



# THE SOUTH PARK HISTORIAN

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## South Park Historical Society *Christmas Party* *December 13, 2022*



Library Fire Hall, 6581 Library Road,  
South Park, PA 15129

**Doors Open at 5:00 PM - Dinner Served at 6:00 PM**

**Festivities Include:**

**A Delicious Buffet Prepared by Cyd West - Comfort Catering:**

Stuffed Chicken Breast, Roast Beef Au Jus, Roasted Shrimp, Garlic Smashed Potatoes,  
Pasta with Bolognese Sauce, Glazed Carrots, Green Beans Almandine, Caesar Salad, Apple Pear Salad,  
Brownies, Coffee and Tea, Holiday Punch

**Entertainer Jim Felix presenting the "Sounds of Elvis"**

**Raffles and Door Prizes**

**The party is a BYOB event**

**The party is open to all Society members and their guests.**

**Members - \$18.00**

**Guests - \$23.00**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ (please include name(s) on the back)

Total Amount Due - Member @ \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due - Guests @ \$23.00 \_\_\_\_\_

For further information or concerns, call Ruth McKee at 412-835-9529

**The deadline for reservations is December 8, 2022**

Please return this reservation form with a check payable to South Park Historical Society and mail to:

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## Great Programs



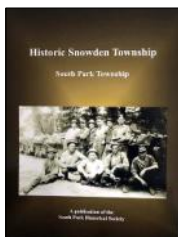
An interesting program on Genealogy DNA was presented by Deborah Morinello to members and guests at the September meeting. Deborah explained DNA, and how it is used with maternal and paternal patterns that help establish an ancestral family tree. A lively question and answer session followed the Informative program.



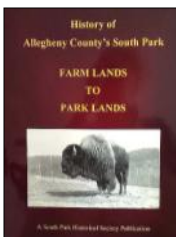
The October 18th meeting was extremely interesting. Attorney David Hvizdos presented a program, "Ask the Attorney - Estate Planning," that was very informative to all who attended. Some items discussed were wills, living wills and trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and executor responsibilities. A lively question-and-answer session followed the program.

## A Great Gift For Christmas !

The South Park Historical Society has published two books about the history of our community: The books contain hundreds of photos and information. It is a great history lesson for the young and a wonderful remembrance of earlier times for the older generation. The books would be a great Christmas gift for friends and family near and far.



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***Historic Snowden Township (South Park Township): \$20***

***History of Allegheny County's South Park: Farm Lands to Park Lands: \$20***

The books can be shipped anywhere for an additional \$3.25. You can pick up a copy at the South Park Township Library or by contacting the South Park Historical Society at 412-835-9529 or jimru@verizon.net.

*Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year !*

## A Friendly Reminder

### Membership Renewals Are Due

Our membership chairman, Marilyn Moore, reminds us that membership renewals are due. To renew your membership, please use the form on the last page of this newsletter. If your information hasn't changed, you may also just send a check to South Park Historical Society, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 555, South Park, PA, 15129.

## Winter Hiatus - No Meetings

The winter months of January and February are unpredictable, and with that consideration and the safety of our members, the Historical Society schedules a winter hiatus. Therefore, during January and February, no meetings are held. We will resume our meetings on March 21, 2023.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in March 2023.

## South Park Community Day

As in the past thirty years, the Historical Society participated in the South Park Community Day. The event was held on September 17th, and was a huge success. Committee Chairman Jean Brodt and her committee prepared an outstanding display of old county fair programs and photos for the Society's booth display. The Society thanks the hundreds of visitors who stopped by to view the display and discuss history.



(L-R) Joy Marquis, Betty Klavon, Ruth McKee, Jean Brodt, Mary Ann Tkach, Nancy Smith, Chuck Tkach, Tom Smith

# ARCHIVED HISTORY

Pittsburgh Press  
June 21, 1886

## Handel's Little Caucus

"Squire Handel, of Snowden Township has been figuring as a peacemaker. The township was divided on the 7th of this month, the new township of Bethel being formed out of a portion of it. The Bethelites had a red hot election for township officers on Thursday last, and half of the farmers in the district are not on speaking terms as a result."

"The vacancies created by the division in the old township offices were filled, subject to the approval of the court, by a quiet though largely attended caucus at Squire Handel's residence on Saturday night. David Riggs was named for tax collector, Ed Riggs and Robert McElheny for election inspectors, William Robinson for assessor, J. R. Phillips for assistant assessor, B. Berry for constable, J. C. Trax for auditor, and Jacob Lenhart for township clerk. The new School Board organized with Herman Handel as president, James Stewart secretary, and M. Nolan treasurer."

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Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph  
September 12, 1941

## Snead Cards Par 72 At South Park Course

"Sammy Snead, who appears in a British War Relief Fund exhibition match at the Pittsburgh Field Club tomorrow afternoon with Gene Sarazen, Patty Berg and Helen Dettweiler, is in town for a few practice rounds."

"Snead, who injured his right hand while competing in the Tam O'Shanter tournament in Chicago last Sunday, played the South Park course yesterday and carded a par 72."

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Pittsburgh Press  
May 27, 1934

## Coal Tipple Burns

"Four volunteer fire companies fought a blaze at the tipple of Montour Mine No. 10 of the Pittsburgh Coal Company on Piney Fork Road, Snowden Township, last night. The fire was caused by a short in the electric wiring."

(Note: Piney Fork Road mentioned in the article is currently Brownsville Road. The Montour No. 10 mine is now the Summit Station development.)

Pittsburgh Press  
December 23, 1927

## Doctor's Office Wrecked By Bomb

"The offices and reception room of Dr. D. M. Davis, a physician who has practiced among the miners of Curry and Horning for the last 27 years, were wrecked by a bomb placed just inside the door of the reception room of a two-story frame house at the Curry crossroads, early today."

"Dr. H. S. Lake, Dr. Davis' assistant, was asleep in his apartment on the second floor of the building and was tossed out of bed by the force of the explosion, but escaped injury. Every window in the home was shattered and furniture in the reception room and office was demolished. A large hole was blown in the floor of the reception room. State police today were working on possible clues to the bombers."

"Dr. Davis, since the strike of the union miners began nine months ago, has been practicing among the union men and their families gratis, and has been attending the sick among the non-union miners employed by the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation, for which, he is paid. Previous to the strike Dr. Davis was physician for both the union and the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corporation."

(Note: The doctor's office was located at the bottom of Broughton Road, near the intersection of Broughton and Curry Roads. Before it was razed, it housed an antique store. Dr. Davis moved his office from this location to a large house on Brownsville Road, across from Galley Funeral Home (currently Griffith Funeral Home.)

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Pittsburgh Post Gazette  
July 1, 1931

## Yard Caves In Under Woman

"Mrs. Anne Hadalin, of Library, was recovering yesterday from the shock of falling 20 feet into a mine entry room of Montour Mine No. 10 of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. when the earth in the yard of her home gave way."

"Mrs. Hadalin, the wife of a striking miner, was raking her garden when the ground collapsed and caused her to fall into the darkened entry, where she was imprisoned for nearly an hour before her cries attracted the attention of John Humes, fire boss at the mine."

## Membership/Renewal Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

Individual Membership - \$15.00

Family Membership - \$20.00

Senior Membership (65 & over) - \$10.00

Student Members - \$ 5.00

Donation \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to:*

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## Upcoming Meetings and events

**November 15** - "Handel House: History and High Jinx" with speaker Leonard Marraccini.

**December 13** - You won't want to miss the Society's Annual Christmas Party. The reservation form is on the first page of this newsletter. **The deadline for reservations is December 8, 2022.**

**January 17 and February 21 Meetings** - The Society will be on a winter hiatus and no meetings are planned for these two months. Meetings will resume on March 21, 2023.

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Library Fire Hall, 6581 Library Road, South Park, PA 15129.

Our meetings are held with no charge and open to the public. Bring a friend and enjoy an interesting program.

If you are considering donating photographs, documents, or other archival material to the Historical Society's collection, please contact Ruth McKee, archivist, at 412-835-9529.

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