

February 2021



Our monthly news & updates

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President Jim McGuire

Donny Osmond's socks, Prince's favorite color and now our Tier color again.....**PURPLE!** Let's hope it stays this way, or better yet, continues to improve. As we know, California's Stay at Home Order was recently lifted again as bed capacity in our Intensive Care Units slowly improve. Great news! Our businesses can open up again with modifications, but we must all remember to follow all protocols and be as safe as possible. Although our recent stormy weather is making it very challenging to return to outdoor dining, soon our local establishments will be serving their delicious cuisines once again. Not only restaurants, but many other businesses can open again (with modifications) including hair salons, retail, shopping centers, personal care services, museums, movie theaters and more. Please remember to support local, support your fellow Chamber members and let them know we care.



The Board of Directors would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest Board member, Kristin Ditlevsen with Liberty Bank. Kristin serves as the SVP Managing Director of Business Development for the bank and we are pleased to have her join our Board. Congratulations and welcome, Kristin!

"Reimagine" was the theme to our Board of Directors meeting in January. With not much change this year in terms of face-to-face gatherings, at least not until Q4, we will strive to do the best we can to help you realize the most of your membership investment through messaging, outreach and our continuous communication. We are working on creating some educational and informative webinars for you to participate in and also partnering with other Chambers of Commerce throughout the region for cross-marketing and business opportunities. While most people are still a little leery of flying at the moment, we want to capitalize on reaching those who are looking to take road trips in their cars. By working with other Chambers of Commerce and letting them know what our great city has to offer, we are hopeful to gain visitors who are ready to get away and experience our area. Your Chamber will do what we can to help our hotels, restaurants and small businesses as we all slowly recover together. We all need that "shot in the arm" - meaning more business and yes, the vaccine.

Stay tuned for some more information on webinars and other happenings that we are working on. Enjoy the shortest month of the year, celebrate Black History Month, treat your Valentine well and enjoy the Super Bowl! See you next month – be well!

Member News, Community Events & Announcements

**California Small Business COVID-19
Relief Grant Program**



**CA Relief Grants available for Small
Business: next round starts Feb 2**

A second round of applications will open at 8:00 a.m. February 2 and will run through 6:00 p.m. February 8.

Applicants who submitted all necessary documents in the first round and met eligibility requirements, but did not receive a grant, do not need to reapply; their applications will be rolled over for consideration in the second round."

[Click here to learn more!](#)



We are excited to bring you good news!
The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has formally established an Education Foundation

The South San Francisco Education Foundation, (EIN:85-2930060), will support the enhancement of education and educational programs within the South San Francisco Unified School District boundaries providing funding support for both the school district and individual school programs and offering and managing scholarship programs for "qualified students" seeking university, college, or vocational advancement. Determinations as to which students shall be "qualified" for any such scholarship program are to be made in the discretion of the Board of Directors and officers of the South San Francisco Education Foundation.

Because of the generosity of the local business sponsors, deserving high school students in our community have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to support their higher learning. Your pledge of \$1,000.00 or more, provides hope and encourages local students to return to their roots and work where they once grew up. You can show that the business community stands behind their youth and really cares.

The scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors that are residents of South San Francisco and will be seeking university, college, or vocational advancement. There is an extensive application process for each of the applicants to complete. Last year, 31 students were fortunate enough to be granted a scholarship, thanks to businesses like yours.

In the past we had a celebratory luncheon in April, and would ask our scholarship recipients and their sponsors to attend this annual luncheon. Under the current circumstances, a luncheon celebration may be determined at a later date. Your business will be recognized in all media releases and printed material related to the scholarship program.

Kindly make your check payable to the South San Francisco Education Foundation 501(c)(3), reference "Scholarship Fund", and return to the Chamber by Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at (650)588-1911. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Clifford
Chairman, Education Scholarship Committee

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email: info@ssfchamber.com · www.ssfchamber.com

Scholarships for High School Seniors

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce – Education Foundation is pleased to announce its sponsorship of college scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors that are residents of South San Francisco.

Scholarship application/resume/essay must be submitted to the South San Francisco Chamber office no later than Wednesday, March 10, 2021 by 4:00pm.

Transcripts should also be submitted to the Chamber office at the same time.

[Click here to apply!](#)

A Committee will review all of the pertinent information and select student winners.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in sharing this information on scholarship opportunities. Should you have any questions about our scholarship program or would like to make a tax-deductible donation please contact us at 650-588-1911, or info@ssfchamber.com



San Mateo Credit Union (SMCU) is committed to assisting small businesses in our community. Their application portal is open for new Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applicants. If you are still being affected by COVID-19 and are considering applying for the PPP loan, that was recently approved by Congress, please see below for the documents you will need in order to aide in the completion of your loan application.

Visit: <https://www.smcu.org/ppp> for dedicated PPP loan information and to apply.

Please note, an application for a PPP loan with SMCU will require an SMCU membership prior to funding a PPP loan.

The following are the eligibility requirements for a business membership(1):

- Your business must be located or headquartered in San Mateo County, City of Palo Alto, or select San Francisco zip codes(2).
- Your annual revenue should not exceed \$10,000,000.
- Your monthly business activities should not require large cash deposits.

PLEASE NOTE: The application and all communication is an online only process. All communication regarding PPP loans will be distributed exclusively through an electronic channel.

(1) Additional membership eligibility requirements may apply.

(2)San Francisco county zip codes which are eligible for membership include and are limited to: 94110, 94112, 94116, 94122, 94124, 94132 and 94134

See's **100** Years

Here is to another 100 years!

"100 years later...and sweeter than ever before!

Read more about how you can join the centennial celebrations and submit your candy ideas for their NEW November treat at:
<https://sees.com/sweetidea> "



TRASH TALK

¶ **Start Planning Now: An Overview of SB 1383's Organic Waste Reduction Requirements** ... start planning today to adequately resource and implement the programs that will be required in the SB 1383 regulations.

If your business is not already separating food waste nor have have the appropriate bins, please contact South San Francisco Scavenger Co. & Blue Line Transfer Inc. at 650-589-4020

[Cal Recycle Resources](#)



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TO
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3% for Premier Platinum Card
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Offer valid through 3/31/2021

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UP
TO
\$**200**

Premier Platinum Card
receives \$200 new account
bonus

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Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

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SOROPTIMIST®

Investing in Dreams

January 21, 2021

Dear Friend,

The 16th Annual Step into Spring Benefit for Soroptimist Rising Stars goes virtual in 2021. With this annual event, Soroptimist International of North San Mateo (SINSMC) raises funds in support of Soroptimist Dream Programs.

A \$25 donation covers entrance to Expanding Your Horizons for one girl to engage in STEM

A \$75 donation covers part of the cost of a bus to take girls to Bay Area STEM programs

A \$100 donation allows organizations like HIP Housing continue their work in the community

A \$500 donation helps local charities like CORA protect women from domestic violence

A \$1,000 donation covers a FULL "Live Your Dream" educational grant to help a woman in need get a higher education

This past December due to your past generous support, SINSMC was able to give \$7000 in "Live Your Dream" financial awards to four women. These funds will help the women continue their educational pursuits and help them achieve economic empowerment. SINSMC has also sponsored hundreds of girls for the "Expanding Your Horizons" STEM program to empower women and girls to enter Science, Technology, Engineering and Math careers.

Your support during this Covid-19 shut down will enable us to continue funding Live Your Dream and other projects in support of women and girls.

Goal: \$20,000

How to donate:

- 1) By check to the address at left
- 2) Virtually by our Go Fund Me Campaign:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/the-16th-annual-step-into-spring-benefit-for-soroptimist-rising-stars-goes-virtual-in-2021>

Thank you for your continued support,

Carol King, President

South San Francisco Women's Club presents

\$20
Per Plate

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Saturday, March 20, 2021

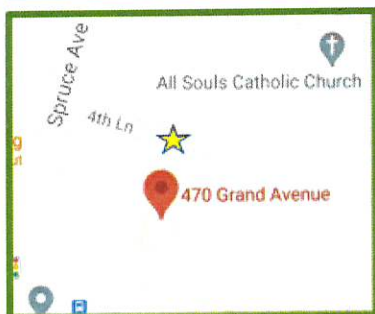
Drive-thru Pick Up between 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Plate includes Corned Beef & Cabbage with Red Potatoes,
Carrots & Corn, Roll with Butter, and Cookie



Also featuring our Annual Plant & Bake Sale.
Check out our yummy baked goods and cool
plants when picking up your plate orders.

Bring Cash for plants and baked goods please



★ Pick up your plate at the rear entrance
of the Women's Club. Enter on 4th Lane
off of Spruce Avenue towards All Souls
parking lot, and we will be on the right.

**Reservation and payment for
plate orders must be received by
Friday, March 12th**

Please make check or money order payable to:
South San Francisco Women's Club

mail payment to:
SSF Women's Club
P.O. Box 455
South San Francisco, CA 94083-0455

For more info, call Vi Weber at
650-873-8030

~All proceeds support the SSF Women's Club~



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Sitike n. (peche) a group of non-blood kin who are present in a time of crisis

Our mission is to provide community based counseling and education in a safe and healing environment that embraces the cultural and emotional needs of every client and to help people find hope, resiliency and life affirming change.



Evidence Based Treatment

Since 1986 our counselors have provided an array of evidence-based, research-supported interventions.



Supportive Environment

Our agency is a true place of hope and healing where you will be respected and supported like a member of your own family.



Successful Outcomes

For over three decades, we have proudly and passionately helped thousands of individuals recover and heal.

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WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

"I was very scared about being judged and that did not happen. I was scared about being treated badly and that did not happen. I expected to not be understood and that did not happen. What happened is that I got my life and my family back." - George, Pacific

"I'm a recovering addict. A miracle of Sitike. Recovery gave me myself back...gave me integrity, dignity and courage...taught me how to be a mother, a woman, a friend...and how to live life clean and sober...come day at a time." - Lisa, San Mateo County Resident

OUR PROGRAMS

Anger Management

This 10-week program focuses on stress management, appropriate expression of anger, coping and communication skill development.

Domestic Violence

This 52-week program teaches non-violent behavior, healthy communication, and accountability.

Discover Recovery

This three- to 12-month outpatient program serves adults with substance use, and/or co-occurring mental health/substance use disorders. Services include assessment, individualized treatment plans, individual and group counseling and drug and alcohol testing.

Women's Intensive Outpatient Program

This three- to nine-month gender-specific program supports pregnant and/or parenting women who are chronically dependent and have often experienced trauma. Participants attend the program four hours a day, three to five days per week.

First Offender DUI Program

Sitike's DUI programs comply with local, state, and federal mandates. Services include individual and group counseling and education.

Adolescent Drug Education Program

We offer a three- to four-hour program to promote an understanding of the continuum of drug and alcohol abuse, impulse management, acquisition of refusal skills and a balanced and informed decision-making process.

Drug & Alcohol Testing

We offer Drug & Alcohol Testing services for: Deferred Entry of Judgment, Proposition 30, Drug Court and Child Protective Services clients.

All services are available in English and Spanish.

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STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE OF
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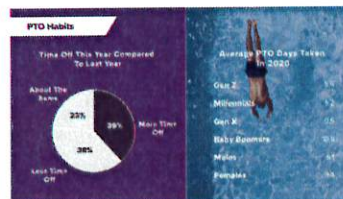
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We take care of politics, so you can take care of your business



Hotels and CVBs Vow
to Lead Way to Recovery

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COVID-19 Pandemic
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Covid Vaccination May Be
Required to Fly in 2021

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Educational Resources

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



Women Owned Small Business Certification

Learn about SBA's Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting program, and how to use it to leverage your business!

Wed, February 17, 2021
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM PST - FREE

Discuss latest changes to the WOSB certification process, and explore how to optimize and successfully complete the application on the new portal: beta.certify.sba.gov.

To be eligible for the SBA's Women's Contracting program, a business must be a small business, at least 51% owned, controlled, and operated by a woman who is a U.S. citizen.

[Register Here!](#)



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TAX AND FEE ADMINISTRATION

FREE February Webinars

TAX Education Events. Learn about sellers permits, sales and use tax, taxable and nontaxable labor, use of a resale certificate, get step by step instruction on filing a CDTFA sales and use tax return electronically and more!

Webinars are presented via Microsoft Teams. Registration is required.

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They provide business management guidance, technical and targeted business assistance, networking opportunities, one-on-one consulting, business workshops, and facilities.

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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,

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