History Center to Honor Innovative Pittsburghers at 27th Annual History Makers Award Dinner

-Pittsburgh Penguins President and CEO David Morehouse and candy connoisseurs the Sarris family are among this year’s honorees-

PITTSBURGH, May 7, 2019 – A group of distinguished Pittsburghers will be recognized for their exceptional contributions to the history of Western Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world as part of the Senator John Heinz History Center’s 27th Annual History Makers Award Dinner on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the Westin Convention Center.

Presented by BNY Mellon and Citizens Bank, the annual black-tie benefit dinner will be co-chaired by Eric Boughner, Chairman, BNY Mellon Pennsylvania, and Mark Rendulic, Pittsburgh Market President and Retail Director, Citizens Bank. The event honors exceptional individuals whose remarkable achievements, while rooted in Western Pennsylvania, extend far beyond the Golden Triangle.

Since its inception in 1992, the History Makers Award Dinner has raised $7 million to support the History Center’s educational programs and exhibitions.

The 2019 History Makers Award Dinner honorees are:

- The Sarris Family (Business) – Owners, Sarris Candies, Inc.;
- Harry D. Clark, Ph.D. (Education) – Founding Principal, Pittsburgh H.S. for the Creative and Performing Arts; Former President, The International Network of Visual and Performing Arts Schools;
- Stanley M. Marks, M.D. (Health Care) – Chairman, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center;
- David Morehouse (Leadership) – President and CEO, Pittsburgh Penguins; and
- Milton Fine and Sheila Reicher Fine (Philanthropy)
  - Sheila Reicher Fine: Chair and Co-Founder, LEAD Pittsburgh; Vice Chair, The Fine Foundation.

The History Center has honored more than 130 History Makers during the past 26 years, including Dan Rooney, Nadine Bognar, Fred Rogers, Teresa Heinz, Jerome Bettis, George Romero, August Wilson, Franco Harris, Carol Semple Thompson, Esther Bush, David McCullough, Mario Lemieux, and Michael Keaton.

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Since 1879, the History Center – Western Pennsylvania’s oldest cultural institution – has been educating, engaging, and inspiring future generations by preserving and presenting American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection.

The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region’s remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city’s Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center’s museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

2019 History Makers:

The Sarris Family

Harry D. Clark, Ph.D.
Stanley M. Marks, M.D.

David Morehouse

Sheila Reicher Fine
Milton Fine (1926-2019)