

April 2023



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A Message from Chamber President, Kristin Ditlevsen



I want to personally thank everyone who attended the March 23 Annual Recognition and Business Awards dinner and to extend my congratulations to all that were honored at the event. I also want to thank Vice President Olga Garcia for filling in for me at this event while I was recovering from illness. I have heard all good reports on the event and am very sad I could not be there. It is important to acknowledge our Event Chair Jim McGuire, Executive Director of the SSF Conference Center, and the entire committee and Chamber staff that worked very hard to make all the details come together. South San Francisco has a lot to be proud of, and it really shows at an event like this!

We are preparing for another big celebration in honor of our SSF Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation Scholarship Awardees. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we will be awarding 39 Scholarships to high school Seniors on April 20th at the Basque Cultural Center. If you have not signed up yet we would love to have you at the luncheon event. Taking time to celebrate these amazing young students is a true privilege. For more information call the Chamber at 650-588-1911.

As we look back on the first three months, much of the groundwork has been done with respect to budgeting and planning. We are actively reviewing applications for our Permanent CEO position. I am pleased to announce we have some promising candidates. Our committees are hard at work tending to the business of the Chamber. We have added eight new Chamber members so far this year and have several new prospective members that we are working with to define the value proposition for their involvement in the Chamber. I am looking forward to seeing the results of the Membership Committees efforts as we review all aspects of what we bring to the table and what areas we can improve.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge you all as members and thank you for making it possible to celebrate and support this community.

Annual Recognition and Business Awards

The 2023 Annual Recognition & Business Awards Dinner was held recently at the South San Francisco Conference Center. It was a magical evening emceed by former Congresswoman Jackie Speier!

Congratulations to the following businesses, companies, & individuals: Pro Color Collision, R&A Janitorial Services, See's Candies, Genentech, Sharon Ranals, San Francisco Wine School, Economic Advancement Center, Jim McGuire, 47 Hills Brewing Company, Department of Public Works, South San Francisco Conference Center, Bitters & Bottles, Flowers by Sonia. Gus Shihadeh and Paul Formosa were surprised when they received the last award of the evening, the President's Award.

Thank you to our Sponsors: South San Francisco Scavenger Co., California Water Service, Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel, Tri Counties Bank, Garden Chapel, Amoura, Beacon Business Bank, ProColor Collision SSF, Mercedes-Benz.

Thank you to our Chairman Circle Members: Genentech, South San Francisco Scavenger Co., California Water Service, Tri Counties Bank, Kaiser Permanente, Kilroy Realty Corporation, Chajinel Home Care Services, Liberty Bank.

Entertainment and music by El Camino High School & Jazz Band. Guests were provided sweet treats by See's Candies, and a gourmet dinner by California Catering.

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*South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
2023 "Higher Education Scholarship"
Luncheon*

*Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Avenue
South San Francisco
Thursday, April 20, 2023
11:30 am ~ 1:30 p.m.*

*All are welcome to our luncheon honoring the outstanding
achievements of our graduating seniors. The Education Scholarship
Committee selected those being awarded scholarships, and we are very
proud of their accomplishments and efforts.*

\$40.00 Per Person in Advance

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

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Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

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Please Reserve by April 10, 2023

Please RSVP on website: www.ssfchamber.com or Mail Reservation to the
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April 10, 2023

Online, beginning at 6:00 p.m. No late entry allowed.

By registering for this program, you acknowledge and agree that:

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Sunday, April 23, 2023

1pm - 4pm

470 Grand Ave., SSF

\$20

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JOBTRAIN

BREAKFAST

of Champions

JobTrain's 39th annual Breakfast of Champions, our biggest event fundraiser of the year, a long-honored tradition within JobTrain and the greater community. The event will bring together hundreds of our corporate, individual donors and government officials. There is something extremely powerful about bringing together supporters to celebrate the success of our students in-person. We will be sharing client successes, an update on our future, and it is our honor to be highlighting our **guest speaker, Dr. Yusef Salaam, one of The Exonerated Five**. JobTrain is a non-profit organization providing career training and job search assistance to the bay area since 1965. Proceeds will benefit our programs which help individuals find sustainable careers.

Thursday
May 11, 2023
Registration: 7:30 am - 8:30 am
Event: 8:30 am - 10:00 am
VIP: 10:00 am - 10:30 am

Location:
San Francisco Airport
Marriott Waterfront
1800 Old Bayshore Hwy
Burlingame, CA 94010

Sponsorship and Ticketing Information:
<https://www.jobtrainworks.org/boc2023/>

Sponsorship Opportunities:
Platinum \$25,000
10 First Priority Seating
Logo prominent displayed on table sign, printed program, JobTrain's website for 1 year and 3 posts on Social Media platforms and day of event e-blast
VIP Meet and Greet with **Dr. Yusef Salaam, one of The Exonerated Five**

GOLD \$10,000
10 First Priority seating
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VIP Meet and Greet VIP Meet and Greet with **Dr. Yusef Salaam, one of The Exonerated Five**

SILVER \$5,000
10 seats
Logo on table sign, printed program, JobTrain's website for 1 year, 2 posts on JobTrain's website for 1 year, 2 posts on JobTrain's Social Media Platforms, day of event e-blast
VIP Meet and Greet VIP Meet and Greet with **Dr. Yusef Salaam, one of The Exonerated Five**

BRONZE \$2,000
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INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$100

For questions regarding the event and sponsorship, contact Reshma Putnam RPutnam@jobtrainworks.org or 650 330 6436



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Over 100,000 people are waiting for a lifesaving transplant. Every nine minutes, another person is added to that waitlist, and seventeen people die every day waiting for a transplant. Transplants rely on the generosity of organ, eye and tissue donors, and there are not enough donors to meet the need. However, through organ and tissue donation, up to seventy-five lives can be saved by one organ, eye, and tissue donor.

Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month (NDLM) helps raise awareness about donation, encouraging Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation. NDLM was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003.

For more information on how you can help or about Donate Life America, please visit their website.

Join us in celebrating, honoring, and saving lives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Skerry".

John E. Skerry, MD
Physician in Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center



AMOURA

RESTAURANT



Come in with friends or colleagues to enjoy our new happy hour menu designed by Chef Scott Howard, with an array of Eastern Mediterranean small plates.

Happy Hour Bites — \$5 to \$10

Marinated Olives w/ Fennel & Orange
Spiced Nuts
Pesto Hummus w/ Pita Chips
Handmade Falafel w/ Spicy Tahini Sauce
Fried Potatoes w/ Feta, Smoked Paprika & Garlic
Crispy Seared Halloumi w/ Strawberry Fennel Jam
Moroccan Fried Chicken w/ Apricots & Harissa
Bacon Wrapped Dates with Blue Cheese
Prawn Kebab w/ Saffron Aioli
Beef Shawarma Fries

Happy Hour Beverages

Craft Beers on Tap 5
Wines by the Glass 9
Select Craft Cocktails 8

You can email any changes to
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You can RSVP and pay for our events by going to the calendar section and clicking on the event you want to attend. Registration is for SSF Chamber members.

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SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

SSF Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, April 20, 2023
11:30am-1:30pm

Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave., SSF

info@ssfchamber.com or 650-588-1911

SSF Chamber and Costco Business Center Mixer

Thursday, April 27, 2023
9:00am - 10:30am

Costco Business Center
900 Dubuque Avenue, SSF

Join us for light refreshments and a tour of the facility with an offer of a \$25.00 shop card for a 15- minute tour

RSVP: info@chamber.com

The 35th Annual Taste of SSF

Friday, November 3, 2023
12:00pm – 2:00pm

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 S. Airport Blvd, SSF

RSVP: info@ssfchamber.com

South San Francisco Chamber Member Benefit

Did you know as one of the many benefits of being our member that you can submit your events for Chamber approval through our monthly newsletter, or social media outlets? Once approved, it will be listed on our event calendar!



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Golden Gate Produce Terminal, Ltd. (April 1986)
Hawi Hawaiian BBQ (September 2020)
Hilton Garden Inn SFO North (April 1999)
Hotel Focus SFO (March 2013)
KASA Partners (May 2019)
Leadership Council San Mateo County (April 2021)
Luis Chem-Dry (October 1996)
Meyers, Nave (March 2019)
Moonstar Kitchen (April 2021)
Pribuss Engineering, Inc. (April 2018)
STRIPE (February 2021)
Soroptimist Int'l. No. S.M. County (April 2004)
South City Taxes (October 2010)
SSF Adult Education (April 2000)
Staples (February 2019)

Sonesta Select San Francisco Airport Oyster Point
(June 2020)

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