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A Message from the Desk of Mary Prem

CEO of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



This year marks an incredible milestone as Genentech and the biotech industry celebrate 50 years in South San Francisco. Biotech helped put our city on the world map and continues to fuel our local economy, support jobs, fill office buildings, and bring customers to our restaurants, shops, hotels, and small businesses.

At the Chamber, one of our biggest goals is connecting the large biotech campuses on the east side with the legacy mom-and-pop businesses on the west side. Every day we encourage biotech employees to shop local, try new restaurants, support neighborhood businesses, attend local events, and become part of the community. We are also creating new events and experiences that help bring both sides of the city together.

We also just concluded our 2026 Scholarship Luncheon, and it was a record-breaking year! We are so proud to have awarded scholarships to 51 amazing students thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters. A special thank you to Basque Cultural Center for hosting such a memorable event. If you are a student reading this, please take a moment to send a thank you note to your donor through the Chamber and we will gladly forward it along. These scholarships are made possible through fundraising efforts that happen all year long, so we encourage our community to continue supporting this wonderful program.

We recently celebrated Mother's Day and loved seeing several Chamber restaurants share their specials and promotions with the community. Please continue sending us your events, specials, and happenings so we can help spread the word and keep South San Francisco engaged and connected.

Thank you for supporting local businesses and for being part of our Chamber community.



Scholarship Luncheon Breaks Records!

What a day! The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation celebrated a record year by raising nearly \$60,000 and awarding scholarships to 51 amazing students heading off to college and trade programs.

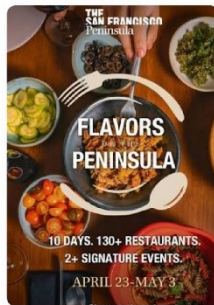
Thank you to all of our donors, sponsors, educators, families, and supporters who made the luncheon such a special and inspiring celebration.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners! We hope you go off, do amazing things, and one day return to South San Francisco to join our biotech industry, open businesses, become Chamber members, and continue supporting the community.

Special thanks to Yesika Wong for capturing the event photos. Be sure to check out the gallery link to view and download your pictures!



[Download Photos from Scholarship Luncheon](#)



Flavors of the Peninsula Brings Foodies Together

The South San Francisco Chamber was proud to join chambers from across the Peninsula along with The San Francisco Peninsula for this year's Flavors of the Peninsula restaurant week.

We kicked things off at The Hangar with an evening full of great food, networking, and community spirit. Many Chamber-member restaurants participated, showcasing everything from savory bites to sweet treats. It was a great reminder of just how lucky we are to have such an incredible food scene right here on the Peninsula.



Hopefully many of you had a chance to participate, support local restaurants, and maybe even discover a new favorite dining spot along the way. A big thank you to all the Peninsula chambers and The San Francisco Peninsula for bringing everyone together for such a fun and tasty collaboration.



Congratulations to Genentech on 50 Years of Innovation and Impact in South San Francisco!

The South San Francisco Chamber was honored to be invited to participate in Genentech's 50th anniversary celebrations both in South San Francisco and Sacramento, recognizing five decades of innovation, community partnership, and impact in the biotech industry.

South San Francisco Campus



The South San Francisco Chamber was honored to join Genentech CEO Ashley Magargee, Josh Becker, and other community leaders for a special 50th anniversary celebration at the Genentech campus.

The event included a behind-the-scenes campus tour, a look at the more than \$2 billion investment Genentech is making to modernize its South San Francisco campus, a reception, and a fun museum-style exhibit highlighting 50 years of biotech innovation.

Representing the Chamber were Board President Dani Fandino, Vice President Cesar Dominguez, and CEO Mary Prem.

State Capitol - Sacramento



The South San Francisco Chamber was also honored to join Genentech on a special trip to the State Capitol in Sacramento as part of the company's 50th anniversary celebration.

Chamber representatives joined CEO Ashley Magargee, state senators, and other leaders to recognize the incredible impact Genentech has had on biotechnology, innovation, and the economy over the past five decades.

The celebration included a reception at the Capitol, where several South San Francisco Chamber members who reside in the Sacramento area also joined in the festivities and support of South City's biotech legacy.



The South San Francisco Women's Club
Salutes the Red, White & Blue
Honoring our Past & Building Our Future

A Patriotic Fundraiser Supporting the
SSF Women's Club and the Women's Suffrage National Monument

Saturday, June 13th, 2026

470 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco

Join us in a celebration of the
250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

Enjoy an evening of fun, food and raffles

BUFFET MEAL for \$75 per person

BBQ Chicken & Ribs Dinner by



4:30 pm - No Host Wine Bar

5:30 pm - Dinner is Served

Complimentary Commemorative Glass

Beverages by the glass: \$1 Soda - \$5 Wine

This patriotic event proudly supports the creation of the **Women's Suffrage National Monument** in Washington, DC.
To learn more about the Monument visit our website at: ssfomensclub.com

Reservation deadline June 1, 2026

Call (650) 892-1165 for more info

You will receive confirmation of your reservation once payment is received

Please call the number above if you do not receive confirmation by the payment deadline

Send payment to: SSFWC, P.O. Box 455, So.SF, CA 94083-0455
or pay by Zelle @[ssfomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssfwomensclub@gmail.com) or Venmo @ssfomensclub with Note: "RWB"

Please return this when mailing your payment:

of people: _____ x \$75: _____ Name: _____ Phone #: _____



GFWC South San Francisco Women's Club Fundraiser

Back by popular demand!



pancakes & pajamas



Sunday Breakfast!

Enter contest for silliest and cutest PJ's!

Win a Door Prize!

- Date:** Sunday, August 16, 2026
- Time:** 10 am
- Where:** SSF Women's Club, 470 Grand Avenue, SSF
- Cost:** \$25 per person -- \$15 children age 10 and under
(includes pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, coffee/tea, juice (orange or apple), fruit assortment)
- RSVP:** **with payment by Friday, August 7, 2026 -- NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR**
Cash or checks payable to 'SSF Women's Club'
complete below section and mail with payment to:
Marie Yoschak, 660 Telford Avenue, SSF, California 94080

For additional information, call or text Ginny Tilton, 650-438-5498.

Proceeds benefit the SSF Women's Club historic clubhouse building fund.

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I would like to attend the Pajama Pancake Breakfast! Enclosed is payment for
___ Adults at \$25 each = \$_____ ___ Children (10 & under) @ \$15 each = \$_____

Name(s): _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

PURCHASE TICKETS BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026 -- NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

The South San Francisco Women's Club is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization under IRS Section 501(c)(3). SSFWC Tax ID 94-6114871

New Members

Localipsum

Monica Nainsztein

916-208-8767

monica@localipsum.com

<https://www.localipsum.com/>



Localipsum is a translation and localization agency built on a simple belief: technology should support human expertise, not replace it. Across 180+ languages and cultures, our team of human experts ensures that every word not only translates, but lands.

Angel Palliative Care & Hospice

Lena Asadov,MS, OTR/L

90 South Spruce Suite O

South San Francisco CA 94080

(650)590-2530

info@apchbayarea.com

<https://www.apchbayarea.com/>

Provider of palliative and hospice care in the San Francisco Bay Area for people with terminal illnesses. We offer individualized compassionate care focused on patients spiritual, emotional and physical needs.

Stillpoint Therapy Collective

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San Francisco CA 94115

Ellen Ottman

spttherapycollective@gmail.com

<https://www.stillpoint-therapy.com/>

Tri Counties Bank

975 El Camino Real

South San Francisco, CA 94080

(650)583-8450

<https://www.tcbk.com/>

Renewing Members

Brentwood Holding Company, LP (May 2016)
<https://brentwoodholding.com/>

City of San Francisco (May 1988)
<http://www.ssf.net>

Congressman Kevin Mullin (January 2013)

Double Tree by Hilton San Francisco
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sfosadt-doubletree-san-francisco-airport-south-blvd/>

Evolve Training Center (June 2020)
<https://evolvetrainingcenter.com/>

Focus Day Program (May 2021)
www.focusdayprogram.com

Kiwanis Club of SSF (October 2000)
<http://www.ssfkiwanis.org>

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham
<http://www.laquinta.com>

Rotaplast International (January 2024)
<https://rotaplast.org/>

SSF Adult Education (April 2000)
<https://ssfae-ssfusd-ca.schoolloop.com>

Staples (February 2019)
<https://stores.staples.com/ca/s--san-francisco/470-noor-ave>

Westborough Water District (May 1988)
<https://www.westboroughwater.com>





May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is a time to pause, connect, and remind one another that mental health is essential to total health — and that no one has to navigate challenges alone.

Mental Health Awareness Month was created to reduce stigma, build understanding, and encourage people to seek support. Those goals remain as important as ever. In recent years, national and local leaders have elevated one clear message: **connection matters**.

Recent national research continues to underscore the powerful link between loneliness and mental health. A large 2026 study published in *JAMA Network Open* found that loneliness can intensify symptoms of depression and anxiety — and that strengthening social connections may help reduce the risk of more serious mental-health outcomes. In [San Mateo County](#), leaders acted early on this evidence, becoming the first county in the nation to declare loneliness a public health emergency. That work continues today, with ongoing county-led initiatives focused on strengthening connection, belonging, and well-being for residents of all ages.

Strong, supportive relationships play a powerful role in protecting mental health. While reaching out can feel uncomfortable at times, small, intentional steps can make a meaningful difference.

Simple ways to connect:

- **Reach out:** Call a friend you haven't spoken to in a while.
- **Take the lead:** Invite someone to lunch or start a walking or interest group.
- **Get involved:** Volunteer, join a class, or participate in community activities.
- **Ask for help:** If loneliness feels overwhelming or concerns are more serious, professional support can help.

For Kaiser Permanente members, **no referral is needed** to connect with mental health resources, and intake phone counselors and our Emergency Departments are available 24 hours a day. We provide individual therapy, group therapy, health classes, and medication if needed. In addition, emotional wellness apps are available to KP members at no extra cost.

Let's check in with ourselves and each other. Building connections builds overall health.

Edward Kao, MD

Physician-in-Chief

Kaiser Permanente South San Francisco Medical Center



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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Day of BOCCCE

\$50 PER PERSON

INCLUDES 3 BOCCE GAMES, CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- TEAMS & INDIVIDUALS WELCOME -

COURT SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE
GOLD \$250 - SILVER \$200 - BRONZE \$150
YOUR NAME OR COMPANY NAME
PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

8:30 AM CHECK-IN

ORANGE MEMORIAL PARK
BOCCCE COURTS, SSF

REGISTER NOW



MAIL CHECK TO
SSF KIWANIS, P.O. BOX 292,
SSF, CA 94083

- OR -

PAY BY CC VIA PHONE
AFTER RSVP

REG. DEADLINE: 8/17

INFO@SSFKIWANIS.ORG

FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT LOCAL
YOUTH & FAMILY CHARITIES
WWW.SSFKIWANIS.ORG

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

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Calendar of Events

5/13 City Council Meeting
5/19 Board Meeting
5/20 May Mixer - Ana's Hair Salon
5/27 City Council Meeting

6/17 June Mixer
6/22-25 Bio Conference
6/23 Bio Mixer - San Diego
6/30 Breakfast S

7/4 Fourth of July Parade - City Hall
7/10 Strikes for Scholarship - Bowling
7/15 July Mixer

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



Chamber Personnel

Mary Prem

Kamal Hyder
SF Bay ADU

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Cetera Investors

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Arlene Dozier
Executive Assistant

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Dani Fandino
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Vice President
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Laura Snideman

Ex-Officio City Economic Mgr
Ernesto Lucero

Suzanne Lee
Genentech

Sailesh Mehra
SM8

Natalia Morales
Kilroy Realty Corporation

Pravin Punjiya
Fairfield Inn by Marriott SFO

Judy Reyes
*California Catering at
SSF Conference Center*

Roger Rodriguez
Rockoto Peruvian Restaurant

Kevin Williams
California Water Service

Kevin Worth
Kaiser Permanente

Kris Brown
Cintas

Claudia & Mario Canseco
Chula SF

Lydia Pomposo
Commissioner

Astrid Rivera
IHOP GM/Retired

Yamel Rodriguez
Northwest Water Proofing

John Sanna
Friends of Park & Rec

Brad Smith
Incline Insurance

Erika Tomayo
K-Bellos Hair Salon

Florida Ventura
Broker/Musician

Yesika Wong
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