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Grieg Male Chorus director  
Lane Karli and wife Ranae.



2018 Grieg Male Chorus Annual Picnic Picnic and appreciation event for Director Lane Karli and wife Ranae.

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS  
Canton SD**

The Grieg Male Chorus has been on summer break since the NSAA Sangerfest, with plans to begin regular rehearsals the second Monday in September.

Over 60 Grieg members, former members and families gathered July

2<sup>nd</sup> at the Canton Good Samaritan Community Room for our annual picnic. Although a chorus family event we always look forward to celebrating, this year's focus was unique. The evening afforded us the opportunity to recognize the 25 years the chorus had the privilege of having Lane Karli as our Director, as well as

the enthusiastic support, Auxiliary membership, and leadership from Lane's wife, Ranae!!



Jerry Holter, Ranae and Lane Karli, wearing T-shirts made in 1994 saying "Grieg Chorus: Wonderful People" and Grieg Diner aprons, all used at a special meal prepared for members that year. We sang our song "Grieg Chorus: Wonderful People."

Shortly before Sangerfest, Lane announced to the chorus that he and Ranae had purchased a home in Bennington NE, a more central location to their three children and families, and would be moving at the beginning of July. Although only about a three hour drive, we were not able to convince him to make the weekly commute for rehearsal. Not one to "toot his own horn" (no pun intended, as Lane is retired from a 33 year teaching career in band) Lane certainly could, as he has skillfully led us for 25 years, challenging us with new music, and letting us relax with the familiar selections, with rehearsals professional yet personal.

Besides involvement with our Grieg family, their absence will be felt deeply, as both Lane and Ranae are retired from long-time teaching

careers in nearby Inwood IA, as well as Lane's 22 years as a seasonal Newton Hills State Park employee, their church and community involvement, and willingness to jump in and help whenever needed!

But as stated before, being only a few hours away, we know they will still remain part of our chorus family.

Our former chorus corresponding secretary, Maynard Lindtvedt, introduced Lane to the NSAA membership in the Dec. 1993 edition of the Sanger-Hilsen as a music instructor with a delightful personality who knows his music. We all wish Lane and Ranae the very best in this new chapter in their lives, and look forward to enjoying time together OFTEN.

Here is hoping the summer months have given all of you many great memories to cherish, as we all go back to our chorus families for another season of fellowship and harmony



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

#### NSAA President's Column

Why do we love singing in a Norwegian chorus? Singing in a chorus has many benefits. Science has recently confirmed some of the benefits of singing as follows:

1. Singing releases endorphins which make us feel good (also released with chocolate consumption),
2. Lowers cortisol levels and boosts the immune system,
3. Reduces stress,
4. Releases oxytocin giving a sense of fulfillment,
5. May increase life expectancy.

Other benefits to singing in our men's choruses:

1. May help reduce snoring
2. A place to pick up new(?) Ole & Lena jokes,
3. Helps learn purdy gud English and Norsk,
4. Learn how to watch the director sometimes,
5. Don't need to match outfits for singing engagements,
6. When asked if you've been good you can say: ðYa, I'm a Choir Boy.ð

In all honesty, singing in our choruses is a blessing. As you approach a new singing season sing your hearts out. Share your gifts and you will be rewarded.



Paul Larson, NSAA President

#### NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB Minneapolis MN

The last Sanger-Hilsen slipped by with not a word from Minneapolis, for which I apologize. I guess age is really becoming apparent,

As I write this, rain is again hitting my window; it has seemed to be an unusual summer (which has moved too fast of course for this old timer) and our chorus has suffered two terrible blows. The near-fatal accident suffered by Andy Anderson during his drive home after our *Syttende Mai* celebration services at *Mindekirken* was an awful shock. Andy was in and out of ICU for weeks and is still on the long road for recovery. This fine gentleman has been and will be in our prayers.

Another blow was the serious stroke suffered by Bob Olson No. 1. This long-time member was struck while in their cold-weather home in Arizona. Recovery has been slow and he is now in Texas at his daughter's home for continued care and therapy. These two leave a big hole in our Club until they can return.

Our Fall activities are soon to begin. First is our summer picnic Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Danish Center. This fine facility has become our location after many years of hosting by Anne Lise and Bent Paulsen at their lovely home in Chanhassen. This is always a fun get-together and a big feast of great dishes brought by members. Our two Danes, Erik Bruun and Bent, arranged to provide the date when the Center would be available.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> we will be singing at New Perspectives in Eagan. October 17<sup>th</sup> will find us singing at the Heather Manor in Crystal, and on Oct. 26 a concert at Village Shores in Richfield. All Saints Sunday at *Mindekirken* is Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Of course, our ever active business manager, Ted Anderson, will be trying to squeeze in another gig or two.

This writer could not be present at Luren's hosting of this past Sangerfest, but I have heard many compliments from members indicating it was a great one. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

On Sunday, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, the Norman Arlandson family was a part of the evening news on WCCO television. A tribute to this fine family.

For a smile: The wealthy old man looked around at his sons and daughters and their spouses gathered for a family reunion.

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**DEADLINE FOR  
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“Not a single grandchild,” he said with a sigh. “Why, I’d give a million dollars to the first kid who presents me with a little one to bounce on my knee. Now, let’s say grace.” When the old man lifted his eyes again, his wife was the only one left at the table.



Chuck Engh, Corr. Sec.



Hans Peterson prepping the meat.

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR  
Sioux Fall SD**

The Mandskor has been on break for the summer. We gathered for our summer picnic at the community room of Donegal Pointe Apartments where Marlan and Carol Velgersdyk live. This is always a potluck meal with chicken provided by the Mandskor. We were entertained by the playing of the 2018 Sangerfest video, which is masterfully done.

Last minute preparations were made for our booth at the Sioux Empire Fair, which opened August 3. Weather played havoc with our chislic stand. High winds twice blew down the large sign mounted on our roof. Rain kept crowds smaller on Sunday and by Wednesday, our sales were \$1000 below last year.



Tony Leggett and Bill Hoffman at the chislic fryer.

But Thursday brought an upswing in business and we ended the week substantially ahead of last year’s sales. We do notice that attrition, age and busy schedules take a toll on our work force and require more effort by the few.



You’re never too young to be a chislic lover.

Directors Terry Walter, Chuck Schuett and Lyle Kroon convened over lunch in Beresford SD, July 30, to put together our program for the Sioux Valley Sangerfest in June of 2019. We will resume rehearsals September 10, and are planning our trip to Minneapolis for October 6-7.

Respectfully  
submitted,



Terry Walter, Corr. Sec.

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

Our Chorus has been in summer recess since the conclusion of Sangerfest 2018 in June. Three members of our Chorus took separate trips to different locations in Norway. Jim and Linda Svanoë, their son and daughter-in-law and two grandsons spent a week in Bergen and Eivindvik, Norway visiting family and friends. In Eivindvik they visited the church where 20 years earlier their son and daughter-in-law were married by Rev. Rolf Svanoë, Jim's brother and member of the Luren Singing Society. They had a "wonderful, wonderful time."

Phil and Karen Paulson took a Viking Cruise called the Midnight Sun starting in London with a stop in Edinburgh. After a day at sea, they saw the Orkney Islands and Kirkwall, the Faroe Islands and Torshaven, Lofoten Islands and Lekness. They passed through the Arctic Circle and stopped at Nordkapp (Honningsvåg), Tromsø, Molde, Geiringer Fjord and Bergen. It rained once, and the scenery was gorgeous.

Charlotte and I also visited Norway this summer. Here are just a few of the highlights. After a short stay in Copenhagen, we took the overnight cruise to Oslo. While there, we visited many of the tourist attractions including the newest Olympic ski jump, Vigeland sculpture park, Viking Ship and Kon-Tiki museums, and Nobel Peace Center. After our stay in Oslo, we took the Bergen Railway across the Hardangervidda with its dramatic fjords, waterfalls, mountain lakes and rivers.

In Bergen we visited the Hanseatic trading Village of Bryggen, King

Haakon's Hall and St. Mary's Church built in 1130. The most memorable stop was at Trolldhaugen, the country home of our Chorus's namesake, Edvard Grieg. We wished Edvard a happy 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday and invited him to Sangerfest 2020 in Madison. He expressed interest, but was noncommittal!



Edvard Grieg (statue), Dick, and Charlotte Johnston at Trolldhaugen.

The next day on our way to Flam, we stopped in Voss, my mother's birthplace, and visited the church where she was baptized. We then traveled by boat on the Aurlandsfjord to the village of Flam. After lunch we experienced the exciting ride aboard the Flam Railway to Myrdal to catch the train back to Bergen and our flight home the next day. A memorable trip indeed!

In other news, our Chorus is beginning the process of putting together a schedule of events and performances for the 2018-19 year. Our first event will be the annual picnic on September 11 with practices resuming the following Tuesday. On October 17 we will be performing for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church in Cambridge; then

Oakwood Retirement Village on November 6; and Mandt Sons of Norway Lodge on December 13.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

### NORSE GLEE CLUB Sioux Falls SD

Summers are not without singing commitments and/or opportunities. On Sunday, August 12, 2018 we performed the national anthem out of doors at the Augustana University baseball venue prior to the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball championship game between teams from nearby Renner SD and Aberdeen SD.

Because of other obligations and conflicts, our numbers initially were going to be limited. However, with support from members of the Minnehaha Mandskor, we fielded 16 singers and collectively we presented ourselves well.

On Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> Bob and Margaret Tidemann played host at their country home for our annual summer potluck picnic. Those able to attend enjoyed good food, good weather, and much camaraderie.



Thorlief Sorlien

On June 26, 2018 the Norse Glee Club had the honor to sing at the

funeral of another former member. We did so sadly, performing *Solvet*, and *Den Store Hvite Flok*.

THORLEIF SORLIEN died on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 93. He was born in Brumunddal, Norway, and at age 15 became a member of the Norwegian resistance underground during WWII. In 1953, after the war, he, his wife, Hallgerd, and two sons emigrated to Menno SD where they farmed for many years with his older brother. Thorleif and Hallgerd were dedicated members of the Sons of Norway lodges, and he was a proud member of the Norse Glee Club. He often spoke most fondly of his Glee Club memories.

In his obituary a family member offered this: "THORLEIF was a big man with a big heart. He charmed people with his Norwegian brogue and ready humor and had friends wherever he went. He treasured and shared his Norwegian heritage but was also very proud of being a US citizen."

We plan to begin regular Monday rehearsals again on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Initially, our focus will be preparation of music to be presented in the community-wide "Festival of Men's Voices" in late November 2018, and our early preparations for the Sioux Valley Singers Association (SVSA) Sangerfest 2019. The Minnehaha Mandskor will serve as host chorus for this June 2019 event. Some preliminary planning has already begun.

One activity item we have deferred until our September business meeting is consideration as to whether we are still able to host a Lutefisk supper this year. Our decision and plans, again, will be contingent on coordination

with other groups and individuals who, historically, have supported us. If held, the supper will be in early November.



Gail Kristensen, Corr. Sec.

**BJORNSON MALE CHORUS  
Chicago IL**

Dear Singer Brothers,

Bjornson wishes to congratulate everyone in making this an awesome and unforgettable 62nd Sangerfest. It is "Hats Off" to the Luren Singing Society's Board of Directors for organizing a host of willing and talented people to meld together the countless details in making sure all the bases are covered.

The enthusiasm of the attending choruses was special! From the daily rehearsals, the Memorial Service, the Parade of Choruses, The Afterglows, to the impressive Banquet and the Grand Concert. These events sent everyone home on Sunday with smiles on their faces and a song in their heart. It was great to see old familiar faces and new faces as well. I was so sorry I couldn't make it this time due to a prolonged illness but am looking forward to the next Sangerfest in 2020 in Madison Wisconsin. Now, being off for the summer, we can relax and enjoy.

Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 11th. We'll be preparing for the Holiday Concerts and, of course, the next Sangerfest. Being Senior adults it takes two years to learn the music. Hahaha!  
*Leve Sangen,*



George Michals, Corr. Sec.

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY  
Decorah IA**

July was extra busy, first with the Winnesheik County Fair July 10-13. This is our big fundraiser event, relying on volunteers for our work shifts, both prior to, following, and during the fair, plus providing three home-made pies per member. In general, the weather was favorable, but a severe thunderstorm on Friday afternoon forced the evacuation of the grandstand just prior to the supper rush and the evening's attraction.

That Friday we learned about the death of Luren member LeRoy Iversen, whose funeral was the following Saturday, July 21, after which we shifted gears again for the Nordic Fest July 26-28; for this we enjoyed ideal weather. A highlight of the fest was sharing our concert risers on Friday evening with a Norwegian men's singer group from the Stavanger area, called *Gullguttane*. This group performed at least two other times during the fest.



Luren Singers float at 2018 Nordic Fest parade in Decorah.



Some 30 Luren men participated in the Nordic Fest parade on Saturday, singing from a decorated trailer. This year Luren added a chant as suggested by new member Dave Siefken: ðLutefisk and Lefse, hva skal du ha, Luren, Luren, Ja Ja Ja!

Friday, August 10, we trekked to Spring Grove MN to give a full concert for the joint stevner of the Halling and Sogne Bygdelags at Trinity Lutheran Church. It was a warm evening but none of us passed out!

We will resume rehearsals Monday, Sept. 10. We do not expect as many new members this year, but we are encouraged to invite and bring prospective candidates.

Our Associate Director Bernie Gluth and Carol will be observing their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They wed on 6 Sept. 1958, at Springfield Lutheran Church near Decorah.

NSAA Director-in-Chief and Luren Director David Judisch and Gail, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with their family by taking a Viking Cruises trip on the Rhine River in July.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, a cluster of ELCA congregations will hold a joint worship service at St. John's Lutheran Church in Arlington IA (about an hour drive south of Decorah). Luren will worship with them, eat with them, and sing for them. This will be new territory for Luren, although some of us are familiar with the communities represented.



Don Berg, Corr. Sec.

## Obituary



LeRoy C. Iverson was born 2 Aug. 1929 at Spring Grove MN, one of four children of Arlo and Clara (Skorgen) Iverson. He grew up on the family farm near Newburg, attended the Newburg rural school and Mabel MN high school, graduating in 1947. After business college in Winona MN, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1954, and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1958 with a BS degree in Dairy Science.

He worked for the USDA dairy division in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Syracuse NY, retiring in 1994 to Decorah. Leroy married Jean Lenore Lovdokken 24 Feb. 1962 in Edina MN. They became parents of three sons. LeRoy sang in many church choirs, most recently in Decorah Lutheran Church. He became a reliable member of Luren Singers, singing second bass, participating in tours and NSAA Sangerfests, and serving as president.

He served in several positions of the Decorah Sons of Norway, and volunteered at Vesterheim Museum in Decorah. LeRoy enjoyed wood working, making a number of craft items.

LeRoy died July 13 in Decorah. He was preceded by his parents, two sisters, and one brother. Surviving are his wife Jean; three sons, Erik, Paul, and David.

The funeral service was held at Decorah Lutheran Church on July 21,

and the Luren Singers sang Crusaderø Hymn, We Shall Walk through the Valley, and *Aftensong*. Roger Buhr, fellow singer in Church Choir and in Luren, gave a fitting comprehensive tribute.

**NORMENNENES SINGING  
SOCIETY  
Chicago IL**

Normennenes has been finishing up the summer by holding two rehearsals and two music committee meetings in August. We are working on our repertoire for the concert that will accompany our October 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Banquet. This year we will be experimenting with a new format, planning a Sunday afternoon event to help accommodate more members and friends who find it difficult to drive at night.

Members of the chorus plan to staff a booth at the Vasa Park Scandinavian Day Festival on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The Festival celebrates the culture of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Traditional foods, beverages, music, dance, crafts and presentations by historical and cultural organizations fill the day at the Park's beautiful grounds on the banks of the Fox River in South Elgin IL. The event has been growing each year and is an opportunity for Normennenes to recruit new members, and invite new singers to join our chorus.

As we look ahead to our 148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are reminded that Normennenes has a long history in Chicago. In a book entitled *A History of the Norwegians of Illinois*, published in 1905 by the John Anderson Publishing Company of Chicago, there is a three page section

outlining Normennenes' early history as one of the prominent Norwegian social and cultural organizations in Chicago. The section begins with the words "The Normaendenes Sangforening was organized on October 30, 1870." The book divulges specifics about concerts, venues and parades, and other fascinating details of late 19<sup>th</sup> Century life in Chicago's Norwegian community. For instance, our chorus serenaded Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson at his hotel in 1880, "which won for them some warm words of appreciation from the Norwegian poet and author when he visited the city." And, in 1887 the chorus attended a Sangerfest of the United Scandinavian Singers of America, in Philadelphia. It was "the first which had been held by the Scandinavians in this country."

We keep our Society's history in mind as we look ahead to celebrating another year as Normennenes Singing Society, and toward our 150<sup>th</sup> year!



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.

**VETERANS CHORUS MINUTES**

The Veterans Chorus Brunch and Business Meeting of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Sangerfest of the NSAA was held at the Baker Commons on the Luther College Campus on June 1, 2018.

Vice President Herb Nelson called the meeting to order in the absence of President Bob Lillie. A total of 29 Veterans and Guests attended. VP Nelson led us in singing the Norwegian Table Prayer prior to the

buffet meal.

Officers in attendance were Vice President Herb Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer James Lage, Director Bernard Gluth, and NSAA President Roger Buhr.

Copies of the minutes of the 2016 Veterans Meeting in Sioux Falls were placed on the tables to be read. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$138.60 as of May 31, 2018. It was moved and seconded to approve the report. V.P. Nelson reminded the group that our Treasury is funded by a free will donation. A hat was passed and \$204.00 was collected. Members from the Norse Glee Club offered the \$10.00 over-payments at registration be considered as their donation to "the hat."

In his comments Director Gluth complimented the group for knowing their music and following the director. He reported that he had received very favorable comments. Director Gluth then announced his resignation as Director due to health reasons. The group accepted his resignation, thanked him and wished him well in the future.

Speaker Bill Musser, Seed Savers Exchange Librarian, discussed with us his responsibilities at Seed Savers. He also told us what Seed Savers is doing locally, nationally, and internationally in the collection and preservation of seeds. Very interesting.

The Center for Western Studies annual contribution was discussed. It was moved and seconded to continue the annual payment of \$100.00 per year. Motion carried. It was moved and seconded to continue spending \$45.00 per year for a Holiday Ad in

the *Sanger-Hilsen*. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for the election of officers. The following members were nominated:

President: Herb Nelson

Vice President: To be selected from the membership of the Edvard Grieg Chorus, Madison, WI.

Secretary/Treasurer: James Lage

Marshal: Roger Amdahl

Director: Mark Everson

It was moved and seconded that the above members be elected. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Jim Lage, Veterans Chorus

Secretary/Treasurer

### **Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association Sangerfest 2018**

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association held its 109<sup>th</sup> annual Sangerfest in Poulsbo, Washington on June 21-23, 2018. The event was hosted by the Executive Board of the PCNSA at the Clearwater Casino/Resort in Suquamish, Washington and near the City of Poulsbo. Poulsbo, known as The Viking City, is a community of 10,500 located on Liberty Bay, across Puget Sound from Seattle. Prior to the arrival of Scandinavian settlers in the 1880s, Poulsbo was in the heartland of the Suquamish People.

Over three days, 93 singers from 9 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 Suquamish Tribal Elder and storyteller, who shared the Suquamish story of creation.

The Grand Concert, presented at the Clearwater, included 15 choral selections and was directed by Director-in-Chief Erik Eliason and Assistant Director-in-Chief Katherine Haug. Dr. Jeff Highland provided piano accompaniment. Erik is the great-great-grandson of the founder of Poulsbo. Katherine is the director of the Vestre Sund Mannskor, a member chorus of the PCNSA located in Poulsbo. As has become a PCNSA tradition, 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.

An interesting side-note is that the first song of the PCNSA's 2018 Grand Concert, *Vikingsønner*, was performed 100 years before as the first song at the PCNSA's 1918 Grand Concert in Portland, Oregon. It was composed by Rudolph Møller, long-time director of the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle and Director-in-Chief of the PCNSA from 1916-1935.

Special entertainment was provided by the duo performers, Tania Opland and Mike Freeman. Familiar to the residents in the area, they have toured together for over 20 years. Both are versatile musicians. For our Sangerfest concert, Tania performed on hammered dulcimer, guitar, violin, phonofiddle, recorder, and also sang, accompanied by Mike on the guitar.

Submitted by Pete Petersen  
PCNSA President

### More Luren New Member Profiles.



**ZiYuan Li**

Zi was born as the only child of an electricity company worker and a railway station worker, in Lanzhou City, Gansu province, China. He came to the United States in January 2012 to attend Upper Iowa University in Fayette, from which he graduated in May 2017. He is now in graduate study, having majored in Corporation Finance management.

He has not done much singing, but has played the accordion for 8 years. He sings First Tenor.

He now lives in West Union and was invited to Luren by Aaron and Wayne Bicknese. He sees the group as ðwell organized, talented in music.



**Gordon Gaustad**

Gordon previously sang with Luren, beginning in 1981, for 14 years. He was born in Spring Grove MN where his father was an appliance dealer and his mother was a bookkeeper and tax preparer for H R Block. He has two older sisters.

At Spring Grove High School he was ðin everything, ð chorus, band, musicals, basketball and baseball. He went on to Minnesota State Com-



munity College at Mankato, earning an Associate degree in Info Tech for computer programming.

Gordon and Carol (Rasmussen) are parents of one daughter, Emily, who like her mother was, is an Art Teacher. Emily is currently teaching in Shanghai, China!

Gordon sings First Bass.



**Carl Haakenstad**

Carl was born at LaCrosse WI. His father was a hogs and sheep farmer, and his mother an RN. He has an older sister.

Carl grew up in the Spring Grove area. In High School he was in band and choir, as well as sports. He went on to Luther College, graduating in 2008, with a major in Environmental Science and minor in History. He has worked for the Oneota Cooperative, but is now working in carpentry for Wadsworth Construction. Carl was invited to Luren by Jerry Aulwes. His first impressions are: ña fun group, welcoming.ö He sings Second Bass.



**Karl Hahn**

Karl is an exchange student at North Fayette High School, originally from Berlin, Germany. His father is a lawyer, and his mother deals in patents. Karl has three younger siblings--one sister and two bothers.

Karl attends the Katholische Schule St. Fransiskus (KSSF) in Berlin.

Karl has sung in a children's chorus and another youth group. He sings baritone. He was invited to Luren by Jim Harbaugh. He finds the experience öinteresting.ö



**Jarrett Johnson**

Jarrett was born in the hospital at West Union, but grew up in Elgin IA. His father works as a mechanic, and his mother is a cook in the North Fayette Valley schools. She assists teachers at NFV as a paraprofessional.

Jarrett has one younger brother.

He attended High School in West Union and went on to Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, where he received his A.A. in Applied Science.

In High School he sang under the direction of Janet Helgerson, who recently died. Janet had been a student in Vocal Pedagogy under Dr. David Judisch, and it was at her funeral service, which Dr. Judisch attended, that Judisch heard a fine tenor voice behind him. This was Jarrett. After the service, the two of them conversed, and Dr. Judisch invited him to join Luren. He was at rehearsal that night!



**Joel Timmerman**

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### ILLINOIS CHICAGO

#### Bjornson Male Chorus

Rehearsals: Each Tuesday 7:30 p.m. at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, 9857 Schiller Blvd. Franklin Park IL 60131. President: John Lee, 738 Bent Ridge Lane, Elgin, IL 60120. tel. (847) 741-4210; Secretary: George Michals, 5236 Arlington Drive West, Hanover Park, IL 60103 (630)837-8615; Director: Edwin Kramer, 32600 East Lane, Grayslake, IL 60030, tel. (847) 546-2050, [ed.Kramer@ATT.net](mailto: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: Thor Fjell, 1041 W. Ogden Ave, #118, Naperville, IL 60563. cell (630)479-4233 [thorfjell@comcast.net](mailto:thorfjell@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: Robert R. Hansen, 20 Eastview Drive, Sioux City, IA 51106 (712) 258-7445 [gregors5@juno.com](mailto:gregors5@juno.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

Rehearsal: Each Thursday evening at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 France Ave. So., Edina, MN. President: Jack Hauer, 4804 Elliot Ave. S, Minneapolis MN 55417-1138. Tel. (612)823-6051. [hauers4804@msn.com](mailto:hauers4804@msn.com) ; Corresponding Secretary: Charles Engh, 309 Chaska Rd, Shorewood MN 55331 tel. (612)244-6679 cell (612)214-5286. [cbengh@hotmail.com](mailto:cbengh@hotmail.com) Director: Carsten Slostad, 1065 Portland Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-7011; tel. (651) 291-8639 [carstonian@hotmail.com](mailto:carstonian@hotmail.com).

### SOUTH DAKOTA

#### SIOUX FALLS

##### Minnehaha Mandskor

Rehearsal: Each Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Center For Active Generations, 2300 W. 46<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls, SD. President: Larry Luinenburg, 7300 S Edinburg Pl, Sioux Falls SD 57108. tel. (410)241-6832 [lluienburg@gmail.com](mailto:lluienburg@gmail.com) Corr. Secretary: Terry Walter (below), Director: Terry Walter, 2708 West Oak St., Sioux Falls, SD 57105, tel. (605) 339 0607, [clefdwellers\\_on\\_oak@juno.com](mailto:clefdwellers_on_oak@juno.com).

##### 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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#### MADISON

##### Edvard Grieg Chorus

##### 2262 Winnebago, Madison, WI 53704

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**San Diego Mannskor**

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**SAN FRANCISCO**

**Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco**

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**The Norsemen**

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**WASHINGTON**

**BELLINGHAM**

**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**EVERETT**

**Norwegian Male Chorus**

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue  
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**POULSBO**

**VestreSundMannskor**

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**SEATTLE**

**Norwegian Male Chorus**

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**SKAGIT VALLEY**

**Skagit Valley Mannskor**

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**Normanna Male Chorus**

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Joel was born at Postville IA. He was the third of four children born to Kenneth and Mary. There are two sisters and one brother. His father was a farmer, while his mother was a volunteer librarian.

Joel attended Postville High School, during which he was in band and vocal music. He went on to Technical School.

Joel's wife is Debra, with whom he has two daughters, both now married. There are three grandchildren.

Joel is a returnee, having first joined Luren in 1982 and continued to 1996. During those years he sang Second Tenor. Now he is in the Second Bass section (voice change came late!). He has inherited the bass solo from his father, Kenneth, now deceased, for "Psalm 24."

Joel and Deb own and operate an upholstery and woodworking shop in Decorah: J & D Upholstery.

He comments about Luren: a good group to sing with.