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Crawl to Woodsboro (Frederick County) and Taneytown (Carroll County), Maryland, Saturday, August 28th in conjunction with the celebration of Taneytown's 250th year.

We begin:

10:30 at Woodsboro Lutheran Church, 101 Main Street, Woodsboro; 1914 Barckhoff 2 manual and pedal.

12 noon, 30 minute recital at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 44 Frederick Street, Taneytown. Carolyn Booth will play the 1804 G.B. England, one manual and pedal.

Lunch following the recital and a walking and house tour of Taneytown which includes 38 different sites in and around the town.

4-4:30 PM recital at Trinity Lutheran Church, 28 West Baltimore Street. Two manual, 1897 (Opus 647) A. B. Felgemaker

Directions

Take Washington beltway to I-270 towards Frederick. Exit at Hyattstown Rt. 109 and bear right to Rt. 355 at the traffic light. Turn left and go through town to Route 75. Turn right on Rt. 75 to Libertytown. At light in Libertytown turn left on Rt. 26 a few blocks to Rt. 550. Turn right on Rt. 550 to Main St. in Woodsboro after traffic light at the Woodsboro bypass. Turn right on Main St. to the church on the left. Parking available behind church.

From Baltimore beltway take I-70 to New Market and Rt. 75. North on 75 to Libertytown and follow the directions to Woodsboro above.

To Taneytown from Woodsboro: turn left on Main St. from church to Rt. 194 - North on 194 to Taneytown to St. Joseph's on the left.

The June Crawl in North Beach

by Barbara Birckner

Bob and Bee Hobbs opened their gardens and home to us for the June crawl on the 26th. Members arrived around noon so they could experience the musical instruments throughout the house. As we went from room to room on our musical safari we came upon such things as chimes, music boxes, band organs, a Wurlitzer theater organ, a harpsichord and many other interesting instruments. The largest item is Bob's Moeller tracker and many enjoyed playing it.

Bob and Bee served up a delicious lunch including some items brought by some of the 34 members in attendance.

President, Carolyn Booth began the annual business meeting after lunch. Secretary/treasurer Barb Birckner reported that the treasury balance was standing at \$541.00. We now have 81 members in our chapter. She also asked people to sign cards for members Jerry Lomaugh and Pat Heflin. It was also announced that Mary Ruth Gossard of Waynesboro, PA had passed away in December and a sympathy card for the family was circulated.

Elections were held and Carolyn Booth was re-elected President as was Barb Birckner, Secretary/Treasurer, Michael Britt was elected Vice President. Outgoing Vice President, John Becker was recognized for his many years of dedicated service to the Hilbus Chapter. A gift certificate funded by donations, was given to him. John Becker now joins Carl Schwartz and Tommy Lee Whitlock to form a program committee to develop future activities.

A suggestion was made to place an ad in the Washington area AGO Directory promoting our OHS chapter. The motion was passed to do this with \$50 coming from our treasury and the rest was collected from donations. A suggestion was made that a similar ad be placed in the Baltimore AGO Directory.

Everyone had a great day with the Hobbs and we all thank them for their gracious hospitality and warm welcome.

William Watkins, a well-known organist and teacher died on the 17th of June 2004 at the Washington Home. He was 82 years old. A memorial service was held July 10th at Georgetown Presbyterian Church where he had been organist 1956 - 1997.

Hilbus member, Pat Heflin is in Hospice care. Pat was organist 30+ years at Holy Comforter Lutheran, Alabama & Branch avenues, SE. He was instrumental in having his church purchase the first Karl Wilhelm tracker organ in the metro area. Pat studied with William Watkins.

The Johnson organ from Old Friendship Baptist Church is in need of a home. Anyone wanting this really fine historic organ should contact David Storey.

More New Members

President Carolyn Booth did another terrific job of recruiting more members at July's OHS convention. We welcome these folks and hope they will enjoy being part of the most active local chapter in the country, The Hilbus Chapter.

David C. Dasch, Abington, MD Mark Drolshagen, Santa Monica, CA
Mike Foley, Tolland, CT James S. Hammond, Baltimore, MD
James R. Rogers, Washington DC Judith A. Thurber, Liverpool NY
Lawrence A. Young, McLean, VA

We also welcome OHS President, Michael D. Freisen, to our mailing list. We are sure he will find our activities of great interest.

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