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First Luren in-person rehearsal of 2021, held May 24 in the ground floor parking area of the Decorah Public Library. The windows and all of the right are open air. The sound of the chorus in this space was amazing!

NSAA President's Column

I remember my first rehearsal with the Grieg Chorus September 11, 2001.

It was an unsettling day. I first heard of the attack on the twin towers in New York when a patient from Texas and his wife told me of the attack. We turned on a radio for updates, and periodically sneaked a peek at the television in the lobby. Although it seemed that the news was full of chaos and turmoil, we pressed

on with our daily activities, wondering what this all meant. Would there be further attacks? Would there be war? Would we send our sons and daughters to war? Seemingly of lesser important was the question of whether we would meet for Grieg Chorus practice that night.

We met. We sang the Star Spangled Banner and *Ja Vi Esker*, as we do at the beginning of each rehearsal. At the completion of the rehearsal, our pianist asked to speak.

She simply stated that it was so reassuring that we gathered--and that we sang together. It *was* important that we met.

Twenty years later we are recovering from almost two years of Covid-19. We have all been disrupted. We've hibernated, entered our bunkers, avoided each other, worn our masks and sterilized our hands. Soon it will be time for us to get out of our bunkers and celebrate Sangerfest 2022. Singing is a comfort to our souls. We need to sing *to* who we are. It's *important* that we meet and that we sing together. Mark your calendars for June 16-18, 2021. We'll meet at the Marriott West Madison Hotel in Middleton, WI. Watch for details in the next several months. (<http://www.nsaaonline.org>)

There is more reason to celebrate. Ole and Lena survived the Covid pandemic. Ole wore a mask while making coffee one day. Lena asked why he was wearing a surgical mask. Ole replied that it wasn't a surgical mask, it was a coughy filter. Ole and Lena are not known for their meticulous housekeeping. During the pandemic Ole and Lena hired a cleaning lady. The cleaning lady called one day and said that she was told to work virtually, so she gave them instructions on how to clean the house and wash their clothes.

There is reason to celebrate.
 "There is peace even in the storm"
 Vincent van Gogh, "The Letters of
 Vincent van Gogh"
 "Things get messed up, even when there is
 peace and quiet"
 Ole, In his "Confessions to Lena"



Paul Larson, NSAA president

EDVARD GRIEG CHORUS Madison, WI

With Covid seemingly under control in Dane County, we decided to call a special meeting of the Chorus on Saturday, June 19 at the Stoughton Opera House. Attendance at the meeting exceeded our expectations by about double, 24 singers and our 2 co-directors joined us for the event. Some of our 35 singers were unable to attend due to vacations and other commitments. We began with fellowship, coffee and sweets. Everyone was so excited after our 15-month Covid hiatus that it was hard getting the meeting started as the talking would not stop!

We began the meeting by introducing our two co-directors for 2021-22, Nancy Groeneveld and Linda Svanoe. What a duo they will be! Paul Larson then gave an update on the revised plans for Sangerfest 2022. We wrapped up the discussion with the announcements that the new location for our alternate Tuesday practice in Stoughton will be Covenant Lutheran Church and our annual kick-off family picnic will be held on Tuesday, September 14.

We then moved upstairs to the theater to sing. The magic began almost immediately. Nancy stepped right in as our accompanist Linda Johnson was unable to attend. Nancy had never seen the music, but did not

miss a note. We started with the anthems and we quickly realized we could still sing. We followed the anthems with *Hil Dig Norge*, *Sangerhilsen*, *Nidelven* and Song for the Unsung Hero. More than a few of us had tears in our eyes by this time, but we ended strong with *Aftensang* and then our favorite drinking song, *Helan Går*.

Fortunately no members of our Chorus died during the Covid shut down, but we were saddened to learn that one of our major benefactors, Owen Bekkum, passed away at the age of 97.



Owen Bekkum

Owen was born in Westby, Wisconsin on March 2, 1924, graduated from Westby High School in 1942, started college, but was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served from 1943-1946 as a member of the "Ole Battalion," consisting of Norwegian-Americans who could ski and speak Norwegian. He finished college on the G.I. Bill with a BA in business administration from the University of Wisconsin and subsequently passed the CPA exam and started work with Arthur Anderson in Chicago. He had a number of corporate positions and ended his career as President and CEO of Northern Illinois Gas Company in Aurora.

Owen was extremely generous throughout his life, contributing to scholarship funds, churches and

charities. His money helped build the Bekkum Memorial Library and Norskedalen in Westby. He also gave generously to the Vesterhiem Norwegian Museum, the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center in Madison and the Edvard Grieg Chorus. Owen was preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy, and his second wife, Naomi, who was also a supporter of our chorus. The Sangerfest 2022 Grand Concert will be dedicated to Owen and Naomi. The Chorus is also making a contribution in their names to Norskedalen.



Dick Johnston, Corr. Sec.

**GRIEG MALE CHORUS
Canton SD**

Greetings from the Canton S. D. Grieg Male Chorus. The last week of August approaches, with hopeful enthusiasm our NSAA choruses will once again All enjoy weekly rehearsals!!!

After not gathering for such a long time, our chorus celebrated with a chorus family picnic on Sun. Aug. 8th. Prior to the pandemic, members Paul & Marlys Hohman invited the chorus to picnic at their lake home. Sadly, Paul has since passed away, but feeling we could safely gather, Marlys offered to host us at her beautiful lake home at Brant Lake, Chester SD.

Chorus members and families enjoyed visiting and relaxing on the decks, swimming, and the use of

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Marlys' Maui board, water boards, and jet ski.

Following the meal some returned to fun on the lake and yard games.



Grieg Male Chorus family picnic, Aug. 8.

The 5pm meal was a shrimp boil; a large pot filled with potatoes, onions, sweet corn, sausage, and LARGE shrimp, Marlys had ordered from Biloxi Schrimp Co. What a delicious feast, with fresh fruit, and concluding with an abundance of delicious desserts. The time passed too quickly as we enjoyed gathering after so many months.



Members enjoying jet ski, Maui board, and water boards.

On August 30th, our members will meet to make arrangements for fall rehearsals. Our regular rehearsal location is not yet available, due to covid concerns, so another location and time will be decided.

Our sincere Thanks to Dennis Barnaal, for continuing the work of the Sanger-Hilsen!!!



L-R Paul Sign, chorus president, our hostess Marlys Hohman, Curt Hepner, chorus treas. and State Vice Pres.



Jerry Holter, Corr. Sec.

**NORMENNENES SINGING
SOCIETY
Chicago IL**

The chorus gathered outdoors on the patio of the Estonian House for a meeting and planning session for the upcoming season. We enjoyed the cookout that Frank Potempa prepared for us, and had a chance to catch up with one another after our summer break.

With the current uncertainty surrounding the Covid pandemic we currently plan to meet outdoors at the Estonian House, as weather (and mosquitos) permit, to begin our regular singing rehearsal schedule of Tuesday evenings. Also, our society is in discussions to have more formal, planned collaboration with The Grieg Ladies Singing Society. We often perform at the same events each year, and we share a common mission to promote and preserve the Norwegian choral traditions in the Chicago area.

On September 12th we will have a presence at the Annual Vasa Park Scandinavian Day Festival. Vasa Park holds numerous community events throughout the year, celebrating Scandinavian and Nordic traditions, including: music, art, crafts, food, and dance.ö (<http://www.vasaparkil.com/>) We will staff a booth there again this year as we have in previous years, with media about the chorus and society. It gives us a chance to introduce our society to the wider community and see old friends from the various organizations that attend.

There was a memorial service for Thor Fjell at Minnekirken Lutheran Memorial Church on Sunday, August 8th. A number of members attended in

person and some via the live feed from the church.

We extend our singers' greetings to all our friends in NSAA, and look forward to next year's Sangerfest.



Dan Boyle, Corr. Sec.

**MINNEHAHA MANDSKOR
Sioux Falls SD**

With circumstances as they have been, no rehearsals, no booth at the fair, and no summer picnic, the only Mandskor news is that resumption of rehearsals is planned for September 13, 2021. These days, we see our singing friends at visitations and funerals.

We offer our sympathy to the families of Howard Paulson, Bob Tiedemann, Dagmar Johnson (wife of Robert E. Johnson) and George Regan, of the Norse Glee Club. As the circle is broken here on earth, it is being reconnected in heaven. Since the news is so abbreviated, this writer has decided to write some memories of our recently deceased Mandskor member, Jerry Muchow.

Memories of Jerry

Jerry and I came to the Mandskor at roughly the same time. I didn't realize that for some time. Since I was new, I had no idea he was new. All the members were new to me. When Olin Opstedahl retired as librarian, Jerry stepped up. He was calm, collected and very organized; even if sometimes, only he knew his system.

I had begun to create songs for us to sing at our Waffle Brunches by rewriting the lyrics popular tunes. One example would be, "There Is Nothing Like a Brunch (Dame)." I did a new one every year, but we sang the old ones as well. When Brunch time rolled around, I would go looking for past arrangements in the file using the title of the song. To my dismay, I could find none of them. When I asked Jerry about it, he told me that all the songs were filed under "Wö," for "Waffle." Why didn't I think of that?

My husband and I owned a couple of apartment buildings and other rental property. In their retirement, Jerry Muchow and Roger Amdahl worked for and with us in the renovation of many apartments, duplexes and houses. Jerry, Roger and I could paint an apartment in a day or so. We had a system. Roger rolled, Jerry taped woodwork and I did the cutting in around the ceiling. We didn't even have to discuss how to proceed. When we had leftover paint, we poured it all together and renamed the color. Jerry named one such concoction, Chocolate Malt.

Working together was pure pleasure. Often, I fixed lunch for all of us. We had green beans one day and hotdish the next. Jerry took one look at the hotdish and commented, "I enjoyed the green beans, yesterday. I'm sure I'll like them even better in today's hotdish." He was right. I'd used the leftovers.

Both Jerry and Karen Muchow and Roger and Dene Amdahl wintered in AZ. When we began going there and were doing some painting, Jerry and Roger helped us there too. The last project was a big one, and since they

lived about an hour away, they showed up with sleeping bags and pillows, looking like two boys who had run away from home. We painted till noon, took the pontoon out on the lake for an hour lunch and returned to work until supper time. As I recall, we finished the work in 2 ½ days. Good memories and the paint hasn't fallen off the walls.

Sometimes my husband drives home from AZ, and I fly. One year he decided to leave a couple days early. Since my ticket couldn't be changed and I didn't want to remain at the house alone, I stayed at The Resort with Muchows and Amdahls. I'd rise early and have coffee and pastry with Jerry and the "guys." One day, Jerry taught me to play shuffleboard. I was pleased to have Jerry as my partner against some hardcore players. But as the game progressed, it was obvious that Jerry's moves were not in sync with my own. Finally, I said, "We're not partners, are we?" "Nope," was Jerry's calm response. This was accompanied by his inimitable smile and an amused chuckle.



Jerry Muchow and Terry Walter receive the silver medal at the 2010 Sangerfest in Madison WI.

When I was finally awarded a Sangerfest medal, it was alongside Jerry. What a pleasure to share that

honor. It's been a gift to have Jerry in our lives. I miss him.
Respectfully submitted,



Terry Walter Corr. Sec.

Obituary

Jerry L. Muchow, died Sunday, July 11, 2021, at Good Samaritan Village. He was born April 6, 1940, in Sioux Falls, the son of Willis and Irene (Harrington) Muchow. Jerry graduated from Washington High School in 1959, served for 6 years in the Air National Guard and was employed at John Morrell meat packing plant for 45 years. He married Karen Rohlck February 18, 1989, in Beaumont, TX. Jerry lived in the Garretson area for 45 years. He loved golfing, bowling, traveling and working in his yard. He also painted for many years. He was a member of the Minnehaha Mandskor for 30 years and served as librarian for the chorus. Jerry and Karen spent many winters in TX, and AZ.



Jerry Muchow

Grateful for sharing his life are his widow Karen; 6 children: Dwight (Stephanie) Muchow, Gale (Greg) Haas, Rick (Shari) Muchow, Mary (Adam) Brandsma, Jim Muchow, John (Vicki) Muchow; 3 step

children;; 8 grandchildren; and siblings: Tom (Mary) Muchow, Gretchen Bamsey, and Karen (Jim) Christian. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son Terry.

**NORWEGIAN GLEE CLUB
Minneapolis MN**

We hope you, your family, and friends are well and safe. I regret to write, we lost another good friend and singer this summer. Bent Paulson passed away July 28, 2021. Bent rode to practice with me until it became too difficult for him to walk and get around. Sometimes we'd listen to Scandinavian songs on our drive to practice and Bent would sing with them and at the end tell me what the song was about. He was a wonderful fun man.



Bent Paulson

Bent was Danish and a life long member of the Danish American Center in Minneapolis. He was 89 and is survived by his wife Anne Lise, daughter Tina, and sons Rene and Michael. Peace to all.

On August 15, our Club enjoyed a picnic hosted by Carsten (our director) and his brother Jim. I missed it, but word has it that it was well attended and the food was great. Starting practice and a new location has been discussed but at this time nothing is final.

For a smile: What's a Scandinavian with sleep apnea called? A snorewegian What do dentists call their x-rays? Tooth pics!



Gene Willms, Corr. Sec.

**NORSE GLEE CLUB
Sioux Falls SD**

There has not been much activity in the Norse Glee Club since our last news letter but I will update you on a couple of things.

We have lost another member of the club, Robert Tidemann.



Robert Tidemann was born January 3, 1943 in Sioux Falls, SD. He grew up on a farm his grandfather homesteaded. He graduated Baltic High School and attended South Dakota College for one year.

Bob married Margaret Krogstad on September 8, 1963 at Willow Creek Lutheran Church, Dell Rapids, SD. They had three sons, Dale, Wayne, and Steven.

When Bob was 7 years old his father died. He learned how to farm from his Uncle Len. He started working at SD Penitentiary in 1967. Bob managed the prison farm until his retirement in 1995. After his retirement from the penitentiary he took a job as a courier, which he loved because he could visit with people at every stop.

Bob's faith was very important to him. He loved his family, friends, and having fun. Some of his favorite things were farming, riding his lawn mower, playing board games with family, playing cards, attending the Krogstad family reunion, drinking coffee and eating ice cream.

Bob was a member of West Nidaros Lutheran Church, Pioneer Cemetery Board, West Nidaros Cemetery Board, Norse Glee Club, and The Nordic Hall Board.

Bob passed away on June 8, 2021, at Dougherty Hospice House after a battle with cancer.

On August 14th there was a Celebration of Life for George Regan who passed away on March 19th. There was a delay of celebration because of covid-19.

On Monday, September 13th the glee club and the auxiliary will meet at Margaret Tidemann's house for a pot. We will discuss the future of our chorus and have some good fellowship.

Cordially,



Steve Espeland, Corr. Sec.

**LUREN SINGING SOCIETY
Decorah IA**

The Luren Singers have had several zoom rehearsals in the Spring and then went to outdoor rehearsals on May 24th at the Decorah Library parking lot. That continued until mid June. We were busy Fair for 5 days with our Luren Food Stand at the Winnesheik County. We did very well with our income considering we

did not have the stand last year. Most of the members worked their 8 hour shift and brought 2 pies.



Luren food stand at 2021 Winneshiek County fair.



Lee Grippen serves up a bowl of chili at the Luren Food stand 2021.



Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud staffs the fry grill area at the stand.

We lost a 2nd tenor, Rev. Phil Olson passed away on July 21 and his funeral was July 26 at St. Peter

Lutheran Church in Eldorado, Iowa. Our sympathy to Phil's wife Ginny and family.

The Nordic Fest was held this summer and our Luren Singers participated in the Opening Ceremonies on Thursday night and our full concert on Friday the 17th at the Courthouse Square and the parade on Sat. morning the 18th.



Luren Singers perform at the opening ceremony for Nordic Fest July 2021.

We are planning to resume rehearsals outside at the Decorah Library parking lot on Monday Sept. 13th at 6 pm depending on the Covid situation. We have plans to do a concert in Winona, MN for the Sons of Norway on Sunday October 10th at Central Lutheran Church if the Covid situation is OK.

Further plans for other concerts including Christmas are not set yet depending how things are in the all.

Have a good fall and sing, sing, sing!



Lee Grippen, Corr. Sec.

Obituary



Phillip Olson was born May 5, 1948, in Aberdeen SD to Maurice and Arlene (Nelson) Olson. He graduated from Groton Area High School in 1966, Augustana College in 1970, and Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque IA in 1976.

In 1974 Phillip married Virginia ðGinnyö Johnson. He served his first pastoral call at Immanuel Lutheran in Delaware IA.

Phillip and Ginny were commissioned as missionaries of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in December 1977. They studied in France and in 1978 began work as evangelists among the Fulani people in Senegal (West Africa). Due to serious illness they returned to the U.S. in spring 1979. Phillip then served parishes in southwestern Minnesota.

In 1987 the Olsons moved to rural Ridgeway IA (near Decorah), where Phillip and Ginny served together in ministry with the Ridgeway Lutheran Parish. During their 23 years in Ridgeway Phillip was involved in many community activities, including the Winneshiek Country 4-H, Ridgeway Rental Housing, Cub Scoutmaster, and Little League baseball coach.

Phillip was a voracious reader and passed his love of books to his children and grandchildren. He also loved to sing and was a member of the Luren Singing society for a number of

years. He was a certified master gardner.

In 2001 Phillip was diagnosed with prostate cancer. He did a variety of treatments, including some trials and experimental treatments, and managed the cancer for many years as life continued. He served several interim pastor appointments. In fall 2019 he learned that prostate cancer had metastasized. Phillip and Ginny moved into their ðChome,ö the former Lutheran Church in rural Ossian, which they renovated according to Phillips design into a beautiful home.

Phillip died July 21, 2021. He is survived by his spouse and partner in Ministry, Ginny, and their children Ana (Matthew Johnson) Olson-Johnson, Martha Jensen, Maryn (Angela Fulton) Olson, Andrew (Janelle) Olson, and Amy Olson, as well as 7 grandchildren.

Bands and choirs contribute billions to the Norwegian economy.

(The following is adapted from the 9 July 2021 Norwegian American newspaper, Seattle WA. For a subscription to this interesting newspaper, go on the internet to norwegianamerican.com/subscribe/)

Community choirs, bands, orchestras, and other volunteer musical groups contribute about NOK 15.8 billion (\$2 billion) annually to the Norwegian economy, according to a report recently handed over to Minister of Culture Abid G. Raja.

The Norwegian Music Council commissioned Vista Analysis to produce a socioeconomic analysis of the usefulness of organized music life. (continued p. 16.)

Minutes for Special Meeting of NSAA Board

July 08, 2021 at 10am via Zoom [link sent by D. Judisch]

Call meeting to Order by President Paul Larson at 10:00am

Roll call: Paul Larson, Frank Potempa, Rich BJORLO, Rich Leake, Rolf Svano, David Judisch, Ed Kramer, Roger Buhr.

Business items:

1. Formally thanked Ed, Rolf, and Frank for accepting open Board positions via nomination. Briefly discussed SangerHilsen.
2. Update of Sangerfest preparation. Sons of Norway convention will also be in attendance at the Marriott facility, and they may request to participate in some NSAA activities. Brief discussion of soloists and some Sangerfest budget items. Music selection is currently underway. Reminder that members of former choruses may elect to participate as well as members of PCNSA. An opportunity to see the Marriott facility will be set up for those interested.
3. Motion to recommend Chicago Norsemen for membership in NSAA. Seconded. Motion passed. Discussed Board communication. No action taken. Minutes of meetings published in SangerHilsen. Brief discussion of By-Laws and update of website.

Adjourned at 10:35

Respectfully submitted,
Rich Leake

 NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

GRAND CONCERT - 7:00 PM, June 18, 2022

Madison Marriott West, Middleton, Wisconsin

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

I

Norges Fjelde	Halfdan Kjerulf
Ved Rondarne	Edvard Grieg/arr. Kramer
I Will Lift My Eyes	Victor Johnson
Psalm 24	Gunnar Wennerberg

II

III

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

IV

V

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

Veterans Chorus will sing for the Memorial Service on Thursday evening, June 16, 2022. They will sing:

Den Store Hvide Flok ó arranged by Edvard Grieg (key of G) with soloist.

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CHICAGO**

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SIOUX CITY**

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MINNESOTA

MINNEAPOLIS

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**SOUTH DAKOTA
SIOUX FALLS**

Minnehaha Mandskor

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CANTON

Grieg Male Chorus

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WISCONSIN

MADISON

Edvard Grieg Chorus

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Rehearsal: Each Tuesday, 7 p.m. President: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 richarj@charter.net. Corresponding Secretary: Dick Johnston, 26 Chautauqua Tr., Madison WI 53719, (608) 833-6284 richarj@charter.net ; Director: vacant

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CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND

Normanna Glee Club

Rehearsal: time and place unknown
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SAN DIEGO

San Diego Mannskor

Rehearsal: every Monday at 7:00 p.m. on the campus of San Diego State Univ. in music Bldg. President: Sven I. Olsen, 2991 Jacks Creek Pl. Escondido, CA 92027, tel. (619) 708-6171, svenio@cox.net; Secretary: Jon Homerud, 3354 Bonica Woods Dr., Bonita, CA 91902 (619)223-2784 holmerud@cox.net; Director: Alexis Luna.

SAN FRANCISCO

Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco

Rehearsal: Meets every Monday 7:00 p.m. at 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94127. President: HerlevStorseter, 235 Brentwood Ave., San Francisco, CA 94103 tel: (415) 344-0204; Secretary: Mark Mathesen, 1601 Oakwood Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 tel: (650)947-1359, dchouse@earthlink.net; Director: unfilled.

OREGON

EUGENE

The Norsemen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Sonja Lodge #38, Sons of Norway, 710 McKinley, Eugene, OR 97402. President: Dan Moore, danielleemore@comcast.net, (541)520-2211. Secretary: John Meshnik, jmeshnik@eeug.com, (541)345-3920; Director: Barry Anderson, barryanderson746@gmail.com, (310)863-1873.

SALEM

Thorsmen

Rehearsal: Each Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church Annex, 1198 Lanning Avenue North East, Salem, OR 97303. President: Paul Flora, tel. (503)363-9753 paul.flora@pgn.com ; Secretary:Neil Haugen, tel. (503)910-1239, neil@haugensgalleri.com ; Director: Peter Butler, 31869 Eastway, Lebanon, OR 97355, tel. (503) 259-2006, whitewolf372@centurytel.net

WASHINGTON

BELLINGHAM

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsals every Tuesday evening, 6:00 pm at the Norway Hall, 1419 North Forest St., Bellingham WA. President: Larry Peterson. Tel. (360) 935-1110. Secretary: Jim Florence. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net.

EVERETT

Norwegian Male Chorus

Normanna Hall, 2725 Oaks Avenue
Everett, Washington 98201
Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. at Normanna Hall; President: Gary Strombo, tel. (425)267-9727 gary.strombo@gmail.com .Secretary: John Mickelson, tel. (425)422-6297 john.mickelson@msn.com. Director: Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

POULSBO

VestreSundMannskor

Meets every Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Grieg Hall, Sons of Norway, 18891 Front St., Poulsbo, WA 98370. President: Dick Roemer Tel, (360)693-2317 rproem@yahoo.com; Secretary: Mel Haug, tel. (360)297-0791, mel@melandkathy.com; Director: KathyHaug, 21050 Fern St. Indianola WA 98342. Tel. (360)297-0791. kathy@melandkathy.com.

SEATTLE

Norwegian Male Chorus

Rehearsal: most Monday evenings 7:30 p.m. Leif Erikson Lodge, 2245 NW 57th St., Seattle, WA 98107, last Monday of month 7:30 p.m. Norse Home, 5311 Phinney Ave N. Seattle, WA 98103. Officers: President: Howard Slausen, tel. (425)774-4635, howardslausen@comcast.net ; Secretary: Paul Hendricks, tel (206)379-0039 phendricksballard@gmail.com ; Director: Julie Parsons, tel (918)273-9268 jp.conductress@gmail.com

SKAGIT VALLEY

Skagit Valley Manskor

PO Box 481, Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Rehearsal every Monday at 7:00 PM at Abel Lodge, 21098 2nd St. Conway WA 98238. Officers: President and Secretary: Jeff Highland tel. (360)387-5285. highland@smumn.edu Director Steve Jensen, 2694 Goshen Rd., Bellingham, WA 98226, cell phone (360)303-3919, stmjensen@earthlink.net

TACOMA

Normanna Male Chorus

Rehearsal: Each Monday 6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 20 Tacoma Ave. S, Tacoma, Wash. President: Pete Petersen, tel.(509)607-9406, o.petersen@gmail.com
Secretary: Loren Jangaard, 5917 34th St NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, tel. (252)265-2312, jangaard@hotmail.com;
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“Music is also life and health. This report clearly states that music volunteerism is good for public health. This should play a role in how politicians prioritize these organizations in the future,” said Secretary General

Bjarne Dæhli of the Norwegian Music Council.

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