

February 2026



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### From the Desk of:

**Dani Fandino**, Flowers & Events by Dani |  
President, Board of Directors, SSF Chamber of Commerce

Our January Mixer at **Thai Satay** was everything a Chamber event should be. Full room. Great energy. Real connections being made.

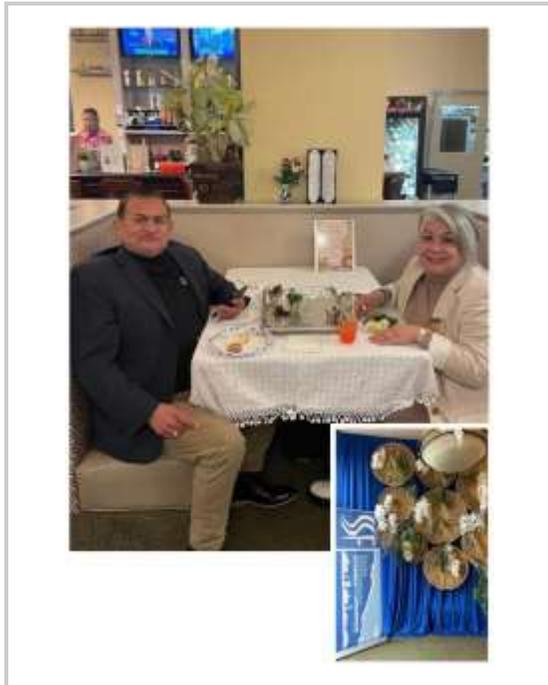
A huge thank you to **Boon and Ann** for co-hosting and welcoming more than 100 members and guests into their space. The food, as always, was incredible. Thai Satay continues to show what it means to be both a successful restaurant and a committed Chamber partner.

Nights like this are a reminder that being a Chamber member is not just about paying dues. It is about showing up. It is about building relationships with other business owners, local leaders, and potential partners. It is about creating opportunities for referrals, collaborations, and long-term growth.

You truly get out of your membership what you put into it.

If you were there, thank you for being part of the momentum. If you missed it, I hope to see you at the next mixer. Come ready to connect.





## A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



January came in hot and I loved every minute of it.

We started with a packed mixer at **Thai Satay**. Great food from **Boon and Ann**, social media tips from **Phillip Archer** that you can actually use, and cocktails from **Celestina** that kept the conversations going. The room was buzzing. That's what happens when people show up ready to connect.

We also welcomed our new City Manager, **Laura Snideman**, at **Kilroy Phase 2**. Real conversations, honest dialogue, and a strong reminder that the Chamber's job is to make sure your business voice is heard at City Hall.

Behind the scenes, we're growing membership, strengthening our board, building Peninsula partnerships, working on scholarships, and lining up what's next.

Speaking of next, restaurant owners take note. We're partnering with the **San Francisco Peninsula** and neighboring chambers for Flavors of the **Peninsula Restaurant Week, April 23 through May 3, 2026**. It's a great chance to showcase your menu, attract new diners, and get regional publicity. Start thinking about what you want to feature.

Thank you for showing up, sponsoring, volunteering, and believing in this community. The Chamber works when you work it, and January proved we're off to a strong start.

With gratitude,  
Mary



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**For Immediate Release**

## California Water Service Group Opens 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Program to Students in its Service Areas

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Students living in California Water Service Group's (Group) (NYSE: CWT) California, Hawaii, New Mexico, and Washington service areas can now apply for the company's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Scholarship Program. Up to \$80,000 in scholarship funds are available to help offset the cost of post-secondary education.

To be eligible for one of four \$10,000 grand-prize scholarships or additional scholarships ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000, applicants must plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate study program at an accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school for the 2026-2027 academic year. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement, community service, and financial need.

"As we kick off our 100th year of service to our customers, we are pleased to again offer scholarships to lessen the financial barriers that can deter students from pursuing their dreams," said Marty Kropelnicki, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "This program is part of our commitment to customers, and one that we hope will make a meaningful impact for years to come."

To learn more about the scholarship program or to apply, students should visit [scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/cawater](https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/cawater). The application period will close on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Winners will be announced in late May.

Group's Scholarship Program is part of the company's stockholder-funded philanthropic giving program and does not affect customers' rates. The program is administered by Scholarship America, a 501(c)(3)



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# Press Release

*Breaking News*



non-profit organization. To date, Group has provided \$839,000 in scholarships to students through the program.

#### About California Water Service Group

California Water Service Group (NYSE: CWT) is the largest regulated water utility in the western United States. It provides high-quality, reliable water and/or wastewater services to more than 2.1 million people in California, Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington, and Texas through its regulated subsidiaries, California Water Service, Hawaii Water Service, New Mexico Water Service, and Washington Water Service, and its utility holding company, Texas Water Service. This year, the company commemorates a century of service.

Group's purpose is to enhance the quality of life for customers, communities, employees, and stockholders. To do so, it invests responsibly in water and wastewater infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, and community well-being. The company's nearly 1,300 employees live by a set of strong core values and share a commitment to protecting the planet, caring for people, and operating with the utmost integrity. The company has been named one of "America's Most Responsible Companies" and the "World's Most Trustworthy Companies" by *Newsweek*, a USA Top Workplace, and a Great Place to Work®. More information is available at [www.calwatergroup.com](http://www.calwatergroup.com).

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## Welcome Reception for City Manager Laura Snideman at Kilroy Phase 2

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was proud to host a welcome reception at Kilroy Phase 2 to introduce and celebrate our new City Manager, Laura Snideman.

Laura steps into this role with more than two decades of municipal leadership across Northern California. She brings a strong mix of strategic vision, operational experience, and deep understanding of how cities function at their best. From economic development to community engagement, her background reflects thoughtful leadership and a steady hand.

We were honored to have members of the Chamber Board of Directors in attendance, along with Mayor Mike Addiego, Councilmembers James Coleman, and Mark Nagales. The evening created space for open conversation, thoughtful dialogue, and relationship building between business and city leadership. A special thank you to Natalia Morales, Chamber Board Member and Vice President of Property and Asset Management at Kilroy Realty, for graciously hosting us at Kilroy Phase 2. Her leadership and partnership continue to strengthen the connection between our business community and the spaces where innovation happens every day.

As the voice of business in our community, the Chamber looks forward to working closely with Laura and her team. Our goal is simple. We want to ensure the needs of our businesses, from small family-owned shops to major employers, are heard clearly and brought directly to City Hall.

Strong cities are built on collaboration. We are excited about this new chapter and the partnership ahead.



# THE SAN FRANCISCO Peninsula

In partnership with San Mateo County's Chambers of Commerce present:



Brisbane | San Bruno | South San Francisco | Millbrae |  
Daly City | Burlingame | East Palo Alto

San Mateo | Foster City | San Carlos | Redwood City | Belmont  
Woodside | Half Moon Bay | Pacifica

Bayside & Coastside

A 10-Day Culinary Adventure across our region, showcasing the best culinary talent and diverse offerings on the Peninsula. We invite Restaurants to join the celebration and promote your business to visitors and local community members alike. Show the Bay why dining on the Peninsula can't be beat!

10-Days of two events - one Bayside week and one Coastside week

April 23-May 3, 2026

Exclusive Media preview event Monday April 20th

VIP kickoff event on Thursday April 23rd - showcasing Chef tastings and beverage sponsors

Prix-Fixe Menu offerings starting at \$20 (lunch) with an array of pricing options

Contact your local Chamber to RSVP and sign up!

Marketing & Promotion by **af&co.**



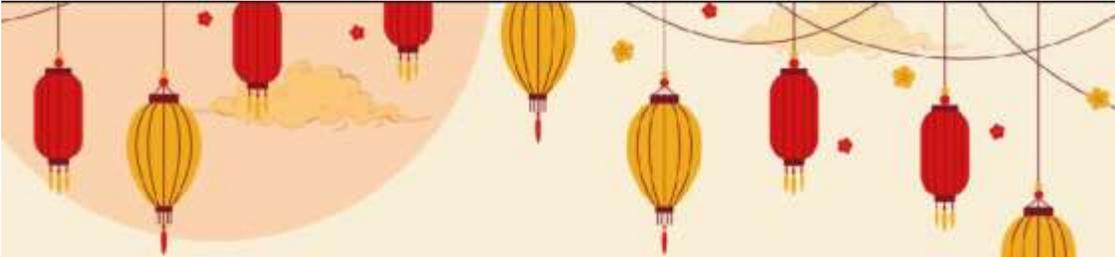
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SAN MATEO COUNTY

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



HALF MOON BAY COASTSIDE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITORS' BUREAU

It's your connection



# **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO LUNAR NEW YEAR NIGHT MARKET**

**LION DANCE | FOOD | ARTS & CRAFTS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026  
3:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**Maple Avenue between Miller Avenue  
and Grand Avenue**



[www.ssfca.gov/LNYMarket2026](http://www.ssfca.gov/LNYMarket2026)



**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO  
SCAVENGER  
COMPANY, INC.**

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## New Members for January

### **7 Mile House**

Vanessa Garcia  
2800 Bayshore Blvd.  
Brisbane, CA 94005  
(415)467-2343  
<https://7milehouse.com/>

### **Fox Rent A Car, Inc.**

Pinky Andrada  
323 S. Canal Street  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(415)917-2707  
<https://www.foxrentacar.com/>

### **MB Financial & Insurance Services**

Marcel Balmeo  
355 Gellert Blvd., Suite 216  
Daly City, CA 94015  
(650)754-4559  
<https://www.mbfinaancialinsuranceservices.com/>

## Renewing Members

AC Hotel SFO/Oyster Point Waterfront (April 2017)  
Bonneville (February 2024)  
G. Banderas/Farmers Agency (April 2000)  
Grand 76 Circle K (September 2013)  
Hampton Inn San Francisco Airport (April 1999)  
Hawi Hawaiian BBQ (September 2020)  
La Nueva Perla Restaurant (June 2012)  
Long Bridge Pizza Company (July 2024)  
Luis Chem Dry (October 1996)  
Mark A. Barradas, D.D.S. (October 2002)  
Morrow Service, Inc. (February 1995)  
PayMore South San Francisco (February 2025)  
Prestige Optics, Inc. (October 1989)  
San Francisco Bay Ferry (August 2005)  
The Police Credit Union (November 2020)

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## February is American Heart Month

Nearly half of all Americans are at risk of heart disease but with help from Kaiser Permanente, you can make a big difference in your heart health with a few simple steps and a healthy mindset. Use these [tips](#) and [tools](#) to help maintain a heart-healthy lifestyle.

**Focus on prevention.** A healthy diet, regular sleep, and physical activity can help prevent heart disease and other conditions. Not sure where to start? Read these [valuable tips](#) to help you take control of your heart health.

**Get screened.** Talk to your doctor about heart health screenings. These can help your care team track your risk for [heart conditions](#) and catch problems early. You can use our [helpful tool](#) to find recommended screenings based on your health history.

**Tap into total health.** Whether you're working on lifestyle changes, undergoing treatment, or recovering from a procedure, we give you the [support to achieve your best outcome](#). Take advantage of the latest monitoring technology, support groups and classes, mental health resources, and more.

[Wellness coaching is available](#) at no charge to Kaiser Permanente members to manage their weight, quit tobacco, reduce stress, become more active, and make healthier food choices.

Additional tips for preventing heart disease:

- Maintain a healthy blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and triglyceride levels
- Limit alcohol intake (one drink or less each day)
- Manage stress with helpful practices such as meditation, yoga, massage or breathing exercises
- Seek help for concerns with depression or mental health

Here's to American Heart Health month,

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

# MINDSET RESET FOR *Business Owners*

LEAD your business with clarity and confidence!

- Reduce stress & mental overload
- Rebuild confidence & decision-making power
- Experience guided grounding /visualization

RELEASE DOUBT AND LEAD DECISIVELY!

 \$45

Limited Spots Available

Register Now!

Hosted by  
*Rosalidia Dubon*

Mindset & Business Coach

*Online Event*

 February 27th

 11:00-12:30 PM

#### TESTIMONIAL

"I've always struggled with overthinking, but Rosalidia's approach truly takes your career challenges and goals into account, making every session incredibly valuable." JC



**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)



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  
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or visit [www.ssfchamber.com](http://www.ssfchamber.com)*

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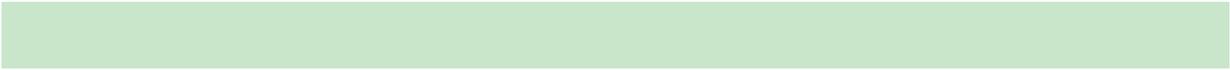
## Calendar of Events

2/5 Sunset Soiree at Skyline College  
2/16 President's Day Holiday  
2/17 Board Meeting  
2/20 Lunar Night Market  
2/25 City Council Meeting

4/30 Scholarship Luncheon Basque Cultural Center (see our website for sponsorship and reservations)

## 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



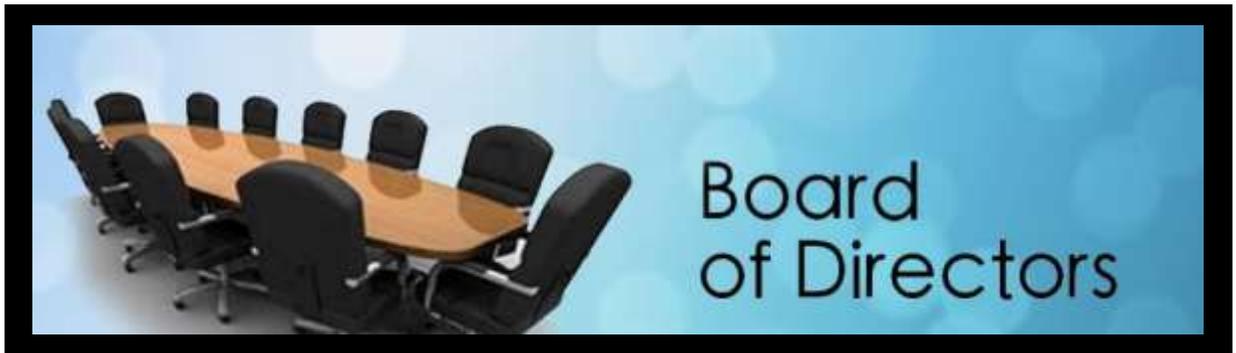
Chairman Circle - SILVER MEMBERS



Chairman Circle - BRONZE MEMBERS

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Mary Prem  
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*California Water Service*

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