

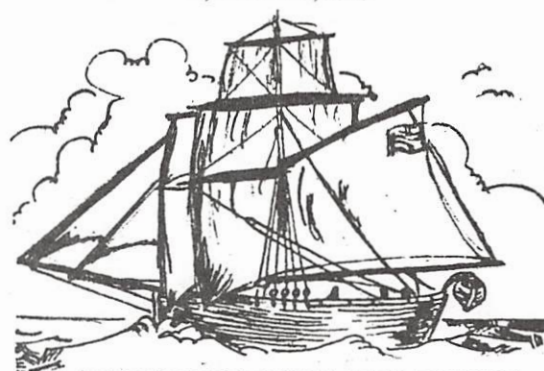
*The Norwegian*

# SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People

Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925

August 31, 1990



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.

Dear Sloopers & interested Norwegians:

You are invited to the 65th Annual Sloop Society of America Meeting, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1990 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.

Our program planned for this year's gathering is the "Hemi-Demi-Semi-Quavers", a hand bell choir from Downers Grove. They come to us highly recommended. We are sure you will enjoy this group. Great entertainment for all.

You will be proud to wear the Sloop Society of America T Shirts which will be available at a reasonable price - they look terrific.

REMIND YOUR FAMILIES, COME EARLY AND STAY ALL DAY IN NORWAY, OCTOBER 14, 1990.

Sincerely,

Dan Hougas, Secretary  
Sloop Society of America

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MORRIS HERALD 10-8-90

## Sloop Society's annual meeting

The Sloop Society of America will hold its 65th annual meeting Sunday, Oct. 14, at the Norway Community Building, Norway, on Rte. 71.

Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

All Sloopers and interested Norwegians are invited to attend. There will be door prizes.

*298 LETTERS SENT  
650 POSTCARD FOLLOWUP  
PUT IN OTTAWA DAILY TIMES &  
MORRIS PAPER*

"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"

65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOOPER MEETING OCTOBER 14, 1990

THE 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING WAS HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 1990 AT THE NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH 70 SHOOPERS AND THEIR INTERESTED NORWEGIAN FRIENDS. DINNER WAS SERVED AT 1:20 PM WITH REV. WESLEY HOUGHSTED GIVING GRACE. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THE DINNER WAS DELICIOUS AND PLENTIFUL AS USUAL.

AT 2:20 PM REV. HOUGHSTED INTRODUCED THE "HEMI-DEMI-SEMI-QUAVERS", A HAND BELL CHOIR FROM DOWNERS GROVE - WE WERE ENTERTAINED FOR ONE HOUR BY THIS VERY TALENTED GROUP. TERRIFIC, TERRIFIC WAS ALL I HEARD.

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY STEVE PETERSON AT 3:25 PM OFFICERS WERE INTRODUCED - IN HIS COMMENTS, APPRECIATION WAS GIVEN TO THE BELL RINGERS AND THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE -

SEVERAL PEOPLE HAD INQUIRED ABOUT HAVING THE SHOOPER BOOK REPRINTED - MOTION WAS MADE BY DOROTHY CLINE & 2<sup>ND</sup> BY ERMA CRINE FOR A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE COST OF PRINTING ETC. - CHAS. MEIS,

DOROTHY CLINE & ERMA FRULAND WERE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE -

ALL WERE INVITED TO SEE THE MUSEUM AFTER THE MEETING -

T. SHIRTS WERE BEING SOLD - 13.50 EA, 2 FOR 25.00. WE WERE ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL T. SHIRTS & SWEAT SHIRTS COULD BE

ORDERED - SWEAT SHIRTS TO COST APPROXIMATELY 3.00 MORE THAN T SHIRTS. - SECRETARIES REPORT WAS READ MOTION MADE BY

DALE HOGGAS, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY JIM ROSDALE TO ACCEPT REPORT.

TREASURERS REPORT WAS READ AS FOLLOWS - 1989 BALANCE 1649.06

INCOME FROM MEETING & CONTRIBUTIONS 271.00

EXPENSES - ENTERTAINMENT (KALEIDOSCOPE) 225.00

NORWAY IMPROVEMENT 60.00

PRINTING, POSTAGE, & CARDS<sup>POST</sup> 132.29



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T. SHIRTS	638.65
DINNER SUPPLIES	<u>49.77</u>
	1095.66
BALANCE ON HAND	824.40

MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT REPORT BY DALE HOWARD, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY ARLENE COLE.  
 HEAD COUNT WAS TAKEN OF FAMILIES

STANGELAND	3
HOWARD	7
ROSDALE	22
NELSON	24

KITCHEN COMMITTEE FOR 1991 MEETING - LOU WISE, PAT HAYES AND SISTERS - DOOR PRIZES WENT TO ARLENE COLE, JUDY HOWARD & WILMA STARK - COLLECTION WAS TAKEN \$147.05 -  
 DISCUSSION ON OFFICERS - 3 YEAR TERM WAS EXPLAINED - OFFICERS TO SERVE THREE YEARS OR COULD CONTINUE IF WILLING -  
 DISCUSSION ON LETTERS & FOLLOW UP POST CARDS. - EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE TO INCREASE OUR ATTENDANCE - ERMA FRULAND READ A BALAD - MEETING WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY CHARLES ENTWISTLE - MAY SHOW AT NEXT MEETING IF EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE - SUGGESTION MADE FOR EACH PERSON TO BRING ONE OTHER PERSON TO DOUBLE OUR ATTENDANCE - URGED FAMILIES TO INVITE THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES -

ELECTION OF OFFICERS HEAD - PAT HAYES PRESIDENT, REV WESLEY HOWARD V.P., DAN HOWARD SECRETARY & SI PETERSON TREASURER  
 MOTION MADE FOR A BIG HAND & THANKS TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT STEVE PETERSON - MEETING DISMISSED AT 4:15 PM.

Balance 10-14-90 \$824.40

1991

Income:

Collection from Meeting	\$147.05
T Shirt Sales	\$652.50
Total	<u>799.55</u>

Expenses:

Marilyn Wilgocki	150.00
Norway Improvement Bldg.	50.00
Stevens	141.38
Don Haugas (Supplies)	149.39
Si Peterson "	34.00
Total	<u>524.77</u>

Balance on Hand 10-13-91 \$1099.18