

April 2026



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Scholarship Lunch tickets and sponsorships are still available.

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Email: info@ssfchamber.com Call: 650-588-1911

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
Chamber of Commerce
Education Foundation

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

11:30 AM

Scholarship Luncheon 2026

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of lunch, networking, and celebration as we support the next generation of South San Francisco students.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY · BE PART OF SOMETHING MEANINGFUL

WAYS TO SUPPORT



Student Champion

\$250

Sponsor a student and their parent to share this special day



Experience Sponsor

\$500

Support beverages, décor, or photography and be recognized during the program



Community Sponsor

\$1,000

Includes lunch for two guests and recognition on all event tables



Scholarship Sponsor

\$1,000

Fund a student scholarship and present the award at the luncheon

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION
UNDER 501(C)(3)

*A feel-good event that makes
a real impact in our community*



When a Busy Business Still Shows Up

If you've driven past Serramonte lately, you've probably seen the line at **Chick-fil-A Serramonte Mall**. It wraps around, moves fast, and never really stops. From the outside, it looks like they're doing just fine without needing anything else.

And they are.

But here's what stood out to me.

Susanna, the **owner-operator**, made the decision to join the South San Francisco Chamber. Not because she needed more foot traffic, but because she saw the value in being part of the business community. After joining, she came out to one of our chamber events with her store manager.

At that event, they connected with admins from **Genentech**. Just a simple conversation. They shared what they offer beyond the drive-thru...catering options, fresh salads, breakfast trays, and how easy it is to feed a team.

That conversation turned into something real.

Susanna recently shared that they are now **receiving catering orders from Genentech** and building that relationship. One event. One connection. Real business.

That's what the Chamber does. We create the space. We make the introductions. What happens next is up to you.

A chamber membership is a lot like a gym membership. You don't build muscle just by signing up. You have to show up, put in the work, and stay consistent. The same goes here. The value comes from attending, engaging, and sharing what you do.

So take a moment and ask yourself:

- When was the last time you came to an event?
- Are you talking about your services when you're there?
- Are you taking advantage of the opportunities in front of you?

Even a business with a line around the block made time to show up. And it paid off.

Work your membership. Grow your business.

Chick-Fil-A 6 Serramonte Center, Daly City, CA 94015

[Visit Chick-Fil-A](#)

Taste of the morning.
**What can we
get started
for you?**



A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Hello everyone,

April always feels like a fresh start. A little more sun, a little more energy, and a good time to think about what's next.

It's also Tax Day season, which tends to make all of us pause and take stock. For many of you, that means looking at ways to grow your business, reach new customers, or try something different. That's where the Chamber can help.

April is also Fair Housing Month, a reminder of the importance of access and opportunity for everyone in our community. And with Earth Day coming up, it's a good time to think about small changes that can make a difference, both at work and at home.

I hope you'll join us on April 30 for our Annual Scholarship Luncheon. It's one of my favorite events. You'll meet some incredible students and see firsthand the impact this community makes when we come together. If you can, consider sponsoring a student and being part of that experience.

As we head into spring, I have a simple ask. Have you mentioned the Chamber to your clients? Your neighbors? Your friends in business? We really are stronger in numbers, and most of our growth comes from you.

Invite someone to our next mixer. If you want to come and bring a guest, just email me at info@ssfchamber.com and we'll take care of it.

And don't forget to send us your spring specials. Let your Chamber membership work for you. We're here to help you get the word out.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Calling all food lovers!

The South San Francisco Chamber is teaming up with other Peninsula chambers, SAMCEDA, and The San Francisco Peninsula to bring you

Flavors of the Peninsula.

Great restaurants, fun events, and plenty of reasons to get out and try something new. Take a look and start planning where you're eating next.

[Flavors of the Peninsula](#)

THE SAN FRANCISCO Peninsula

INTRODUCES



The San Francisco Peninsula, in partnership with Chambers of Commerce throughout San Mateo County along with SAMCEDA, is excited to launch Flavors of the Peninsula.

Flavors of the Peninsula is a 10-day restaurant celebration featuring prix-fixe menus throughout the Peninsula. Taking place from Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, May 3, the event will showcase restaurants throughout San Mateo County, from Bayside to Coastside culinary standouts.

What's in the Program?

- Restaurants will offer prix fixe menus highlighting their unique specials and seasonal offers
- Ticketed kick-off and finale events to build excitement
- Restaurants, breweries, wineries, and more can also host their own events throughout the ten days

Restaurants can select to participate at one or more of the following price points: it's up to you!

Brunch or lunch: \$25, \$35, \$40
2+ courses, or a dish and a drink
Dinner: \$30, \$45, \$65, \$80
3+ courses



Participation is free!

All you have to do is sign up and participate for the duration of the program. Sign up by March 2nd to be included in as many marketing opportunities as possible. Scan the QR code to register or email flavors@thesfp.com



March Mixer at Michelin-Star Rasa

Our March 18 mixer at **Rasa** in Burlingame was a full house with 45 guests from South San Francisco and Burlingame. Great crowd, great energy, and a really fun night.

Reena, the owner, spoiled us with handcrafted cocktails, delicious passed bites, and a tour of the space along with the story behind Rasa. You could feel the care in every detail.

We also heard from **Margi Power**, who shared that **Leadership Council San Mateo County** is now accepting applications for its next cohort. Mary Prem from the Chamber is part of the current class and describes it as a master class. She recommends it for anyone in a leadership role, growing their career in San Mateo County, or thinking about stepping into public office.

Good food, good people, and a lot of new connections. Just how we like it.

[Rasa Indian](#)

[Leadership Council San Mateo County](#)





4th COMMUNITY MUSIC CONCERT



Florie V. Ventura

is a classically trained musician and educator with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education and advanced studies in composition.

A pianist and guitarist, she is also a composer and lyricist whose work bridges performance, teaching, and creative expression.

**Sunday, April 12
1:00PM**

**Free Community Concert
All are welcome**



HOPE

United Methodist Church

115 El Campo Drive South San Francisco, CA 94080

Compliance is mandatory. Enrollment is a breeze.

Did you know it is mandatory for employers with 50 or more full-time employees in the Bay Area to register with the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program?

Even if an employer offers commuter benefits, to be in compliance with the Bay Area Air District's [Regulation 14, Rule 1](#), they are required to enroll in the program and update their registration annually. Employers can choose from five commuter benefit options:



1. **Pre-tax transit benefits**



2. **Employer-provided subsidy**
for transit or vanpooling



3. **Employer-provided transit**
(such as shuttles)



4. **Telework** one or more
days a week



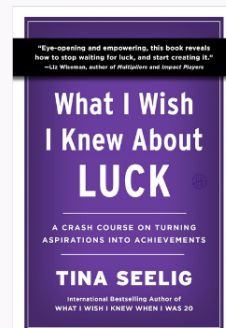
5. **A custom plan** that includes
other modes like bicycling or
walking, possibly combined
with promotions that encourage
alternates to driving alone and more



Enrollment in the Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program is easy and free by visiting [511.org](https://www.511.org). Take advantage of the many resources to help you comply. We provide online resources to guide you through this quick process or feel free and you can speak to one of our team members for hands-on support. For more information, visit [511.org](https://www.511.org), call us at 510-285-3182 or email the team at commuterbenefits@511.org to confirm if your organization is registered.

**Opportunities Are Everywhere...
Learn How to Catch Them**

**Turning Aspirations Into
Achievement:
A Crash Course on Luck
with Dr. Tina Seelig**



APRIL 27, 2026

9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Chan Zuckerberg
Community Space
Redwood City

Secure Your Spot Today!

**March
New Members**

Coello Notary Service

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NEW MEMBERS**

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Renewing Members

A.D.A.S. Clinica (February 2023)
<https://www.adasclinica.com/>

Ben Tre Restaurant (September 2020)
www.bentrerestaurant.com

C & J Roofing Co., Inc. (April 2000)
<http://www.cjroof.com>

El Faro Mexican Food (June 2007)
<https://elfarosmexicanfood.wufaa.com/>

Foundry& Lux (October 2023)
<https://foundryandlux.com/>

Golden Gate Produce Terminal, Ltd. (April 1986)



GNS South Tower, LP (February 2016)
<https://transwestern.com/>

Leadership Council San Mateo County (April 2021)
<https://www.leadershipcouncilsmc.org/>

Monterra Credit Union (February 1988)
<https://www.smcu.org>

North East Medical Services (April 2025)
<https://nems.org/>

San Mateo Economic Development Association (February 1997)
<http://www.samceda.org>

Servpro of South San Francisco/ San Bruno (March 2008)
<https://www.servpro.com>

Hotel Focus SFO (March 2013)
<https://www.hotelfocussfo.com>

STRIPE (February 2021)
<https://stripe.com/>

Trap & Tire Auto Center (April 2000)
<http://www.trapstire.com>



April is Move More Month: Supporting Healthier, More Productive Workplaces

April is [Move More Month](#), and April 1 marks the American Heart Association's [National Walking Day](#) – both encourage everyone to build more physical activity into their daily lives. For employers and business leaders, it's also a good reminder that supporting employee well-being can positively influence productivity, engagement, and overall workplace morale.

Regular exercise plays a critical role in both physical and mental health. Staying active helps improve heart health, strengthens muscles and bones, reduces stress, and boosts your mood – factors that support better focus, energy, and resilience throughout the workday. National guidelines recommend at least **150 minutes of moderate intensity activity per week**, a goal that can be reached through short, consistent movement rather than long workouts.

One of the most common barriers employees face is time. Encouraging movement doesn't require major schedule changes or on-site gyms. Simple actions – such as walking meetings, stretch breaks, standing or walking during phone calls, or short lunchtime walks – all help reduce prolonged sitting and support healthier habits during the workday.

For those looking for additional support, **Kaiser Permanente offers practical resources** to help people fit movement into their everyday routines, including [simple at-home exercises](#) that require little space or equipment. Kaiser Permanente members also have access to [fitness classes and wellness programs](#) that are in-person, on-line, or by phone, and led by health professionals. [One Pass Select Infinity](#) offers reduced rates on fitness studios, gyms, and on-line classes for Kaiser Permanente members to complement employer-led wellness efforts.

Move More Month highlights how consistent efforts can lead to meaningful improvements in your health. When employers support movement and well-being, they help create workplaces where people feel better, have higher productivity levels, and thrive together.

Edward Kao, MD
Physician-in-Chief
Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center



The South San Francisco Women's Club
Salutes the Red, White & Blue
Honoring our Past & Building Our Future

A Patriotic Fundraiser Supporting the
SSF Women's Club and the Women's Suffrage National Monument

Saturday, June 13th, 2026

470 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco

Join us in a celebration of the
250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Enjoy an evening of fun, food and raffles

BUFFET MEAL for \$75 per person

BBQ Chicken & Ribs Dinner by



4:30 pm - No Host Wine Bar

5:30 pm - Dinner is Served

Complimentary Commemorative Glass

Beverages by the glass: \$1 Soda - \$5 Wine

This patriotic event proudly supports the creation of the **Women's Suffrage National Monument** in Washington, DC.
To learn more about the Monument visit our website at: ssfomensclub.com

Reservation deadline June 1, 2026

Call (650) 892-1165 for more info

You will receive confirmation of your reservation once payment is received

Please call the number above if you do not receive confirmation by the payment deadline

Send payment to: SSFWC, P.O. Box 455, So.SF, CA 94083-0455
or pay by Zelle @[ssfomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssfwomensclub@gmail.com) or Venmo @ssfomensclub with Note: "RWB"

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

8:30 AM CHECK-IN

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REGISTER NOW



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SSF, CA 94083

- OR -

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AFTER RSVP

REG. DEADLINE: 8/17

INFO@SSFKIWANIS.ORG

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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



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
or visit www.ssfchamber.com

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

Calendar of Events

4/8 City Council Meeting
4/15 Tax Day
4/21 Board Meeting
4/22 City Council Meeting
4/30 Scholarship Luncheon Basque Cultural Center (see our website for sponsorship and reservations)

Restaurant Week - Flavors of the Peninsula
4/23 to 5/3

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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