SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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



September 2, 1992

Dear Slooper & Interested Norwegians:

You are invited to the 67th Annual Slooper Society of American Meeting, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 1992, at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Ill., on Route 71. Dinner will be served promptly at 1:30 p.m. Please bring two dishes to pass and table service for your family. (Ladies, we'd surely appreciate some good ol' Norwegian food.) Drinks will be furnished.

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

Fox River Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Norway Methodist Church

11:00 a.m.

The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store will be open until 1:00 p.m. They have many Norwegian goodies. You may want to visit other Norwegian historical attractions.

We will be entertained by Eve St. Marie who sings for the Lord. I am sure you will enjoy her presentation.

We still have a few Slooper Society of America T-Shirts available. We should have information regarding a reprinting of the Slooper book. Door prizes as usual.

Let's get our families together and have a great day October 4th, 1992.

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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 or 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.

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Slooper Society

NORWAY — The 67th annual Slooper Society meeting and potluck dinner was held Sunday, Oct. 4, at the Norway Community Building. Descendants of the Rosdail, Nelson, Stangeland and Hougas families were in attendance.

A moment of silent prayer and a donation was given to the Norway Museum in memory of Mary Jane Nelson, who died this past year.

Nora Stangeland McNab and her new book, "Onion Avenue" were welcomed from Portland, Ore.

A display from the Norway Store was set up for everyone to view by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Borchsenius.

Eve St. Marie of Wooddale entertained the group with a variety of gospel songs.

Door prizes were awarded to Krista Hougsted, Dennis Southcombe, Marietta Classon and Allen Rosdail

Decoration and kitchen committee were Marguerite Hougas, Witha Hougas, Lou Wise, Margie Tuftie, Arlene Cole, Kay Entwistle and Pat Hayes.

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HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 4 th, 1992 AT THE NORWAY COMMUNITY
BUILDING WITH 70 Shoopers AND THEIR INTERESTED NORWEGIAN
FRIENDS. DINNER WAS SERVED AT 1:40 PM WITH RED. WESLEY
HOUGHSTED GIVING GRACE, WE ALL ENSOYED A VERY DELICIONS
MEAL.

OUR PROGRAM BERAN AT 2:50 PM WHEN REV. HOWHSTER INTRODUCED EVE ST. MARIE. WHO ENTERTHINED US WITH A VARIETY OF GOSPEL SONS.

DUR MERTING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:45 PM BY
SRESIDENT PAT HAYES WHO GAVE THANKS TO EVEST, MARIE AND
THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE AFTER PLED OF ALLEGANCE TO AUR
FLAG. SECKETARY AND TREASURES REPORTS WERE READ
AND APPROVED. - TREASUREM REPORT WAS AS FOLLOW:

BALANCE ON HARD 10-18-97 1099.18

INCOME - COLLECTION FROM MEETING 168.00

T SHIRT SALES

90.40

TOTAL/NOME 258, 40 EXPENSES - JUDY DAGRAGOT 250.00

NORWAY INPLOWERS LEAVEE 50.00

NORWAY STORE-DOOR PAIZES 23.77

DAN HOUGHS, POSTAGE, PRINTING FIC 141.81

TOTAL EXPENSE 481.65
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GREETINGS FROM PHORENCE HONOHSTED

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