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NOTES FROM MUSIC-ON-A STRING By Beatrice Hole

Itinerary for the Nordic-American Psalmodikonforbundet 2000

Friday, September 15: Our special guests arrive from Norway/Sweden.

7:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. Get-acquainted fellowship at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie. (See map). Homestay hosts pick up their guests.

Saturday, September 16: 8:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. General Meeting, Small Group Workshops, Music, Fellowship and Food.

7:00 p.m. Psalmodikon players participate in a program with Ross Sutter, a folk musician, at the American Swedish Institute. There will be a tour of the Institute and refreshments following the program.

Sunday, September 17: Participation at the morning worship.

1:30 p.m. Program for the public at the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Franklin and 10th Avenue South in Minneapolis. In addition to our own Psalmodikon musicians, there will be several other performers of folk music.

Our Scandinavian guests will be here until Monday when they will be joining another tour group.

Rodger and I are planning to have a picnic supper at our home on Sunday evening. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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As of this printing, I have received only 15 reservation cards from those who will be attending our Psalmodikon meeting. I hope to hear from many more of you in the days to come. Please let us know

as we need to plan for food quantity!

The Nordiska Psalmodikonforbundet of Norway/Sweden is sending a good representation, therefore it is up to the rest of us to attend in sufficient numbers.

I am sorry to hear that the founder and leader of the Nordiska Psalmodikonforbundet, Rodney Sjoberg of Trollhattan, Sweden, had a heart attack last year and feels he is not strong enough to make the trip. He is a delightful man and is very knowledgeable about Psalmodikons. He has been collecting them since he was very young. It was under his guidance that we established the Psalmodikon Museum in Ostervalla, when I visited there in 1995. At that time he donated 40 Psalmodikons, from his own collection, to the Museum!

I send my best wishes to Rodney and his wife, Lizbeth. We will miss you very much and our thoughts will be of you all weekend.

I have had a fun time making all the arrangements for the home stays, food and entertainment. I know it will be a great weekend of fellowship and also learning more about the Psalmodikon and music from our Scandinavian visitors. And to think we can do all of this without even leaving the USA! We will value our relationships with other Psalmodikon players from Norway and Sweden.

If anyone would care to bring a plate of bars or cookies to go with the coffee, that would be appreciated. There will be a drawing for door prizes, so if you have something that you would like to donate, that would make it even more fun. Gift wrapping the item would keep it a surprise!