our mastery of it. We have been very gratified by each audience's reception of our efforts. For the new year, we look forward to the possibilities. Most notably, as our Sangerfest preparations begin in earnest, and

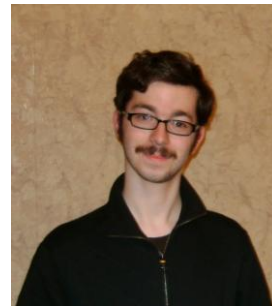
travel and accommodations plans are made.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

From the Harmony Chorus:

In the Sept.-Oct. 2011 issue of *Sanger-Hilsen*, Lindberg introduced Harmony's new director. Paul's picture was omitted, and is included here.



Paul Steffan

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♪ SEASON'S GREETINGS ♪

♪ Francis Peterson ♪

♪ NSAA Treasurer ♪

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God Jul
og
Godt Nyttår
from
Richard and Penny Leake
NSAA Recording Secretary

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

Theodore Aanenson	Robert and Betty Johnson
Shane and Crystal Aman	Roger and Karen Johnson
Robert and Karel Amend	Palmer Karli
Delores Blomberg	Gail and Diane Kristensen
Doris Davidson	Ordell and Doris Krogstad
Noel and Jane Egan	Lyle Kroon
Bryan and June Engel	David and Bonnie Lien
Warren Eitreim	Bernice Miller
Derald and Karen Espeland	Marge Munger
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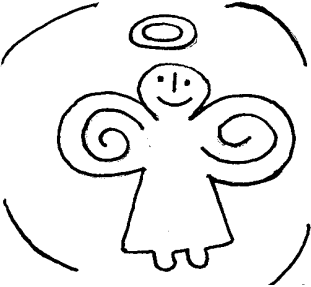
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We the members of the Luren Singing Society family wish one and all fellow-singers and families of NSAA and PCNSA choruses the best of Holiday Happiness and New Year joys. May the love and enjoyment of male chorus singing continue and thrive through our individual and group efforts during the coming years."

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*Merry Christmas
and a Blessed and Healthy
New Year*

**Veterans Chorus Director
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**God Jul
og
Godt Nyttår
fra
Thor Fjell**
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Season's Greetings
Our Best Wishes
For A Merry Christmas
And A Happy New Year

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2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. The Norsk Nativity Story below is from Luke 2, from an old *Kirke-Psalmebog* prepared by Th. Kingo in 1845. The English version is from the King James Bible, without verses. (DB)

Luc. 2 C.

Og det begav sig I de samme Dage, at der udgik en Befaling fra Keiser, Augusto, at al Verden skulle beskrivestil Skat. Denne Besskrivelse var den allerførste, som skede, der Cyrenius var Landherre I Syrien. Og de gik alleat lade sig beskrive til Skat, hver til sin Stad. Da drov Joseph op av Galilæa af den Stad Nazareth til Jøde-land, til Davids Stad, som kaldes Bethlehem, fordi han var av Davids Huus og slægt, at han skulde lade sig beskrive til Skat med Maria, sin trolovede Hustrue, som var frugtsommelig. Og det skede, medens de var der, da blev Tiden fuldkommen, at hun skulde Føde. Og hun fødte sin førstefødte Søn og svøbte ham I Klude, og lagde ham ned I en Krybbe; thi de havde ellers intet Rum I Herberget. Og der vare Hyrder I den samme Egn, som laae I Marken og holdt Nattevagt over deres Hjord. Og see! Herrens Engel stod ufoormodentlig hos dem,, og Herrens Herlighed skinnede om dem, og frygtede saare. Men Engelen sagde til dem: frygter ikke; thi see! jeg forkynder eder en stor Glæde, som skal vederfares alt Folket; thi eder er I Dag en Frelser født, som er den Herre Christus I Davids Stad. Og dette skal være eder til et Tegn: I skulle finde et Barn svøbt I Klude og liggende I en Krybbe. Og strax blev der hos Engelen en himmelsk Hærskares Mangfoldighed, som lovede Gud og sagde: Ære være Gud I det Høie, og Fred paa Jorden, og I Menneskene en Velbehagelighed!

St. Luke 2 (KJV)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

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