

Christmas/Holiday Party!



Join us! Tuesday December 14th is our annual Christmas/Holiday party. As in the past, dinner will be provided by the SSSNA, and you are welcome to bring a favorite side dish or dessert. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Festivities begin 7:00pm at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery Retreat Center, 148 Monastery Avenue.

Pylon "Ta Da" Event!

Before the party begins on December 14th, we will officially flip the switch on the South Side Slopes Gateway Pylon. Please join us at the triangle garden site, 18th and Josephine, at 6:15pm to recognize our funders, construction team, and design team. Many volunteer hours and a tremendous effort went into realizing this, and we want to take the opportunity to say thank you. Festivities continue, right up the street at 7:00pm for our annual Christmas/Holiday party.

Brian Oswald

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President's Message

After sitting on the board and serving with two successful presidents, it is not nearly as difficult to approach this as many would assume. The Slopes, just as all urban living, is in constant flux with relation to housing, safety, future development and the problems, (good and bad) that come with it. With the changes in the SSSNA and the new all-member policy enacted in our recently adopted By Laws, we must reach out to bring more active involvement. With 1500 households in the Slopes, we must both ensure that we are ready to help all of these parties fulfill their community needs, but must also actively pursue their direct involvement in policy, safety, and all facets of the South Side.

I foresee the next years continuing in the strong bases given to us by Beverly and Brad through Step Trek, Elm St. Clean Safe and Green, and vocal support to keep the Slopes strong and growing. The changes to come will be developing South Side Park which will enhance both property values and give us a safe place to play and enjoy in our neighborhood.

We must continue to keep watch on our neighborhoods to make them safer, cleaner and where everyone else would love to live.

I came to this organization as a volunteer who worked hard with others, rolled up our sleeves and did lots of dirty work to make life in our neighborhood better. I am now ready to do this again and with more of you on a daily basis. The successes will only continue with your involvement.

Paul Lorincy

You Can Help

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the SSSNA is entirely, completely, 100% dependent on the generosity of each and every one of our supporters. Your tax-deductible contributions are put to work right here in the Slopes, making all manner of things possible. If you are already a Slopes Supporter, thank you! If you'd like to become one, it's easy:

Online

Just click on the "donate" link on our website, www.southsideslopes.org. If you already have a PayPal account you can sign in and donate immediately. If you do not have a PayPal account, you can create one.

By Mail

Checks are always welcome. Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to:
South Side Slopes Neighborhood Association
P.O. Box 4248
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

In Person

Bring your tax-deductible contribution in person to any one of our meetings, and as always, thank you for your generous support.

Volunteer Opportunities

No experience necessary! Or, if you have experience in several key areas, please flag down a board member. See our website for further information.

Please contact us by:

Phone: 412-488-0486

Email: info@southsideslopes.org

Web: www.southsideslopes.org

Slopes Supporters 2010

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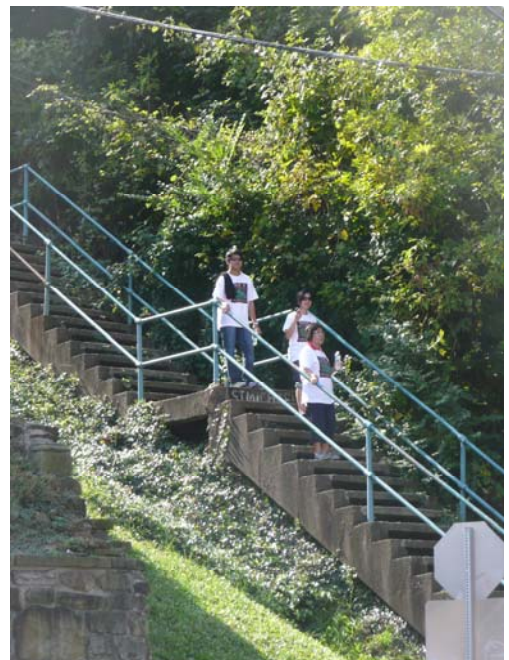
a special thanks to all of our Trekkers, and to the countless volunteers who roll up their sleeves and pitch-in for all things big and small.

A Tremendous Trek X

On November 11, the Step Trek Committee had an event to thank the sponsors of our tremendously successful 10th Step Trek. This year's event appears to have set a new record for attendance and has set the bar higher for measuring success in our future events. Already we have begun the brain-storming process to plan for another successful Step Trek next fall. The SSSNA would especially like to thank Bev Boggio, Joe Balaban, Betty and Bob Kripp, Kay Comini, Peggy Sullivan, Matt Schaeffer, Dennis and Deanne Berry, and Brian Oswald for their dedication to making this event such a success for the 10th year in a row! After ten successful years, there will be some turnover in the Step Trek Committee this year so we will be looking for some new and eager volunteers to assist in the planning process for next year. If you are interested, please contact Brian Oswald at brian.oswald@southsideslopes.org to get involved in the committee for next year.

Brian Oswald





Meet the Board

Even though our SSSNA General Meetings have gone from eleven to five per year, the Board of Directors continues to meet monthly to advance our mission, "Neighbors working together to make the Slopes a more livable, beautiful, and safe community."

Paul Lorincy – President

Paul was born in Bellevue and has spent all but his medical school years in Pittsburgh. He has practiced Podiatric Medicine in the South Hills for the past 33 years, and is Chief of Podiatry at St Clair Memorial Hospital.

He is Married to Dawn and has 3 children ages 30, 27 and 25, and a lovely first granddaughter Olivia. He previously coached high school basketball for 15 years, and has been, for the last 15 years to the present, team physician for Clairton High School. Paul has lived in the South Side for 12 years and sits on the boards of the South Side Local Development Company, the Brashear Association as well as the SSSNA. He loves the community, neighbors, friends, and the challenges of urban living.

Brian Oswald – Vice President

Brian has been a board member of the SSSNA since 2009 after becoming a homeowner on Mission St. in 2008. He has been active in the association with Step Trek as well as with clean ups and trail building in South Side Park. Brian is a physician assistant in Orthopedic Trauma Surgery at UPMC Presbyterian and our new vice president.

Pavel Yakovlev – Treasurer

A professor of economics at Duquesne University, Pavel was born in Siberia and went to high school, college, and graduate school in West Virginia. Pavel became a first-time homeowner when he bought a house on the Slopes three years ago. He settled here for the great views, and to be minutes away from work and social life. Pavel is now in his second year as our neighborhood association's treasurer.

Left to Right: Misi, Brad, Fr. Don, Brian, Sarah, Maggie, Peter, Denise, Pavel, Mark, Paul



Maggie Buck – Secretary

Maggie moved to the Slopes in 2007 and fell in love with the neighborhood. She grew up in Ross Township and graduated from North Hills High School. Afterwards, she attended both Ithaca College and The Boston Conservatory where she studied music. Then returning home, she attended the University of Pittsburgh and completed undergraduate studies in Computer Science and Public Administration. She later earned a Masters in Business Administration from Regis University. Maggie currently works for Radley Forensics where she leads E-Discovery and digital forensics investigations. This is her first year on the board of SSSNA. In her free time Maggie enjoys running, yoga, reading and travel.

Misi Bielich

When Misi moved to Magdalena Street in March of 2002, it was fate. She was in the right place at the right time and has found her 'home'. Misi has worked for Pittsburgh City Councilmember Bruce Kraus since he took office in January 2008, representing District 3 which includes the Slopes and Hilltop communities. Prior to working for Councilman Kraus, she worked as the activities coordinator for Carson Towers senior high rise. An avid baseball fan, Misi works part-time at PNC Park during the Pirate season. As the Chair of the Outreach Committee for the SSSNA, Misi is always looking for volunteers to plan functions to promote our organization among the residents of our neighborhood. If you would like to be involved, or have any suggestions, please feel free to contact Misi at misi@southsideslopes.org.

Denise Fillip

A lifelong resident of the South Side Slopes, Denise is happily married and has a daughter and a son. She began her career as a candy stripper at St. Joseph's hospital on the South Side and then entered the workforce at an early age at St. Josephs Hospital. They merged

and became Jefferson Regional Medical Center, where she is now a Materials Manager. She has a college degree, and also sits on various committees and boards within Healthcare. She is very interested in our community and neighbors, and wants to make a difference!

Peter Kreuthmeier

A former resident of New York, Murrysville, Syracuse, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, and San Francisco again, Peter is now here on the Slopes for the long haul, having found the ideal place to call home since 2003. He is a Principal at Loysen + Kreuthmeier Architects, focusing on urban design and architecture, and has completed, among other things, successful neighborhood revitalization efforts across the U.S. Here on the Slopes, Peter has helped to usher-in several neighborhood improvements to celebrate our community, together with the incredibly dedicated Elm Street Committee and SSSNA Board.

Brad Palmisiano

Brad purchased his house on Pius Street in 2003 and has been working on renovating it ever since. An Architectural Engineer by profession, Brad grew up in the South Hills of Pittsburgh and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. After high school, he attended Penn State University where he played Trumpet in the Penn State Blue Band. Brad currently works as a Mechanical Engineer for the firm L R Kimball. He has been on the board of the SSSNA since 2004, serving as the board president from 2005-2010. In his free time, Brad enjoys running, weight lifting, fly-fishing, and skiing.

Sarah Alessio Shea

Sarah is an Environmental Education Coordinator at the Pennsylvania Resources Council, located in the South Side. Sarah and her husband become first time home owners three years ago when they bought their house

on Shelly Street. Sarah grew up in a suburb north of Pittsburgh and went to the University of Pittsburgh for a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies. She received her Secondary Education Certification in Earth and Space Science. After graduating college and hoping to stay in the city, she came across the South Side neighborhood and fell in love. After buying her home and moving up to the Slopes, she and her husband are in love with the community – great neighbors, views, and location. Sarah is excited to become more involved in the neighborhood and to work together with her fellow Slopers!

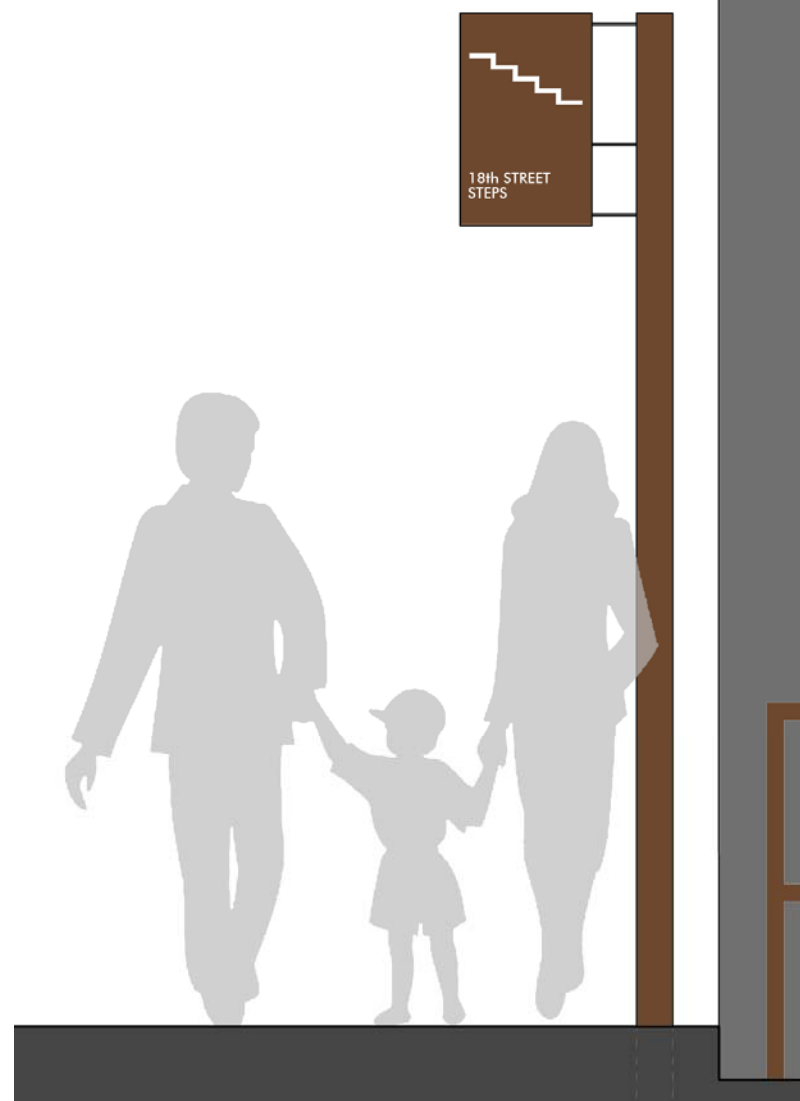
Fr. Donald Ware

Fr. Don Ware was born in Pittsburgh in December of 1944. He entered the Passionist Seminary as a young man, and took his vows in 1965 at St. Paul's Monastery. He finished his studies for the priesthood in 1972, earning two Master's Degrees, one in Theology and the other in Pastoral Counseling, both from St. John's University in New York. After Ordination in 1972 he worked in Passionist Retreat Centers, ministering to both youth and adults. From 1985-2000 Fr. Don was in charge of three of the largest Passionist Retreat Centers: 1985 – 1991 Pittsburgh; 1991-1994 West Springfield, MA; and 1994-2000 Riverdale (Bronx). In the summer of 2001 Fr. Don returned to Pittsburgh as assistant superior of St. Paul's Monastery, where 14 Passionist priests and brothers reside. His experience as a priest includes administration of large retreat movements, lay leadership training, worship leadership, and preaching the Word of God. He has also done continuing study in spiritual direction, business ethics, work spirituality, and elder spirituality. Fr. Don is Director of the Passionist's lay associates in Pittsburgh and coordinates the Eastern Passionist Province's lay associate sites. Fr. Don is also active in the SSSNA. He presently serves on its Board of Directors and is Chair of its Elm Street and Governance Committees. Fr. Donald has been

preaching parish missions in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas since 2002.

Mark Zalenchak

Mark has been active in the Association since returning to Pittsburgh from San Francisco in 2003. A Scott Township native prior to that, you may have met him at our many gatherings, grilling for Slopes events, or staffing the StepTrek water station at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery. While not tending to his 12 foot high sunflowers at home, you'll find him inside renovating, or elsewhere in the Slopes helping neighbors with home maintenance needs.



Duquesne Light Grant Application – details forthcoming

General Meetings

October:

27 neighbors attended the evening meeting at St. Paul's Retreat Center. Brad Palmisiano, board chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Those present welcomed four new neighbors who were in attendance.

Misi Bielich made several announcements:

- an October 16th neighborhood cleanup and the need for adult supervisors.
- an October 23rd South Side Park trail building day with the Student Conservation Association.
- an October 28th Brashear Association Luncheon fund raiser at the Le Mont Restaurant.
- the South Side Slopes Gateway Pylon marking entrance into the Slopes will soon be finished.

Brad facilitated the board elections. Reelected were Brad Palmisiano, Paul Lorincy, Denise Phillip and Misi Bielich. Sarah Alessio Shea and Maggie Buck were elected as new members of the Board. We expressed our appreciation to these good neighbors willing to be of service to our Slopes neighborhood.

Fr. Don Ware then once again explained the proposed changes to our Bylaws. After a brief discussion and slight change, our new Bylaws were unanimously accepted by the voting members present. The two most significant changes to the Bylaws are:

- the number of monthly general meetings... from eleven to five
- the extension of membership to all of the residents of the Slopes, with voting membership belonging to those who have attended at least two of the five annual meetings.

Bev Boggio, Step Trek chair, gave a quick summary of our very successful Step Trek. On the beautiful Sunday of October 10th over 700 folks participated, not counting the many volunteers: 472 online advanced registrants and 277 walk up registrants. We were sold out of our T shirts by 12:15. The money raffle awarded \$177 to the winner. We raised \$182 for Animal Friends thru our Pet Trek – folks brought their pets along. Bev thanked all of our volunteers who helped in the preparation and execution of this successful Step Trek. Brad thanked the Step Trek Committee for their tireless efforts in coordinating Step Trek this year.

Our next meeting will be in conjunction with the Christmas/Holiday Party in December. Brad ended the meeting at 7:50 PM.

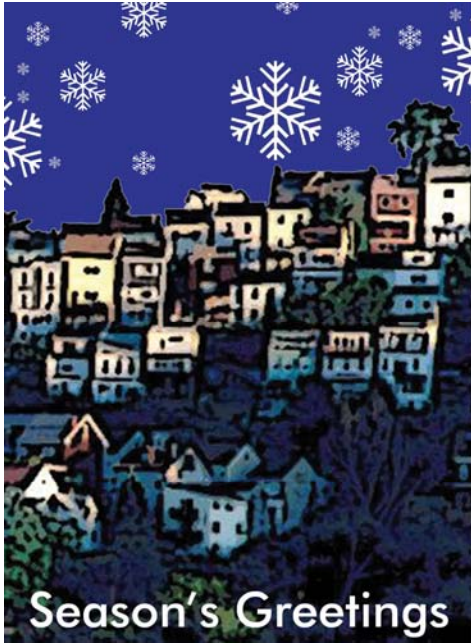
Fr. Don Ware, C.P.



View from the Monastery by Bob Kripp

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