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Our monthly news & updates

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A Message From Outgoing President Jim McGuire

Happy New Year 2022! These past couple of years seem like a blur to many and I am sure that we are hopeful that 2022 will be a much-improved year for everyone, on many levels. I know that your Chamber of Commerce has some new and exciting changes to share with you for the new year. A new CEO, a new President, and great additions to our Executive Board for starters!



First, following a nationwide recruitment and interview process, the Chamber of Commerce has selected **Karin Moss** to serve as the **Chief Executive Officer**. Karin's experience spans over several decades and is characterized by a wide range of corporate and nonprofit association leadership success. She has most recently served as the CEO of the Russian River Chamber and Visitors Center, Turlock Chamber of Commerce and as a business recruitment/retention consultant to the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce. Karin has provided executive direction to economic development and downtown revitalization programs in several cities throughout California as well as to the National Main Street Center in Washington, D.C. Karin considers her role with our Chamber to be a "career best" providing her with the opportunity to not only live closer to friends and family on the Peninsula but to spearhead many new initiatives the Board will prioritize as well as developing new membership focused programs, promotions, events and bring our Visitor's Welcome Center to fruition. We are all very excited to welcome Karin to our Chamber of Commerce in her role as CEO beginning on January 10th. Soon after, we will hold a Welcome Mixer Event (when it is safe to do so) where all members will have their first chance to welcome Karin personally.

In the role of **President of the Board of Directors**, I am happy to announce that **Paul Formosa** with the **South San Francisco Scavenger Company** will be taking over this role from yours truly. Paul has been on our Board of Directors for many years, and he has also served as President prior to this. Paul has also served as Vice-President and well as Treasurer. Taking over the role of **Treasurer** will be **Matthew Butler** with **Tri Counties Bank**, who also has been on our Board for a few years now. Remaining as Vice-President of the Board will be **Tony Clifford**, formerly of Tri Counties Bank. Please join me in **congratulating** him on his recent position, being named President/Chief Executive Officer of Beacon Business Bank!

Joining our **Executive Committee** will be **Kristin Ditlevsen** with **Liberty Bank** and **Olga Garcia** with **CG Moving Company, Inc.** I would like to extend a very special **THANK YOU** to **Board Director Daniella Jonguitud** with **Chajinel Home Care Services** for her very generous Membership Investment to a Chairman Circle Member! Thank you so much, Daniella, this is fantastic, and we appreciate it very much! Chajinel Home Care Services has been a true Chamber supporter for several years now.

As your Board and new CEO will be hard at work to make 2022 a successful year for our members, be sure to mark your calendar for some exciting events that will be here before you know it! Starting with our **Annual Recognition and Business Awards** on **Thursday, March 3rd** at the **South San Francisco Conference Center**. Our **Higher Education Scholarship Luncheon** is scheduled for **Thursday, April 21st** at the **SSF Elks Lodge** and we are looking forward to the return of **TASTE of South San Francisco**, scheduled for **Friday, November 4th** at the **Conference Center**. Of course, there will be many more events (some of which are already on the books), so be sure to check our Calendar of Events on our website often. We are all very hopeful that these in-person events can happen this year.

A warm welcome to our **newest Chamber members Bob Walsh with Bird Rides, Inc.** – shared electric scooters coming soon to the Oyster Point area, and **Gilbert Melendez with El Nino Sport Inc.** – a Martial Arts Gym for all ages for Jiu-jitsu, wrestling, boxing, kickboxing, self-defense, and wellness.

To end on a personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my **fellow Board Members, Chamber staff Arlene Dozier**, and especially **Linda Parenti**, for everything they have done to make my last term as President of the Board of Directors so enjoyable. Serving in this capacity for eight (8) terms has been a highlight of my career and I am so proud to be involved with this outstanding group of peers. I am excited to continue to serve on the Executive Committee as Past President and I am also happy that my new job allows this. After 38 years in the hotel business – 14 of those years serving as General Manager for the **Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel**, I am excited to be moving on to the next chapter of my career. At the end of January, I will be the Executive Director for the **South San Francisco Conference Center**. I am thrilled to be able to continue to work with our hotel community, the City of South San Francisco and most importantly our Chamber of Commerce. So, I am not going that far at all, but I now officially turn the reigns over to incoming **President Paul Formosa**.

As always, there is always so much happening with your Chamber. We look forward to seeing you in person at one of our events very soon! Be well, remember to support your Chamber members, and be thankful for each other.

New Chamber CEO Karin Moss

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce today announced its selection of Karin M. Moss as their new CEO. Karin's career spans several decades and is characterized by a wide range of corporate and nonprofit association leadership success. She has previously served as the CEO of the Russian River Chamber and Visitor Centers, Turlock Chamber of Commerce and as a business recruitment/retention consultant to the Vallejo Chamber.

Her work has been cited for excellence by both national and international associations and she has been a regularly featured speaker at seminars and conferences including Business Retention Expansion International, the International Downtown



Association, League of California Cities, International Association of Fairs and Expositions, and the Governors Conference on Tourism.

Karin has provided executive direction to economic development and downtown revitalization programs in several cities throughout California as well as to the National Main Street Center in Washington, D.C. She has been a Board Member of the Kings Mountain (NC) Downtown Association, City of Gastonia's Reinvestment for Community Program and the Blue Ridge Parkway Association. As Campaign Director of the Census in California's Central Valley, she was honored by the Federal Government for having one of the highest response rates in the United States due to her multi-ethnic marketing campaigns.

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According to President of the Board, Jim McGuire, "The Board unanimously agreed that Karin's breadth of experience and expertise are an excellent fit for us as we expand our membership and establish sound working relationships within the community, the County and our local businesses. We're delighted to welcome Karin to our staff as the new CEO commencing January 3, 2022.

Member News, Community Events & Announcements

OUR FIRST CHAMBER MIXER AND NETWORKING EVENT IN 2022

Meet our Board of Directors and Chamber Membership!

Thursday, January 13, 2022

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Physique Magnifique Fitness and Training Center
387 Grand Ave, SSF

Get a sneak peek preview on how you can transform
your body in 2022!

6 Week Body Transformation Challenge:

For all ages

Tighten and tone your physique

Learn how to shed extra pounds in a sustainable way

Workouts that fit your busy schedule

[Click here for Physique 6 Week!](#)



WELCOME NEW SSF COUNCIL MEMBERS!



New Mayor Mark Nagales and Vice Mayor Buenaflor "Flor" Nicolas were sworn in at the South San Francisco City Council Reorganization Event in December 2021. This is the first time in South San Francisco's History that the City is led by two Filipino Leaders.

Congratulations Mayor Nagales and Vice Mayor Nicolas!



NEW ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT CENTER OPENS JANUARY 2022

The new Economic Advancement Center is opening its doors to the South San Francisco community in January 2022, located at 366 Grand Avenue. The Center will focus on providing residents and small businesses with a suite of resources for job seekers, training opportunities, entrepreneurs and start-ups, as well as

local small businesses with the goal of advancing economic opportunities for our residents and small business community.

Within the Center, JobTrain will focus on preparing individuals to turn their lives around-from under or unemployment to success and economic prosperity. JobTrain brings a targeted program for South San Francisco to the Center by offering resources through assessment, job skills training, and high potential career placement. Contact JobTrain online at www.jobtrainworks.org, or by calling (650) 505-4727.

Also located at the Center, the North County Business Resource Center, a project of Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center, South San Francisco and San Mateo County, will offer free business impact workshops, business consulting, and networking opportunities for small businesses and entrepreneurs. Services offered will include business planning, marketing, finance, and assistance starting or growing a business. Contact the North County Business Resource Center at brc@rencenter.org, or by calling (650) 321-2193 x1103.



Supporting small businesses is supporting our community's recovery. Hardships from COVID-19 have affected everyone, but have decimated small businesses. Many have closed and many hang on by threads.

To support small businesses in these critical times, the County and city partners launched Choose Local San Mateo County, a mobile app that enables shoppers to earn rewards automatically at hundreds of participating local businesses, which can be redeemed as cash discounts at select businesses.

Choose Local San Mateo County makes it easy to shop locally and support small businesses. Download the app today to begin shopping at the 290+ diverse businesses participating in Choose Local San Mateo County, and earn SMC Points to apply as cash discounts at select businesses.

Learn more at www.ChooseLocalSMC.com.

EVENTS ARE HAPPENING NOW

LET'S GET BACK TOGETHER



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PROGRAMS

PUBLIC EVENTS

WORKSHOPS

EXPERIENCES



Do you hear what I hear?

Our 2022 schedule is OUT! We could not be more excited to kick off a brand new year of wine discovery and learning!

Rest assured, we want to provide you with the most flexibility and piece of mind as COVID continues to keep us all guessing. Most classes will be available in our impressive new **Hybrid Format**, so you can choose to join us live, In-Person with wine in your glass or Online with a tasting kit with delivery available across the US. If you need to change your attendance preference after you've registered, just let us know!

This year, listen to your passion and dive in! 🍷

The new 2022 schedule is out!
Kick off the New Year of wine discovery and learning.

Check out all the new programs at the San Francisco Wine School:

<https://sanfranciscowineschool.com/>



Your support is truly appreciated!

Asian Janitorial Services (*August 2002*)
Assembly Member Kevin Mullin 22nd Assembly (*January 2013*)
BWF Consulting Engineers (*December 1986*)
Brother's Furniture Warehouse (*January 2008*)
Cargo Screening K9 Alliance (*October 2019*)
Carpenters Union Local 217 (*October 2003*)
Carrie Lee OD formerly Donald Robinson, OD (*October 2014*)
Clearlite Trophies/Borba Recognition Co., Inc. (*January 1956*)
Comcast (*June 2020*)
Costco Wholesale (*January 1987*)
Garden Chapel (*January 1969*)
Golden Hill Monument Corp. (*January 2015*)
Home 2 Suites by Hilton (*January 2018*)
Horizon Therapeutics (*November 2019*)
Oyster Point Yacht Club (*December 2008*)
R&A Janitorial Service, LLC (*November 2006*)
San Mateo County Harbor District (*January 1979*)
Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi, PC (*January 2002*)

Save
the
Date



EMPLOYMENT LAW WEBINAR

Thursday, February 10, 2022

11:30am-1:00pm

Presented by South San Francisco Chamber Member
Employment Law Firm
Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi.

TOPICS:

- New 2022 Employment Laws
- Important 2021 California Employment Law Court Decisions
- Employee Arbitration Agreements/ Pros & Cons
- Private Attorney General Act (PAGA Claims)/ What are they and how to respond
- COVID Updates
- OSHA Updates

This is a must webinar for anyone responsible for employment compliance.

No charge to South San Francisco Chamber Members.

RSVP: info@ssfchamber.com

Legislative Watch List

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

[The Workplace: California Holiday Pay, Time Off Rules](#)

In this episode of The Workplace podcast, CalChamber employment law experts Matthew Roberts and Bianca Saad discuss California holiday wage and hour issues, including holiday pay, policy best practices, employees calling out sick, and handling vacation requests. Click below:



[CalChamber Podcast, episode 140](#)

Educational Resources

Webinars, ZOOM, Meetup, Coffee Chats and more....



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*

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**HR For the New Economy
A 4-Class Series in January**

**Marketing Bootcamp
A 3-Class Series in January**

**Financial Management
A 2-Class Series In February**

To find out more or sign up for a class, call amanda@rencenter.org or 650-321-2193x1103.

SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Physique Magnifique Fitness Training Center
Thursday, January 13, 2022
5:30pm-7:00pm
387 Grand Ave., SSF
RSVP: info@ssfchamber.com**

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Annual Recognition and Business Awards
Thursday, March 3, 2022
Reception: 6:00pm – Dinner: 7:00pm
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 So Airport Blvd., SSF
*More details coming soon!***

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Ribbon Cutting, STEM Center Opening
5:30pm-7:00pm
Boys & Girls Club of No. San Mateo County
201 W. Orange Ave., SSF**

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Higher Education Scholarship Luncheon
Thursday, April 21, 2022
11:30am – 1:30pm
SSF Elks Lodge
920 Stonegate Drive, SSF**

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
TASTE of South San Francisco
Friday, November 4, 2022**

12:00 – 2:00pm
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 So Airport Blvd., SSF
More details coming soon!



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GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Looking to make your business more profitable or resilient?

HR FOR THE NEW ECONOMY
Jan 18, 6-8pm HIRE SAFELY
Jan 20, 6-8pm RECRUIT BETTER
Jan 25, 6-8pm ONBOARD EFFECTIVELY
Jan 27, 6-8pm SMALL BUSINESS BENEFIT SYSTEMS

MARKETING BOOTCAMP
Jan 24, 5-7pm IMPROVE YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE
Jan 26, 5-7pm (3-CLASS SERIES)
Jan 28, 5-7pm

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
Feb 1- 8, 5- 7pm DIVE INTO YOUR BUSINESS FINANCES
(2-CLASS SERIES)

SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING
Mar 8, 6-8pm TARGET YOUR AUDIENCE AND
Mar 15, 6-8pm MAXIMIZE YOUR ADVERTISING DOLLARS
Mar 22, 6-8pm (3-CLASS SERIES)

To register:



Contact us to find out more and sign up!
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STARTING YOUR
CONSULTING
BUSINESS

ENGLISH

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HR FOR THE
NEW ECONOMY
SERIES

ENGLISH

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...AND THE CLASSES:

START SMART

Jan 10-17-24-31
6-9PM

HR FOR THE
NEW ECONOMY
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NEW ECONOMY
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HR FOR THE
NEW ECONOMY
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Jan 19-26 & Feb 2-9
6-9PM

MARKETING FOR
NEW BUSINESS
OWNERS BOOTCAMP

(Year 0-3)
Jan 24-26-28
5-7PM

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ORIENTATION
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LEGAL
ENTITIES

ENGLISH

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eCommerce:
GETTING
STARTED

ENGLISH

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... AND THE CLASSES:

FINANCIAL
PROJECTIONS
- 2 WEEK SERIES
FEB 1-8
6-8PM

SOCIAL MEDIA
MARKETING SERIES
FEB 3-10-17-24
6-8PM

PROYECCIONES
FINANCIERAS
- SERIE DE 2 SEMANAS
FEB 16-22
6-8PM

START SMART
FEB 16-MAR 9
6-9PM



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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 also be listed on our [event calendar](#)!

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



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Chairman Circle – Bronze Member



The Chamber appreciates and acknowledges the generous support of our Chairman Circle Members who support our efforts and make it possible to be the voice of businesses here in the City of South San Francisco



2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS	BOARD MEMBERS	CHAMBER PERSONNEL
President Paul Formosa SF Scavenger Co.	Bill Bernardin BJT Construction Kristin Dilleveen Liberty Bank Olga Garcia CG Moving Company Kathy Hoffman California Water Service Co. David Huddleston BWP Grosvenor Hotel Daniela Jongsatut Chupinet Home Care Services Reggie Kumar AC Hotel by Marriott San Francisco Airport Derek Lathinen GevenTech Jim McGuire SF Conference Center Jim Metz Advanced Business Forms Natalia Morales Xitroy Realty Corporation Christina Ng Grand Palace Restaurant Gur Shpadeh Amoura Restaurant Kevin Worth Kaiser Permanente	Chief Executive Officer Karin Moo Staff Linda Parenti Arlene Dizon