

March 2023



Our monthly news & updates

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A Message from Chamber President, Kristin Ditlevsen

As we enter March, we are making considerable progress on our first quarter goals. As some of you know, 2022 was a year of continued transition for the Chamber in many ways. We had additional turnover in our CEO position, and the delay in filling that role led to a delay in getting our membership and events fully back on track after the Pandemic. Additionally, we had to step up and take over the reins for some key members of the Board of Directors that reached their term limits. It really took something to step into January and create a plan for the year that would make a difference for us.

In January we formed six committees with the goal of bringing the talent of our Board Members, and our Chamber Members, to the planning table in the areas of Finance, Governance, Membership, Marketing and Events, Education, and Public Policy. As we move further into the year, those plans will be turned into actions and eventually into reality. I believe that the size of the “house” we get to build is a function of the strength and integrity of the foundation we set out. To that end, we have been busy focusing on budgeting, governance, and goal setting. We are taking a close look at our current resources and will be creating a vision of where we ultimately want to be in 3-5 years. My goal is to set out on a path to make sure we continue to be a relevant, sustainable, contribution to the business community.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

With our newly ratified board of directors in place, we are re-starting the search for a new CEO/Executive Director to lead us forward. We are assessing what talent is available, and at what cost. The other aspect we are looking at is where do we really want to go. Our current budget constraints would leave us in apposition where finding the right candidate may be like finding a Unicorn. The good news is, now we know where we need

to be in terms of revenue from Membership and Events to support the kind of hiring decisions we want to make. The goal is to have that position filled by the beginning of the third quarter.

Our Finance Committee met with our CPA to assess our current financial reporting and determine how best to guide the chamber forward. It's important to know where we are at, and how we are doing. The committee also prepared a budget that was approved by the Board of Directors in February. The budget is the springboard for many of the actions and decisions we will make in 2023 and beyond.

Our Governance Committee has been hard at work reviewing and drafting the governing policies and procedures we need to ensure everyone serving the Chamber has a road map to follow. We expect this to be presented to and approved by the Board before the start of the third quarter.

Our Marketing and Events Committee is hard at work planning the Chamber Awards Dinner which is happening March 23rd. Right on the heels of that is our Annual Scholarship Foundation Luncheon in April. In addition to those two major events, we have been planning and holding Mixers. I want to give a special thank you to the Shihadeh family and Amoura Restaurant for hosting our New Board Member and Officer Reception on February 16th. We had a great turnout and enjoyed getting to meet one another. The food and drink were exceptional as always.

We are getting started on our membership outreach and new membership acquisition efforts. There is so much more to come this year. Stay safe and stay tuned!

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 Noftsgen 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.

**We are honored to have
Congresswoman Jackie Speier (ret) as our emcee.**

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**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
2023 Annual Recognition & Business Awards Dinner**

Chairman Circle Sponsors:

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Beacon Business Bank ~ Chajinel Home Care Services ~ Liberty Bank**

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Company Name: _____ **Sponsorship Level:** _____
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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

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 Noftsgger Lifetime Achievement

See's Candies

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** _____
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Filet & Chicken _____ **Vegetarian** _____
Check Enclosed _____ **Visa /MC/AMEX** _____ **Exp.** _____

RSVP: <https://www.ssfchamber.com/events.aspx>, or email: info@ssfchamber.com or
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South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce – 213 Linden Avenue, SSF – phone: 650-588-1911 – web: www.ssfchamber.com

DEADLINE IS APPROACHING!

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.

**Applications must be received by
March 9, 2023 at 4pm.**

**[Click here for application, essay
questions, and more information.](#)**



*South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
2023 "Higher Education Scholarship"
Luncheon*

*Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Avenue
South San Francisco
Thursday, April 20, 2023
11:30 am ~ 1:30 p.m.*

*All are welcome to our luncheon honoring the outstanding
achievements of our graduating seniors. The Education Scholarship
Committee selected those being awarded scholarships, and we are very
proud of their accomplishments and efforts.*

\$40.00 Per Person in Advance

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Check (Enclosed) AMEX/ Visa/MC _____ Exp. _____

Please Reserve by April 10, 2023

Please RSVP on website: www.ssfchamber.com or Mail Reservation to the
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
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Email: info@ssfchamber.com



South San Francisco
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WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS NEED TO THRIVE AFTER GRADUATION?

JOIN A BILINGUAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Virtual - via zoom

Wed. March 1, 6-8pm

In Person - at SSF HS

Sat. March 4, 10am-noon

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you register!**

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**Come taste some delicious
samples!
March 16
5:00pm-6:30pm**

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Antigua

ENTREES



ANTIGUA LOMO | \$22

Steak strips, mix potatoes, mushrooms, red onions, bell pepper. Served with brown rice.

FISH OR SHRIMP TACOS (3) | \$16

Chipotle salsa, avocado, cilantro, onion, side of green salad.

HOME CHICKEN SALAD | \$16

Shredded chicken, purple cabbage, shredded carrots, green mix, apple, almonds, queso fresco, pickled red onions.

MEAT + 2 SIDES | \$24

- GRILLED SALMON
 - GRILLED CHICKEN
- (Tigh and leg or breast)

- CHILLI GLAZED CARROTS
- ROASTED POTATOES
- CREAMY MUSHROOMS
- GRILLED ASPARAGUS
- BROWN RICE
- PURPLE COLESLAW

*Any extra sides \$7.00

DRINKS

Red Sangria \$8
White Sangria \$8
Mimosas \$8
Micheladas \$9
Draft Beer \$8
IPA \$8

RED WINES

WHITE WINES

NON-ALCOHOLIC

Coke \$3.00
7UP \$3.00
Sparkling water \$4.00
Regular Coffee \$3.50
Tea \$3.00



Antigua

Dinner Menu



APPETIZERS

FLAUTITAS (4 PCS) | \$11

Crispy corn tortilla filled with chicken, served with pico de gallo, shredded lettuce, queso fresco and sour cream.



CHEESY CORN DIP | \$12

Monterrey cheese, roasted corn with homemade plantain chips on the side.

WINGS (8PCS) | \$12

Mini carrots, celery on the side.

*Flavors:

- BBQ
- Buffalo
- Mango Habanero

VEGGIE EMPANADAS (3 PCS) | \$13

Spinach, portobello mushrooms, onions, mozzarella cheese and spices served with chipotle homestyle sauce.

TROPICAL CEVICHE | \$18

Shrimp, fish, onions, tomato, jalapeño, dragon fruit and cilantro, served with homemade plantain chips.

SLIDERS | \$12

2 mini sliders with French fries.



PLAINTAIN CHIPS | \$10

Pickled onions and horseradish sauce on the side.

GUACAMOLE & CHIPS | \$10

GARLIC FRENCH FRIES | \$6

REGULAR FRENCH FRIES | \$5

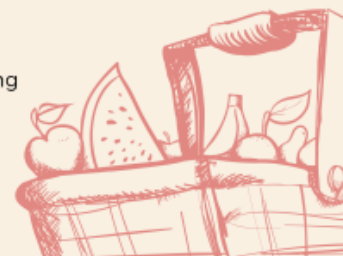
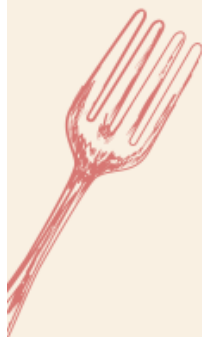
SALADS



KALE QUINOA SALAD | \$10

MARINATED BEET SALAD | \$10

Goat cheese, roasted quinoa, mix spring lettuce.





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**Meet the Team from the Renaissance Entrepreneurship
Center's South San Francisco office**

Amanda Anthony (pictured) is the program manager for the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center's South San Francisco office. With a background in education policy, adult education, and small business ownership, she came to South San Francisco in 2021 to launch Renaissance services at the Economic Advancement Center. She has added two amazing colleagues, Carlos Reyes and Alexia Huerta (pictured). Carlos serves as the client success coordinator, and Alexia creates all of the beautiful design work, as well as supports the programs administratively.





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TELL YOUR STORY

MEET OTHER BUSINESS OWNERS

Join us for a meet-and-learn networking event!
Get to know fellow entrepreneurs and we'll give tips about how to tell your business story in a compelling way.

March 16, 6:30-8pm
Economic Advancement Center
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Register or just come!

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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!

ONLINE 12 - 1P



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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!

IN-PERSON 6 - 7P

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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!

ONLINE 12-1P



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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!

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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



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?
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SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

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

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How to Design Business Cards Using Canva (on line)

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSF Library Workshops

March 9, 2023

12:00pm – 1:00pm

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How to Design Food Menus in Canva (in person)

Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center & SSF Library Workshops

March 16, 2023

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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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
www.ssfchamber.com/2023-business-awards.htm

SSF Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Luncheon

Thursday, April 20, 2023
11:30am-1:30pm
Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Ave., SSF
info@ssfchamber.com or 650-588-1911

SSF Chamber and Costco Business Center Mixer

Thursday, April 27, 2023
9:00am - 10:30am
Costco Business Center
900 Dubuque Avenue, SSF
Join us for light refreshments and a tour of the facility with an offer of a \$25.00 shop card for a 15- minute tour
RSVP: info@chamber.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: info@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 event calendar!



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San Francisco State University-Lam Family College of Business (January 2018)
Simpson Garrity Innes & Jacuzzi (January 2002)
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Unitek College (October 2020)
Vincent Jones (January 2015)

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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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Beacon Business Bank

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Olga Garcia
CG Moving Company

Board of Directors

Bill Benavides
BLT Construction

Matthew Butler
Tri Counties Bank

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