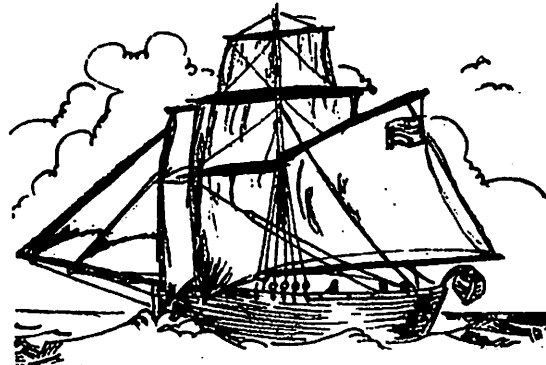


# SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People  
Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925

*The Norwegian*

September 6, 1989



Dear Sloopers & interested Norwegians:

You are invited to the 64th Annual Sloopers Society of America Meeting, Sunday October 8, 1989 at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Ill., on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:00 PM. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

You are cordially invited to attend church services in the area on this date.

Fox River Lutheran Church 9:30 AM  
One mile east of Norway  
Norway Methodist Church 11:00 AM  
East side of Norway

The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store will be open until 1:00 PM. They have many Norwegian goodies. There are several other attractions in the area you may want to visit.

We have a first rate program planned for this year's gathering - a woman's Barber Shop Quartet called "Kaleidoscope". They have won many contests competing against some of the finest talent in the midwest. They will provide a variety of Barber Shop music, popular and ballads. We are sure you will be royally entertained by this group as our program for 1989.

If you know of someone that should be on our mailing list, please let one of the officers know, also if names should be taken off the list.

Remind your families, come early and stay all day in Norway, October 8, 1989.

Sincerely,

Dan Hougas, Secretary  
Sloopers Society of America

## 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 Sloopers Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

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THE 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING WAS HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 1989 AT THE NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING.

DINNER WAS SERVED 1:15 P.M. WITH PASTOR WESLEY HOUGHSTED GIVING GRACE

AT 2:20 PM REV. HOUGHSTED INTRODUCED OUR ENTERTAINING GROUP "KOLEIDESCOPE" A BARBERSHOP QUARTET WHICH INCLUDED BETTY, BETH, JEAN & KAREN - A GREAT 45 MINUTES OF SINGING.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:15 PM BY STEVE PETERSON, PRESIDENT - IN HIS OPENING REMARKS HE THANKED THE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP & THE DINNER COMMITTEE - THE OFFICERS WERE THEN INTRODUCED. 46 MEMBERS & VISITORS ATTENDED THE MEETING WHICH INCLUDED 16 NELSONS, 9 ROSAALS & 3 HOWAAS PLUS 10 VISITORS & THE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP.

STEVE ADVISED ALL SHOOPER BOOKS HAVE BEEN SOLD AND THAT NO SHOOPER PINS ARE AVAILABLE AT 9:00 EAST.

SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ & ACCEPTED - JUDY HOUGHSTED MADE THE MOTION & SECONDED BY RACHAEL SOUTHCOMBE DISCUSSION WAS HAD ON INCOME POSSIBILITIES - WAS DECIDED TO ORDER T SHIRTS - MOTION MADE TO PURCHASE BY MARY JANE NELSON AND SECONDED BY ~~HIRAM~~ HIRAM VARNES.

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ AS FOLLOWS 1988 BAL 1614.59

INCOME - MEETING COLLECTION	109.00
* BOOKS & PINS	259.35
CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>20.00</u>
	388.35

EXPENSES:

OLA & JORLAND. ENTERTAINMENT	150.00
NORWAY IMPROVEMENT	50.00
SUPPLIES FOR PAPER	56.21
POSTAGE, PRINTING - ETC	<u>97.62</u>
	353.83

BALANCE ON HAND 1989 1649.06

OLDEST MEMBER AWARD FLORENCE HOUGHTON 92

YOUNGEST " " JENNIFER PETERSON 11

TRAVEL FURTHEST LYDIA RADY

CLOSEST BIRTHDAY TO OCT 9<sup>TH</sup> IRENE THORSEN

VOLUNTEERS FOR KITCHEN FOR 1990 - JUNE PETERSON,

DIANE PETERSON, PAT HAYNES, - MRS CHAS. MEIS

NEXT MEETING OCT 7<sup>TH</sup> 1990

MOTION MADE BY CHAS. MEIS & 2<sup>ND</sup> BY DIANE PETERSON

THAT OFFICERS BE ELECTED FOR 3 YEAR PERIOD

PRESENT OFFICERS ELECTED FOR NEXT THREE YEARS

BOAS OF NORWAY FISH DINNER NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> WAS ANNOUNCED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY STEPHEN PETERSON &

2<sup>ND</sup> BY MARY JANE NELSON 4:15 PM.

DON AINSLEY

COLLECTION 131.00 MEMORIAL FOR ~~100.00~~ 100.00