

**April 2025**



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**Scholarship Awards Luncheon – Next Thursday, April 17!**

Time is running out—get your scholarship donations in today and reserve your seat now for this inspiring event! A great chance to network with business leaders, community members, and rising student stars.

*Let's come together to celebrate and support our future leaders!*



**Announcing the 11th Annual South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
Education Foundation Scholarship Awards**

February 14, 2025

Dear Chamber Member,

It's a time of celebration and renewed commitment to the future of our community!

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 11th Annual Scholarship Awards through the Education Foundation (EIN: 85-2930060), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing and supporting educational opportunities for students in the South San Francisco Unified School District.

With the continued support of local business sponsors and community partners, we aim to make 2025 our most ambitious year yet. Last year, we awarded \$48,000 in scholarships to 46 exceptional students. This year, we've set our sights even higher, with a goal to award \$60,000 to help more students achieve their dreams of attending college, university, trade schools, or vocational training programs.

Your support makes all the difference. A donation of \$1,000 or more provides much-needed financial assistance to deserving students and inspires them to bring their skills and education back to our community. Contributions of \$5,000 or more will be recognized in event publicity and printed materials. Most importantly, your donation is 100% tax-deductible, and every dollar goes directly toward helping these students take the next step in their journey.

The highlight of our program is the 11th Annual Scholarship Luncheon, where we celebrate the achievements of our scholarship recipients. Sponsors are invited to personally present the awards to the students at this event—a powerful and inspiring way to see the impact of your support firsthand.

To participate in this important initiative, please make your check payable to the:

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation**

(noting "Scholarship Fund 501(c)(3)") and send it to:  
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
213 Linden Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

You can also contribute online at: <https://www.ssfchamber.com/education-foundation.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at (650) 588-1911.

Thank you for investing in the future of our students and our community. Your generosity and belief in their potential help turn dreams into reality.

Warm regards,

**Kevin Williams**

Chairman, Education Scholarship Committee  
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

## A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

### CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Chamber Members and Friends,

Spring is blooming with possibility here in South San Francisco, and our business community is buzzing with new energy! From exciting ribbon cuttings welcoming fresh faces to our local landscape, to creative Easter promotions bringing joy to our neighborhoods, it's been a wonderful season of growth and celebration.

One of the most meaningful events this season is our upcoming Scholarship Luncheon, taking place at the always-delicious Basque Cultural Center. This special gathering is more than a meal — it's a celebration of our local students who are striving for excellence and dreaming big. You'll have the chance to connect with fellow business leaders, community stakeholders, and most importantly, meet the recipients of the scholarships you help make possible — our future leaders.

#### Want to support a scholarship?

We invite you to make a donation in honor of someone who inspires you, in memory of a loved one, or even as a unique birthday gift. While a full scholarship is \$1,000, any amount you're comfortable with is appreciated. We will thoughtfully match smaller donations with others to ensure a student still receives a full award.

#### Can't donate right now?

Join us at the luncheon! Break bread with us, celebrate our students, and network with incredible people who share a passion for giving back and moving our city forward.

And as always, don't forget — we are your cheerleaders. Send us your business news, milestones, specials, or events. We want to help you shine and share your story with the broader community. You get the most out of your membership when you participate — so come to a mixer, attend a ribbon cutting, and take your place in this vibrant network of support.

With appreciation and community pride,  
Mary Prem

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## A Mixer to Remember: Meaningful Connections, Great Food & the Power of Listening at Foundry & Lux

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce's latest mixer at Foundry & Lux was more than just a networking event—it was an inspiring evening of connection, collaboration, and communication.

Held at the beautifully curated space in The Cove, the mixer brought together chamber members, business leaders, and civic partners for an evening of engaging conversations, delicious bites, and a powerful takeaway on how we listen to one another.

A huge thank you to **Nathan, Spencer, Molly**, and the incredible team at Foundry & Lux for their warm hospitality, handcrafted cocktails, and mouthwatering farm-to-table offerings. The venue—with its sleek indoor space, pool table, bowling alley, and outdoor fire pits—created the perfect vibe for sparking ideas and new relationships.

We were thrilled to welcome chamber leaders from neighboring cities: **Susan Baker** (Burlingame), **Felicia Leong** (Daly City Colma), and **Lucy Lopez** (Hayward), along with our own board members **Sailesh Mehra, Cesar Dominguez, Michael Formosa, CPA, and Councilmember James Coleman**. Their presence brought even more depth and regional collaboration to the evening.

The highlight of the night was a guided communication exercise led by **Steve Disselhorst, MBA, CPCC, PCC**, executive coach and consultant. Steve invited attendees to slow down, be fully present, and practice intentional listening—a powerful reminder that truly hearing someone is one of the most impactful ways to build trust, lead effectively, and strengthen community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the event memorable. If you haven't yet visited Foundry & Lux, it's a must—check them out at [foundryandlux.com](https://foundryandlux.com). And stay tuned for more events where connection goes beyond business cards.





### **Listening to Improve Your Personal and Professional Relationships**

By Steve Disselhorst, MBA, CPCC, PCC

Listening is a fundamental skill that strengthens relationships and fosters meaningful connections. Active listening goes beyond merely hearing words—it involves actively seeking to understand what's behind the words, essentially the other person's intent and emotions. Active listening requires presence, curiosity, and an open mind, allowing for deeper connection and trust.

Research indicates that inadequate listening skills impact over 70% of employees, resulting in misunderstandings, errors, missed opportunities, conflicts, and damaged relationships. Conversely, when employees feel heard, they are 4.6 times more likely to feel empowered and perform at their best. The same holds true for personal relationships—being truly listened to strengthens bonds and diminishes misunderstandings.

There are two levels of listening: **ME listening** and **YOU listening**. ME listening occurs when you interpret what someone is saying through your experiences, relating everything to yourself. While this can create connections, it often shifts the focus away from the speaker.

In contrast, YOU listening means fully concentrating on the other person, setting aside personal biases and experiences to understand their perspective deeply. YOU listening is characterized by curiosity, openness, non-judgment, attentiveness, and the practice of asking open-ended questions. To enhance your active listening skills, avoid closed-ended questions and **'Why'** questions, and instead ask **'What?'** or **'How?'** questions that encourage openness and depth. YOU listening fosters trust and connection, strengthening your relationships.

By improving how we listen, we can create stronger, more fulfilling relationships in all areas of life.

1. University of Southern California. 2. Salesforce, The Impact of Equality and Values Driven Business

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## **Stronger Together: Partnering with Local Chambers to Bring You More**

On February 28, Chamber CEOs from across Northern California gathered in San Francisco for a day of collaboration, fresh ideas, and powerful connections. Hosted by Rodney Fong, CEO of the

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the event focused on how chambers can better serve their members through innovation, funding opportunities, and creative community engagement.

From exciting projects like a coffee shop-meets-coworking space in SF's Financial District to discussions about growing business support across regions, the day was full of takeaways we're excited to put into action.

As your Chamber, we're proud to be building strong partnerships with other local chambers to expand the value we bring to you. That means more access to regional resources, new connections, and shared programs to help your business thrive.

We're excited about what's ahead—thanks for being on this journey with us!



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**Double the Celebration: Two Ribbon Cuttings in One Day!**

March kicked off with double the excitement in South San Francisco as we celebrated two fantastic ribbon cuttings in one day! It was a powerful reminder of the energy, growth, and entrepreneurial spirit thriving in our community.



### Baden Coin Laundry Reopens with Fresh Energy and Community Love

South San Francisco celebrated the grand reopening of Baden Coin Laundry, a longtime neighborhood staple that's been serving local families for years.

The ribbon was officially cut with **Mayor Eddie Flores** on hand, joined by the Chamber and community members to recognize this fresh start for a trusted local business.

Owners Aris and Nenita, along with their family, have poured heart and hard work into creating a space that's clean, reliable, and welcoming. Their dedication to quality service hasn't gone unnoticed—and their commitment to South City shines through in everything they do.

We're so excited to see Baden Coin Laundry continue its journey and remain a key part of the local fabric.

Congratulations to the entire family on this new chapter—and thank you for all you do for our community!



### Brew Cha's Grand Opening Brings Out the Crowd!

South San Francisco came out in full force to celebrate the grand opening of Brew Cha's second location at 988 El Camino Real—and the excitement was impossible to miss!

Hundreds of people lined up, wrapping around the building and down the block, all eager to get a taste of Brew Cha's popular pick-up-and-go boba drinks. The energy was high, the drinks were flowing, and the support from the community was undeniable.

We had the pleasure of cutting the ribbon alongside **Mayor Eddie Flores**, **Councilmember James Coleman**, and Chamber Board Member **Sailesh Mehra**, officially welcoming Brew Cha to its new South City location.

Huge congratulations to Keneth and the Brew Cha team for this exciting milestone. Their commitment to quality and customer satisfaction has clearly earned them a loyal fan base—and this new spot is already off to a strong start.

If you haven't been yet, go see what all the buzz is about—quick, tasty, and worth the wait!

**Shamrocks, Corned Beef & Community Spirit at the SSF Police St. Patrick's Dinner!**

South City was feeling the luck of the Irish at the SSF Police Association's annual St. Patrick's Dinner, and what a night it was! The SSF Conference Center was packed with people decked out in green, ready to enjoy a delicious corned beef and cabbage feast, lively Irish dancers, and some seriously fun raffle action.

The Chamber was in the house too, with Board President **Sailesh Mehra** and Board Member **Suzanne Lee** joining the celebration, along with **Mayor Eddie Flores**, **Congressman Kevin Mullin**, and so many others who came out to support our hardworking local law enforcement.

Big kudos to **Jim McGuire** and the amazing team at the **SSF Conference Center** for pulling off a festive, well-run evening full of great food and good vibes.

Huge thanks to the **SSF Police Association** and **Elaine Garbarino** for hosting this fun-filled community event. We appreciate all you do for South San Francisco—both in and out of uniform!



**Rotary + Chamber + Skyline = One Great Afternoon!**

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce joined the Rotary Club of San Bruno and Skyline College President's Council for a fantastic lunch at the Basque Cultural Center—full of great food, community spirit, and meaningful conversation.

Thanks to Kristin Pinochi of Recology San Bruno for the invite! Alongside Matt Devincenzi, Councilmember Teresa Proano, and others, we shared updates on Skyline's impact and the upcoming President's Breakfast.

We're grateful to the Rotary for their continued support of scholarships and service projects—and for reminding us what community collaboration is all about!

**Chamber Joins the Fun at Genentech's Ho-Ho Event!**



The SSF Chamber got an exclusive peek inside Genentech's Ho-Ho event—a festive, employee-only celebration that felt like a love letter to South San Francisco!

Thanks to **Suzanne Lee**, Genentech team member and Chamber board member, our crew (including Board President **Sailesh Mehra**, **Cesar Dominguez**, **Kevin Williams**, **Arlene Dozier**, and **Mayor Eddie Flores**) got to enjoy an incredible evening featuring Chamber-member restaurants like **Rockoto**, **Amoura**, **Thai Satay**, **San Francisco Wine School**, **Grand Palace**, and more.

The space was transformed into a mini downtown SSF—complete with street signs and a buzzing night market vibe. Great food, local flair, and a DJ spinning all the right songs made it a night to remember.

Huge thanks to Suzanne and the Genentech team for celebrating local in such a big way—we loved being part of it!



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## Chamber Joins Community Conversation on Displacement and Stability

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce recently participated in the Anti-Displacement Community Advisory Committee meeting at City Hall, where local voices came together to discuss how to better support both residents and small businesses in our city.

We joined tenants, housing providers, the city's **Economic and Community Development** team, the Apartment Association, **Mayor Eddie Flores**, and other key stakeholders in a thoughtful dialogue about preserving community stability while navigating economic growth.

The discussion, led by city consultants, highlighted what's currently working and where improvements can be made. Key takeaways included:

- Enhancing programs to better serve renters and business owners
- Developing policies to protect small businesses from commercial displacement
- Balancing residential, commercial, and R&D development to ensure long-term community health

As always, the Chamber is committed to being a strong voice for local business—advocating for thoughtful, sustainable solutions that keep South San Francisco vibrant and inclusive for all.

We'll continue to keep you updated as this important work moves forward.



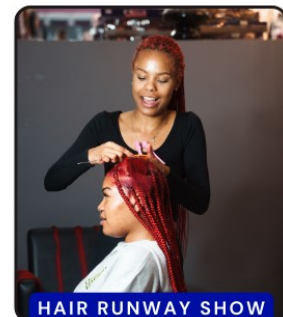
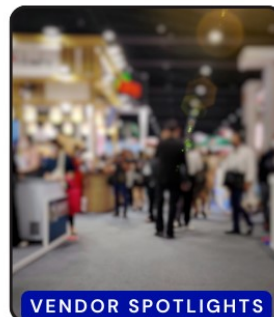
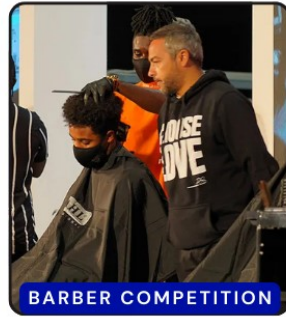
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## Curry Pizza House Pops Up at Genentech!

The Chamber connected Curry Pizza House with Genentech for a tasty lunch mixer with company admins—aka the decision-makers for catering! Big thanks to **Roopi**, **Joshua Nair**, and **Suzanne Lee** for making it happen.

👉 Big company? Want local small businesses on your campus? Call the Chamber—we'll bring the flavor!



## Chamber Connects at DCPLA St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

The SSF Chamber had a wonderful afternoon of networking and community connection at the **Daly City Public Library Associates'** St. Patrick's Day Luncheon—a festive event supporting local literacy and library programs.

This is a great example of what happens when Chamber members invite the Chamber to be part of their events—we *show up, support, and celebrate together!*

We were proud to join community leaders, including Board President **Sailesh Mehra**, and enjoyed Irish dancing, delicious food, and a heartfelt keynote from **Supervisor Jackie Speier**.

Big thanks to **Stacey Wagner** of **Kaiser Permanente** for the invitation, and a special shoutout to **Councilmember Teresa Proaño** and **Matt DeVincenzi** of **Classic Bowling** for championing this meaningful cause.

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## Sustainability in Action: Chamber Board Meets at SSF Scavenger

A big thank you to Michael Formosa, Treasurer of the SSF Chamber Board and Controller at South San Francisco Scavenger, for hosting our recent board meeting in their beautiful LEED-certified space. SSF Scavenger, a long-time Chamber supporter and pillar of the community, gave us an eye-opening tour of their state-of-the-art recycling facility—showing how they turn organic waste into renewable fuel and divert over 70% of waste from landfills.

It was an inspiring reminder of how innovation and sustainability go hand in hand. We're grateful for their leadership and commitment to keeping South City clean and green!

Want to learn more? Visit [ssfscavenger.com](http://ssfscavenger.com).



#### **Duggan's Serra Mortuary**

Duggan's Serra Mortuary is a family-owned and operated funeral home serving the Bay Area for over 120 years. Located in Daly City, they offer compassionate, personalized care with services including funeral and memorial arrangements, cremation, pre-planning, and grief support. Known for their professionalism and dedication, Duggan's Serra Mortuary is committed to honoring every life with dignity and respect.

**Web:** [duggans-serra.com](http://duggans-serra.com)

**Tel:** (650) 756-4500

**Address:** 500 Westlake Ave, Daly City, CA 94014

**Email:** [info@duggans-serra.com](mailto:info@duggans-serra.com)

#### **White Elephant Restaurant**

White Elephant is a beloved Thai eatery in South San Francisco, proudly serving authentic Thai cuisine since 2006. Known for its flavorful dishes and warm hospitality, the menu features classics like curries, stir-fries, and noodles—all crafted with fresh ingredients and bold spices.

**Web:** [whiteelephantsf.com](http://whiteelephantsf.com)

**Tel:** (650) 873-8341

**Address:** 146 Hazelwood Dr, South San Francisco, CA 94080

**Hours:** Daily, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

#### **Wildflour**

Wildflour is a casual restaurant, taproom, and bakery serving up sandwiches, charcuterie boards, and house-made baked goods. Their bread, crackers, and bakery items are made in-house, and all beers on tap come from local or regional brewers.

**Web:** wildflour-ssf.com

**Tel:** (650) 636-4341

**Address:** 200 Airport Blvd., Suite 1, South San Francisco, CA 94080

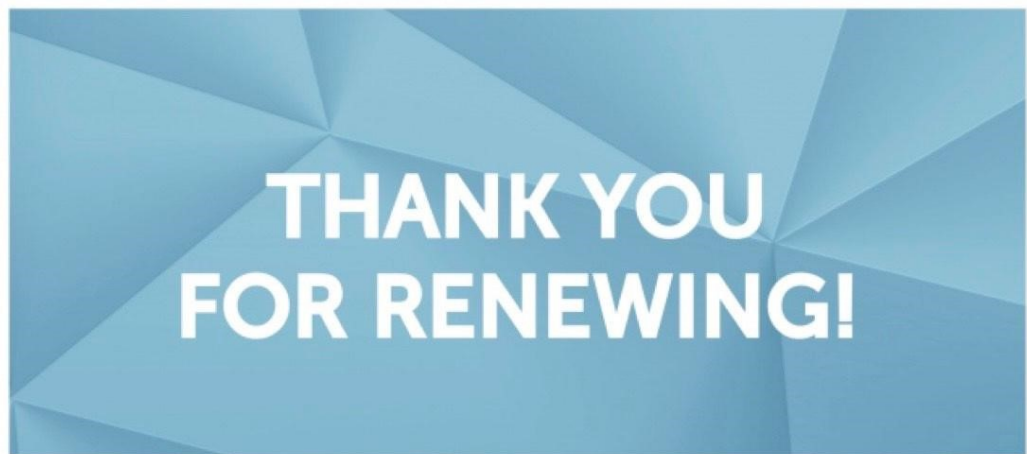
#### **Saap Thai Kitchen**

Saap Thai Kitchen is a locally owned Thai restaurant in South San Francisco, known for flavorful dishes like pad Thai, yellow curry, and mango sticky rice. With a cozy vibe and friendly service, it's a go-to spot for fresh, authentic Thai food.

**Web:** thairestaurantsouthsanfrancisco.com

**Tel:** (650) 383-5326

**Address:** 427 Linden Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080



**Affinage Boards** is a woman-owned business in South San Francisco, specializing in artisanal cheese and charcuterie boxes, platters, and grazing tables. Founded by Dina in 2020, they make entertaining effortless and gift-giving simple, offering beautifully curated selections for both private and corporate events.

**Web:** [affinageboards.com](http://affinageboards.com)

**Tel:** (916) 504-1984

**Address:** South San Francisco, CA 94080

**Hours:** Monday–Friday: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

**Member since:** February 2023

**Breakthrough Builders** is a licensed general contracting firm specializing in new home construction, additions, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) across California's South Bay, Peninsula, and East Bay regions. Founded by Kamal Hyder, who brings over 17 years of construction experience and more than two decades in high-tech corporate roles, the company offers comprehensive services from project

scoping and planning to construction management. Breakthrough Builders is dedicated to delivering high-quality homes that reflect the uniqueness of their clients.

Web: [breakthroughbuilders.com](http://breakthroughbuilders.com)

Tel: (408) 461-9956

Address: San Jose, CA 94024

Member since: April 2024

**C & J Roofing Co., Inc.** is a trusted roofing contractor serving the Bay Area for over 40 years. Based in South San Francisco, they offer a comprehensive range of services, including roof installations, repairs, and maintenance for residential, commercial, and HOA/condo clients. Known for their high-quality craftsmanship and commitment to customer satisfaction, C & J Roofing ensures projects are completed on time and within budget. They are licensed, bonded, insured, and hold an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Web: [cjroof.com](http://cjroof.com)

Tel: (650) 583-5998

Address: 233 S Maple Ave, Bldg O, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Hours: Monday–Friday: 7:30 AM–3:30 PM

Member since: April 2000

**Center for Behavioral Safety, LLC** is a professional organization dedicated to promoting workplace safety through behavior-based processes. They offer services such as safety consulting, implementation, training, leadership development, and motivational workshops. Their approach focuses on engaging employees to reduce injury rates and enhance overall safety culture.

Web: [cbsafety.com](http://cbsafety.com)

Tel: (775) 232-3099

Address: 655 Oak Grove Ave, #1257, Menlo Park, CA 94026

Member since: February 2020

**Essex Property Trust** is a fully integrated real estate investment trust (REIT) specializing in the acquisition, development, and management of multifamily residential properties along the West Coast. With a portfolio encompassing over 250 apartment communities across California and the Seattle metropolitan area, Essex is committed to creating high-quality living environments in supply-constrained markets.

Web: [essexapartmenthomes.com](http://essexapartmenthomes.com)

Tel: (650) 655-7800

Address: 1100 Park Place, Suite 200, San Mateo, CA 94403

Member since: March 2022

**Kenny Realty, Inc.** has been a cornerstone in the South San Francisco community since 1967, specializing in residential and commercial real estate sales and property management across San Mateo and San Francisco counties. As a family-owned business, they offer personalized services tailored to meet the unique needs of each client, ensuring smooth and efficient transactions. Their comprehensive property management solutions provide landlords with peace of mind, handling everything from tenant screening to maintenance. With a commitment to professionalism and customer satisfaction, Kenny Realty has earned an A+ rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Web: [kennyrealty.com](http://kennyrealty.com)

Tel: (650) 589-6422

Address: 100 Arroyo Dr, Unit 3, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: January 1970

**Golden Gate Produce Terminal** is a major distribution center specializing in the handling and distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables in South San Francisco. Serving as a crucial link between farmers, suppliers, and retailers, the terminal ensures that high-quality produce reaches the Bay Area

efficiently. Vendors at the terminal are produce experts, collaborating closely with farmers locally and globally to offer a wide selection of fresh produce daily.

Web: [goldengateproduceterminal.com](http://goldengateproduceterminal.com)

Tel: (650) 583-4886

Address: 131 Terminal Ct, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: April 1986

**Best Western Plus Grosvenor Airport Hotel** is a modern hotel located just 1.5 miles north of San Francisco International Airport, offering convenient access to Highway 101 and a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. The hotel features 206 well-appointed guest rooms equipped with amenities such as flat-screen TVs, refrigerators, and free Wi-Fi. Guests can enjoy a complimentary full hot breakfast buffet each morning and dine at the on-site Brass Elephant Restaurant & Lounge, which serves a variety of American, Caribbean, and Asian cuisine. Additional amenities include a seasonal heated outdoor pool, fitness center, business center, and flexible meeting spaces accommodating up to 300 people.

Web: [bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)

Tel: (650) 873-3200

Address: 380 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: March 1971

**Hotel Focus SFO** is a modern, eco-friendly hotel located just 2 miles north of San Francisco International Airport. They offer complimentary airport shuttle service, free superfast Wi-Fi, and tech-savvy amenities like iMediaCast panels for streaming content from personal devices to in-room TVs. Guests can enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast and relax in the landscaped Desert Bloom courtyard featuring fire pits and Nantucket chairs. The hotel is pet-friendly and provides convenient access to the South San Francisco Conference Center, downtown San Francisco, and Silicon Valley.

Web: [hotelfocussfo.com](http://hotelfocussfo.com)

Tel: (650) 877-0770

Address: 111 Mitchell Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: March 2013

**La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham San Francisco Airport North** offers comfortable accommodations conveniently located just one mile from San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Guests benefit from complimentary airport shuttle service, free Wi-Fi, and a daily hot breakfast. The hotel features an outdoor pool, fitness center, and well-appointed rooms equipped with mini-refrigerators and microwaves. Its proximity to the airport and easy access to downtown San Francisco make it an ideal choice for both business and leisure travelers.

Web: [lqsfoairport.com](http://lqsfoairport.com)

Tel: (650) 583-2223

Address: 20 Airport Boulevard, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: October 1979

**Mom's Tofu House** is a family-owned Korean restaurant located in South San Francisco, specializing in authentic Korean cuisine with a focus on house-made tofu dishes. Established in 2022, they offer a variety of traditional Korean meals, including specialty tofu soups, Korean BBQ, and an array of side dishes, all prepared with fresh ingredients to ensure optimal flavor.

Web: [ssf.momstofu.com](http://ssf.momstofu.com)

Tel: (650) 392-0960

Address: 415 Grand Ave #1, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Hours: Monday–Sunday: 11:00 AM–9:00 PM

Member since: May 2021

**Pribuss Engineering, Inc.** has been a leading mechanical contractor in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1968, specializing in plumbing, heating, air conditioning, industrial piping, and fire sprinkler systems. They offer comprehensive services including design, engineering, construction, and maintenance for projects ranging from single-unit residential to high-rise commercial buildings. Committed to quality and innovation, Pribuss Engineering ensures projects are completed with precision and efficiency.

Web: [pribuss.com](http://pribuss.com)

Tel: (650) 588-0447

Address: 523 Mayfair Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Hours: Monday–Friday: 7:00 AM–4:00 PM

Member since: April 2018

**Rotaplast International, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization based in South San Francisco, dedicated to providing free reconstructive surgeries to children and families worldwide affected by cleft lip and palate anomalies, burn scarring, and other deformities. Established in 1992 by the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Rotaplast collaborates with local professionals, Rotarians, and various organizations to deliver comprehensive care and training, aiming to build sustainable healthcare models in underserved communities. Their mission is to improve lives by eliminating the burden of these medical conditions through surgical interventions and preventive education.

Web: [rotaplast.org](http://rotaplast.org)

Tel: (415) 252-1111

Address: 50 S Linden Ave, #8, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: January 2024

#### **San Francisco State University – Graduate Business Programs**

Located in the heart of San Francisco’s financial district, SFSU’s Lam Family College of Business offers flexible, career-focused graduate programs, including MBAs, MS in Business Analytics, and MS in Accountancy. Designed for working professionals and emerging leaders, these programs combine academic excellence with real-world relevance.

Web: [cob.sfsu.edu/graduate-programs](http://cob.sfsu.edu/graduate-programs)

Tel: (415) 817-4300

Address: 160 Spear St, Suite 1230, San Francisco, CA 94105

Member since: January 2018

#### **San Mateo County Harbor District**

Established in 1933, the San Mateo County Harbor District oversees Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay and Oyster Point Marina/Park in South San Francisco. The district is dedicated to providing environmentally and fiscally responsible stewardship of its maritime resources, ensuring public access, and offering emergency response services. Pillar Point Harbor serves as a vital commercial and sport fishing hub, while Oyster Point Marina/Park offers recreational boating, a public fishing pier, and waterfront trails.

Web: [smharbor.com](http://smharbor.com)

Tel: (650) 583-4400

Address: PO Box 1449, 504 Avenue Alhambra, 2nd Floor, El Granada, CA 94018

Member since: January 1979

**Staples** is a leading provider of office supplies, technology, furniture, and business services, dedicated to helping organizations achieve their goals. The Staples store in South San Francisco provides a comprehensive selection of office essentials, including printing, shipping, technology, and recycling services.

Web: [staples.com](http://staples.com)

Tel: (650) 869-6882

Address: 470 Noor Avenue STE B, South San Francisco, CA 94080



Member since: February 2019

**Trap's Tire & Auto Center** is a family-owned business in South San Francisco, offering a comprehensive range of automotive services. Specializing in tire sales and auto repairs, their ASE-certified technicians provide services such as air conditioning maintenance, brake repair, wheel alignments, and more. They are committed to enhancing vehicle performance and ensuring customer satisfaction. Notably, they offer free tire rotations and brake inspections for the life of the tire.

Web: [trapstire.com](http://trapstire.com)

Tel: (650) 873-6141

Address: 490 Victory Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Member since: April 2000

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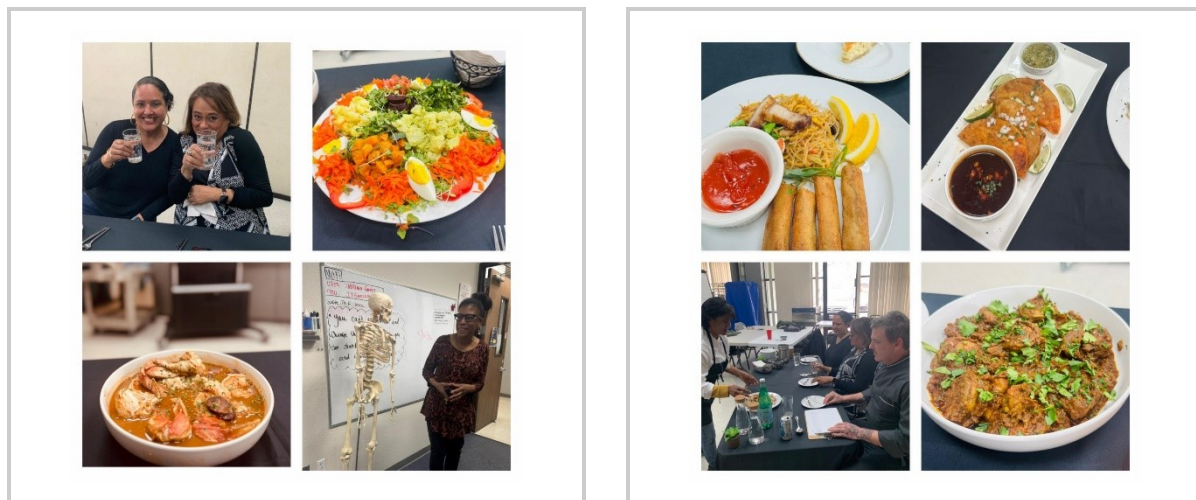
The SSF Chamber had the delicious honor of judging the **JobTrain** Culinary Arts Program Finals—and wow, what a feast! From vibrant salads to jambalaya and curries, the student chefs brought their A-game.

Big thanks to **Terrie Crenshaw** for the invite, and shoutout to fellow judges **Angela Taylor** and **Chef Dave** for making it such a fun and inspiring day.

We also got a behind-the-scenes look at JobTrain's other hands-on programs—carpentry, HVAC, IT, and more. JobTrain is truly changing lives by preparing students for real, sustainable careers.

We can't wait to connect these culinary grads with Chamber-member restaurants. Win-win for everyone!

👉 Learn more at [jobtrainworks.org](https://jobtrainworks.org)



### Skyline College President's Breakfast: A Morning of Purpose and Possibility

What a way to start the day! The Skyline College President's Breakfast was more than just a gathering—it was a celebration of community, education, and the power of investing in the future.

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce members showed up in full force to network and support our local community college system. These students are not just learners—they are our future entrepreneurs, business owners, innovators, and civic leaders. Our presence reaffirmed the Chamber's commitment to lifting up the next generation and ensuring they have the resources and inspiration to thrive.


Guests were greeted with cheers and a red-carpet welcome from the President's Council, leading into a high-energy room filled with city leaders, educators, law enforcement, business professionals, and passionate changemakers. With **Saint John** from **Movin 99.7** as emcee, the event was both heartfelt and engaging.

We're proud to share that the event surpassed six figures in pledges for the President's Innovation Fund (PIF)—seed money that fuels bold, student-driven programs designed to uplift and empower.

Thank you to Council Chair **Matt Devincenzi**, our dedicated President's Council members, Skyline's exceptional team, and Interim **President Dr. Newin Orante** for creating a space where dreams take shape.

The morning ended on a sweet note with Bundtini cakes to-go and a renewed sense of purpose. To our Chamber members who attended—you are investing in the future of our workforce, our community, and our region. Thank you for showing up. Let's continue to lead with heart and vision.





## VITA TAX CLINIC:

ACCESS FREE TAX HELP FROM HOME!

**renaissance**  
entrepreneurship center

**THIS IS WHAT YOU'LL NEED TO FILE YOUR TAXES:**


- Photo ID & Social Security for each adult on tax return and dependents OR
- ITIN number (if you don't have a SSN)
- W-2s from all jobs
- All 1099s, 1098s, and any other tax forms
- Last year tax return if you have it
- Savings AND checking account numbers (routing number for direct deposit of refund)

**IF APPLICABLE BRING:**


- Health Coverage Statements: Forms 1095-A, B or C
- Childcare provider information

1. total amount paid to the daycare provider
2. daycare provider's tax identifying number (SSN or EIN)

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL



MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS  
4-8PM



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## VITA CLINICA DE TAXES:

¡AYUDA FISCAL DESDE SU CASA!

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**ESTO ES LO QUE NECESITARÁ PARA PRESENTAR SUS IMPUESTOS:**

- Identificación con foto y seguro social por cada adulto en sus impuestos y dependientes o
- Número de ITIN (si no cuenta con seguro social)
- W-2s de todos sus trabajos
- Todas 1099s, 1098s, y alguna otra formas
- Impuestos del año pasado (si cuenta con ellos)
- Números de cuenta de ahorro y cuenta de cheques (número de ruta para el depósito directo de su reembolso)

**SI ES EL CASO, TRAIGA:**

- Declaraciones de cobertura de salud: Formularios 1095-A, B o C
- Información sobre los proveedores de servicios de guardería

1. importe total pagado de la guardería
2. número de identificación fiscal de la guardería (SSN or EIN)

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## PLAN DE NEGOCIOS

¿LISTO/A PARA LANZAR SU NEGOCIO?

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ABRIL

Cada miércoles  
6 PM - 9 PM

En Persona  
366 Grand Ave, SSF

Durante este curso en línea de 10 semanas, aprenderás a:

- Crear un plan de negocios
- Definir a tus clientes
- Diseñar una estrategia de marketing
- Desarrollar tus finanzas
- Aprender sobre el acceso al capital

PARA REGISTRAR, CONTACTENOS!

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## BUSINESS PREP

READY TO LAUNCH YOUR BUSINESS?

25

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Wednesdays  
6 PM - 9 PM

Online  
via Zoom

During this 10-week online class, you will:

- Create a business plan
- Define your customers
- Craft a marketing strategy
- Develop financials
- Learn about access to capital

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### April is Stress Awareness Month

Most people feel stress every day. In fact, at any given time about half of Americans report feeling stress, and that's just those who are conscious of it.

While we can't get rid of stress completely, we do have ways to get ahead of it by learning how to control it before it controls us. Learn to recognize stressful situations and build positive coping strategies for life's many ups and downs.

#### Take a moment to breathe

When stress strikes, try a few minutes of deep breathing. Breathe in for a count of 5, hold for 5, and exhale for 5. Repeat 10 times or until you start feeling more calm, grounded, and focused.

#### Recognize stress

Stress comes in different forms, from minor issues to major conflicts. Whether it's balancing work and personal life, staying organized, or seeking support, we can help.

#### Sweat stress away

Exercise is a great way to combat stress. Getting active relieves tension in your body and releases feel-good brain chemicals that fight the effects of stress.



Learn more strategies to manage stress.  
Scan the QR code or visit [kp.org/StressManagement](https://kp.org/StressManagement)

Help yourself, colleagues, and/or family learn to recognize and get ahead of stress with these tips and resources to help manage it.

#### Edward Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center

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**Friendly reminder to Chamber Members:**

Have you changed your contact information, email address, or phone numbers?

Please provide the SSF Chamber of Commerce with your information to keep our website up to date.

You can email any changes to [info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)



## Calendar of Events

### April

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.

*Not a Chamber member yet?  
Contact the Chamber at  
[info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)  
or visit [www.ssfchamber.com](http://www.ssfchamber.com)*

Follow us on [Facebook](#) & Instagram for the latest Chamber news.

4/5 Ribbon Cutting - WildFlour 3pm

4/9 City Council Meeting 6:30pm

4/15 Tax Day

4/15 Board Meeting 8:30am

4/17 Scholarship Awards Luncheon  
Basque Cultural Center 11:30am

4/23 City Council Meeting 6:30pm

## 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!

## Legislative Watch List

*We take care of politics so you can take care of your business*

## Chairman Circle Members

*Chairman's Circle members receive benefits above and beyond typical membership, with the highest visibility at Chamber events and in publications*

Chairman Circle - GOLD MEMBER



Chairman Circle - SILVER MEMBERS



Chairman Circle - BRONZE MEMBERS





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