

March 2020



Our monthly news & updates

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President Jim McGuire

Greetings, fellow Chamber members and welcome to March 2020. I am sure you will agree that this was not the way that we wanted our 1st Quarter of 2020 to come to a close in regards to a softening market, which seems to be affecting the majority of our businesses. It was no surprise that we were facing some headwinds in the economy, but no one expected the misfortune of a virus that would speed up those headwinds, that's for sure. Many of us are feeling the impact of the 2019-nCoV; COVID-19, better known as the Coronavirus. We hear about it every day, all day, everywhere. California, in particular, has the potential to suffer great losses in terms of business – Visit CA projects a visitor decrease of -7% to -27%. China has historically been the #1 overseas feed to California – about 45,000 airline seats per week. Our neighbors to the north – San Francisco – have already seen this impact with the over 20,000 convention rooms in February and March. Barcelona just suffered the loss of 100,000+ attendees for one of their biggest conventions. Challenging times are ahead, we know, but we always prevail. We have a strong community and an incredible support system. Now is the time to shine as a Chamber member and help your fellow members by supporting their businesses, shopping in their stores, dining in their restaurants and recommending their hotels. South San Francisco is an amazing community – a city on the rise – and your Chamber of Commerce is always here to help. Together, we can get through challenging times. Together, let's remember all of those lives that are badly affected by this virus while we all join forces to overcome whatever headwinds come our way! We are a strong Chamber with strong members, so bring it on!



As you may have already noticed, and as I mentioned in last month's article, you are beginning to hear from your Board of Directors directly. We are reaching out to you so you have that personal connection. We want to listen to you and we want to help you to realize the VALUE in your Membership Investment. So please, give us your feedback and help make your investment worth your while!

.....it's here!.....it's time!.....it's our **Annual Recognition & Business Awards on Thursday, March 5th** at the South San Francisco Conference Center! As always, we will be recognizing and honoring some very special and well deserving individuals and companies. You don't want to miss it! SEE YOU THERE!!!!

Thanks to **Vice President Jeff MacDonald** and everyone who attended the morning mixer at the **Costco Business Center** – Costco is a great Chamber member – thank you!

Don't miss your chance to meet your fellow **NEW MEMBERS** at our upcoming mixer on **Thursday, March 19th from 5 – 7PM at the Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel**. The hotel will showcase its newly renovated Ballroom and offer tours of the beautiful property! A fun time indeed.

A gentle reminder to LIKE the Chamber's Facebook page, and to follow us on Twitter. I hope to see you this coming Thursday at the Annual Recognition & Business Awards Dinner! See you next month or sooner with exciting highlights from our Annual Dinner!

Member News & Announcements

**2020 SSF Chamber of Commerce
Annual Recognition & Business Awards Dinner ~ 3.5.2020**



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We would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to each of our sponsors for making tonight's event both memorable & successful.

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Pete Carcione

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SSF Scavenger Co., City of SSF Public Works Dept., City of SSF Parks & Recreation Department, and Zarc Recycling

Legacy Award
California Water Service

Community Involvement
Armstrong Brewing Co.

Chamber Board Director of the Year
Paul Formosa

Joe Fernekas Volunteer of the Year
Kathy Hoffman

Mayor's Award: Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

SSF Chamber of Commerce Higher Education Scholarship 2020



On behalf of Tony Clifford, Chair of the Education Scholarship Committee and South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, we are pleased to announce the 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 11, 2020 by 4:00pm.**

The winner and a guest will be invited to a hosted luncheon on April 23, 2020 at the South San Francisco Elks Lodge, where awards and certificates will be presented at the luncheon.

Please review the attached documents for more detailed information. Should there be any questions about the scholarship program, please contact us at 650-588-1911 or email us at info@ssfchamber.com

[Click HERE for our Full Information Packet](#)



Is Your Company Hiring?

Dear Employer,

You are invited to participate in the 4th biennial Career & Resource Fair hosted by the City of South San Francisco, in partnership with the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

This is a free service we are offering to our local employers who are currently looking to fill various positions within their organizations.

Participant benefits include:

- **FREE** registration for participating employers
- Access to a diverse talent pool at one time and in one setting
- Designated space for employers who wish to conduct on-site interviews
- Lunch for up to two company representatives
- Free resume review/job search workshop to attract job seekers

WHEN: Friday, April 24, 2020

TIME: 9:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Municipal Services Building, 33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco

To reserve your FREE table, complete the [attached employer registration form](#) and either email to ssfjobfair@ssf.net or fax to (650) 829-6698. DO NOT WAIT...SPACE IS LIMITED!

Please Join Us!



15th Annual Benefit for Our Rising Stars



Step Into Spring

Soroptimist International of North San Mateo County presents an evening of entertainment, silent auction, unique exhibits, and delicious refreshments.



Friday, March 6, 2020
5:30 - 8:00 pm
Tickets \$30

Municipal Services Building Social Hall
33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco



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



Educate Empower Enable

Soroptimist International of North San Mateo County
15th Annual Step Into Spring, Friday March 6, 2020, 5:30-8pm

_____ Please reserve _____ tickets @ \$30.00 each for a total of \$_____. Please mail by Friday, February 28, 2020, for your tickets to be available at WILL CALL.

_____ I am unable to attend, but please accept my gift of \$_____ in support of Soroptimist programs.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to "SI North San Mateo County"
Return to: SINSMC, P.O. Box 5554, SSF, CA 94083

Contributions are tax deductible, less the value of any goods or services provided.

South San Francisco Police Association's
St. Patrick's Day Dinner
18th Annual

Enjoy an evening of entertainment and the chance
to win door prizes!

Sunday March 8, 2020
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Social Mixer
5:00 PM Dinner

South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Blvd. South San Francisco

Pat Sullivan's World Famous Corned Beef and Cabbage with all the trimmings!

The purchase of a ticket includes one raffle ticket.
Additional tickets may be purchased at the event.

\$40.00/Person Donation may be made to:
SSFPD Survivor Benefit Fund
Tax ID # 94-2414766

Tickets are \$10.00 for children 12 and under

Tickets In Person:

South San Francisco Police Department
33 Arroyo Drive, Suite C
South San Francisco

Tickets By Mail:

Rich and Elaine Garbarino
400 Avalon Drive
South San Francisco, CA 94080
Send self-addressed stamped envelope

For ticket information contact Records Supervisor Roxanne Cole, Records
Specialist Letty Beard at (650) 877-8900 or The Garbarino's at (650) 872-1143



I would like to attend the St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ Person(s)
Dinner selections: ____ Corned Beef ____ Chicken

Name _____

Email address _____

Purchase Tickets by Monday February 24, 2020





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Registration includes: Hosted Networking Receptions Friday and Saturday evening, Saturday Breakfast & Opening General Session, All Breakout Sessions, Hosted Coffee Break, Saturday Luncheon & General Session, Saturday Evening Networking Dinner, Sunday Breakfast & Closing General Session. All registration materials, taxes and gratuities included.

Register at <https://redwoodcitychamber.com> • Participant Registration \$750

Accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country are not included in this registration and must be booked separately at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SONOM/G-PROG> or by calling (707) 284-1234

Questions? maggie@redwoodcitychamber.com or (650) 364-1722

2020 Progress Seminar Co-Chairs



Assembly Speaker Pro Tem
Kevin Mullin,
CA State Assembly District 22



Supervisor Carole Green,
President, San Mateo County
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Rosanne Fount,
President & CEO, SAMCEDA
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*Your registration is not a charitable contribution, however may be a deductible business expense.
All registrations are non-refundable after March 24, 2020*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check out our new website
www.ssfchamber.com

You can now RSVP and pay for any events by going to the calendar section and clicking on the event/s you want to attend. Registration for SSF Chamber members only. Not a Chamber member yet? Contact the Chamber at info@ssfchamber.com, or ssfchamber.com.

Please follow us on Facebook for member announcements and latest Chamber news.

Annual Recognition & Business Awards

(note: date change)

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Reception: 6:00pm – Dinner: 7:00pm

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 South Airport Blvd., SSF

\$125.00 per person for tickets purchased

February 29 – March 5, 2020 (based on availability)

[RSVP!](#)

2020 State of the City Address & Luncheon Presented by Mayor Richard Garbarino Monday, April 6, 2020

11:30am – 1:30pm

AC Hotel SFO/Oyster Point Waterfront

1333 Veterans Blvd., SSF

Entrée (select one): Salmon, Chicken, Vegetarian
Seating is limited.

Register early to guarantee your seat.

\$45.00pp Chamber Member/

\$60.00pp Non-Chamber Member

Payment in advance

[RVSP!](#)

Higher Education Scholarship Luncheon Thursday, April 23, 2020

11:30am – 1:30pm

South San Francisco Elks Lodge

920 Stonegate Drive, SSF

Lunch Cost: \$40.00pp

City of SSF Career & Resource Fair – *FREE!*

Friday, April 24, 2020

9:00am – 10:00am

(early entry for SSF residents)

10:00am – 2:00pm – open to the general public

MSB Building – Social Hall

33 Arroyo Drive, SSF

For more information contact

Yvette.mindeguia@ssf.net

Taste of South San Francisco

Friday, November 13, 2020

12:00– 2:00pm

South San Francisco Conference Center

255 So. Airport Blvd., SSF

\$25.00 pp in Advance

Raffle Prizes Galore!!!

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We take care of politics, so you can take care of your business



Employer Do's/Don'ts of Workplace Dating

[Article Credit: CalChamber](#)



California Sick Leave Laws

Sick leave is mandatory

[Article Credit: Small Business Trends](#)



Ordinance # 1588-2019

Municipal Code pertaining to sale of tobacco, flavored tobacco, and electronic smoking devices.

SSF Businesses that sell the above products must comply by March 31st to avoid a fine for noncompliance

[CLICK!](#)



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- Sharp Business Systems (*March 2008*)
- Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi, PC (*January 2002*)
- Singer Lewak, LLP (*January 1971*)
- South San Francisco Rotary Club (*January 1994*)
- South San Francisco Women's Club (*December 2005*)
- SSF Unified School District (*March 1999*)

Vincent Jones, WFG Agent (January 2015)

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