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CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

A Message from Chamber CEO, Karin Moss

Greetings, Chamber Members and Stakeholders –

As a seasoned non-profit executive, I have worked closely with countless board members over the years. Recognizing that board service is an unpaid volunteer position that can be demanding and thankless, I have witnessed very few who have continually and freely contributed their time and talents no matter what the “Ask” may be. And that brings me to the subject of our esteemed Board Member Kathy Hoffman.



After a lengthy career at CalWater, Kathy is now retiring with her husband Gary to live in Cameron Park. In the words of some of our Board Executives:

Jim McGuire – Kathy, thank you for all you did for our Chamber. Your input and participation as an Executive Committee member and leader will forever be cherished. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement!

Anthony “Tony” Clifford – Kathy, a special thank you for your involvement in the SSF Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation. Although you are retiring, your continued participation on the Education Foundation Scholarship Committee is HUGE. Thank you!



Paul Formosa – Kathy has been involved with the Women's Club in SSF and her father (Ray Yoshack) and I served together on the Conference Center Authority Board for many years. As a result, I know she comes from a local family and was born and raised here. A true South City girl, just like my wife, Julie! She's a good person, hard working and always ready to lend a hand. We will miss her kindness and guidance!

Linda Parenti – Over the years I have known Kathy, she is always the first one to raise a hand and help with whatever needs to be done. She has a great sense of humor and is always a pleasure to work with. Kathy, thank you for being a tireless professional and a good friend. Congratulations on your well-deserved 7-day weekend!

We all agree: Kathy Hoffman is a woman for a Cause not someone seeking applause!

It is now our pleasure to introduce you to Kathy's replacement and new Board Member Kevin Williams.

Introducing New Board Member

Kevin was born and raised in the Bay Area and his family first immigrated to San Francisco in 1902. He has deep roots in the Bay Area and gives back through his involvement in various local groups such as the Menlo Park Italian-American Club, San Carlos Little League organization, and the California Waterfowl Association. He is currently a superintendent for California Water Service Company (Cal Water) Bayshore District. He has been with Cal Water for over 10 years where he oversees the district's emergency preparedness, inter-agency relations, regulatory water quality compliance sampling and reporting, the operation and maintenance of nearly 60 water storage tanks, and a ground water treatment facility in South San Francisco among other responsibilities.



Cal Water's Bayshore District was formed in 1931 with the purchase of the South San Francisco Water Company, the San Carlos Water Company, and the San Mateo water system from Pacific Water Company. Cal Water is the largest regulated American water utility west of the Mississippi River and the third largest in the country. Formed in 1926, the San Jose-based company serves 489,600 customer connections through 28 Customer and Operations Centers throughout the state. Cal Water is the largest subsidiary of the California Water Service Group, which also includes Washington Water Service, New Mexico Water Service, Texas Water Service, and Hawaii Water Service. As a whole, the Group provides high-quality regulated and non-regulated utility

services to approximately 2 million people in 100 communities. Company-wide, their employees share a commitment to being the leading provider of water and wastewater services and delivering quality, service, and value to their customers.





FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report

SAVE THE DATE
JULY 28, 2022

GRAND OPENING!

Fairfield[®]
BY MARRIOTT

*Join the SSF Chamber, local dignitaries and stakeholders for a
Ribbon cutting and **Grand Opening** welcoming **SSF's newest hotel**
Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott SF Airport North*

July 28, 2022 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

127 West Harris Ave, SSF 94080

- Food and wine pairings from all over the world
- Enjoy the strains of a jazz trio
- Gifts for all attendees
- Raffle prizes to include: Trips, Golf Packages, Weekend Getaways and Many More!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
650-822-8880

Thank You! RENEWING MEMBERS

Your support is truly appreciated!

Al-Tone Overhead Door, Inc. (January 2000)
BLT Construction (February 2011)
C&J Roofing, Co., Inc. (April 2000)
City of South San Francisco (May 1988)
Costco Business Center (July 2017)
Dead Eye Coffee Bar (May 2018)
Embassy Suites (July 1988)
Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. (May 1986)
Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (2008)
J&T Advanced Collision Center Corp. (December 2019)
Lane Partners (May 2017)
Lum Optometry (July 1998)
Nick the Greek (July 2021)
Singer Lewak, LLP (January 1971)
Sorooptimist Int'l. No S.M. County (April 2004)
SSF Police Activities League (SSF PAL) (August 2010)
Skyline College (July 2000)



Vaccines for Children Under 5

Believing that the best place for young children to receive the vaccines is in the care of a pediatric provider, San Mateo County Health will not offer large-scale vaccine clinics to children under 5 or at its community clinics but will instead provide small-scale clinics at Early Head Start sites and staffing and administrative support to interested pediatric providers that serve publicly insured families.

Families seeking vaccines for children under 5 should contact their pediatric care provider to schedule an appointment.

Other options include Walgreens (for ages 3 and up) and CVS (for 18 months and older). Information is also available on MyTurn.

Know a promising student or worker who would make a good apprentice in the trades?



ORIENTATION IS COMING!

ORIENTATION IS MANDATORY, REGISTER BELOW TO ATTEND!

San Mateo County Union Community Alliance and Local Apprenticeship Programs offer a certificated, Apprenticeship-Readiness Training course that will prepare trainees to enter a green construction career ladder through state certified joint apprenticeship training programs. The program lasts approximately 20 weeks, with classes twice a week from 6-9pm at CSM (see website for updated schedule).

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Blueprint Reading & Technology
- Tool Identification and Practical Application
- Basic Construction Math
- American Labor History
- Knowledge of the Unions in Construction/Building Trades
- Presentations from 12+ local building trades
- Roles of Building Trades Professionals
- Job-site Attitudes and Behaviors
- Local Union Code of Conduct
- Union Membership, Apprenticeship Roles and Responsibilities
- Green Construction
- Construction Industry Awareness

REQUIREMENTS:

- Up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination records (including booster)
- 18 years of age
- Valid Driver's License
- Appropriate documentation to work in the US
- High school diploma, GED, or equivalent
- Be able to do physical work
- Ability to pass on-the-spot drug testing
- Ability to read, write and communicate in English



SATURDAY @ 9AM
JUNE 25

ORIENTATION IS IN
PERSON!

Plumbers 467 Hall
1519 Rollins Road
Burlingame, CA
94010

FOR

TWO Cohorts of Classes
will run:
**JULY-DEC
2022**

- IN PERSON -
Vaccinations are required
to attend; must be able to
show up-to-date
records

WHAT YOU'LL EARN:

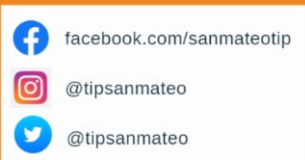
- CPR/First Aid certification
- OSHA 10 certification
- TIP Program Certificate
- National Building Trades Certificate
- Priority hiring in some trades



Register Here!



tinyurl.com/TIPJune



OPEIU 29 AFL-CIO 174



We hosted a joint event at the **South San Francisco Conference Center** with **The San Francisco Peninsula**, with special guest **Mr. Joe D'Alessandro, President & CEO of San Francisco Travel Association**. Our theme was "Welcome Back to the World".

Thank you to **John Hutar, President & CEO of The San Francisco Peninsula**, and his great staff for hosting this event with the **South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce**.



"Welcome Back to the World"



John Hutar, President & CEO – The San Francisco Peninsula



Left: Joe D'Alessandro, President & CEO, San Francisco Travel Association
Right: Karin Moss, CEO – South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce





Left: Jim McGuire - Executive Director, South San Francisco Conference Center

Right: Jim McGuire, Karin Moss, South San Francisco Mayor Mark Nagales, Joe D'Alessandro, John Hutar



The *South San Francisco Conference Center* is focused on giving back to the community, and this year will be hosting its *inaugural Fundraising Gala*. We believe there is no better time to bring people together, and what better way than to celebrate the nonprofit organizations that generously donate so much to their many causes. We will select a different nonprofit to honor and celebrate every year, and we ask for your support. The *Conference Center* has dedicated our staff and venue to celebrating these great organizations with our annual event. The Fundraising Gala is a chance to meet people in your community and celebrate a worthy cause. This year our inaugural event will be supporting the *Navy SEAL Foundation*, chosen by our Director of Operations, *Cameron Fujii*, Retired Navy Chief and a first-hand recipient of the Navy SEAL Foundation Aid. We invite you to attend and enjoy an evening of fantastic food, drink, and guest speakers! Celebrate San Francisco Fleet week by supporting one of the military's most elite teams and their families! Save the date of *Friday, October 7, 2022*. More information to follow. We hope to see you there!

SKYLINE COLLEGE

**ENROLL
NOW for
Fall Classes!**

**Fall session
begins
August 17**



skylinecollege.edu/apply



Introducing
novaworks

NOVAworks is a nonprofit, federally funded employment and training agency that provides customer-focused workforce development services. We work closely with local businesses, educators, and job seekers to

ensure that our programs provide opportunities that build the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to address workforce needs.

Our Business Services Team provides many services to local businesses all at no cost, including:

Staffing & Recruitment

When you need to grow your business, we can help find quality candidates for your job openings. We can work to meet your staffing needs, directly or through our quality connections with relevant community organizations.

Online Job Board

NOVAworks hosts an online job board serving businesses throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. We invite you to add your job listing through the employer portal at:

<https://jobboard.novaworks.org/post-a-job/>

In addition, we also provide the following services:

- Virtual and on-site interview sessions
- Employer "spotlights" and industry panel presentations
- Referrals to resources for training and retraining your workforce
- Pre-layoff assistance and outplacement

To take advantage of these services, email business@novaworks.org

Calendar of Events

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

Follow us on Facebook for the latest Chamber news.

SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

Ribbon Cutting & Chamber Mixer
Fairfield Inn by Marriott SFO
Thursday, July 28, 2022
5:00pm - 7:00pm
127 W. Harris Avenue, 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!

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](#)!

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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