

- \* The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Sloopers Society of America was held Sunday, October 12, 1997 at the Norway Community Building with 55 Sloopers and friends in attendance. Potluck dinner was served at 1:30 p.m. with grace given by Rev. Wes Hougsted.
- \* An informative slide presentation was given by Mary Seska of Dixon, IL on her travels through Norway and many Norwegian artifacts were displayed for all to see.
- \* Nell Raymond of California spoke of only recently finding out about her Sloopers heritage and shared her excitement and knowledge of a celebration being planned in Norway for July 4, 2000. She invited all to think about going.
- \* Wayne Borschenius spoke re: memories of a 1930's Norway, IL area Norwegian/Sloopers baseball team he was a part of.
- \* Burt Severson representing Polar Star Sons of Norway Lodge in Aurora spoke briefly of upcoming events.
- \* President Pat Hayes opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. Reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. Treasurer's report showing \$834.37 balance on hand filed for audit.
- \* Erma Fruland reported having 7 Sloopers pins available at \$9.00 each and a balance in the pin fund of \$282.50.
- \* Dan Hougas reported 6 reprinted Sloopers books on hand at \$80.00 each plus shipping. President Hayes announced that Sloopers member Roger Nelson recently passed away.
- \* Families in attendance from hand count were as follows:
  - Rosdails 17, Nelsons 13, Hougas' 13
- \* Next years meeting date will be Sunday, October 11, 1998.
- \* Door prize this year went to Chuck Entwistle.
- \* Colorful handmade potholders provided table decorations and were gifts from Kay Entwistle to all present.

- \* Collection was taken - \$166.00 received.
- \* Wayne Borschenius announced the Norsk Museum would be open immediately following adjournment today for those who care to visit there.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lou Wise*

Lou Wise, Secretary

*Approved 10-11-98*

Balance at "96" Meeting 641.95

### Income

1996 Collection	63.00
Book Sales	407.60
Donation (Hell Raymond)	<u>25.00</u>
	495.60

### Expenses

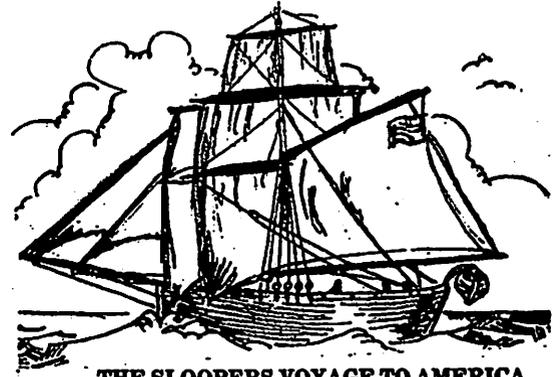
Lau Wise (Postage)	105.18
Lynn Mayson - entertainment	100.00
Norway Improvement League	50.00
Dan Haugas (Postage)	7.60
Norway Store	<u>40.40</u>
	303.18

Balance on Hand 834.37  
10-12-97

*The Norwegian*

# SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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



September 5, 1997

Dear Sloopers and Friends:

It is time to make plans to attend the 72nd annual Sloop Society of America meeting! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 12, 1997 and join us at the Norway Community Building, Norway, Illinois 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 provided. Contributions of Norwegian dishes are appreciated and will help to make the day more special.

The Norsk Museum will be open for your enjoyment. The Norway Store has many Norwegian goodies and will also be open for your convenience.

Our program will be provided by Mary Seske of Dixon, Illinois. Mary has visited Norway on three occasions and will share slides and her personal insight of Norway with us. She is a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church and also the Lions Club of Dixon.

Reprinted copies "The Sloopers Their Ancestry and Posterity" are available thru Dan Hougas, 1700 Park-lane Drive, Morris, IL 60450. The cost for these books is \$80.00 each plus shipping of approximately \$5.00. Slooper pins will also be available the day of the meeting.

We hope you and your family will make plans now to join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship.

Sincerely,

Lou Wise, Secretary  
Sloop 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 Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

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P.S.

We've trimmed the invitation list this year to cut costs so spread the word to your family and interested friends.

*"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"*