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# OLDIES DANCE BASH

## 50's 60's 70's 80's

*Sponsored by The South Park Historical Society*

### Saturday

### November 23, 2019

At Library V. F. C. Social Hall

5:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

**\$35.00 Ticket** All Seats Reserved

*Tickets Available until November 16th  
call Joan Lane 412-835-0946*

**\$4,250 IN CASH AWARDS PLUS 50/50  
AND CHINESE AUCTION**

**DJ Tim Harris**

**Free Hot Buffet by Cyd West Comfort Catering**

**Free Yuengling, Pepsi or B.Y.O.B.**

**Benefits South Park Historical Society Museum**

Parking is available in the small lot in front of the fire hall. We suggest parking in the Port Authority parking lot across the street on Pleasant St. Please remember that the small lot on Wrescom St. is for fireman emergency parking ONLY and must remain empty. Do not block any of the fire department doors in case of a fire emergency. Local businesses are open that night and the South Park Police will tag or tow your car if you park in their area. Please be courteous to our neighbors.

# SOCIETY BUSINESS

## Our Summer Hiatus Is Over

The Society took a break in July and August for their summer hiatus. Our next meeting is on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Library Fire Hall. Our guest speaker is Vincent Ciaramella who will present a very interesting program titled "Death Glows in the Dark: The Story of the Radium Girls."

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## Community Day

The Society is participating in the South Park Community Day celebration on Saturday, September 21st from noon to dusk. The theme is "South Park Spectacular." As in previous years, the Society will have a booth in the Agricultural Building. We invite everyone to stop by and enjoy our displays.

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## Fall Museum Hours

The Historical Society Museum will remain open throughout the fall. The museum is free to the public and will be open from noon to 2 on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## Stewart School Sign Saved



With the demolition of Stewart School last fall, it seemed that the only remaining piece was the school bell currently located at the Elementary Center. The Historical Society is pleased to announce that we have procured the school sign and it is now on display outside of the museum. We want to give a huge thank you to everyone involved with the moving and placement of the stone sign.

## Oldies Dance Bash

The South Park Historical Society will be hosting their annual Oldies Dance Bash on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 from 5 to 10 pm, with doors opening at 4:30, at the Library Fire Hall on Rt. 88. DJ Tim Harris will be playing music from the '50's through the 80's as well as line dances. All seats are reserved and tickets are \$35 which are available until November 16<sup>th</sup> by calling Joan Lane at 412-835-0946. There will be multiple chances to win cash and prizes throughout the evening. Each ticket is numbered and there will be a drawing every half hour for a cash prize of \$250 or \$500, with a total cash amount awarded of \$4,250. Tickets for the Chinese auction are 26 for \$15 with prizes being a minimum of \$100 in value. There will also be two 50-50 raffles with 7 tickets for \$5 or 21 tickets for \$10. A delicious hot buffet from Cyd West Comfort Catering will be served at 5:15 that includes tavern ham, chicken breast filet, roast beef a'jus, penne marinara, mozzarella stuffed meatballs, hot sausage with peppers/onions, rice pilaf, Yukon potato wedges, corn souffle, candied baby carrots, tossed strawberry salad, rolls with butter, coffee, Pepsi products, Yuengling beer, and dessert. You may also bring your own drinks and snacks. You must be over 18 to attend and there is no smoking or vaping. We hope to see you there!

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## Guest Speaker



The program at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was presented by Erika Ciaramella. Her interesting and informative talk on "The National Negro Opera Company" included detailed research and many historical photos.

# FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette - April 12, 1936

## Hourly Bus Trips To Library Asked

Brentwood Coach Company Plea Opposed by  
Railways at Hearing

“Hourly bus service between Pittsburgh and Library, by way of Brentwood, Baptist Road and South Park, will be established if the Public Service Commission grants a permit sought by the Brentwood Motor Coach Company.

Many residents of the district south of Brentwood told Examiner W.E. Best, in a hearing yesterday, that such service is needed, and that there is no other transportation service on Baptist Road.

The route would be an extension of the company’s present route between the city and Brentwood. Fare rates, President D.L. Feick of the company said, would range from 5 cents to 35 cents, according to distance, with a 30-cent fare to South Park and 35 cents to Library. The Pittsburgh Railways Motor Coach Company opposed the application.”

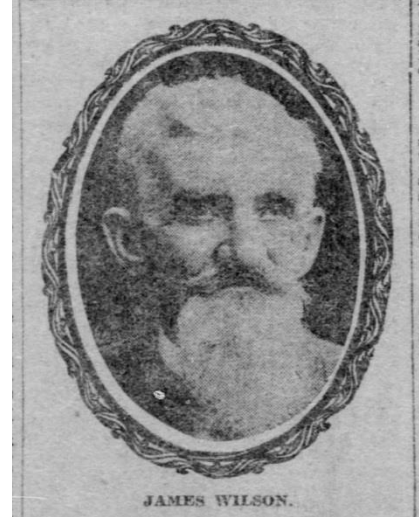
Pittsburgh Daily Post – September 19, 1897

## Marriage

“Miss Margaret Thompson McMaster and David Kirk Orr were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Broughton, Pa, at noon Tuesday last. The ceremony was performed by Rev. David McAllister, pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with potted plants, palms, and flowers. The bride wore a gown of white silk under white organdie and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley.”

Pittsburgh Gazette Times – September 30, 1907

## James Wilson



“James Wilson, aged 84, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of Snowden Township, died at his home, “Willow Brook Farm,” near Bruceton, Pa. He was born January 5, 1823, on the farm on which he died. He was of colonial ancestry, his grandfather having fought in the revolutionary war. Mr. Wilson held many township offices and at one time was supervisor and assessor of the township. He was one of the founders and ruling elders of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Johnston. He leaves his widow, Mrs. Sarah Wilson (nee Blair), five children, 16 grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren. Funeral services will be held at his residence this morning at 10 o’clock and later at the Bethel Presbyterian Church.”

Pittsburgh Press – August 15, 1932

## South Park Polo Team Tops Charleroi

“The South Park Polo team defeated the Robin Hoods of Charleroi yesterday at South Park, 9 to 3, in an interesting match, with Landau registering four goals for the victors.”

## 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 and over*) - \$10.00  
 Student Members - \$ 5.00  
 Donation \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to:*

**South Park Historical Society**  
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**South Park, Pa 15129**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**September 17, 2019** – “Death Glows in the Dark: The Story of the Radium Girls” with speaker Vince Ciaramella

**October 15, 2019** - “Strange Tales for an Autumn Evening” with speaker Keith Bastianini

**November 19, 2019** - “Mystical Inca Ruins of Peru” with speaker Leonard Marraccini

**December 10 , 2019** - Christmas Party

All meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at the Library Fire Hall on Rt. 88. The meetings are held with no charge and open to the public. Bring a friend and enjoy an interesting program. Light refreshments are also served.

**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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