

*The Norwegian*

# SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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

September 3, 1991

Dear Slooper & interested Norwegians:

You are invited to the 66th Annual Slooper Society of America Meeting, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1991 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.

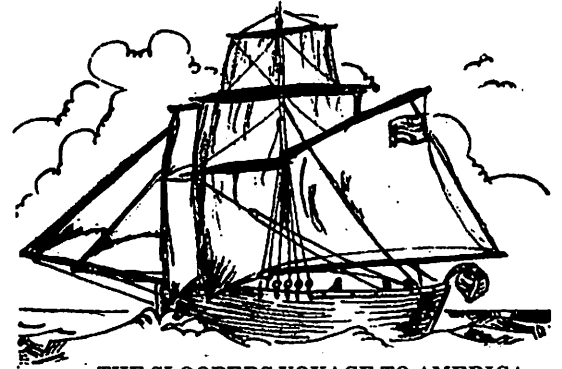
We will be entertained by Judy Dagraedt, a local talent, singing a variety of songs. I am sure many of you have heard Judy and will again enjoy her singing very much.

Our Slooper Society of America T-Shirts will be available for purchase. Also, we should have information regarding a reprinting of the Slooper book - door prizes as usual.

REMINDE YOUR FAMILIES, COME EARLY AND STAY ALL DAY IN NORWAY, OCTOBER 13, 1991.

Sincerely,

Dan Hougas, Secretary  
Slooper 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 Slooper Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

President

Pat Ainsley Hayes  
R.R. # 1  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
815/433-0061

Vice President

Rev. Wesley Hougsted  
180 N. Wood Dale Rd.  
Wood Dale, IL 60191  
708/595-9352

Secretary

Dan Hougas  
1711 Parklake Dr., Apt. 1C  
Morris, IL 60450  
815/942-6813

Treasurer

Silas Peterson  
Rt. 1, Box 216  
Sheridan, IL 60551  
815/496-2679

*295 LETTERS SENT  
100 POST CARD FOLLOWUP.  
PUT IN OTTAWA DAILY TIMES &  
MORNING HERALD*

*"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"*

## ORGANIZATIONS

### **Slooper Society of America**

The 66th annual potluck dinner of the Slooper Society of America was held, Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Norway Community Hall with 72 members and guests in attendance. They are descendants of the Rosdail, Nelson, Stangeland and Hougas families.

Nora Stangeland McNab received recognition for traveling the farthest distance, from Portland, Oregon, and for being the only Stangeland present.

Door prizes were awarded to Russ Jackson, Dale Hougas and Craig Hart. Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by local singer, Judy Dagraedt.

Members of the kitchen committee were Margarite Hougas,

Witha Hougas, Marge Tuftie, Lou Wise and Pat Hayes. Arrangements will be the same for next year's event on Oct. 11, 1992. All interested friends are welcome to attend.

66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 13, 1991

THE 66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING WAS HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 1991 AT THE NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH 72 SLOOPERS AND THEIR INTERESTED NORWEGIAN FRIENDS. DINNER WAS SERVED AT 1:30 PM WITH REV. WESLEY HONESTED GIVING GRACE. AS USUAL, WE ALL ENJOYED A VERY DELICIOUS MEAL. OUR PROGRAM BEGAN AT 2:30 PM WHEN PRESIDENT PAT HAYES INTRODUCED JUDY DAGRAEDT, LOCAL SINGER, WHO ENTERTAINED US WITH BOTH RELIGIOUS AND POPULAR SONGS. PAT THANKED JUDY FOR COMING.

OUR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:30 PM WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. PAT INTRODUCED THE OFFICERS AND THANKED THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. DOOR PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO RUSSELL JACKSON, DALE HOWAS AND CRAIG HART. SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS READ AND APPROVED. TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ AS FOLLOWS -

BALANCE 10-14-90	824.40
INCOME - COLLECTION FROM MEETING	147.05
T. SAINT SALES	652.50
TOTAL	799.55

EXPENSES: MARILYN WILGOCKI	150.00
NORWAY IMPROVEMENT BLDG	50.00
STEVENS	141.38
DALE HOWAS - STAMPS, POST CARDS, REVIEWS	149.39
SI PETERSON - SUPPLIES	34.00
TOTAL	524.77

BALANCE ON HAND 10-13-91 1099.18

TREASURER'S REPORT APPROVED AS READ.

SI MENTIONED WE STILL HAVE 17 EXTRA LARGE T SHIRTS  
FOR SALE. OTHER SIZES CAN BE ORDERED IN QUANTITIES  
OF 5-10. SHOOPER PINS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

DISCUSSION OF SHOOPER BOOK WAS TABLED FOR LATTER REPORT.  
NORA McNAB WAS INTRODUCED. SHE ADVISED US HER BOOK  
"THE BECKONING" WAS AVAILABLE FOR 6<sup>00</sup> PER COPY.

FLORENCE HOUGSTED SENT GREETINGS FROM RETIREMENT  
HOME IN KANKAKEE. WE WERE SADDENED TO HEAR  
CHARLENCE MIES PASSED AWAY. OUR 1991 KITCHEN COMMITTEE  
GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED 1992 RESPONSIBILITIES.

FAMILY ATTENDANCE AS FOLLOWS:

ROSDALE 27

NELSON 14

HOUWAS 7

JURSTAD 2

STANGLAND 1

NEXT MEETING TO BE OCT 11, 1992  
MEETING ADJOURNED

COLLECTION \$168<sup>00</sup>

Balance on Hand 10-13-91

\$1099.18

Income

Collection	168.00
T Shirts sales	50.00
" "	40.40
	<u>258.40</u>

Expenses

Judy Dagraedt	250.00
Norway Improvement League	50.00
Norway Store - door prizes -	23.77
Supplies	16.07
Supplies	32.00
Supplies - Dan Hougas	109.81
	<u>481.65</u>

Balance on hand

875.93