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Erikson-Hansen Stabbur, built after 1860 in Olmstead County, Minnesota, now part of the outdoor division at Vesterheim, The National Norwegian-American Museum & Heritage Center. Photo courtesy of Vesterheim.

This building type, a storehouse placed on pedestals to deter pests, was a symbol of wealth in Norway. Having surplus agricultural products to store, defined success and survival. This is a rare example, because they were seldom found on Norwegian-American farms. However, the *stabbur*-style of storehouse was common on more substantial Norwegian farms and in fact announced one's status.

See Grieg Male Chorus report by Jerry Holter on page 7.

NSAA President's Column

In reading the program that Luren Singers published for its 125th anniversary, I discovered that our chorus banner will be 50 years old when we celebrate our 150th anniversary next year.

It was crafted by Margreth B. Hamre who was the mother-in-law of Donald Berg, our NSAA Corresponding Secretary. The banner was provided as a memorial to long time brother singer Martin Bergan by his three sons Haldor, Allard and

Kenneth in celebration of Luren's centennial. Embedded in the banner is a lyre, indicating our musical heritage and a lur, the mountain instrument from which Luren takes its name.

You will be bringing your chorus banner and its stand to Sangerfest 2018. They will be displayed in the CFL throughout the three day celebration. Each one is unique. Do you know the age and story behind your banner? We use our banner at festive occasions such as the Nordic Fest parade. Banners are another way that we can communicate our Norwegian heritage to the public. Display yours proudly at your concerts and whenever possible.



Roger Buhr, NSAA President

**FORMER NSAA OFFICER
DECEASED**



Loren Behm

Loren C. Behm, who served as NSAA President from 1984-86 and had been NSAA Recording Secretary for 12 years, died at Las Vegas NV recently. (There was no connection with the highly publicized shootings in Las Vegas Oct. 1st at the concert.)

Loren was born at West Allis WI June 21, 1933 to Frederick and Nan Rangheld (Monson) Behm . He was

an alumnus of Luther College (1959), where he met his wife-to-be, Betty (Eide) (1957). They married in 1956, and became parents of three children: Lori (LC81), Frederick and Barbara.

Loren served in the Treasurer's office at Luther College for 26 years. He was an early member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and later at Decorah Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Luren Singers for 33 years, singing Second Bass.

Loren is survived by his widow, Betty, their two daughters: Lori (Steven) Bergan and Barbara Behm, both of Henderson NV, and son Frederick of Charles City IA; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and one sister.

**NORSE GLEE CLUB
Sioux Falls SD**

This fall has started for us with several performance opportunities under discussion. We are in rehearsal to sing, again this year, at the "Festival of Men's Voices." This festival features music from six local men's choruses. The performance will be Sunday, November 12th, with a joint rehearsal a few days prior. Each of the six choruses will first offer individual selections. We (the Norse Glee Club) are planning to perform Early in the Morning by Douglas E. Warner, Think on Me by Victor C. Johnson, and Shall We Gather at the River by Earlene Rentz. All our music is arranged into 3-part (TBB) vocalization, in recognition of limitations we are experiencing in the higher voice resources. Then, the 100-plus voices will close with the Ruth Morris Gray arrangement of Roll, Jordan, Roll. As in previous years, proceeds from a good-will

offering will go to "The Banquet," a local charity providing provisioned school bags to needy children.

Following the "Festival," our musical focus shifts to other holiday events. Several performance engagements are in planning. We are focusing on arranging visits to several retirement homes. However, our director's "plate" (in his "Santa" role) is getting pretty full.

This fall we have welcomed a new accompanist to our midst. SPENCER SMITH is a recent graduate of the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance. While in school, he competed in several state-wide and regional competitions. He currently is in demand as a collaborative pianist and teacher, accompanying choirs and in vocal competitions around the state. He maintains a private piano studio. We feel very fortunate to have him with us, especially for the richness of his playing and his forthright support of our vocal endeavors



Spencer Smith

On Friday, November 3rd we will, again this year, host a lutefisk supper. Support for our efforts will come from the Augustana University men's baseball team and other community volunteers. Their help is appreciated, and much needed, as always. Of note also, we are adopting a "buffet" service approach to the supper service, and we are shortening the serving

hours to be 4:30 to 6:30 PM that evening. Ticket sales are underway, and jobs are being identified for our current members. We plan to serve about 300 appreciative patrons at this event.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS

Madison WI

Our Chorus officially began the new performance year with our annual fall picnic on September 12 at Eastside Park in Stoughton. The gathering provided the opportunity to begin the distribution of our newly produced CD. The CD was dedicated to the memory of Phil Dybdahl and a tribute to Mark Everson's 40 years of service to the Chorus. Phil's wife Audrey and Mark were given the first two copies of the CD. In presenting these special gifts, the Chorus expressed its gratitude for the significant contributions of Phil, Audrey and Mark.

Chorus member Chuck Morkri, former NSAA State Vice President, was unable to attend the picnic as he was leading 42 members and friends of the Mount Horeb Sons of Norway Lodge on a tour of Norway. One of the primary purposes of the trip was to attend the dedication of the Stave Church that had been disassembled at Little Norway near Mount Horeb, then shipped and reassembled in Orkdal, Norway. The church had originally been built 124 years earlier in Orkdal

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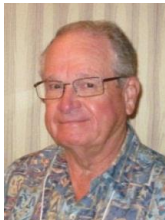
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for Norway's exhibition at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago.

Chuck reported that the disassembly and restoration of the church by local Norwegian craftsmen took over 10,000 hours of work at a cost of \$600,000 supported by fundraisers, donations, and public tax dollars. Hundreds of native Norwegians and visitors, including the group from Mount Horeb, attended the dedication ceremony that included speeches by the Norwegian Minister of Culture, Linda Hofstad Helleland and Orkdal mayor, Oddbjorn Bang. The restored structure will be used to host meetings, weddings, lectures and concerts in Orkdal, a farming community of 12,000 located just west of Trondheim.

On Saturday, October 7, the Chorus was invited to sing the National Anthem for the 6:00 a.m. sendoff for over 100 veterans participating in the Badger Honor Flight to Washington, DC. The non-profit program flies World War II, Korean, and Viet Nam Veterans to the Nation's Capitol to tour the national war memorials and Arlington Cemetery. After the daylong tour, the Veterans returned to Madison around 9:00 p.m. with memories they will never forget.

Our Chorus welcomes three new singers including Glen Van Rossum, first tenor, and Skip Johnson and Harley Skjeruem, first basses. These men will be featured in greater detail in my next article.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR

Sioux Falls SD

The Mandskor is happily reconvened and preparing for our trip to Minneapolis, October 21-22. This year, we will go via Dassel MN, where we will do an afternoon concert, Oct. 21. Dassel is the hometown of member Hans Peterson and wife Geri. Also included in the itinerary is a show at Plymouth Playhouse and a brunch cruise on Lake Minnetonka.

Our group is having its share of sadness and illnesses. Dene (Roger) Amdahl took a serious fall and dislocated a shoulder. She is at Luther Manor for rehab. Marlan Velgersdyk is recovering from his surgery earlier this summer, his wife Carol is now recovering from hip surgery and they are both grieving the sudden death of their son Michael.

Ron Beck, who has been living in Dell Rapids, has moved to be with a son in Montana. As a chorus, we grieve with those in our group who are experiencing difficulties and rejoice together in the glad times. These days, we are praying for one another.

We will have our annual Hobo Stew supper, Monday, October 9. Tradition demands that each member bring a canned good to throw into the pot. Our auxiliary prepares a hamburger base to which the rest of the ingredients are added. The result is always better than the year before. One year, a new member brought a can of peaches to contribute. He never lived it down. A couple of years ago, another new (younger) member added hot sauce. You can imagine that the Norwegian palate

does not respond well to such a stimulant.

Director Terry and husband Don have been spending some time in AZ, so Hans Peterson and Bill Hoffman have taken care of rehearsing the chorus. The group will participate in the Festival of Men's Voices, November 12, at 2:30 PM, at the O'Gorman Performing Arts Center. This is an annual event that benefits The Banquet. A free will offering is collected. There is no admission charge.

We are in the process of scheduling concerts. Visit our website <minnehahamandskor.org> for updates.



Terry Walter

**NORMENNENENS SINGING SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

Our chorus again participated in the Scandinavian Day festivities at Vasa Park in South Elgin on Sunday, Sept. 10. This is a very popular event, and there were over 2500 in attendance.

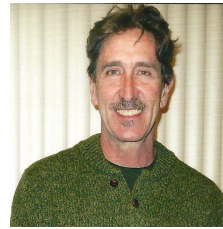


Normennenes at Scandinavian Day 2017

This is a great opportunity to meet and greet prospective singers. Our

chorus had a vendor booth as we did last year, and the weather was outstanding. Great participation from our chorus, and we are now following up on the five inquiries we received.

I have some great news! We have a new singer! He is Jim Irvin, who actually is a nephew of singer Jerry Jensen. Jim has been very positive and enthusiastic about singing with us. He lives in Highland Park and is a cabinet maker. He is married with two daughters, and at age 59 definitely lowers our chorus' average age!



Jim Irvin

Foremost on our schedule is our 147th anniversary concert and dinner dance on Friday, Oct. 27th. We have been working very hard preparing various details. The music will feature a variety, with main consideration being entertaining. We will have extra entertainment featuring two female soloists, who will include Norwegian selections.

We are all looking forward to an enjoyable evening. This will be held at Allgauer's Restaurant in Northbrook, and will feature after-dinner entertainment, playing music from the 40s to 80s for dancing.

Yours in song,



Thor Fjell

GRIEG MALE CHORUS**Canton SD**

A bright, sunny day, the landscape is brightly decorated in fall hues, BUT if you happened by our Grieg Male Chorus rehearsal, you would hear strains of *Glade Jul* fill the hall as once again we begin preparing for our annual Christmas concert.

Following the summer break, we began regular weekly rehearsals the 3rd of Sept. The first Monday in Oct. was the first meeting of the Ladiesø Auxiliary, which of course meant the men could look forward to delicious treats the ladies had prepared for us, following rehearsal.

As well as preparing for our Christmas concert, selections for the 2018 NSAA Sangerfest have been added to our folders for rehearsal. We are looking forward to the great musical experience and fellowship with the NSAA family at the Sangerfest in Decorah.

On a personal note: I have had the privilege of attending two Sangerfests in Decorah. Both were great and memorable events. Each time, along with friends at a sidewalk café, I indulged in one of MY favorite treats, *fløtegrøt*, and we enjoyed the Vesterheim Museum and grounds.

Until this past summer I was not aware that a *stabbur* on the museum grounds came from the farm in Olmstead County MN where my great grandmotherø parents lived. Seeing this structure again will be especially meaningful.

Also, my dadø grandfather was in the first graduating class at Luther College, before attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and accepting a Call to Dakota Territory. At previous Sangerfests my dad and his brother

located the picture of the class in the Museum, but in ø6 and ø6 we were told it was in storage. During this special event in the College history, I am hopeful the picture will once again be on display.

Greetings to all our Brother-singers and their families!



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB**Minneapolis MN**

We are off to a good start for the Fall Season with everyone at rehearsal including two fine new members (more about them later), and of course with the listing of the selected music for the 2018 Sangerfest we are becoming somewhat familiar with it.

Our fall lutefisk dinners are an early focus. Already the orders for tickets are piling up fast at the home of master ticket controller, Earl Evenstad, assuring us of another capacity attendance. This popular event is Saturday, Oct. 14th. It seems that we have to increase the number of Boy Scouts to help us serve each year, as a few of our members are slowing down. But it all works well under the leadership of our hard-working President, Bob Olson No. 2.

Concerts are scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 24th at 7500 York in Edina, followed by Arbors at the Ridges in Bloomington on Monday, Oct. 30th, All Saints Sunday at *Mindekirken* Nov. 5th. Lenox Community Center in St. Louis Park Wed., Nov. 8th, and then our Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 17th.

Business Manager Ted Anderson has others he wants to fit in; we will see how that goes.

Ron Hemstad remains on the Inactive list with Bob Berndt. We miss them both.

A special committee has spent many hours reviewing and bring up to date our By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. The task has been completed, gone over by our in-house attorney Joe Grodahl, and copies have been distributed to all members. We should now be more in line with how we actually function. Congratulations to the committee for this efforts.

For a smile: This guy came to work one day with a fist full of cigars and started to pass them out left and right to celebrate the birth of his son. "Congratulations, John," said his boss. "How much did the baby weigh?" "Four and a half pounds," said the father proudly. "Gee, that's kind of small," the boss said. "What do you expect?" retorted John indignantly. "We have been married only three months!"



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

NORDIC MALE CHORUS Sioux City IA

After summer vacation the Nordics opened their 2017-18 season Sept. 25th with an informal chicken dinner. With the kind assistance from the spouses, it was a great evening of fellowship and good food.

Rehearsals began Oct. 3rd with reading of Christmas music for the

season ahead. Director Chuck Schuett discussed with the chorus dates for performances, and it was decided to have concerts Nov. 27th, Dec. 3rd, 12th and 18th at Retirement Homes, as well as the annual Holiday concert at the Scandinavian Societies Christmas dinner.

Spouses will join in rehearsals for the concerts beginning Oct. 30th.

Dues for the season were also brought to the attention of members.

A Christmas party for the chorus and spouses will close out the year, with activities resuming for Sangerfest in late January.

Not all Math puns are bad. Just sum. Did you hear the rumor going around about butter? Never mind. I shouldn't spread it.

What hair color do they put on the driver's license of bald men?

His wife told him to quit acting like a flamingo. So he had to put his foot down!



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.

HARMONY SINGING SOCIETY Rockford IL

Here we are already performing at different locations and sharing our music. Looking to the future we will be singing with "Kantorei the Singing Boys" of Rockford IL, December 23rd.

The Kantorei was formed in 1964. Through the years they have performed in Europe and many other locations around the world. The Artistic Director is James Marck. The

2017-18 program will feature the launch of the "Singing Girls of Rockford."

Sherry and Chuck Dreyfuss hosted a picnic for our chorus at their home August 26th. The picnic was well attended and we enjoyed the food and fellowship. We are grateful for the many times we have been welcome to their beautiful home and gardens.



Hostess Sherry Dreyfuss

We performed at Morning Star Village September 26th. This is an assisted living community located in Rockford. I believe this is our 3rd time to sing there. The following are the songs we sang:

Min Skol, Din Skol

I'm Bound Away

Standing on the Corner

Tonerna

Just a Single Voice

Solos by Bob Aden

Bring Him Home

Little Red Riding Hood

Turn Around, Look at Me

Tryggare

Let There Be Peace on Earth

God Bless America

Here are a couple jokes:

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill, so the doctor gave him another six months.

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest. The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?"

The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"



Steven James, Corr. Sec.

LUREN SINGING SOCIETY

Decorah IA

We resumed rehearsals Sept. 11th, with lots of new faces as we enter our 150th year. Although we have no concerts scheduled for the near future, we have been more than busy with planning meetings for next year's Sangerfest. NSAA President Roger Buhr has a regular monthly meeting schedule for the Steering Committee, but others are also welcome to sit in and offer their comments and suggestions. In addition to the articles that he submits for *Sanger-Hilsen*, he will be sending a mailing to all choruses with details and deadlines.

Unfortunately, he has also been having some health issues, so we ask your prayers for his health and strength for the extra burdens he carries on our behalf.

Shortly after we began again, we made our springtime elections official. Most of the positions are simply renewals, but we did elect Tom Buresh as Vice-President.

Counting two former members who have returned after 30+ years away, we are welcoming 14 new members. Included among these is our accompanist, whom I have not yet had the privilege to interview.

Here are three of the new members.



Taylor Kohls was born at West Union, the elder of two children, (one sister). His father is a milk truck driver, and his mother works as a secretary.

Taylor graduated from North Fayette High School last spring, but he is not yet in college. He sang in the high school chorus and in the West Union Community òMessiah.ö

Taylor worked at the Luren food stand as a substitute for one of our Luren members during the County Fair, and was invited by several of the other workers, including Lee Grippen and the whole Bicknese family.

He sings Second Bass. His first impressions: good, òI didn't know what to expect.ö



David Siefken was born at Webster City IA, while the family lived at the small town of Duncombe (near Fort Dodge). His father was the Superintendent of Schools, so they moved around, thus growing up at Rake IA. After attending the Rake Community Schools, Dave went on to Luther College, graduating in 1964, with majors in Business Administration and Spanish and an English minor. One older brother is deceased.

In high school he sang in choir and played trumpet in band. At Luther he played in Varsity Band and sang in òMessiahö all four years, as well as in

a group called Dalenskor

Dave is married to Jan (Peck). They have two sons.

His most recent work was as Clerk of Court in Winneshiek County, from which he retired in 2006.

Dave sang in the Decorah Chorale for 17 years. He had known about Luren for many years and was invited by Jack Boehm as well as himself. He sings Second Tenor.



Jeremy Reicks was born at New Hampton, the youngest of 11 children. There were three brothers and seven sisters; one sister is deceased. He has 33 nephews and nieces. One sister is Mother Superior in the Sisters of Mercy, now living in Omaha. Jeremy grew up on a farm and continues the farm work on 320 acres.

Jeremy attended Turkey Valley Schools, participating in wrestling and choir. One of his brothers was a State Champion in wrestling, and others were place-winners.

Jeremy took the Dairy Herd Management course at Northeast Iowa Community College at Calmar. He milks about 40 cows.

Jeremy's uncle Ardwin Reicks was a member of Luren for a few years. Jeremy was a classmate of Randy Schmitt, who invited him to join us. He too sings First Bass.

First impressions: ònice people, amazing talents.ö

I'll report on others in coming issues of *Sanger-Hilsen*.

The local newspaper carried the news of the death of Loren Behm,

who sang with us for 33 years. Many of our current members would not have known him; yet he remained part of the Luren family and continued his subscription for several years after the move to California and more recently to Nevada.

A more recent newspaper report told of the death of another former Luren member, Wilbur "Bud" Houtman. He joined Luren in about 1990 with Pastor Alden Hovda, then serving at Decorah Lutheran Church. After leaving Decorah, Bud and his wife helped launch a mission congregation in Mesa AZ.

"Bud was born at Volga SD Jan. 14, 1927. He left school early to help work the family farm, a homestead now the site of Oakwood Lakes State Park. He had to wait until Belinda "Dee" Nelson turned 18 and graduated from high school before they could marry on Dec. 30, 1950. She died in January 2017 after 66 years of life together.

Bud and Dee came to Decorah in the 1980s. He worked at area technical colleges in Auto Mechanics.

Bud died Oct. 18th. Burial will be at Volga SD in December. Besides his parents and wife he was preceded in death by a son, son-in-law, two brothers and two sisters. Two sons, two daughters, one sister and one brother, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren are surviving.

"Christmas at Lutherö will be held Nov. 30th, Dec. 1-3. Our caroling will be Saturday, Dec. 2nd, beginning at the Museum and continuing at the three Nursing Homes, ending with a party at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, hosted by our directors and their wives at 4 p.m. Our pre-Christmas concert will be at Decorah Lutheran

Church Dec. 10th at 3 p.m., followed by a party in the church basement.

That same evening, Dec. 10th, at 7 p.m., will be the presentation of Handel's "Messiah" by the West Union Community Chorus at the Methodist Church in West Union, in which several of us in the Luren family take part.

Until next time,

Don Berg, Corr. Sec.



NSAA LADIES

The Luren Auxiliary is planning a Sangerfest luncheon that should give us a great meal and a program that will leave us laughing. Our speaker will be Pastor "Laughing" Laura Gentry (of Lansing IA). Special music will be by Rachel Storlie, daughter of Luren member Lee Grippen.

Hand-made gifts are being made by a son of another Luren member. We hope all NSAA spouses can come and have a day filled with fun.

Barbara Berg, Luren Auxiliary Chair

Some News from the PCNSA

The Everett Norwegian Men's Chorus donated to the Music Department of View Ridge Elementary School in Everett an electronic piano. ENMC says this is about keeping music alive.



Decorah Sangerfest 2018 Room Information (as of 25 Oct. 2017)

Country Inn by Carlson, 1202 Highway 9 West, Decorah. 563-382-9646. 70 rooms total. Blocked 20 rooms under NSAA: 9 King rooms, 10 Double Queen rooms, 1 King Handicap room, all on first floor (hotel does not have an elevator). Free hot breakfast, free WiFi, refrigerators and microwaves. Thurs night \$115, Fri. and Sat. night \$145. Cancellation is 48 hours in advance. Check in 3pm. 30 days release date. For the block, say for Sangerfest.

Fairfield by Marriott, 2041 State Highway 9, Decorah. 563-382-8800. New hotel, about 84 rooms total. Not able to block rooms at this writing. Free hot breakfast, WiFi. Said price about \$150 depending on room.

Quality Inn, 709 Commerce Dr. 563-382-2269. 68 rooms total. Have blocked 20 rooms; 2 queen beds or 1 king bed. Group name is Sangerfest. Free hot breakfast and WiFi. Microwave, refrigerator. \$147 per night. Released after April 30, 2018.

Super 8, 810 Highway 9 East, Decorah. 563-382-0959. 60 rooms total and all have been blocked for NSAA. Free breakfast, WiFi. \$109 to \$139 per night, depending on room. For the block, say for Sangerfest.

Hotel Winneshiek, 104 East Water St., Decorah. 800-998-4164.

Elegantly restored historic hotel. No rooms blocked. On site restaurant for breakfast, lunch, dinner. 7 rooms with two Queen beds, 13 rooms with a King bed. About \$159 per night for either.

Luther College, Farwell Hall dormitory. Arrangements not complete; contact person not set at this writing. Expect about 250 beds available in one-bed and two-bed rooms. Hall bathrooms. First date to make reservations not yet established; could be on-line forms. Free WiFi. Breakfast on Saturday morning and Sunday morning may not be available on campus, but could be if are more than 50 persons register for Farwell Hall. Pricing will be set Nov. 2017. For summer 2017, a single room was \$46 per night and a double room was \$69 per night. Breakfast (not included) is \$6.35, lunch and dinner \$8.60. Expect 3 to 5% increase for 2018. Housing information will be updated on the NSAA web site.

Pulpit Rock Campground. 505 Pulpit Rock Rd. Decorah. (563-382-9551) No reserved sites, first come, first served.

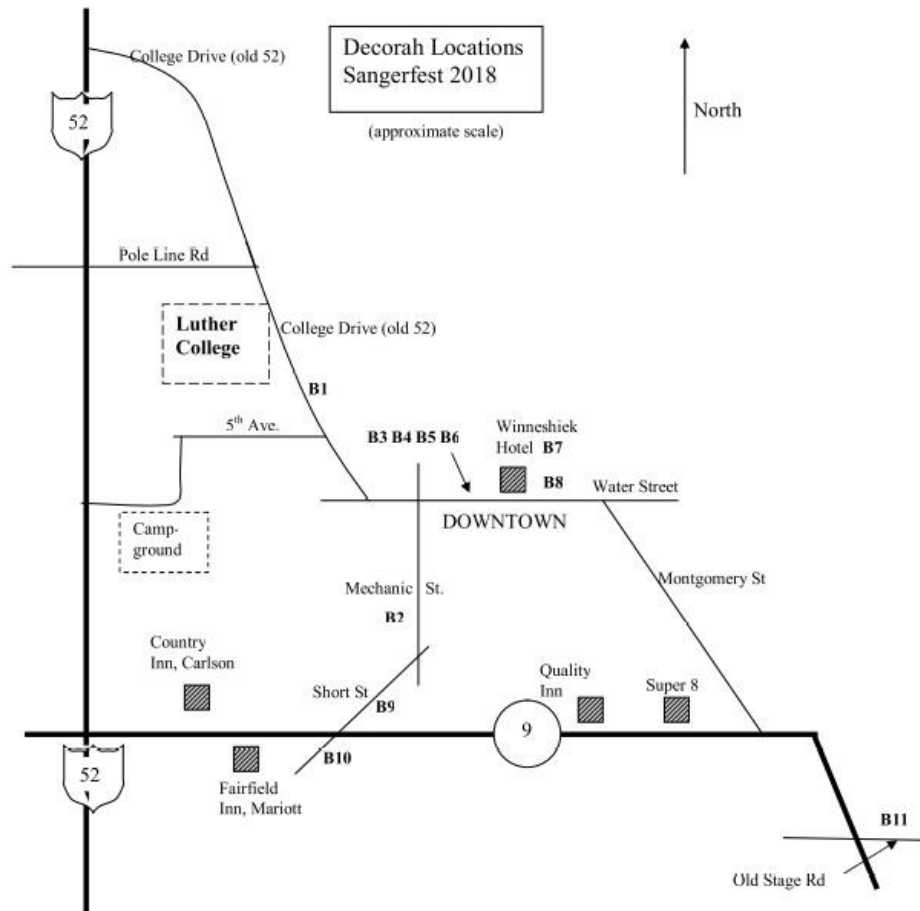
Bed and Breakfasts are available; check Decorah Chamber of Commerce web site.

Air BnB typically offers about 40-50 locations for Decorah.

Breakfast service in Decorah.

B2 Family Table Restaurant, 817 Mechanic St. [563-382-2964](tel:5633822964); **B3** Java Johnø, 400 W. Water St. [563-382-5890](tel:5633825890); **B4** Magpie Coffeehouse, 202 West Water St. [563-387-0593](tel:5633870593); **B10** McDonaldø, 915 Short St. [563-382-9406](tel:5633829406); **B11** McDonaldø Walmart, 1798 Old Stage Rd. [563-382-6384](tel:5633826384); **B5** Oneota Community Co-op, 312 West Water St. [563-382-4666](tel:5633824666); **B7** Restauration in Hotel Winneshiek, 104 Easts Water St. [563-382-414](tel:563382414); **B8** Rubyø Café, 120 East Water St., [563-382-2558](tel:5633822558); **B1** Subway Restaurant, 304 College Dr. [563-382-9819](tel:5633829819); **B9** Subway Restaurant, 809 Short St. [563-382-5666](tel:5633825666); **B6** T-Bocks Sports Bar and Grill, 206 West Water St. [563-382-5970](tel:5633825970).

See map below for locations of **B1**, **B2**, etc. breakfast service.



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Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at 1st 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.

Normenneses 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: Richard Fjeldheim, 831 Marseilles Circle, Buffalo Grove IL 60089, tel. (847)215-8467. Corresponding Secretary: Dan Boyle, 8840 Forestview Rd., Evanston, IL 60203. tel (312)330-1450. danielboyle@me.com. 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 15th Ave. Rockford, IL 61104. President: Jim Wolf, 1104 15th 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. Director: Sherry Dreyfuss, 11665 Glen Eagles Lane, Belvidere IL 61008. Tel (815)978-2245. swedishcantor@gmail.com

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SIoux CITY

Nordic Male Chorus

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

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Luren Singing Society

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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, bjoolson@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.

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Minnehaha Mandskor

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Grieg Male Chorus

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Edvard Grieg Chorus

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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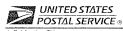
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