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NOTES FROM MUSIC-ON-A STRING By Beatrice Hole

As I write this Newsletter, the Psalmodikon and I are preparing for our participation at the Nordic Fest in Decorah, IA. I am hoping to see many of you Psalmodikon enthusiasts there!

We have had a great Summer, a bit too warm, but fun never-the-less.

I am looking forward to our annual gathering on September 15-16, when we can all play our Psalmodikons together again. We will have a lot of practicing to do on Saturday because the Psalmodikons have been invited to participate in the Sunday morning worship service!

We are so grateful to Koreen & Don Gerdin-Paulson who have invited us to hold our meeting at their church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in East Bethel, MN. Also for Larry & Deann Gjen-vick who will once again be preparing and serving us a delicious lunch Saturday noon. Saturday evening we will plan to "eat out" - "Dutch Treat" at a restaurant in the area—we are working on arrangements for that. See inside for more information about the annual meeting)

I always appreciate the many folks that come and "re-introduce" themselves to me. Often times I am so occupied to recognize someone in the crowds.

This being a perfect example: Several weeks ago

the Psalmodikon and I had been invited to participate at the 150th Anniversary Celebration at the Washington Prairie Church south of Decorah, IA. After one of the services, I talked with Ruth Benson, who is a granddaughter of Elsie Thompson. Elsie was a member of the Wisconsin Ladies Quartet.

The article reprinted on Page #2 is from the 1938 issue of the Capitol Times of Madison, WI. These ladies have all passed away now, but Ruth has all of their Psalmodikons in storage. Hopefully, we will have a chance to see these sometime!

Meanwhile, enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing many of you in September at the Annual Meeting!

Keep practicing your Psalmodikons - look for the hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" further on in the Newsletter. By September may we be all ready to play this together.



A Note about Memberships

We have kept the annual dues for membership in the Nordic-American Psalmodikonforbundet at a modest \$5.00 per year. This covers the cost of preparing and mailing the newsletter approximately 3 or 4 times a year to our members and also includes complimentary issues to a number of cultural organizations, museums and individuals. Please take a moment to note address label and if the date is not 2001 or beyond, your dues remittance will show your continued interest in our group. Thanks!