

June 2021



Our monthly news & updates

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President Jim McGuire

The final countdown has begun! June 15th cannot come any faster! On June 15, the governor said California will fully open its economy if two criteria are met: If vaccine supply is sufficient for Californians 16 years and older who wish to be inoculated; and if hospitalization rates are stable and low. The Centers for Disease Control has indicated those who have been fully vaccinated will no longer have to wear masks unless in crowded settings. We all know that guidelines have been “as clear as mud” and many of us have found it very confusing. Wear a mask, do not wear a mask, can I eat inside, can I have a drink at the bar? Well, in 2 short weeks, we will be experiencing life almost back to normal before the pandemic. It is hard to believe, and it will probably take some adjusting. Here is what we know:



- No more physical distancing requirements for attendees, customers and guests at almost all businesses and other institutions.
- No more coronavirus-related capacity limitations.

- California will generally align with mask guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Restrictions at restaurants, open bars and buffets will go away.
- Organizers of indoor events with more than 5,000 people, such as a basketball game, will be required to verify that attendees are either fully vaccinated or have tested negative within 72 hours of the event's start time.
- Organizers of outdoor events with more than 10,000 attendees will be recommended, but not required, to do the same, though venues in those instances will have the option of allowing unvaccinated and untested attendees, provided those people wear a mask at all times.
- The requirement/recommendation for testing and vaccine verification will remain in effect through Oct. 1, though state officials will assess conditions prior to that to determine how, or whether, to update or extend that guidance.
- California's travel advisory will be loosened. Currently, nonessential unvaccinated travelers returning or entering California are still recommended to get tested for the virus before travel and after arrival. They are also asked to quarantine themselves for seven days, even if they test negative. By June 15, the state will likely loosen quarantine recommendations for unvaccinated people who are traveling within the U.S.

So, life will be almost normal again. Just in time to take Dad out for **Father's Day** on **June 20th**, which also is the first day of the summer solstice. Take your favorite Gemini and Cancer baby out to dinner at one of our excellent restaurants to help them celebrate their birthdays this month! Our businesses need you, so please help support your local Chamber members so we can all get back on our feet again. The time has finally arrived!

A special *Thank You* to **Sitike Counseling Center** and **Councilwoman Flor Nicolas** for hosting highly informative, caring and compassionate Zoom meetings each Thursday last month to help educate us and to show support

during Mental Health Awareness Month – great job, and I am sure everyone who participated in these meetings truly are thankful as well.

A warm WELCOME to our newest Chamber members **Yolanda Ruiz** with **Focus Day Program,**

Kenny Annis with **Sky Café** and **Soo Ahn** with **Mom's Tofu House!**

We have a few webinars scheduled for this month, so please visit our Calendar on our website and be sure to sign up for them. Speaking of our website, our new and improved look and feel is almost complete! Our **CEO Liza Normandy** and Chamber Staff have been working extremely hard for a seamless transition by putting all their final touches on. You will love it! It should be live this month.

Be well, remember to support your Chamber members, and be thankful for each other.

See you next month!

Director Dave Gallagher

Rambling thoughts of a SSF Chamber Board of Director

As we emerge from our year plus of Covid lockdown, I thought about how life changes and how this pandemic forced us to change. Some things for the better and some for the worse. Will these lifestyle changes last? Will you still wash your hands with soap for 30 seconds? Will you feel safe to hug a friend or shake their hand? Will you stand clear of someone who sneezes because now you think it could be Covid? Or will you accept that this poor soul has terrible allergies. Will you still walk down the street and wonder why that person is



wearing a mask on their face? Will you continue cooking meals at home and realize that you really can cook a good meal. Or will you go back to the way you were.

I lost a long list of friends because of Covid. It was about time I cleaned up my "friends" list on Facebook anyhow. Half the people on that list I have not spoken to or seen in years. I wonder if they miss me? I guess not because they still haven't called. Nor have I called them. Was this Covid related?

I have a new Grandson named Bodie. We had to wait for him to come home from the hospital because only Mom and Dad of the baby were allowed in the hospital. My first Grandson, Lukas, had 20 people in the lobby waiting for him. That is another change because of Covid. Just like pictures, the 2nd kid gets overlooked. Most of my friends have never even met him. He is a year old now. And just think, the old saying of "your kid is probably in college by now" can actually be a true statement.

On the bright side, my backyard looks amazing. New gardens are planted with lots of veggies and are producing those wonderful side dishes of our home cooked meals. I have gotten a chance to do most of the things I said I never had time to do. No more excuses. Is this what retirement will be like? I think I will work a few more years.

One thing I can say, honestly and whole heartedly, is that I truly missed many of you. Family and friends. I realize who is important to me. Who I need and want in my life to keep me happy. There are a few people who I can't wait to see. Some I couldn't wait to see so yes I broke the rules just to see a couple of them. And you know who you are. 😊

I'm still washing my hands, with soap and warm water 37 times a day. I still have allergies that make my day a challenge. I don't worry so much about the person with a mask on anymore. I have become a better cook than I was. And yes, we did manage to eat at over 30 different local restaurants during the pandemic. Some of them more than once and some of them several

times. Thank you to all those small businesses that stayed open to keep us all well fed and happy.

One thing that won't change for me is the close relationships with my family. I got to know my kids as adults. My wife is still my best friend. My Grandsons are a bright light in life. And as we get back to the new normal, whatever that may be, try not to forget what matters. Keep the positive changes and let go of the bad. Be a good person and say thank you to everyone who helped get you through this. We all made it. Now enjoy what has changed in your life. Cheers!

Member News, Community Events & Announcements

San Mateo County President
David J. Canepa

REOPENING OF THE STATE CELEBRATION

JUNE 15
11:00AM - 2:30 PM

Mike Nevin Way in unincorporated
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7800 El Camino Real, Colma
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State of California after a year of COVID

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and everyone is welcome.

**We're not out of this yet...
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distancing.**



Historical Society *reopens* museums in June

The Historical Society of South San Francisco will be opening its museums with new hours starting in June.

This will include the Museum at 80 Chestnut and the Plymire/Schwarz House at 519 Grand Avenue.

We will be open every Saturday from 1 to 4 pm with docents ready to show you around.

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Time: 12:00pm (PST)

Location: Zoom



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Sunday, July 18: 10 am - 2 pm

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¹FBI (Feb. 2008, 2017 Internet Crime Report, <https://www.fbi.gov/ice/eis/foia/2017-internet-crime-report-released-021320>)

²Small Business Association, Stay Safe from Cybersecurity Threats, <https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/learn-more-your-business/stay-safe-from-cybersecurity-threats>

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All-Star Governor Award

SSF Chamber President Jim McGuire won the "All-Star Governor Award" for their District last week in Dallas at the Best Western Governors Leadership Conference. Congratulations Jim! 🎉

"The All-Star Governor Award is given to the brand's outstanding Governor for each District by the CEO, David Kong during the Governors Leadership Conference. The Governor is awarded for outstanding leadership he shows to his member hotels through guidance, engagement, strategic direction and initiatives. Fourteen award recipients are selected each year out of 200 Governors. This is Jim's second consecutive All-Star Governor Award."

Jim is pictured with Mr. David Kong,
President and CEO

for Best Western Hotels & Resorts

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[Article Credit:
Good Morning America](#)

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



SSF Chamber Calendar of Events

**Webinar- Digital Marketing Hour:
Twitter 101**

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

9:00am – 10:00am

Hosted by: Sierra SBDC

Twitter 101- People come to life on Twitter and they drive what's happening. If you are thinking Twitter is the social media platform for your

business, we will discuss your Twitter presence, converting followers to customers, and tips for helping you Tweet better to drive engagement.

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<https://www.ssfchamber.com/calendar/>

Managing Funds and Funding

Friday, June 11, 2021

11:00am

Hosted by SCORE

How much cash will your business have next month? How much will you need for expenses? Do you have a plan to use that cash to support your business? Understanding and managing receipts and disbursement is always important, particularly in times of uncertainty like today. Being able to forecast can mean the difference between success and failure. This webinar can help you sort it out.

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**Panel Discussion: Navigating
These Uncertain Times**

Friday, June 18, 2021

11:00 am

Hosted by: SCORE

Challenged by 2020 and its changing business landscape? Ready to be inspired? Our panelists are success stories: they recognized the need to make changes, how and what to change and then went out and did it. They met their goals in these uncertain times. You can do the same!

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Hiring and Firing – First Things First

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

10:00am -11:30am

Hosted by: NorCal SBDC

COVID has caused nearly every business to consider staffing challenges, one way or the other. Whether you're ready to hire (or re-hire) employees, or you think you're ready to terminate someone's employment and aren't sure what's legally required, you need to make sure you are doing it right. Join us for this overview of things you need to

consider as you make decisions. This introductory session will present 13 required tasks for each plus today's best practices for California employers. When conducted outside of legal mandates, hiring and firing are two of the riskiest transactions you can conduct. Get the information, then make informed decisions. First things first!

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You can RSVP and pay for events by going to the calendar section and clicking on the event you want to attend. Registration is for SSF Chamber members.

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