February 2023



Our monthly news & updates

Visit our Website!

A Message from Chamber President, Kristin Ditlevsen

Dear Members,

I want to thank all of you who participated in the recent nomination and election of the current Board of Directors. We asked, and you stepped up with some great nominations! We welcome your participation, input and suggestions, so keep it coming.



As incoming President, I look forward to getting back to the business of having more events and connecting our members with the resources they need to make their businesses as successful as possible. Rest assured we are looking at all aspects of how we have done things in the past, and how we want to do them in the future. There is a lot of planning and quick action necessary to make this year a success. I appreciate the team I have around me, and I look forward to working with our Board Members and Chamber Members to set the tone for the future of the organization.

As you will see, we already have several great events queued up this year. Our events Committee is working on increasing our marketing efforts and creating opportunities to bring our members together. Speaking of committees, we have set an aggressive pace forming new committees to focus on the key areas such as Membership, Finance, Events and Marketing, Education Foundation, Governance, and Public Policy. The goal is to make sure that the work of the Chamber is supported by teams who bring their expertise and enthusiasm to the table so that we can sustain this wonderful organization. I have said many times, this is not a job for one person, or even just a few people.

On the topic of a lot of work being done by a few people, I want to thank our Interim CEO Linda Parenti for navigating the Chamber through another CEO transition during an especially challenging year in 2022. I also want to thank our staff member Arlene Dozier for being a source of consistent, positive, support to the Chamber. I can't express enough to both of you how much your hard work and welcoming support have meant to us.

MEET YOUR NEW CHAMBER DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS!

Join us for a mixer at Amoura Restaurant Thursday, February 16 5:00pm - 6:30pm

> 713 Linden Avenue (650) 754-6891 www.amourasf.com















Amoura Restaurant 7713 Linden Ave., SSF, CA 94080 (650) 754-6891 www.amourasf.com





□ 02/16/23 **○** 5pm-6:30pm

WELCOME TO TWO MORE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(In addition to announcement of Board of Directors in the January newsletter)

Pravin Punjiya

Pravin has 30 years of experience in Business Administration, hotel management, project management and software development. Pravin manages / operates multiple family hospitality development businesses. He has been involved in software project management and product management for Lockheed Martin Corp for 25 years.



Pravin's strengths include business operations and financial analysis of new projects, team building, accounting and project management. Pravin holds an MBA, master's in Computer Science and a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

Sailesh Mehra

I have worked as a professional city planner from 1999-2021. Leading up to starting my professional career, I worked for WEBCOR Builders and learned about the construction industry. My career as a city planner began with the City of San Francisco, where I worked on simple additions to contentious Use Permits and Variances. During my time in San Francisco, I honed my design skills. Also, I learned the art of working with applicants, their architects, land use attorneys and stakeholders.



In 2001, I began working for the City of Redwood City. It was with Redwood City where I really gained most of my experience as a project planner. During my 14 years with Redwood City, I assisted in revitalizing downtown, various rezoning efforts citywide, including the Downtown Precise Plan and the General Plan. Some of the notable development projects I worked on include the Greystar high-density projects, residential subdivisions of various densities in different neighborhoods throughout the city, the Dostart building and the construction phase of the BOX buildings.

In 2015, I was hired by the city of South San Francisco. During my time in South San Francisco as the Planning Director, I led the planning division, which oversaw the entitlement process and ultimately constructed nearly 1,400 residential units and over four million square feet of projects Citywide. In this leadership role, I was able to institute change, improve efficiencies, hire, train and retain staff, and build relationships between different city departments and divisions that were lacking. One of the things I'm most proud of during my time in South San Francisco was building relationships with the community at large, building credibility with stakeholders, as well as various boards and committees and commissions. I left South San Francisco to begin what would be a short tenure with the City of San Mateo to head up the Planning Department in November of 2020. In this role, I felt that I could continue to bring change by improving efficiencies, mentor young planners and continue to build great projects and make a wonderful city even better. However, due to lack of clear direction and strong leadership, I felt it was time to mutually part ways with San Mateo at the end of March of 2021.

Currently, I am a real estate development consultant and developer. My client list includes, BioMed Realty, Bohannan Development, WL Butler Construction, among others. I am also on the San Carlos Economic Development Advisory Commission and an active member of both the San Mateo County Chamber and South San Francisco Chamber.

Annual Recognition and Business Awards

March 23, 2023 at SSF Conference Center

The Annual Recognition and Business Awards Dinner is an event that cannot be missed! Awards will be given to businesses, organizations, and people in the categories of:

Business of the Year, Minority/Women Owned Business, Pivot Pro/Innovation, Legacy/Family Owned Business, Excellence in Small Business, Special Recognition, Chamber Board Director of the Year, Mayor's Award, Dick Noftsger Lifetime Achievement Award.

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

Special Event Sponsorships are available. Contact info@ssfchamber.com if you are interested in a sponsorship, or phone 650-588-1911.

CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION/INVITATION

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce 2023 Annual Recognition & Business Awards Dinner Chairman Circle Sponsors:

Genentech ~ South San Francisco Scavenger Co. ~ Kaiser Permanente Tri Counties Bank ~ Kilroy Realty Corporation ~ California Water Service Beacon Business Bank~ Chajinel Home Care Services ~ Liberty Bank

Special Event Sponsors

Gold Sponsorship \$3,000: Full table of 10 reserved seats, prominent placement and logo inclusion on marketing materials, social media, newsletter, event program, stage recognition, and prime seating.

Silver Sponsorship \$2,500: 6 tickets to event, prominent placement and logo inclusion on marketing materials, social media, newsletter, event program, stage recognition and prime seating.

media, newsletter, event program, stage recognition and prime seating.

Bronze Sponsorship \$1,500: 4 tickets to event, prominent placement and logo inclusion on marketing materials, social media, newsletter, event program, stage recognition, and prime seating.

Company Name:	Sponsorship Level:	
Contact Person	Phone	Email

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Reception: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., SSF
MC of Ceremonies Congresswoman Jackie Speier (ret)
Outstanding Business Award Recipients

Business of the Year
Pro Color Collision

See's Candies

Pivot Pro/Innovation
47 Hills Brewing Company
San Francisco Wine School

Excellence in Small Business
Bitters & Bottles

Legacy/Family-Owned Business R&A Janitorial Services

Minority/Women Owned Business Flowers by Sonia Chamber Board Director of the Year
Jim McGuire

Special Recognition

Sharon Ranals ~~ Department of Public Works~~ Genentech ~~ South San Francisco Conference Center

Dick Noftsger Lifetime Achievement

Mayor's Award

Economic Advancement Center

Menu: Petite Filet and Chicken, or Vegetarian

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT REQUIRED

Name/s
Company;
Reserve places @ \$110.00 per person (early bird price)
Phone
Reserve places @ \$120.00 per person after March 16, if seats available
Filet & Chicken Vegetarian
Check Enclosed Visa /MC/AMEX Exp.

RSVP: https://www.ssfchamber.com/events.aspx, or email: info@ssfchamber.com or call the Chamber at 650-588-1911

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce - 213 Linden Avenue, SSF - phone: 650-588-1911 - web: www.ssfchamber.com

Valentine's Day is around the corner! Let Dominic's create your Valentine's Day dinner for you.

Text us at 650-240-9050

or email at dominicsonthego@gmail.com



Curbside pick up for Tuesday, February 14th. Pick up reservations will be from 2pm to 7pm. All orders need to be placed no later than Sunday, February 12th by 5pm. Minimum of 2 per order.



Appetizer: Baked Brie & Apricot Compote with Crackers Salad: Butter Lettuce, Strawberries, Palm Hearts, Feta Cheese & Raspberry Vinaigrette

INTERMEZZO

Shrimp Scampi

MAIN ENTREE

Filet Mignon with Wild Mushroom Risotto & Butter served with Garlic Asparagus

DESSERTS

Red Velvet Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

You get all this for \$39.95 per person plus sales tax

Call in and reserve your orders at 650-240-9050 or email us at dominicsonthego@gmail.com

Make sure you receive a text or email confirmation that your order is reserved Pick up address is 121 S Maple Ave. #15, SSF, CA 94080

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation is pleased to announce its sponsorship of college scholarships to assist students to continue their academic pursuits!

Student applicants must be residents of South San Francisco and applications must be received by March 9, 2023 at 4pm.



Click here for more information.



SSF LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

840 W Orange Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080

23 FEB

How to Create Newsletters Using Canva

Sending newsletters is a great way to reach your clients! Learn how to create engaging content and design using the free design tool, Canva!



SCAN TO

ONLINE 12-1F

IN-PERSON 6 - 7P

2 MAR

How to Animate Posts & Create Short Videos in Canva

You can also create animations and short videos for social media, websites, and much more by using Canva!



SCAN TO REGISTER

9 MAR

How to Design Business Cards Using Canva

Business cards are the first impression you give of your business! Learn how you can introduce your business to your clients using Canva!

16 MAR

How to Design Food Menus in Canva

A restaurant's menu gives the customer a great idea of the business's personality. Canva is a great free design tool that will allow you to make those connections and impressions to your customers!

ONLINE 12 - 1P

CONTACT

brc@rencenter.org

(650) 829 4635

REGISTER



IN-PERSON 6 - 7P





GET CERTIFIED AS A GREEN BUSINESS

- Save Money
- Improve Employee Wellness & Productivity
- Get Recognition
- Have a Marketing Edge
- Help the Environment!





SCAN TO GET CERTIFIED Need Assistance? Contact Renaissance brc@rencenter.org (650) 829.4652



www.ssfchamber.com International Women's Day & Women's History Month #FabulousWomenFriday

We are so excited to present to you the first series of #FabulousWomenFriday!







In this series of posts, our goal will be to highlight the wonderful & fabulous women who are members of our chamber, community members, & any woman making a difference in the #Peninsula in honor of March 8th, International Women's Day & Women's History Month.

Please send us a photo, & a short bio of the women you want to highlight from your business

Email: info@ssfchamber.com by 02/15/2023



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 <u>Facebook</u> for the latest Chamber news.

SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

SSF Chamber and See's Candies Sip n' Shop at See's Candies

Thursday, February 2, 2023 6:00pm-7:30pm See's Candies 400 S. Airport Blvd., SSF

Meet Your New Directors & 2023 Chamber Officers

February 16, 2023 5:00pm-6:30pm Amoura Restaurant 713 Linden Ave, SSF rsvp:info@ssfchamber.com

How to Create Newsletters Using Canva – online

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSF Library Workshops

February 23, 2023 12:00pm -1:00pm Register: rencenter.org, or contact brc@rencenter.org

How to Animate Posts & Create Short Videos in Canva (in person) Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSF Library Workshops

March 2, 2023
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Register rencenter.org, or contact
brc@rencenter.org

How to Design Business Cards Using Canva (online) Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSF

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSI Library Workshops

March 9, 2023 12:00pm – 1:00pm Register rencenter.org, or contact brc@rencenter.org

How to Design Food Menus in Canva (in person)
Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSF

Library Workshops March 16, 2023 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Register rencenter.org, or contact brc@rencenter.org

SSF Chamber of Commerce Annual Recognition & Business Awards

Thursday, March 23, 2023 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 Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave., SSF rsvp: www.ssfchamber.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: www.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 <u>event calendar!</u>



Clutch Moving Company

Steven Mandac (650)425-0353

Email: steven@clutchmovingcompany.com https://clutchmovingcompany.com/

Peninsula Battery Inc.

Nahall Fells 1139 Airport Blvd. South San Francisco, CA 94080 (650)583-6735

Email: peninsulabatteryinc.com https://www.peninsulabatteryinc.com/



Your support is truly appreciated!

ABM Industries (December 2004)

AC Hotel SFO Oyster Point Waterfront (April 2017)

Ben Tre Restaurant (September 2020)

City Cabling (February 2014)

Costco Wholesale – El Camino (December 2007)

Dimerco Express (U.S.A.) Corp. (April 2009)

El Santaneco (October 2019)

Flavas Jamaican Grill (October 2013)

GNS South Tower, LP (February 2016)

Mom's Tofu House (May 2021)

Morrow Service, Inc. (February 1995)

Oyster Point Yacht Club (December 2008)

Prestige Optics, Inc. (October 1989)

San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Canepa (August 2017)

San Mateo Credit Union (February 1988)

San Mateo Economic Development Assoc. (February 1997)

Legislative Watch List

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



Cal/OSHA Extends COVID-19
Workplace Rules for Two Years

CalChamber



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

Genentech A Member of the Roche Group

Chairman Circle – SILVER MEMBERS









Chairman Circle - BRONZE MEMBERS











2023 Board Officers

President Kristin Ditlevsen Beacon Business Bank

Vice President Olga Garcia CG Moving Company

Board of Directors

Bill Benavides BLT Construction

Matthew Butler Tri Counties Bank

David Huddleston

Chamber Personnel

Linda Parenti Interim CEO

Arlene Dozier Administrative Assistant Treasurer Kevin Williams California Water Service

EX Officio Interim City Manager Sharon Ranals **BWP Grosvenor Hotel**

Daniela Jonguitud Chajinel Home Care Services

Keri Kirby Sitike Counseling Center

Reggie Kumar AC Hotel by Marriott SFO

> Darius Lahtinen Genentech

Sailesh Mehra SM8

Natalia Morales Kilroy Realty Corporation

Christina Ng Grand Palace Restaurant

> Shetal Patel Hampton Inn SFO

Pravin Punjiya
Fairfield Inn by Marriott SFO

Kevin Worth Kaiser Permanente

South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce | 213 Linden Avenue, South San Francisco, CA $94080\,$

<u>Unsubscribe info@ssfchamber.com</u>

<u>Update Profile | Constant Contact Data Notice</u>

Sent by <u>linda@ssfchamber.com</u> powered by

