

March 2024



Our monthly news & updates

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A Message from the CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Elevating Our Journey Together with SSF Chamber

Dear Members and Community Partners,

March brings a wave of excitement and updates from our Chamber community, and I'm thrilled to share these with you.

A quick reminder: to maintain your membership rate, please renew by April 30, 2024. Rates will increase on May 1, 2024.

What's New:

- **Teach and Thrive Campaign:** A warm welcome to **SSUHSD educators** to spend their **\$50** appreciation gift cards at participating member businesses. This initiative is an excellent opportunity to support our teachers while introducing your offerings to new patrons.
- **Dining Guide Launch:** Following the 2023 Taste of South San Francisco's success, we're unveiling a Dining Guide featuring participating vendors. Distributed in print across local hotels and businesses and digitally via QR code, this guide aims to amplify your business's visibility.
- **Social Media Campaign:** With advertising trends evolving, we're initiating a social media campaign to spotlight our members. In partnership with a professional content creator, we're set to enhance your digital footprint, extending your reach and customer base.
- **Women's History Month Mixer:** Save the date for a unique mixer in honor of Women's History Month, hosted by **Flowers and Events by Dani** at Tanforan Mall. It promises to be a splendid networking opportunity and a chance to showcase your business.
- **Host a Chamber Mixer:** Hosting a mixer is an excellent strategy to feature your business among our members and local community.

To participate in any of these initiatives, please reach out to us at info@ssfchamber.com.



We're also grateful to those who joined us for the Sunset Soiree at Skyline mixer last February. The event was a hit, with many appreciating the stunning sunset and ambiance. Special thanks to **Skyline College** for their hospitality.

Your continued support fuels our mission to not only grow our businesses but also to enrich our community. Here's to a month filled with prosperity and collaboration.

Warmest regards,

Mary Prem
CEO, South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

Taste of South San Francisco Dining Guide is here!

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/209733005/>

Click Link below:

[A Taste of South San Francisco Dining Guide \(flippingbook.com\)](https://online.flippingbook.com/view/209733005/)



"Teach and Thrive" Campaign

Dear SSF Chamber Members,

Exciting news! We're teaming up with the Bay Education Foundation to celebrate and help our local teachers. This special project is called "**Teach and Thrive: Honoring South City Educators.**" We're giving \$50 gift cards to 1,000 teachers in the SSF Unified School District. This means we'll be bringing **\$50,000** into our South City shops and businesses. How cool is that?

We want these gift cards to be spent right here in South San Francisco. This is where you come in! You can make teachers feel extra special by offering them something nice if they choose to spend their gift card at your place.

Here are some fun ideas for your offer:

- Give them a discount on their total bill, like 15% to 25% off.

- Create a "Teach and Thrive" special menu or deal, such as a less expensive mani-pedi or a meal for a fixed price.
- Offer a group deal for 5 or more people, like a free drink or appetizer for the whole group.

Be creative! Make your place stand out to our teachers by offering them something special. By joining in, you'll not only make a teacher's day but also get new customers and also spotlight your business on a map dedicated to this campaign.

Let's honor our teachers and support our local businesses! If you're ready to join us, kindly **send an email to info@ssfchamber.com by March 15, 2024**, to confirm your participation and share what you'd like to contribute.

This is for ALL SSF Chamber of Commerce members who are up to date with their membership. That means salons, restaurants, shops, dry cleaners, hardware stores, florists, gas stations, hotels, and more can join.

Thanks for being part of this. We're excited to see how you'll help make our teachers feel appreciated.

Warmly,
SSF Chamber of Commerce Team

**South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Education Foundation**

**2024 "Higher Education Scholarship"
Luncheon**

**Basque Cultural Center
599 Railroad Avenue
South San Francisco
Thursday, April 25, 2024
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.

\$50.00 Per Person in Advance

Registration Form

Name(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____

Check (Enclosed) AMEX/ Visa/MC _____

Exp. _____ **Sec Code** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Reservation Required by April 19, 2024

Please RSVP on website: www.ssfchamber.com
or

Mail Reservation to the
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
213 Linden Ave. SSF
(650) 588-1911 Fax (650) 588-2534
Email: info@ssfchamber.com

PURE STRATEGY

NO FLUFF, ONLY RESULTS

THE #1 DIGITAL AGENCY IN 2023

We've partnered with the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to offer you some amazing deals for 2024



OUR PACKAGES

"Everything you need" - 3 Page Website (\$900)

Home Page - Menu - Contact us

This offering is perfect for restaurants or small businesses that need something sharp to generate business

"Let's Go Viral" - Instagram Content (\$1000/month)

We'll create 30 posts a month and schedule them to your instagram.

*This is ideal if you want to bring attention to your restaurant. We've created viral posts for brands that have brought in over **1 billion** in impressions. To put it into perspective, 1 viral video = 100,000 impressions, if just 5% of those people visit your restaurant you just gained 5,000 new customers.*

WHY WE ARE THE BEST?

We've built most of the sites and apps you use on the internet. Google, Meta, Tiktok, Microsoft, and Samsung are our partners. We are the preferred vendor for their website updates, automations, research, and content.

You'll find comfort in an experienced team handling your website and content.

OUR CLIENTS



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**EMERGING LEADERS
and the
LEADERSHIP CORPS
PROGRAMS**

CLASS OF 2025!

**APPLICATIONS ARE
NOW OPEN**

*Join Us for an
Info Session!*

- ▶ **March 26, 12 noon - 1 p.m.**
- ▶ **April 10, 6 - 7 p.m.**
- ▶ **April 24, 8 - 9 a.m.**

Register for an Info Session at
www.leadershipcouncilsmc.org/apply.

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**A Night to Remember:
The Sunset Soiree at Skyline Mixer**

In February, the Farallon Room hosted the unforgettable Sunset Soiree, a highlight of the SSF Chamber Mixer series. Attendees were treated to stunning views of the Pacific Ocean and the Farallon Islands, set against the backdrop of a magical sunset.

The evening was a vibrant mix of networking and celebration, uniting community members in laughter and conversation. It showcased our collective creativity, diversity, and ambition through engaging talks, performances, and sessions, emphasizing the power of coming together.

This successful event paves the way for the Skyline College President's Council Breakfast on March 21st, promising another opportunity to network, innovate, and support the Presidential Innovation Fund. It's not just a breakfast; it's a chance to contribute to our future leaders' education and innovation.

Don't miss out on this inspiring event. Get your tickets now to join a morning filled with networking and support for a great cause. Together, we can make the President's Council Breakfast a success. Join us to continue building our community's strength and unity. See you at the breakfast!

For tickets and information, please visit: [President's Breakfast | President's Council | Skyline College](#)



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February Mixer



Dr. Newin Orante
ACTING PRESIDENT, SKYLINE COLLEGE

Cordially invites you to join the
SKYLINE COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

for

THE 23RD ANNUAL

PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

on

Thursday, March 21, 2024
7:30 a.m. Networking
8 a.m. Breakfast & Program
The Farallon Room, Building 12
Skyline College

*Proceeds from the Breakfast will be used to support
the President's Innovation Fund.*



TICKETS \$100
TO REGISTER
bit.ly/march21breakfast

CAN'T MAKE IT? DONATE!
foundation.smccd.edu/skyline

FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT
THERESA TENTES AT
skypresbreakfast@smccd.edu





March is National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month, celebrated in March, stresses the importance of a balanced diet and exercise.

When you eat better, you feel better. But that's just the beginning. Introducing healthy eating habits now can also help you avoid potentially serious health issues down the road. Whether your goal is to feel good, manage your weight, or prevent health problems, now's the best time to get started.

Healthy eating can help you feel your best, give you plenty of energy to tackle the day, and even help you manage stress better.

Research shows that eating 5 servings of fresh fruit and vegetables a day can help lower the risk of death and reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, and more.

Over two-thirds of U.S. adults (and nearly one-third of children) are overweight or obese. These physical conditions can pose a major risk if further health complications arise.

Being physically fit can feel challenging, but even with some simple changes to your behavior and activity level, you can quickly start to reap the benefits of fitness.

Fitness can lead to a healthier heart and stronger lungs, bones, muscles, and joints as well as lowering your risk of falls, diabetes, high blood pressure, and some cancers. Connect to healthy resources at kp.org/healthyliving for a look at how you can start your path to a healthier lifestyle.

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

STARTING A BEAUTY OR BARBER BUSINESS

Attend one of our free intro workshops
to begin your journey.



EMPLOYEE VS BUSINESS OWNER

Learn the differences between being an employee, assistant or renter of a chair or station. Make the right decision for you after passing the State Board exam.

HOW TO BUILD YOUR CLIENTELE

Learn how to build and grow your clientele while still in school or working for someone else.



HOW TO RENT A CHAIR OR STATION

Learn about how to find and choose the right place to rent. Leave knowing what goes into a rental agreement and your rights and responsibilities.

START UP COSTS

Learn how to plan for start up costs. Know your options from starting small with minimal costs to scaling up.



Scan here to register for current and
future workshop dates

Earth Day Event | April 14th @ SSF Library | Parks & Recreation Center



Calling All Earth Heroes!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR EARTH DAY VOLUNTEERS AND VENDORS TO HELP PROVIDE EDUCATION OR SERVICES TO THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO COMMUNITY.

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT THE LINK BELOW FOR EVENT INFO AND VENDOR DETAILS.

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4BYACSU](https://bit.ly/4BYACSU)



The Planet vs. Plastics

2024 EARTH DAY EVENT
SSF LIBRARY | PARKS & REC CENTER

Sunday,
April 14,
2024

1pm to
4pm



HOSTED BY



FREE ADMISSION
Register using the QR code.

Become an earth hero and learn how you can save the planet.

Interactive exhibits, community conversations, family-friendly activities, art installations, resources, and sustainable vendors.

Bring your reusable water bottle, shopping bags, and empty jars for refillable household products

Together, we can tip the scales in favor of Planet Earth!

renaissance
entrepreneurship center

Economic Advancement Center
366 Grand Ave, SSF, CA

brc@rencenter.org
650-829-4652

LEGAL ENTITIES

In this comprehensive, interactive workshop, you will gain a deep understanding of the various legal structures available to businesses and how each choice can influence the trajectory of your business.

March 12 | 6 - 8 pm
In person

INSTRUCTOR
GABRIELA SAPP

TO REGISTER
Scan the QR Code or
visit rencenter.org/calendar

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



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](#) & Instagram for the latest Chamber news.

Calendar of Events

March - National Women's History Month

3/13 6:30pm - Regular City Council Meeting

3/14 4:30pm Chamber Mixer - Honoring Women's History Month at Flowers and Events by Dani, Tanforan Shopping Center
3/13 6:30pm - Regular City Council Meeting

3/21 8am Skyline College President's Council Breakfast

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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Your support is truly appreciated!

Always Best Care – Peninsula (January 2014)
Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel (March 1971)
Golden Hill Monument Corp. (January 2015)
IAFF Local 1507 (March 1999)
Kenny Realty (January 1970)
Mom's Tofu House (May 2021)
Poletti Realty (March 1956)
Ross, Hackett Dowling, Valencia & Walti (March 1987)
SSF Unified School District (March 1999)
See's Candies, Inc. (March 1982)
ServPro of South San Francisco/San Bruno (March 2008)
Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi, PC (January 2002)
South City Lumber; Supply (March 1946)

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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