

December 2022



## Our monthly news & updates

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**\*\*\* HUGE SUCCESS! \*\*\***

On Friday, November 4th, the 34th annual Taste of South San Francisco took place at the SSF Conference Center.

We had two wonderful events that day:

### **Taste of the Year in Review**

The City of SSF in partnership with the SSF Chamber of Commerce presented the first ever Taste of the Year in Review. This was community informational breakfast event and economic outlook with Mayor Nagales, City Manager Mike Futrell, and Economist, Jason Moody.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE PHOTOS OF  
TASTE OF THE YEAR IN REVIEW EVENT](#)  
PHOTOS: SCOTT BUSCHMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

### **Taste of SSF**

This 34th annual event saw record-breaking attendance! Over 450 guests attended with 50 vendors who served their delicious cuisine.

A very special thank you to Genentech, a major sponsor for both events.

Read some what some attendees wrote to the Chamber of Commerce:

*"Thank you Genentech, your sponsorship for the event demonstrated true compassion and community spirit."*

*"Our sincere gratitude for the positive exposure and an overflow of attendees.....thank you so very much"*

*"As owners of a local, family-run business, my wife and I truly appreciate Genentech's commitment to support local business"*



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TASTE OF SSF](#)  
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VIVA  
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## TOY DRIVE-THRU

**Drop off new unwrapped toys**

**Sunday  
December 11th  
10 am - 2pm**



**437 Grand Ave.  
South San Francisco**

Toy donations can also be dropped off ahead of time  
at Antigua Coffee Shop Dec 1st- Dec 11th

**All proceeds go to farmworkers children**



**Direct Action for Farmworkers Organization  
delivers toys to families in need**





***A Champagne & Port Extravaganza!***  
**with a Festive Sabering, Traditional Port Tonging, Lite Bites,  
& Good Cheer For All**

Learn more about these ultimate luxury wines in this truly unique seated tasting! Join co-owners [Kristin Campbell](#) and [David Glancy, MS, CWE](#) as they kick off the holidays with a Champagne Sabering performed in the tradition of Napoleon's cavalry, but with David's Scottish sword. :)

**Friday, December 16th**

**6:00-8:00pm**

San Francisco Wine School\*

415 Grand Ave #301

South San Francisco

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)**

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San Francisco Wine School is proud to host this special session of **How to Build a Successful Beverage Program** for the California Restaurant Association. Registrants will also receive a discount on CRA membership!

Learn how to build a successful beverage program from scratch or revamp one that's struggling! [Master Sommelier David Glancy](#) will discuss his top tips, tricks, and mistakes to avoid when establishing your beverage concept & format, pricing for sales & profit, and selection strategies. Cost control, preservation systems, & market trends will also be covered. Wine, beer, spirits, coffee, tea, and water will all be part of the conversation and we'll make sure to leave time for questions at the end!

**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**

**10am-11am**

**This is a free seminar sponsored by the California Restaurant Association. You must register to attend**

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)**

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### **Sitike Appointed to Domestic Violence Council**

The Board of Supervisors recently appointed Sitike to the Domestic Violence Council (DVC). Domestic Violence impacts an estimated 10,000 people in San Mateo County each year and members of the DVC work together to reduce and prevent domestic violence and enhance victims' services. Sitike was appointed as an agency that provides treatment services to batterers and will hold the seat for four years. To learn more about the DVC, [visit here](#).

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JOIN OUR

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are seeking dedicated, diverse and enthusiastic Board Members to help advance our mission and vision. The people who make up our Board of Directors are ordinary people with an extraordinary goal - to help those struggling with addiction and mental health challenges find hope, resiliency, and life-affirming change.





# IF YOU THRIVE IN ANY OF THESE AREAS, WE NEED YOU:

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- Advocacy
- Communications
- Fundraising
- Law
- Marketing
- Technology
- Public Policy
- Public Relations



**Please submit your resume and cover letter to  
Keri Kirby, Executive Director, at  
[kkirby@sitike.org](mailto:kkirby@sitike.org).**

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**Shop local this holiday season at the  
Renaissance Winter Pop-Up!**

Coinciding with Santa Comes to Town, you'll have the chance to buy handmade, creative gifts and food from Renaissance clients and friends for all the people on your list.

The event takes place at the Economic Advancement Center,  
366 Grand Ave. on Dec 4, 11am-3pm.



Renaissance Winter

# Pop-Up



December 4, 2022  
11am - 3 pm  
366 Grand Ave, SSF, CA

*Featuring*  
Local food, craft, and  
fashion vendors!



*Shop local, eat local this  
Holiday Season!*



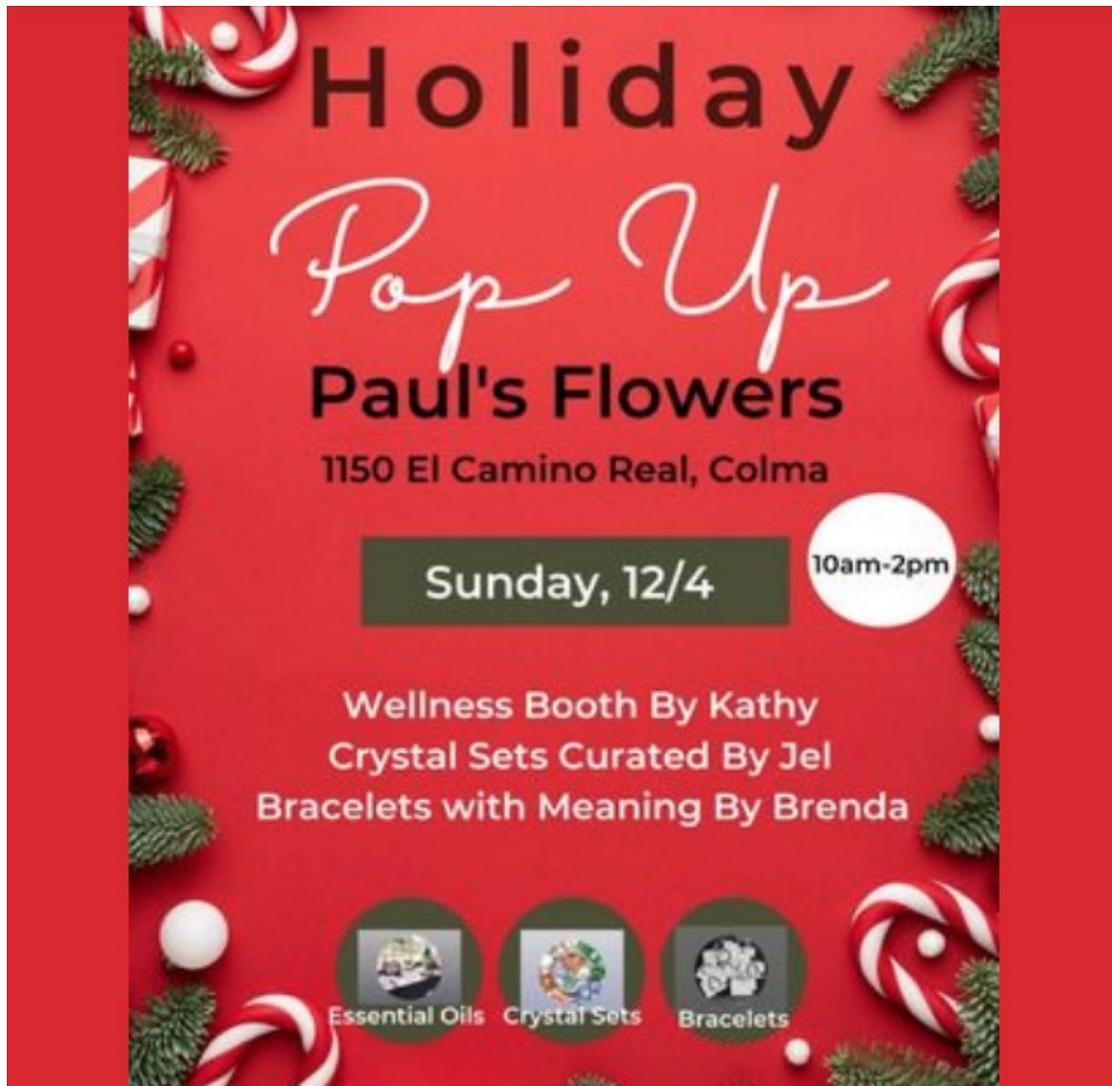
With the generous partnership and support of the San Mateo County Equity Innovation Fund, Renaissance Center will help the County's small businesses build their capacities and obtain certifications through our BizCert Program. As qualified businesses, entrepreneurs can access, bid on, and secure contracting opportunities with local, state, and federal government entities and corporations. The program can create systemic change for San Mateo County's business owners of color, women, and lower income.

You must live in or have a business based in San Mateo County to qualify. Whether you are new to Renaissance or an existing client, we invite you to explore how BizCert can open doors to new contracting opportunities. Please complete the [BizCert Informational Survey](#) to get started or email [bizcert@rencenter.org](mailto:bizcert@rencenter.org).

[Click here for the link to the English survey](#)

[Click here for the link to the Spanish survey](#)

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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.

*Not a Chamber member yet?*

## SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

City of SSF and SSF Chamber of Commerce  
**Santa Comes to Town**  
Sunday, December 4, 2022  
11am-3:00pm  
SSF City Hall  
400 Grand Ave., SSF

**SSF Women's Club and Chamber Mixer Presents**  
**Holiday Mixer and Gift Drive**  
Thursday, December 8, 2022  
5:00pm – 6:30pm  
470 Grand Avenue, SSF  
Rsvp: [info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)

Contact the Chamber at  
[info@ssfchamber.com](mailto:info@ssfchamber.com)  
or visit [www.ssfchamber.com](http://www.ssfchamber.com)

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

**City of South San Francisco  
City Council Re-organization  
Tuesday, December 13, 2022  
6:00pm  
SSF Conference Center  
255 S. Airport Blvd., SSF**

**Chairman Circle Holiday Party (Private event)  
Thursday, December 15, 2022  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel  
380 S. Airport Blvd., SSF  
Rsvp: [linda@ssfchamber.com](mailto:linda@ssfchamber.com)**

**SSF Chamber and See's Candies  
Sip n Shop at See's Candies  
Thursday, February 2, 2023  
6pm-7:30pm  
See's Candies  
400 S. Airport Blvd., SSF**

**SSF Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition &  
Business Awards  
Thursday, March 23, 2023 (tentative)  
Reception at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm  
255 S. Airport Blvd, SSF**

**SSF Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Luncheon  
Thursday, April 20, 2023  
11:30am-1:30pm  
Location tbd**

**The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of SSF  
Friday, November 3, 2023  
12:00n – 2:00pm  
South San Francisco Conference Center  
255 S. Airport Blvd, SSF**

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## 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](#)!



**Colonial Life**  
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Campbell, CA. 95008

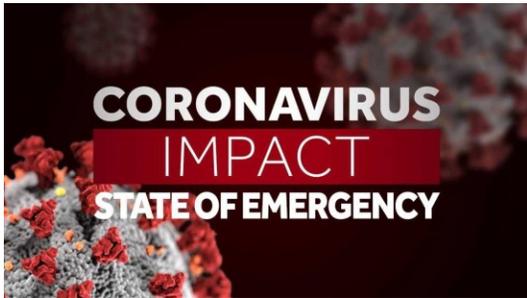


**Your support is truly appreciated!**

Blake Griggs Properties (November 2017)  
Fashion Cuts (December 2020)  
InFlowtech, Inc. (November 2007)  
Peninsula Clean Energy (November 2017)  
R&A Janitorial Service, LLC (November 2006)  
Sares Regis (December 2015)  
SKS Partners, LLC (June 2018)  
Sonesta ES Suites SFO Airport Oyster Point (March 2012)  
South San Francisco Women's Club (December 2005)

## Legislative Watch List

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



**California to end the COVID state of emergency**

*CalMatters*



**Factors to Consider When Deciding Whether to Pay for "Try-Out" Time**

*CalChamber Alert*

## 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



**2022 Board of Directors**

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CEO/President  
Beacon Business Bank

Vice-President  
Kristin Ditlevsen  
Beacon Business Bank

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BLT Construction

Olga Garcia  
CG Moving Company

Kevin Williams  
California Water Service

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vacant

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