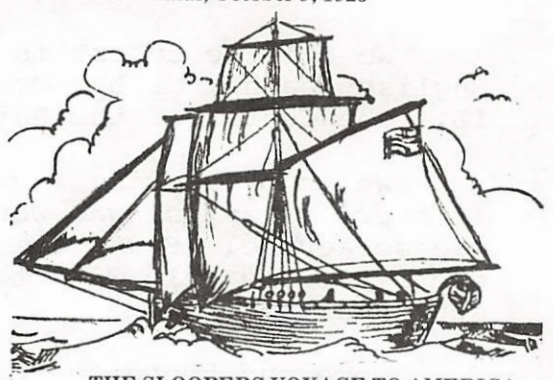


The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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

April 20, 1993



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

Dear Sloopers and Interested Norwegians:

We have good news for those of you who would like to order the "Slooper" book. There will be a reprint of the book - The cost will be \$50.00 each - To place an order we must know how many books to order. Therefore, we ask you to fill out the order form at the end of this letter and return to me along with 50% of the cost - \$25.00 - Make check payable to "Slooper Society of America" - Balance plus postage to be paid when you receive your book. Reply must be returned by June 15th.

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.

We have available "Slooper" pins priced at \$9.00 each and "Slooper" T-Shirts priced at \$13.50 each or 2 for \$25.00; sizes S, M, L, and XL.

P Slooper Society

P NORWAY - The Slooper Society of America held their 68th annual meeting and dinner on Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Norway Community Hall.

You are invited to attend the 68th Annual Slooper Society of America meeting, Sunday, October 10, 1993, at the Norway Community Building, Norway, IL 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. Drinks will be furnished.

V Ninety descendants of the Stangeland, Rosdail, Nelson, Hougas, and Lars Larson families and their guests. Larson raised the funds to buy the first Slooper ship to come to America from Norway in 1825.

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

S First-ever guests attended from Orangevale and San Diego, Calif.

- Fox River Lutheran Church 9:30 a.m.
- Norway Methodist Church 11:00 a.m.

D Omaha, Neb., Oakland and Iowa City, Iowa, and Mechanicsville, Va.

The Norwegian enjoyment. Norwegian good your convenience

8 Bill Myers of Ottawa, known locally as the "Starved Rock Storyteller," entertained the group.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER...

Please bring or send suggestions for some type of fund raiser. While we have a respectable bank account (\$1,786.78), expenses for our upcoming meeting and entertainment will be about \$500. As you can see, income for the future is needed. These issues will be brought up at the next meeting.

Door prizes were awarded to Marilyn Sorenson, Wayne Borchsenius, Barb Rosdail and Ashley DeVries.

The program at next year's annual meeting will be presented by Professor Marvin Platter and his wife of Lubbock, Tx. The couple traveled to Norway this summer and attended the Norwegian Emigration Festival in Stavanger.

Silas Peterson (Treasurer)
Rt. #1, Box 216
Sheridan, IL 60551

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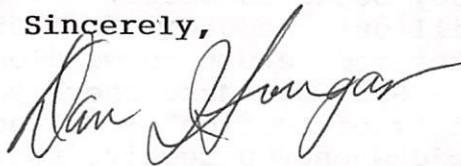
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We will be entertained by Bill Myers, a story teller, who is an English teacher at the Ottawa High School. Bill grew up in Earlville, IL, "The Center of the Universe". I am sure you will enjoy his stories.

We enjoy hearing from those who are unable to attend our meetings. If there is anyone who would like to be removed from our mailing list, please advise. For those who are unable to attend and would like to contribute to help with the expenses, your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Come and spend the day with us Sunday, October 10, 1993.

Sincerely,



Dan Hougas, Secretary
Sloopers Society of America

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68TH ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 10, 1993

THE 68TH ANNUAL SHOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA MEETING WAS HELD SUNDAY OCTOBER 10, 1993 AT THE NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH 65 SHOOPERS AND NORWEGIAN FRIENDS IN ATTENDANCE. DINNER WAS SERVED AT 1:40 PM. WITH REV. WESLEY HOUGHSTED GIVING GRACE. THE FOOD WAS DELICIOUS AND ENJOYED BY ALL.

OUR PROGRAM BEGAN AT 2:40 PM WHEN OUR PRESIDENT PAT HAYES INTRODUCED BILL MYERS, LOCAL STORYTELLER WHO GAVE US MANY LAUGHS IN AN HOUR OF ENTERTAINMENT. WE ALL APPRECIATED HIS WIT & TALES.

OUR MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 3:40 PM BY PRESIDENT HAYES. WHO EXPRESSED OUR MANY THANKS TO THE KITCHEN HELP. ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE. AFTER ~~THE~~ THE OFFICERS WERE INTRODUCED, THE SECRETARY'S & TREASURER'S REPORTS WERE READ AND APPROVED, PAT THEN INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

LOUIS & LUCILE (NELSON) PARTON - SACRAMENTO, CA.

BARBARA PARTON (NELSON) LYKE - PORTLAND, OR.

FRANCES (NELSON) CARLSON - SAN DIEGO, CA.

WILMA TATE (NELSON) OMAHA, NE.

MARILYN SORENSEN (NELSON) OMAHA, NE.

ERMA PRESTON (NELSON) SAN JUAN, CA.

H.A. & CARRIE ALLYN, MECHANICVILLE, VA.

SALLY CARLSON (NELSON) ATLANTIC TOWN

JAMES & MILDRED ROSPAIL - POMEROY, IA.

BOB & BETTY SEBBY - ELMHURST, IL

REPORT GIVEN ON STATUS OF REPRINTING THE SHOOPER BOOK
ALL BOOKS SHOULD BE SHIPPED WITHIN 30 DAYS.

WE WERE ADVISED CRYSTAL THOMPSON HAD ENTERED CONVALESCENT HOME

PAT HAYES TOLD US ABOUT NEXT YEARS PROGRAM - MARVIN PLATTEN
OF TEXAS - AND HIS TRAVELS THRU NORWAY. - PAT THEN READ A
LETTER REGARDING TOUR TO NORWAY - INTERESTED PARTIES
SHOULD CONTACT PAT.

FAMILIES REPRESENTED - ROSDAIL 25, NELSON 19, HOWARD 10,
LAARSON 3

GREETINGS FROM FLORENCE HOUGHASTER VIA WESLEY

WE WERE ADVISED IF MONTICELLO HOME DECORATED IN NORWEGIAN
DOOR PRIZES - MARILYN SORENSEN, WAYNE BOACHENIUS,
ASHLEY DE VRIES AND BARB ROSDAIL

COLLECTION TAKEN WAS \$133.25.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:30 PM.

Balance on Hand Oct 4, 1992

\$ 875.93

Income

1992 Collection	114.50
Book, Pin, & Tshirt sales	<u>1076.00</u>
	1190.50

Expenses

Eve St. Marie	175.00
Chrystal Thompson (In memory of Mary Jane Nelson)	50.00
→ Norway Improvement League	50.00
George M. Threl - Slooper Books	286.46
Dan Hougas - Expenses	123.63
Kinko's - Slooper Books	1110.65
Phil's Custom Bindery - Books	<u>97.50</u>
	1893.24

Balance on Hand

\$ 173.19