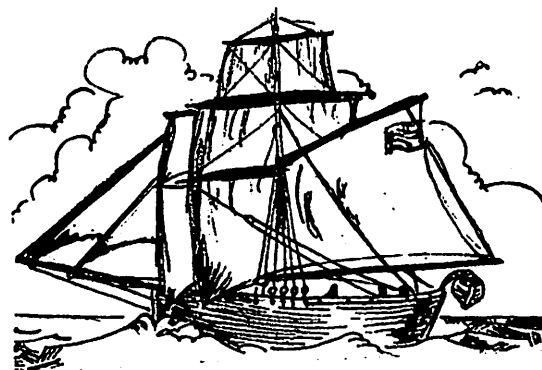


# SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People

Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway — July 4, 1825 on the Sloop — Restoration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th — 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

## 60th ANNUAL SLOOPER MEETING

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Sloop Society of America was held Sunday, Oct. 6, 1985, at the Norway Community Building with 87 in attendance.

Pastor Maynard Halvorson led in Norwegian grace followed by a delicious potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. The "Cadillacs" from Seneca entertained us during the meal.

Charles Mies, President called the meeting to order with everyone introducing themselves and how they were descendants.

Mildred Hanley, Secretary read 1984 minutes and they were approved.

Weston Fruland, Treasurer gave his report with a balance of \$920.11, approved.

It was brought up to get mailing list updated.

Charles and Edith Mies told of their 2 week trip to Norway this summer.

Pastor Masted from Helmar was our main speaker and told of very interesting information.

Door prizes were awarded to Florence Hougsted of Kankakee for being the oldest descendant of a Sloop; Jennifer Peterson of Aurora the youngest descendant and Clarence Mies of Springfield coming the farthest.

New officers elected are: President-Charles Mies of Saunemin  
Vice President-Rev. Wesley Hougsted of Brookfield  
Secretary-Mary Jane Nelson of Newark  
Treasurer-Silas Peterson of Sheridan

Kitchen Comm.-June Peterson, Edith Mies, Erma Fruland & Ona Fruland  
The 1986 meeting will be Oct. 12, 1:00 p.m. at Norway Community Building, Norway, Ill.

The Museum will be open after the meeting. It is only open on special occasions after Sept. 30th.

Collection was \$109.00

Pastor Halvorson closed with benediction and everyone was welcome to stay and visit. Coffee and sweets were left to enjoy.

Mildred Hanley  
Secretary

*"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"*



Saunemin, Illinois 61769  
August 22, 1985

Dear Sloopers and Fellow Norwegians:

You are invited to the 60th annual Sloopers Meeting Sunday, October 6, 1985 at the Norwegian Community Building, Norway, Il. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:00 P.M. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

Did you know that the Sloopers Society of America was featured in the May-June, 1985 Illinois Magazine, the magazine of the Prairie State? "The Sloopers from Stavanger" by Robert T. Burns, is a three page article and has six pictures featuring Norway, Il.

You are invited to attend church services in the area Sunday, October 6, 1985.

<u>Fox River Luthern Church</u>	<u>Helmar Luthern</u>	<u>Norway Methodist</u>
Oldest Norwegian Luthern Congregation in America- One mile east of Norway	Five miles east of Newark	East side of Norway
9:30 A.M.	9:45 A.M.	11:00 A.M.

You have a special invitation to attend any of these services.

The Norway Store, in the Borchsenius family for five Generations will be open until 1:00 P.M. Sunday, October 6. They specialize in Scandinavian foods, gifts and 11¢ coffee. Quote Rachel Southcombe, "I saw more Norwegian articles in the Norway Store than I did on a recent trip to the old country".

The Norsk Museum will be open all day for your enjoyment. Come enjoy the attractive Norwegian Motif in the end of the Norway Community building; the J. Hart Rosdail Memorial and the Cleng Peerson Cabin.

The National Norwegian American Memorial and the Nelson Cemetary are just a mile south of Norway on Route 71 (Cleng Peerson Memorial Highway).

We are making a special effort to have an outstanding program for you as this is the 160th year of the landing of Norwegians in America.

Pastor Harold Masted of the Helmar Luthern Church will be guest speaker. Good listening music will be provided by the "Cadillacs", an outstanding musical group.

Come early and plan to stay late as we have a full day for you. Dinner at 1:00 P.M. in the Norway Community Building.

See you in Norway October 6, 1985.

Charles Mies, President  
Sloopers Society of America

Secretary