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Hilbus Chapter 35th Anniversary Celebration

1:00 PM

Luncheon at the Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

(by advance reservation only – see below)

3:00 PM

Organ Recital by OHS Member Dr. Karl Moyer

Trinity Episcopal Church

Corner of Church and German Streets

Shepherdstown, WV 25443

1869 George Stevens Organ (13 ranks, 2 manuals)

Come celebrate this milestone in the Hilbus Chapter's history in lovely Shepherdstown. Karl Moyer is well-known to those who attend the OHS national conventions, and has graciously agreed to play this recital for us on the occasion of the chapter's 35th anniversary. Trinity Church houses a Stevens organ; it replaced the Jacob Hilbus organ which had been relocated to Shepherdstown from Christ Church, Alexandria about 1840. The Hilbus organ now belongs to the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Moyer will play a number of chorale and hymn-based works showcasing the capabilities of this organ as well as free organ compositions including works by Bach, Beethoven, Hindemith, and Franck.

Lunch is by reservation only, please. Cost is \$25 per person (which includes tax and gratuity)

Mail your check (payable to Hilbus Chapter OHS) to

BARBARA BIRCKNER, 6606 FARMER DRIVE, FORT WASHINGTON, MD 20744 (October 15 deadline)

Please indicate your name(s) and entrée choice(s) – *see next page*

Wine, Beer and Cocktails available on a cash basis

We will make every effort to accommodate special dietary requirements upon request.

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Dues due in October: \$14, mailed to Secretary-Treasurer (Checks payable to Hilbus Chapter, OHS)

MENU

Fresh Fruit Cup

Entrée (choice of one)

*Bavarian Inn's own Sauerbraten,
Red Cabbage and Potato Dumpling*

OR

*Sautéed Breast of Chicken Picatta with Lemon, White Wine and Caper Sauce,
Whipped Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables*

Black Forest Cake

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

German-Style Bread



Driving Directions to Bavarian Inn

From Baltimore MD: approximately 80 miles

- I 695 to (Exit 16) I 70 west towards Frederick continue for 42 miles
- Exit 49 on to US Alternate Route 40, left turn towards Braddock Heights and Middletown continue 11 miles
- Left turn in Boonesboro at traffic light on to MD 34 (Shepherdstown Pike) continue 10 miles
- You will cross the Potomac River Bridge and make first right into Bavarian Inn entrance

From Washington DC and points east: approximately 70 miles

- I 495 to (Exit 38) I 270 North towards Rockville and Frederick continue for 29 miles
- Merge on to I 70 west towards Hagerstown continue 4 miles
- Exit 49 on to US Alternate Route 40, left turn towards Braddock Heights and Middletown continue 11 miles
- Left turn in Boonesboro at traffic light MD 34 (Shepherdstown Pike) continue 10 miles
- Cross the Potomac River Bridge and make first right into Bavarian Inn entrance

From Northern Virginia and Dulles area: approximately 55 miles

- 267 West (Dulles Greenway – toll) towards Leesburg VA continue 15 miles
- Exit 1A on the left on to VA 7 towards Leesburg, continue 5 miles
- Exit on VA 9 right turn towards Hillsboro / Charles Town continue 10 miles
- Slight Right turn on to VA 671 (Harpers Ferry Road) continue 8 miles
- Left turn at traffic light on to US 340 continue 5 miles
- Right turn on WV 230 (Frontage Road) continue 9 miles to Shepherdstown
- Turn right on WV 230 (Princess Street) continue 0.1 miles
- Left turn on German Street continue 0.2 miles
- Right at 4 way stop sign on WV 480 continue 0.2 miles Bavarian Inn entrance is on the left before the Potomac River Bridge

THE SEPTEMBER CRAWL TO EVERETT AND BEDFORD, PA

The September crawl began at Zion Lutheran Church, in Everett, PA. The church building dates from the 1860s. In 1903 a new tracker pipe organ was installed by the **Felgemaker Organ Co.** of Erie, PA, as Opus #823. Andrew Carnegie donated \$500 towards the purchase of the organ, estimated at up to \$1,400.

The organ has 10 ranks of pipes with a total of 581 pipes. There are three couplers, and a tremolo. The organ has two manuals covering five octaves, and 30 foot pedals. There are two toe-operated draws: the Great Piano and the Great Forte. The manual bellows were electrified in the 1930s. The organ was cleaned in 1973, but remains unaltered. This sturdy instrument has a robust, rich sound, and is appreciated and used by the congregation.

Great (61 notes)	Swell (61 notes)	Pedal (30 notes)
Open Diapason 8'	Stopped Diapason 8'	Bourdon 16'
Dulciana 8'	Aeolina 8'	Great to Pedal
Melodia 8'	Violin Diapason 8'	Swell to Pedal
Octave 4'	Flute Harmonique 4'	
Flute d'Amour 4'	Tremolo	
Swell to Great		

Great Piano (*draws Melodia 8' and Dulciana 8'*)
Great Forte (*draws all Great stops*)

After lunch at the Jean Bonnet Tavern, in Bedford, PA we were off to St. Thomas Catholic Church in Bedford. This was an interesting instrument, in a case of dark wood, placed in the church's back balcony. The flat facade of the case contains dummy "pipes" of gold painted wood. The instrument contains eight ranks and 442 pipes.

This tracker organ is thought to date from the 1875-1880 period. It is Germanic in construction and pipe nomenclature. The instrument is more reminiscent of the German immigrants who settled in the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys in the mid nineteenth century, rather than Pennsylvania German builders. It does not seem to have been originally made for the current location in St. Thomas, and also may have been conceived as a smaller and simpler instrument, which was enlarged during construction (according to church literature). The organ uses "open toe" voicing. (The entire organ except for the Pedal rank is enclosed in a swell box – see photo at right.)

Manual enclosed (61 notes)	Pedal (27 notes)
Open Diapason 8'	Contra Bass 16'
Stopped Diapason 8'	Manual to Pedal Couple
Gamba 8'	
Prestant 4'	
Flute 4'	
Aeoline 4'	
Piccolo 2'	



Felgemaker Opus 823



Felgemaker keydesk



Off-set Swell pedal

The last instrument we planned to visit, an altered Estey at the Bedford United Methodist Church, could not be seen as planned, due to a wedding at the church.

[Review by Paul Roeder]

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St. Thomas RC, unknown builder

Dates to Note

Hilbus member **Bill Parsons** will play an organ recital at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter on Sunday, **October 15th at 4:00 PM**. The church is located at the SW corner of Alabama and Branch Avenues, SE in Washington, DC. The organ is a two-manual and pedal tracker built by Karl Wilhelm (Canadian builder). Bill's program will include works by Buxtehude, Sweelinck, J. S. Bach, Walcha, Pachelbel, Held, and Kickstat. All are welcome to attend a wonderful afternoon of splendid organ music by an outstanding local performer and on one of the metro area's most beautiful small organs.



PipeSpectacular sponsored by the tri-chapter AGO will be Sunday, **October 22nd** at the National Cathedral; the program begins at 5:30 PM following Evensong (4:00 PM).



Sunday, **October 22nd at 5:00 PM** Haig Mardirosian will play the inaugural recital on the new 3-manual Rodgers/Ruffati organ with 16 ranks of pipes at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor Street in

Arlington, VA. Ted Gustin, Director of Music and member of the Hilbus Chapter welcomes you!



A film and live music event celebrating Hallowe'en will be Tuesday, **October 31 at 6:00 PM** in the Concert Hall of the Kennedy Center. Organist **Ray Brubacher** will improvise accompaniment to the original 1925 silent film *Phantom of the Opera*. Ray is the DC area's foremost silent film accompanist; he has played for the American Film Institute, National Gallery of Art, Library of Congress and many other venues. He teaches piano and organ to private students and in his spare time serves as a crew member, photo archivist and chapel organist for the SS John W. Brown, America's oldest operating World War II Liberty Ship.

The concert is free (but there is a charge for parking at the Kennedy Center). For more information call 202/467-4600.



Hilbus member **Carolyn Booth** is playing on the Members' Recital of the Potomac Chapter AGO on Monday, **November 13th at 7:30 PM**. The program is at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.



ORGAN NEWS! As of September 25th, the installation of the new Oberlinger Pipe Organ for Friendship United Methodist Church in southern Anne Arundel County (MD) is still scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving of this year. That's only two months away.

A current question is what is going to become of the existing organ. Would you or anyone that you know be interested in acquiring this electronic organ? It is currently being used every Sunday. It is a Rodgers Alexandria Model (c. 1979) with two manuals and full pedal keyboard. Cabinet and console are in mint condition; the organ probably could be restored to near original condition and used as a church organ, or as-is for a practice organ. It is available for removal from the church by the buyer in late October or December 2006. Make an offer; subject to approval by the Board of Trustees. Contact Hilbus member Bob Hobbs for further information.

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Have you paid your dues? \$14 will keep this newsletter coming! Dues are payable in October!