

August 2026



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BEST OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

— 2026 ANNUAL AWARDS GALA —

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

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Mayor's Award

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*South San Francisco Chamber
Business Award Winners*

EVENING PROGRAM

4:30 PM • Cocktail Reception
Silent Auction • Wine Pull
5:30 PM • Awards Celebration
6:30 PM • Dinner
FOLLOWING DINNER • Music & Entertainment

TICKETS

INDIVIDUAL TICKET

\$150

THROUGH AUGUST 15

\$175

AFTER AUGUST 15

TABLE OF 8

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THROUGH AUGUST 15

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AFTER AUGUST 15



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A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Dear Members and Friends,

As we move through another exciting season, I continue to be inspired by the energy, collaboration, and commitment of our business community. Thank you for supporting the Chamber and helping make South San Francisco a great place to live, work, and do business.

One of the highlights of the year is our Best of South San Francisco Annual Awards Gala on September 18 at the Genentech campus. This special evening will celebrate the outstanding businesses, organizations, and leaders who make our community shine. If you haven't already, I encourage you to vote for your favorite nominees, reserve your tickets, and consider becoming a sponsor. Together, we'll celebrate the very best of South San Francisco.

We're also excited to partner once again with Genentech Goes to Town, an annual program that encourages Genentech employees to shop, dine, and support our local businesses. It's a wonderful opportunity to showcase everything our community has to offer while strengthening the connection between our business community and one of our city's largest employers.

This newsletter highlights many of the events, ribbon cuttings, and partnerships that bring our community together. None of it would be possible without the support of our members, volunteers, ambassadors, board of directors, and community partners.

Thank you for being part of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event and celebrating with you at the Best of South San Francisco Annual Awards Gala!

Remembering MARIA MARTINUCCI

FORMER CEO, SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of **Maria Martinucci**, former CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and a longtime champion of our business community.

For many years, Maria was a familiar face in South San Francisco. She advocated for our businesses, supported our downtown, and worked to strengthen the connection between our business community and the city.

Maria championed investments in our downtown and was a strong supporter of programs like Genentech Goes to Town, which brought significant dollars directly into local South San Francisco businesses. She also lent her voice to broader community efforts and represented the Chamber in conversations about the future of our city.

But what stands out to me most isn't a program or a title. It's the relationships. One longtime Chamber member once recalled how warmly Maria welcomed him when he first joined. And looking through old photographs, you can see that warmth—Maria at the Chamber office, Maria surrounded by members and friends, and again and again, that wonderful smile.

As the current CEO, I have a special appreciation for the people who came before me. We each inherit a Chamber shaped by those who cared for it, worked for it, and believed in what it could do for our community. Maria was an important part of that history.

We are grateful for her many years of service and the mark she left on the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our community.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Maria's family, friends, and all those who knew and loved her.

Rest in peace, Maria.

You will always be part of our Chamber family.



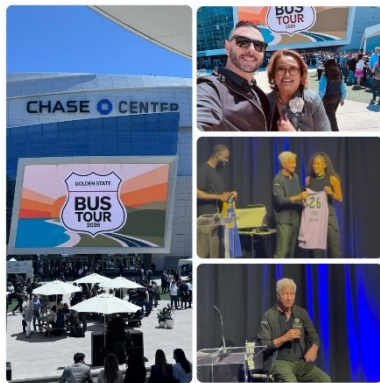
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Regional Bay Area Chamber Leadership

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was proud to join chamber leaders from across the Bay Area for the Regional Bay Area Chamber Leadership Convening, hosted by the San Jose Chamber of Commerce.

It was a great day of learning, sharing ideas, and building stronger partnerships. Together, we discussed ways to support local businesses, strengthen our economy, and create new opportunities for the communities we serve. These regional connections help us bring fresh ideas back to South San Francisco and continue working together to build a stronger future for everyone.



Fireside Conversation with Jamie Dimon

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce recently attended a fireside conversation with Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO of JPMorganChase, at Chase Center in San Francisco.

The discussion focused on investment, innovation, and the future of the Bay Area economy. One highlight was hearing Mr. Dimon share insights from his visit earlier that day to Zipline in South San Francisco, recognizing our city as a place where innovation is helping shape the future.

The event brought together business and community leaders from across the region to discuss economic growth, investment, and the importance of creating opportunities that benefit businesses of all sizes.

[Credit Card, Mortgage, Banking, Auto | Chase Online | Chase.com](#)

[Drone Delivery for Food, Groceries, and Medicine | Zipline](#)

Fourth of July Parade & Street Fair

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was proud to take part in this year's Fourth of July Parade and Street Fair, celebrating our community and supporting our downtown businesses.

A special thank you to Chief Ambassador Cesar Dominguez and our Chamber Ambassadors for helping rally downtown businesses to participate and make the event a success. The parade also featured Mayor Mark Addiego, council members and other local dignitaries, who joined the celebration alongside residents, families, and community organizations.

Events like the Fourth of July Parade and Street Fair showcase the pride, partnerships, and community spirit that make South San Francisco such a great place to live, work, and do business.

[Home - City of South San Francisco](#)

[Home - Congressman Kevin Mullin](#)



Friday Night Strikes Bowling Fundraiser

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce had a great time bringing the community together for our Friday Night Strikes Bowling Fundraiser at Chamber member Classic Bowling Center.

The evening was filled with friendly competition, networking, and fun, with Vice Mayor Mark Nagales, South San Francisco School Board Member Amy Lam, and Daly City Vice Mayor Teresa Proaño joining the festivities.

Congratulations to our winning team from Kaiser Permanente, led by Stacey Wagner, for taking home top honors! Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored, and supported this event. Your enthusiasm helped make it a fun and successful evening while supporting the Chamber's mission to serve our business community.



Welcoming Our 2026–2028 Board of Directors

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was proud to swear in its 2026–2028 Board of Directors during a recent board meeting.

Congratulations to Mike Formosa, Dani Fandino, Cesar Dominguez, Judy Reyes, Dr. Tina Bray, Yamel Rodriguez, and John Sanna as they begin their three-year terms. We appreciate their willingness to serve and help guide the Chamber as we continue supporting local businesses and strengthening our community.

A special thank you to Kilroy Realty for hosting our meeting and for their continued partnership with the Chamber. We truly appreciate your hospitality and support.

[Kilroy Realty](#)

Ribbon Cutting Celebrates The UPS Store

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was proud to celebrate the grand opening of The UPS Store with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Grand Avenue.

The event welcomed owners Bobby and Mo Sehgal, whose family also owns two other UPS Store locations in South San Francisco. Chamber members, local businesses, and community leaders gathered to celebrate this exciting milestone. **Mayor Mark Addiego** and **Council Member Eddie Flores** joined in the ribbon cutting to officially welcome the newest location.

Congratulations to Bobby, Mo, and the entire Sehgal family! We wish you continued success and thank you for your ongoing investment in the South San Francisco community.
[Shipping, Mailing and Printing Service Near Me in South San Francisco, CA | The UPS Store - 201 Grand Ave](#)





Christmas in July Mixer

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce brought a little holiday cheer to the summer with its Christmas in July Business Mixer at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel.

Members and guests enjoyed an evening of networking, great conversations, and festive fun while building new business connections. The event was attended by **Council Member James Coleman** and other community leaders, who joined local businesses in celebrating the Chamber's growing network.

A special thank you to the **DoubleTree by Hilton** for hosting a wonderful evening and to everyone who attended and helped make the mixer a success. We look forward to seeing you at our next Chamber event!



Dear South San Francisco Business Owner:

Congratulations, your business is invited to participate in **Genentech Goes to Town 2026**! We're excited that this year's program will take place **September 14 – 27, 2026**.

Genentech Goes to Town is a community engagement program sponsored by Genentech and operated in partnership with the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. Since the program's inception, Genentech has invested more than \$5.1 million to support local businesses. Our goal is to extend a bridge between our employees and your business!

How it Works

- Locally-owned or operated businesses are invited and confirm participation.
- Genentech will give employees \$25 in special "GenenMoney" with a list of participating businesses.
- Participating businesses are reimbursed by the SSF Chamber of Commerce for the GenenMoney they collect from Genentech employees.

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 19	Confirm Participation in the Program: Your participation is completely free and voluntary. If you choose not to participate, please contact the Chamber no later than August 19 .
Monday, September 8	First day of the program Display your <i>Genentech Goes To Town</i> Poster in your window. Ensure your staff are aware that your business is participating.
September 14 ~ 27	Program duration: Accept GenenMoney and make change in U.S. currency. You must make change to participate in this program. For example, if a Genentech employee buys \$23.15 worth of merchandise, you will accept \$25 in GenenMoney and return \$1.85 in cash. The full \$25 will be reimbursed to you by your local Chamber.
Sunday, September 27	Last day of the program Please remove your <i>Genentech Goes To Town</i> Poster Bring the GenenMoney collected to the Chamber for reimbursement
Friday, October 23	Last day to receive reimbursement of GenenMoney Any GenenMoney brought in after October 23 will NOT be reimbursed by your Chamber. Chambers will not accept GenenMoney from prior years.

Next Steps

1. Unless we hear from you, we will include you on this year's merchant list. Participation in the program is completely **free and voluntary**. If you choose not to participate, please contact the Chamber immediately, **no later than Wednesday, August 19**.
2. Make a note of the important dates and share the program information with all staff members.
3. Contact the Chamber if you need additional posters to display, or have questions about the program.
4. GenenMoney will be machine-counted at the Chamber for reimbursement; **please do not staple or tape the bills together. NO REIMBURSEMENT AFTER OCTOBER 23.**

Thank you, and we look forward to working with you on this year's *Genentech Goes to Town*!

Sincerely,

Mary Prem
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
info@ssfchamber.com

Ragnar von Schiber
Employee Communications & Engagement
Genentech, Inc., A Member of the Roche Group

WORKPLACE HOSPITALITY SOLUTIONS

Flexible dining, catering, and gathering spaces designed to elevate the employee experience across our Bay Area workplace destinations.



CORE SERVICES



EMPLOYEE MEAL PROGRAMS

Support employee engagement with customized meal subsidies, team dining stipends, and workplace dining solutions tailored to your organization's needs.



DROP-OFF MEAL SERVICES

Fresh meals, catering, and hospitality delivered directly to your office for meetings, events, and everyday workplace needs.



MEETING ROOMS & EVENT SPACES

From small team gatherings to large-scale company events, our portfolio offers flexible meeting, conference, and private event spaces supported by full-service hospitality.

FEATURED DESTINATIONS



- Two bowling lanes
- Pool table
- Full-service bar
- Coffee bar
- Private dining room
- Event spaces for up to 600 guests



- Heated waterfront patio
- Outdoor fire pits
- Shuffleboard
- Pool table
- Outdoor putting green
- Horseshoes
- Full-service bar
- Private meeting room
- Event spaces for up to 300 guests



- Indoor and outdoor patio dining
- Bocce courts
- Private dining room
- Event spaces for up to 200 guests



- Market Hall featuring four unique micro-restaurants
- Conference and meeting room spaces
- Event spaces for up to 1,000 guests
- Onsite coffee bar
- Second-floor restaurant with full-service bar
- Panoramic views of South San Francisco



- Conference and meeting space for up to 100 guests
- Private dining room
- Coffee bar
- Beer, wine, and cocktail service

LET'S CREATE A BETTER WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE

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August 2026



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Polynesian Night

August 15
5PM Cocktails / 6PM Dinner

— MENU —

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\$40 - Members / \$45 Non-Members
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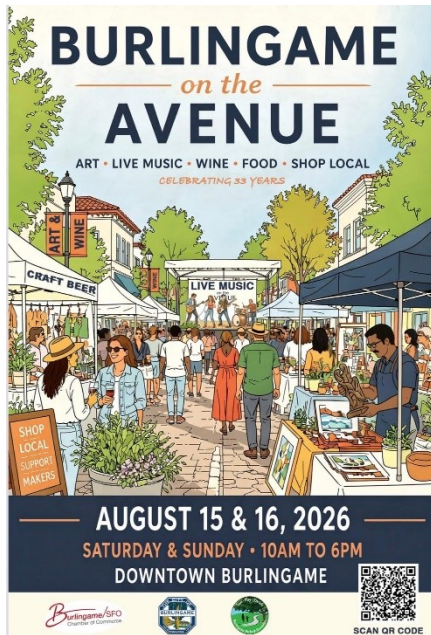
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Limited Seating: RSVP by August 7.
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Every Thursday from July to December, there will be career services available at our space in Downtown San Bruno from 12pm-7pm including:

- One-on-one meetings with a Career Readiness Coordinator
- Workshops on: building a strong resume, learning how to effectively interview, networking best practices, and what it means to be professional
- The chance to meet actively hiring employers!



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JOIN US



To sign up for a workshop, scan the QR code or visit:

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**Dates up to December 2026*

Questions? Contact:
Ron Chand, Career Readiness Coordinator
chandron@smccd.edu



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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
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PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

VENDOR FAIR

Tuesday, September 22 | 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

555 County Center, Redwood City
County Center Courtyard

Ready to work with the County? Get everything you need to get started
Join us at the Vendor Fair to learn about:

- The County's eProcurement platform – OpenGov
- County department solicitations – visit their booths
- Tips for navigating the procurement process
- Networking opportunities and more!



Register Now

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Celebrate



YEARS

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Amador General Construction
(March 2022)

www.amadorgc.com

AMGEN (July 2021)

<https://www.amgen.com/>

Brady Air Service (July 2003)

<https://bradyair.com/>



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MEMBERS!

Bronstein Music (April 1946)

<http://www.bronsteinmusic.com>

Dead Eye Coffee Bar (May 2018)

<https://www.deadeyecoffeebar.com>

Dumpling Empire (August 2011)

<https://dumplingempire.localon.com/>

Embassy Suites (July 1988)

<https://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/index.html>

Historical Society of South San Francisco (July 2005)

<https://ssfhistory.org/>

My Growth Marketer (May 2025)

<https://www.mygrowthmarketer.com/services-1>

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center (July 2021)

<https://www.rencenter.org/>

Samaritan House (February 2002)

<http://www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org>

SM8 (June 2021)

Sailesh Mehra

greensailesh@gmail.com

SSF Conference Center (August 1992)

<https://www.ssfconf.com>

SSF Police Association, Inc. (July 1980)

<http://www.ssfpoliceassociation.org>

Ultragenyx (July 2020)

www.ultragenyx.com

**Friendly reminder to
Chamber Members:**

**Have you changed your contact
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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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Not a Chamber member yet?
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Calendar of Events

8/20 - August Mixer hosted by NEMS at Rockoto Peruvian Cuisine

9/14- 9/27 GGTT - Genentech Goes To Town Program

**9/18 Best of South San Francisco 2026 Annual Awards Gala (Genentech Campus)
Prepaid - Reservations Required (No Walk In's)**

11/5 Taste of SSF (Embassy Suites-SSF)

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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Laura Snideman

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