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Soloist Joel Timmerman and a portion of Luren Singers at the Christmas Concert 2017 at Decorah Lutheran Church in Decorah. Photo by Kari (Barnaal) Yearous

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY
Decorah IA**

With extra meetings to plan for our Sangerfest next Spring, we were glad to not have a busy concert schedule in November. There were two deaths of retired singers, whose obituaries will appear elsewhere in this issue.

On Saturday, Dec. 2nd, we did our customary caroling at four sites. This was equal to two full concerts, and gave us more rehearsal time, as we

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NSAA President's Column

The theme that our Steering Committee has chosen for Sangerfest 2018 is **“CELEBRATE! Our Norwegian Heritage.”** We will be marking the 150th anniversary of Luren Singers as well as the 126th anniversary of the Norwegian Singers Association of America. We decided to emphasize our specific Norwegian roots because Luren Singers was

formed by four immigrants from Norway, and we are the **Norwegian Singers Association of America**.

A variety of Norwegian pieces will be sung during the Parade of Choruses. In the Grand Concert we will be singing Halfdan Kjerulf's *Norges Fjelde*, Alfred Paulsen's *Norge, mitt Norge*, Ole Olsen's *Fanevagt*, and two pieces by Edvard Grieg, *Ved Rondane* and *Landkjending*. So during the two concerts the members of the audience will hear many lovely pieces that specifically celebrate our **Norwegian Heritage**. A Norwegian men's chorus will also be singing at the event.



Roger Buhr, NSAA President

About Bjornson's Banner

Dear Singer Brothers and Ladies:

I would like to start out by saying Thank You to our NSAA President Roger Buhr for his fine article about the banner of the Luren Singing Society. It stirred fond memories of our own Bjornson Male Chorus banner, which I have been privileged to carry for many *Syttende Mai* parades.

Our banner was drawn by Alan Hartman, son of Sue and Jim Hartman, and designed and assembled by Sue. She is an outstanding seamstress who created a two-sided banner which was first displayed at the 1976 Sangerfest in Decorah IA.

If memory serves me correctly, all of us in the Association, singers and

ladies, participated in a parade through downtown Decorah.

Sue and husband Jim, a longtime singer with Bjornson and a past President of Bjornson, currently reside in Florida. Before retiring to Florida Jim had received his diamond medal for 20 Sangerfests and 40 years of singing in our baritone section

Sue was a past-president of our Ladies' Auxiliary, and provided many open-faced sandwiches to the singers on multiple nights after rehearsals.

On Aug. 16, 2017 Sue and Jim celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They were two teenagers in love, and they made it work! We look forward to displaying our banner once again in Decorah in just a few short months from now.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger and Leslie Stavnem

NORDIC MALE CHORUS

Sioux City IA

The Chorus news this month is marked by holiday music and, sadly, the death of a former Bass singer, Bill Brockhaus. He sang with the Nordics for any years and fell to illness.

Meantime the Chorus joined with spouses and others for several holiday concerts. Rehearsal of Yuletide music preceded programs at three retirement homes as well as for the annual Christmas dinner of the Scandinavian Society.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

What do you call a kid who does not believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.



Bob Hansen, Corr. Sec.
NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB
Minneapolis MN

We have just finished a rapid concert period with dates of Oct. 14, 24, 30, Nov. 4 and 8, and now the focus is on our Yule Concert at *Mindekirken* Dec. 17th. At our lutefisk dinners we were honored by the presence of the *Islandsmoen Mannskor* from Moss, Norway, both to eat and to sing.

We had a large packed audience for our concert at the 7500 York complex in Edina. A special treat was to see former singer Ron Hemstad and his lovely wife Betty in the audience. Ron is making good progress in the healing process, and we hope to see him return to sing.

At our concert at the Ridges in Bloomington, it was wonderful to see in the front row former singers Bob Berndt with wife Joanne, and Roger Ronson with wife Susan.

Our Christmas luncheon party will be at the Double-Tree Hotel in Bloomington on Dec. 3rd. The wonderful Auxiliary ladies are arranging this festive event, assisted by the program being put together by our Entertainment Manager, Joe Campion. Gudmund Julseth, director of our wild pack of Norwegians (and Danes) is already scheduling rehearsals of the songs they grew up with. It's always a classic as they stumble around the tree, wearing their Santa Claus hats.

We have other great news too; we have lowered the average age of our singers. A good-looking young Norwegian has joined us. His name is Oscar Toftegaard. He was born at Stavanger in the late summer of 1984.

He grew up on a farm in central Sweden with two older brothers. His father, now retired, was a chemical engineer with ConocoPhillips in Norway. His mother is a doctor's assistant.



Oscar Toftegaard

Oscar attended a music high school in Örebro, Sweden, and then went on to get a chemical engineering degree at the University in Stavanger. Oscar met his future wife Anne, a Northern Minnesota girl, who was visiting a couple mutual friends in Norway. He moved to the US in 2017, and is now waiting for his Green Card. He is a wonderful addition to our tenor section. A special thanks to Anne for bringing Oscar to Minnesota.

For a smile: I don't know if this was said by Groucho Marx or Milton Berle or another of their vaudeville friends. "The Harvard School of Medicine did a study of why Jewish women like Chinese food so much. The study revealed that this is due to the fact that Won Ton spelled backward is NOT NOW."



Charles Engh, Corr. Sec.

GRIEG MALE CHORUS
Canton SD

Holiday Greetings from the members of the Grieg Male Chorus and their families!

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Weekly rehearsals of our Christmas Selections continue as we prepare for holiday events. On Dec. 9th, we had the opportunity to perform at the Lincoln Co. Courthouse Festival of Trees and Vendor Fair.



Grieg Male Chorus at Lincoln Co. Courthouse.

We were thrilled to see such a large turnout as people viewed the multiple trees decorated by several community organizations, browsed about the tables displaying the crafts and talents of local artists, and listening to musical entertainment.

On Dec. 11th our chorus had the pleasure of performing our Christmas concert in the chapel at Touchmark at All Saints, a wonderful place to sing.



Grieg Male Chorus at Touchmark.

We were pleased at the large turnout for our concert. Adding a special touch to our concert were harp solos

of Christmas selections by resident Caroline Deinema. Arrangements for our performance at Touchmark were made by Chorus member Gerrit Van DenTop. He also made arrangements for our Chorus family to celebrate our annual Christmas party in one of the dining rooms, where we enjoyed a catered meal and fellowship. Our special thanks to Gerrit.

Future events include: celebrating charter member Julian Holter and his wife Verna's 75th wedding anniversary on Dec. 16th; Julian's 102nd birthday on Jan. 1st; concert at Canton Good Samaritan on Jan. 8th; and post-Christmas concert to benefit LOVE, Inc. on Jan. 14th.



Julian and Verna Holter.

Again, greetings to all of you, wishing all of you the blessings of the beautiful holiday season.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison WI

November and December have been busy months for our Chorus. In addition to our annual concert at Oakwood West Lutheran Retirement Community in Madison on November

7, the Chorus devoted its weekly practices to learning new music for Sangerfest 2018. Our young director, Johanthan Schroerlucke, seamlessly handled his transition, and we are quickly adjusting to his enthusiasm.

Over the first two weeks of December we had no fewer than four performances. Our first Christmas concert was for members of the Red Cross of the Constantine on Monday, December 4 at the Madison Club. This was a return engagement following last year's appearance. Two of our members, Jon Grinde and Rolf Killingstad, are members of the RCC. On Tuesday, December 5, we sang essentially the same program for the residents of Prairie Park Senior Apartments in Madison. This performance has become an annual tradition and usually occurs in the midst of our first snowstorm of the season. This year, however, it was a clear night with no snow.

The following week we again sang two shows. On December 12 we performed at the Heritage Senior Apartments in Middleton, a suburb of Madison. We followed that up on December 14 with our Norwegian Christmas show for members of the Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge in Stoughton. It was a sellout crowd that particularly enjoyed singing along with the Norwegian and English Christmas carols.

We wrapped up the year with our Chorus Christmas Party for members and their guests on December 19. This included the traditional Lutheran potluck organized by our Social Director, David Druckenbrod. The program that followed included some new Norwegian jokes offered by Dwayne Berg, show tunes sung by

Randy and Diane Schumann, a musical number by our director, and the traditional closing carol, *O Holy Night* by Brian Gjerme. After a great night of fellowship, everyone agreed it was time for our winter break.

All of us in the Grieg Chorus family extend our Holiday Wishes to all of our brother singers and their families. We look forward to seeing all of you in Decorah for Sangerfest 2018.



Dick Johnston, Corr.Sec.

BJORNSON MALE CHORUS

Chicago IL

Dear Singer Brothers,

After a quiet autumn, BMC is chomping at the bit. It's great that the Christmas season is once again upon us. We have been working hard on new material both for Christmas and the Sangerfest in Decorah.

Our Christmas program will begin on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at *Minnekirken* church in Logan Square, Chicago. It's always fun to be a part of their Christmas celebration. The evening begins with the welcoming speech by a member from the Norwegian Consulate office -- interesting highlights. Then the flow of beautiful music and song will inspire the hearts of everyone there.

Our next date is on Tuesday, December 12th at the Danish retirement home in Chicago. Two of our retired singers, Oystein Borsheim and Thorkil Winther, live there. After our mini-concert here are several sing-a-longs of Christmas Carols.

Afterwards we enjoyed the rest of the evening of fellowship and refreshments.

Our annual Christmas Concert will be on Friday, Dec 15th at the Avalon Banquet Hall. After the cocktail hour, the chorus will sing two songs, then dinner will be served. After a fine meal, the program will continue with the chorus singing several with a couple of solos in between. The evening will conclude with the chorus singing "O Holy Night," featuring our illustrious tenor, Ken Michaels.

Our last gig will be on Saturday Dec. 16th for the Danish Christmas Program to be held at Edison Park Lutheran Church to be followed by refreshments. Then it's off until January 2018.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Leve Sangen,



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR
Sioux Falls SD**

Greetings from the Mandskor for a Blessed Christmas! While many choirs are busy with performances in December, we finished ours in November. We find that preparing Christmas music uses a lot of our fall rehearsal time and takes away from Sangerfest preparation. Performing heavily in November also allows our snowbirds to participate before they

leave. This has been working for us



in recent years.

Mandskor at Trail Ridge Retirement Community.

We sang at Dow-Rummel Retirement Community, October 30; for the Festival of Men's Voices, November 12; at Bethany Meadows Retirement Community in Brandon, Nov. 19; and at Trail Ridge Retirement Community, November 20. Our Christmas dinner was held at the Sioux Valley Electric Building near Brandon, November 27. We enjoyed appetizers, a catered meal, and entertainment by Mogen's Heroes. Mandskor member Bill Hoffman sings with the Heroes, who were recently named to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Mandskor bass Bob Viet joined the Heroes in a stellar performance of Jim Reeves' hit, "He'll Have To Go." That was a



Bob Viet singing with the Heroes, with Bill Hoffman on percussion.

May this be a Season of Joy for us all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Respectfully
Submitted,



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec./Dir.

NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

On Sunday, November 12th, we sang, as scheduled and reported earlier, at the “Festival of Men’s Voices” held here in Sioux Falls. Each of the participating choruses presented two or three individual numbers, and then the massed chorus of 100 voices closed the event with “Roll, Jordan, Roll,” as arranged by Ruth Morris Gray. Some 1,000 persons were in the audience. A good-will offering of about \$20,000 was gathered. These proceeds will be used by “The Banquet,” a local charity, for its “Project SOS.”

We conducted three caroling concerts at retirement communities this year. On December 4th, we sang, first, at the Covington Heights nursing home, and then, as some snow fell and extensive ice sheets formed, we moved on to sing at the Inn at Westport retirement home. Thankfully, all our members were able to get to their homes safely afterwards. On December 18th, we sang at a new retirement community in our area, Grand Living at Lake Lorraine. Our new accompanist, Spencer Smith is on full-time staff there with “life-enrichment” responsibilities. All our audiences

continue to express their appreciation for our contributions to their holiday observances.

Shifting away from “music-news” for a moment, several other items are worth noting. On Friday, November 3rd, as a fund-raising event, we hosted some 350 diners at an annual LUTEFISK supper. We initiated a “buffet service” procedure this year, which proved to be quite successful. Generally, high praise was given by the diners for the menu, and to the Glee Club members, their spouses, and their extended family members for their efforts.

On Monday evening, December 11th, we held a combined anniversary observance and Christmas dinner event. We celebrated our 89th year since formation in 1928. This year, we decided to have the meal catered to allow our members and the auxiliary to more fully enjoy the evening. One more planned “social” item is the “Court Whist” evening to be hosted by George and Judy Regan at their home in mid-January. It will be the 19th year for this tradition of our card-playing, fellowship, and enjoying good food.

In a change from a tradition, we will not be taking a musical leave-of-absence in January this next year. We will convene on Monday, January 8th, 2018 for the purpose of conducting a business meeting, turning in “old” music, and filling out our folders with selections for the NSAA 2018 Sangerfest. Our feeling is that additional time is needed for this year’s preparation, and this schedule will allow for some “harsh-weather” interruptions that usually occur in Jan-Mar every year.

For now, though, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a blessed Happy New Year 2018.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

On Tuesday, October 31, Normennenes began its 148th year as a Norwegian Male Chorus. A few days earlier, on October 27th, we marked our 147th Anniversary with a celebration dinner and concert at Allgauer's Restaurant in Northbrook. We enjoyed stories of past NSS history and shared a delightful evening with the members and guests who attended. As we celebrate our annual anniversary we are reminded that our 150th Anniversary is approaching in 2020, and we look forward to celebrating our rich history in the events and gatherings that lie ahead.

On November 21st we held our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Thor Fjell was elected to serve as President for the coming year. Dick Fjeldheim, our outgoing President, summarized the significant events of 2017 in his report to the members. We thank Dick for all the leadership he provided during the past year.

We celebrated the start of the Christmas season with a warm gathering for dinner, a selection of Christmas carols and songs, and a family sing-along on Friday evening, December 1st. Again, one of the

banquet halls at Allgauer's provided a colorful and bright setting for this annual event.

Two nights later on Sunday, December 3rd Normennenes joined the *Minnekirken* Choir, their children's choir, *Crescendo*, The Grieg Ladies Singing Society, the Bjornson Male Chorus, the Children's Choir of St. Bartholomew Church, and the Chicago *Spelmanslag* for The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church Christmas Concert at *Minnekirken*.



Minnekirken at Christmas time,
Chicago IL.

Thanks to Pastor David Schoenknecht and to Director of Music at *Minnekirken*, Dr. Yeeseon Kwon for their invitation to this annual event. The music, the warmth of the church, the festivities and inviting spread of food in the church hall afterwards, all contributed to a feeling of genuine community and a true Christmas spirit.

Normennenes is again invited to sing at the Torske Klub annual Valentine's Dinner, scheduled for February 10th at the DesPlaines Elks Club.

As we enter 2018, and look ahead to Sangerfest in Decorah, we send our wishes for a healthy and musically

rewarding New Year to each of our fellow NSAA members.

Dan Boyle Corr. Sec.

Luren Singing Society,

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sang many of our Christmas pieces. The day ended with a party hosted by our directors and their wives. We had to change the location because of a funeral being held at Good Shepherd Lutheran that day. We were blessed with good weather for traveling from one site to another – no snow or ice!

The weather held for our concert on Dec. 10th at Decorah Lutheran Church. A good appreciative crowd supported us with their presence and financial donations, which were split between Disaster Relief and the local food shelf. The Good Shepherd Band provided prelude and interlude music.

Also, we took our official picture to be included in the Sangerfest booklet. Before the evening meal was served, another picture was taken of those of us who had been members since our 125th anniversary year. Of the 15, 14 were present (see photo p. 24).

Now, with Dr. Judisch making his annual trek to Arizona during January, we will take our “break” until the 29th.

We did set the date for our 150th Anniversary party – April 8th. More details will be forthcoming.

Larry Lubbert, one of our long-time members, who has often headed up our touring plans, underwent major heart surgery in LaCrosse. He has been able to recuperate slowly and is planning to resume singing when we return to rehearsals.

Even with our record recruitment of new members, there are others who may be joining during the new year.

Following the two obituaries are a few more new member profiles

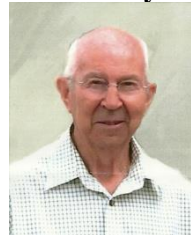
Obituary



Willet Miller was born in Fayette County Iowa March 5, 1928, only son with three sisters. He graduated from Clermont (IA) High School in 1945, and married his childhood sweetheart Lois (Olson) in 1948. They began farming that year with a registered dairy herd. He and Lois also raised five children and have 17 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Willet sang with Luren for several years.

Willet died Oct. 26, 2017. His funeral was held at West Clermont Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed, on Nov. 4th, with Pastor Philip Olson (current Luren member) officiating.

Obituary



Glenn Remmen was born May 21, 1922, at Decorah IA. He had two brothers and one sister. He attended a rural school, Decorah High School and one year of Luther College. He was a member of the historic Washington Prairie Lutheran Church from the time of his baptism.

Glenn married Ruth (Bullard) Aug. 16, 1944. They farmed most of their lives on various sites. After retiring to Decorah, he worked for a local firm.

Glenn enjoyed singing and did two stints with the Luren Singing Society as a Second Bass. Not long before his death he had been teaching some of his grandchildren the Norwegian Table Prayer *I Jesu Navn*.

Glenn and Ruth had one daughter and one son, who is deceased. They had three grandchildren, one of whom is deceased. Glenn's wife, Ruth, died Feb. 5th of this year.

Glenn is survived by daughter Nancy (Bruce) Layton, two grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Glenn died Nov. 13th. His memorial service was at Washington Prairie Lutheran Church. Luren sang *We Shall Walk through the Valley and Aftensang*, as part of the service.

New Luren Members



Kenneth Anderson was born at LaCrosse WI, but grew up in Spring Grove MN. He has one older brother, an older sister and a younger brother. His father was a farmer of Norwegian background; his mother was briefly a teacher, but mostly a housewife.

Kenneth graduated from Spring Grove High School, then spent two years at the U of M (farm campus), and two years at the Vocational Technical School in Austin MN, in Farm Mechanics.

He is married to Gretchen with whom he has two sons. He did not participate in HS Choir, but has sung in church and community choirs. He was invited to join Luren by Jim Gray.

He says, "There's a lot to learn!"



Don Best is a Presbyterian pastor in West Union, who was born at Tulsa OK, youngest of three boys. His father was a Computer Programmer, and his mother was manager of an elementary school cafeteria.

Don was in High School band and has sung in church choirs. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State, with his B.S. in Engineering Technology, and a Master's in Adult Education. His theological education was on-line through the University of Dubuque.

Don's wife is Melissa. He has two step-sons. He has sung in many choirs and was invited to Luren by Aaron Bicknese. He sings Second Bass. Of Luren he says, "It's a great group, with lots of dedicated men."



Craig Cutting is a native of Decorah. His father and grandfather were both attorneys. His mother worked in the law office and at the Winneshiek Coop. Craig had one now deceased sister, Judy.

Craig graduated from Thomas Roberts High School (Decorah) in 1965 and Luther College in 1971, with majors in History and Political Science, and Education minor.

Craig participated in athletics during High School. His musical activities were with the Decorah Kilties, for six years, ages 7-14. He was a member when the Kilties participated in the Inauguration of President Eisenhower in 1957.

Craig has worked as a Prudential Life Insurance agent for 38 years.

He is of English and German background, and is married to Ellen with whom he has four children, two boys and two girls.

He sings First Bass.



Paul Gray was born at International Falls MN and was adopted at age 3 via LSS-MN by Jim and Karen Gray. He grew up in Spring Grove MN. After high school he attended Waldorf College in Forest City IA for a short year. Then he went on to the U. of Nebraska – Lincoln, for a Business Major, but without the formal degree. Paul works for Gundersen Clinics as a CNA, and drives a bus.

Paul is married to Heather, who is originally from Dorchester IA, a small community near Spring Grove. She was working for Paul's parents. There are two children. A son is a freshman at Luther College, while their daughter is a High School sophomore.

Paul sang in High School chorus and had a music scholarship at Wal-

dorf, where he sang in their choir. He now sings with his dad in church choir as well as in the Second Bass section of Luren. He has known about Luren for about 20 years, but now has the opportunity to be in the group, which he thoroughly enjoys.



Cynthia Joanelle Heck is our new accompanist. A Junior at Luther, she is a native of Edina MN, with one younger brother. Her father works for Microsoft, her mother for CGI as an analyst.

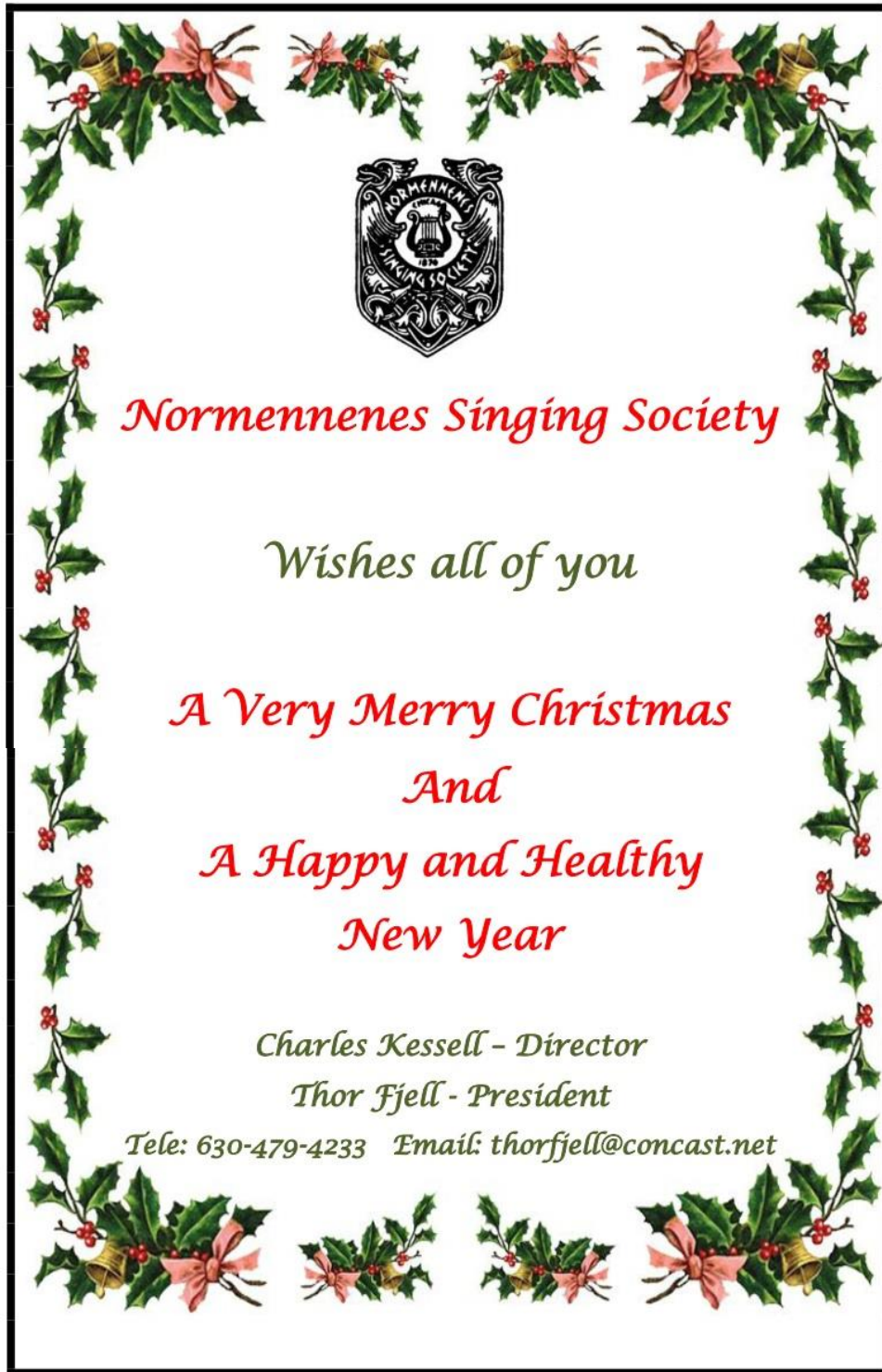
C. J., as she prefers, had attended Maple Grove High School, but did her Senior year at Perpich Arts High School. In High School she sang in the "Partners in Braids" choir.

C. J. began piano lessons at eight, and began accompanying as a senior. At Luther she has sung in Aurora and Collegiate choirs, and now accompanies Collegiate. She also is teaching three students and accompanies the Congregational UCC choir. After college graduation, she intends to go on to grad school.

About Luren, she likes the group and finds it more challenging than the church choir. This is her first time accompanying a men's group.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.



**BJORNSON MALE
CHORUS**

and the

BJORNSON LADIES AUXILIARY



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AND A

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*Seasons Greetings
A Blessed Christmas And
A Happy New Year*

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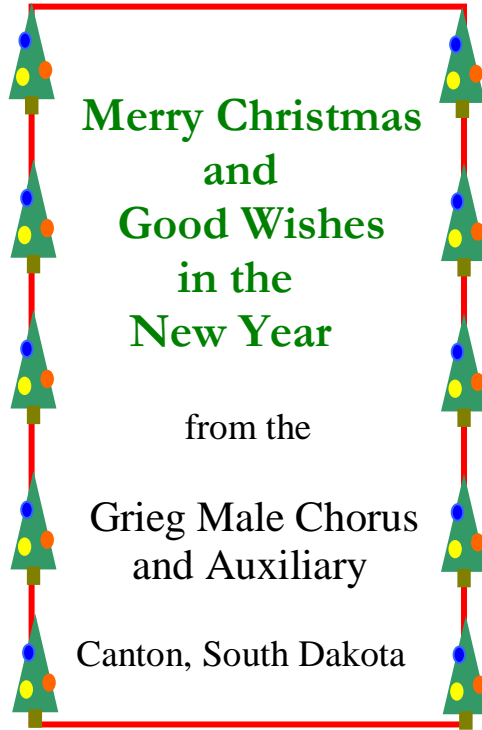
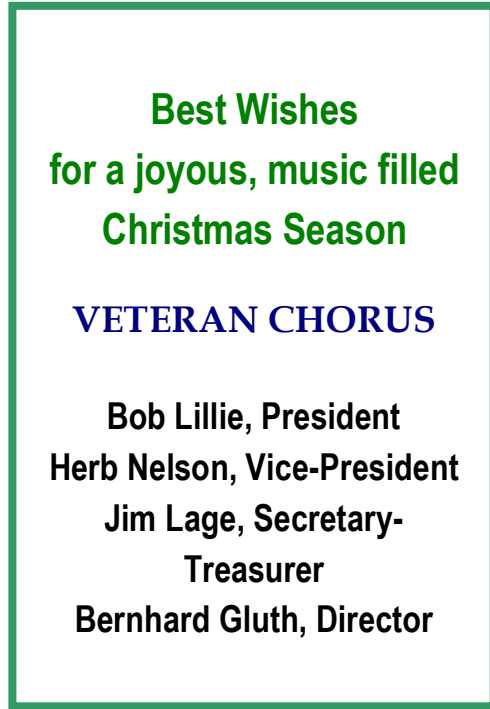
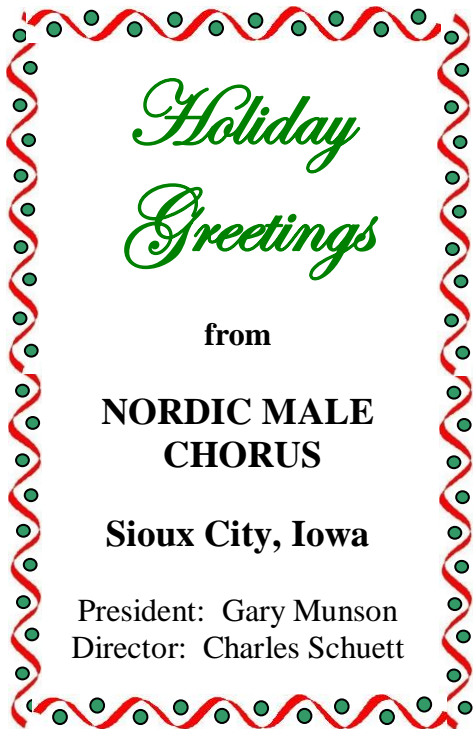
God Jul og Godt Nyttår 2017



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

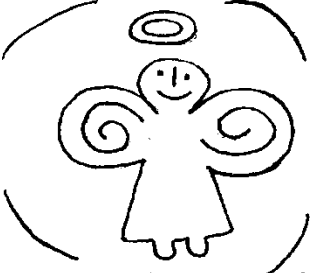


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And the coming
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The angels rejoice at the birth of the Savior

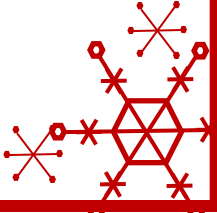
Donald and Barbara Berg
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Bengt & Lotta angel

It's time to once again sing the "Songs of the Season" both sacred and secular, Scandinavian and American. Blessings on you singers and to those who listen to you!

Roger and Gale Buhr
NSAA President & Wife




MERRY CHRISTMAS
Francis Peterson
NSAA Treasurer

Happy New Year



God Jul
og
GodtNyttår
fra
Thor Fjell
NSAA Vice-President at-large



Merry Christmas
and a Blessed and Healthy
New Year

Veterans Chorus Director
Bernhard Gluth



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

**With Warmest Season's Greetings
To All of our NSAA Friends**

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MINNEAPOLIS**

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



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Luren Singing Society

Decorah, IA

Founded March 17, 1868

We the members of the Luren Singing Society family wish one and all fellow singers and families of NSAA and PCNSA choruses the best of Holiday Happiness and New Year joys. May the spirit of Christmas continue to inspire our singing. We look forward to being your host chorus for the 2018 Sangerfest in Decorah May 30, 31, June 1, 2018, our 150th Anniversary year

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CHICAGO**

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

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Nordic Male Chorus

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DECORAH

Luren Singing Society

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MINNESOTA

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SIoux FALLS

Minnehaha Mandskor

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Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN

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Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

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OREGON

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The Norsemen

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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Vestre Sundmannskor

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Norwegian Male Chorus

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SKAGIT VALLEY

Skagit Valley Manskor

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Members of Luren Singing Society who were members 25 years ago at the 125th anniversary of Luren singers. Front from left: David Judisch, Wayne Bicknese, Jim Gray, Don Berg, Lester Erickson, Gordon Jensson. Back: Larry Lubbert, John Nelson, Ed Lechtenberg, Dean Fisher, Francis Peterson, Art Roseland, David Andreae, Bernie Gluth.

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