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Heritage & Museum Happenings

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President's Message



It feels as though we've been planting the seeds for a great year at the museum for a very long time. The THMA Board of Directors and the Museum Committee have been repeatedly discussing the question "When can we open?" Finally, the answer, the good news, is that we opened for the 2021 season Saturday June 26th.

Nancy Eyler and her team put together a great new display in the spring of 2020, and they have been adding to it since. It really does shine.

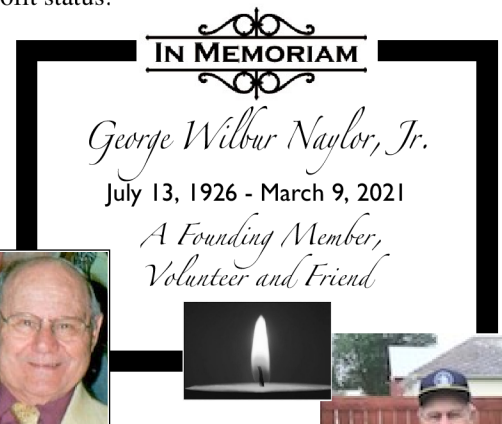
I am happy to report that Diane Wilhide and Sue Morris had a good number of visitors. Happy volunteers and happy visitors. That's a win!

We always appreciate our volunteers that work as greeters to have our museum open. We hope that each of you has a nice group of visitors. Sometimes that doesn't happen and that can be discouraging. Here are a few suggestions to

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Remembering History Museum Co-Founder George Naylor, Jr.

Taneytown History Museum has experienced another tremendous loss. In March, 2021 the History Museum was saddened to learn the loss of museum co-founder George Naylor, Jr. It was the vision of he and the late George Crouse, who were Chamber of Commerce members in 2003 to have a museum and visitor center in Taneytown. Together they initiated plans to study, develop and plan for the museum. They negotiated a lease in 2004 with the City of Taneytown to use a city-owned building at 24 East Baltimore Street to establish the museum, Visitor Center and a Chamber of Commerce office. Under the Carroll Community Foundation the History Museum obtained non-profit status.



Renovations had to be made to the building. They established a museum committee, found volunteers and on August 1, 2004 the museum opened to the public, and in time for the 250th Taneytown Anniversary celebration.

George generously gave of his time over the years to the History Museum and Taneytown Heritage & Museum Association, Inc. He was very proud to cut the ribbon on opening day 2014 at the new location, 340 East Baltimore Street. George was the museum's most active volunteer recruiter. It was often at a monthly museum committee meeting George would report he had recruited more volunteers. George talked about the museum every opportunity he had. He was a member of the Museum Committee, T.H.M.A. member,

George accepting the "Key" to the History Museum at the 2004 Grand Opening



Calendar of Events

September 11
"Old Time"
Ball Game

On school field behind the Taneytown History Museum at NWMS, 99 Kings Dr

September 17
8 a.m.

9th Annual
Golf Tournament
Registration 7 a.m.
Quail Valley Golf Course



What's going on at the Museum?



Before we officially opened the museum on June 26th, we had our first post pandemic onsite event which was Hudson day on June 12th. We had four Hudson cars and many former Hudson owners and club members visit. As I was thanking an owner for coming, he said, "Where else can we get together at a former Hudson Dealership." They like their annual visit and we like having them. At the request of Lorien Taneytown, the cars did two parade laps around the facility so the residents could watch from their windows. A big **Thank You** to our Hudson friends.

On June 26th I replaced the closed sign with our normal open sign. Because the pandemic made planning difficult, we did a soft opening where we just basically put the open sign out and opened the door. First day saw a good many visitors and they liked what they saw. I was worried about how many volunteers we would have after such a long shutdown, but you have responded to Pam's calls, and I see she has the whole month of July covered. Thanks to all.

We have ordered a 10' X 16' storage building for the back yard to free up more

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Museum Gift Shop



Please help support our museum by purchasing items in our museum gift shop. For a full list of items and prices visit www.taneytownnh.org

Remembering...

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helped with many of the special museum events, volunteered as a museum greeter, greeter at the Holiday of Wreaths, Trees & Centerpieces, Hudson Day and other activities. He especially looked forward to the September annual golf tourney at Quail Valley Golf Course and his assignment to monitor hole #2 which he looked forward to.

The following note was received from Bob Miller, Treasurer, Taneytown Chamber of Commerce - "Please accept the enclosed donation in memory of George Naylor, Jr. It goes without acknowledging that George was one of the driving forces to create the museum. He was a part of the group that was the *heart and soul* of the museum. With financial assistance of the Chamber, that group actually gave birth to the museum." Bob further shared "on a personal note as my participation in the Chamber, George was always willing to sit down and talk, answer all my questions and provide invaluable source of the historical role the Chamber played in Taneytown."

George served in the U.S. Navy two years and U.S. Naval Reserve five years. He was very active in the community, was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the men's chorus, church choir and served as Sunday school teacher, superintendent, church council and finance committee for over 50 years. He retired from Cambridge Rubber Co. as Chief Cost Accountant after 42 years, served 20 years on Taneytown City Council, city and community committees.

George is survived by his daughter, Rhonda Danner; son Sidney Naylor and wife Debbie; sisters Arlene Okerlund and Janice Van Noppen; grandson Wade Danner and wife Kristin; granddaughter Holly Danner; grandsons Casey Naylor and Luke Naylor and wife Mandi; great grandchildren, Carter, Miles and Roxanne. His wife, Betty Naylor passed January, 2016.

George truly made a difference to the History Museum and the Taneytown community and it was with his devoted leadership that Taneytown has a History Museum. George was dedicated to "Keeping Taneytown's History Alive".

...Elaine Hoover

Publicity Chair, T.H.M.A.

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make your time at the museum more fun.

Keep a positive attitude. Call friends, neighbors and associates the day or two before your day to volunteer and let them know you will be at the museum. Ask them to drop by, even to bring a friend or neighbor along. If you are volunteering on a Sunday, announce it at church. If you belong to a group or club, announce it to them beforehand, to have them visit the museum as a group. Ask them to stop by to pick up that much needed new broom; we have plenty for sale. Thank you for volunteering!

Under the leadership of Tom Lawrence and Michelle Crouse, the Golf Tournament Committee is running hard to coordinate the many pieces that make for a great event. Please contact them if you are available to help with the tournament OR if you would like to enter a foursome.

We have a new Board of Directors serving, along with many committee chairpersons staying on to keep our entire effort moving forward. I think about the wonderful potential we have as an organization, about the museum as a destination point, and how we will continue to fulfill our potential. I will look to all of you for input. Your ideas are always welcome.

See you around town and at the museum!

...Doug Heck, President

Volunteers/Greeters

What a great turn out for orientation! The museum welcomes 8 new greeters this year. A special thank you to Nancy Eyler for her continued dedication in assisting our greeters with orientation. The museum continues because of the generous giving of your time: as greeters, with housekeeping, flower beds, outside maintenance, Golf Tournament, and so much more. If you would like to volunteer, please give Pam Reed a call at 410-984-2427. Museum hours: Friday 10-1, Saturday and Sunday 1-4.

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usable space in the garage. It should be here in ten weeks.

...Carroll Hahn,

Museum committee chairman



The 9th annual "One More Round For George" Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 17th at Quail Valley Golf Course near Littlestown. The invitation brochure has been mailed, also on our website, and the committee is hard at work.

After 8 great years, Ken Crouse has turned over leadership of this event to Michele Crouse and Tom Lawrence. We thank Ken for his leadership in making this tournament a great success since it began.

The Individual cost is \$85 per golfer, which will include golf, special games on designated holes, gift bag, coffee/donuts, prizes and luncheon. Bonus game packages and special raffles will be available as well. Businesses and non-golfers can contribute by sponsoring the beverage cart and individual holes.

All proceeds will benefit the Taneytown History Museum. More information is available by calling Michele (410-259-2824) or Tom (410-259-6777) OR visit our website: www.taneytownnhh.org

Old Fashioned Base Ball Game

On September 11, 2021, the T.H.M.A. will host an Old Fashioned Base Ball game on the Northwest Middle School's grassy field bordering Merwyns Drive. NWMS is at 99 Kings Dr., Taneytown, Md.

Two games will be played. Admission is free for both games. Concessions and facilities will be available. The following is the schedule of activities for that day:

10:30 Discussion of the Evolution of Base Ball from 1833 to 1863.

11:00 Game #1 Keystone Base Ball Club of Harrisburg vs The Chesapeake Nine of Baltimore

12:45 On and Off Field interaction with the players

1:30 Game #2 Keystone Base Ball Club of Harrisburg vs The Chesapeake Nine of Baltimore

Bring your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy a game or two played the way it was almost 150 years ago.

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