

March 2021



Our monthly news & updates

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President Jim McGuire

I am spreading the **LUCK OF THE IRISH** to everyone in this month of St. Patrick's Day! I have asked all of the leprechauns that I know from my Irish motherland to help everyone get the COVID-19 vaccine ASAP! More and more people are now getting the opportunity to receive their first vaccination, our County has moved up to the Red Tier, which means more of our local businesses can reopen and welcome more customers which is *great news*, and the days are slowly getting longer. Reminder to set your clocks AHEAD by one hour on **Sunday March 14th for Daylight Savings Time!** The first day of Spring follows the next week on Saturday, March 20th. Before you know it, it's time for Easter, which is early this year – April 4th! Personally, I am excited about the better times ahead, and I feel that they are getting closer and closer. Please remember to do your part – get vaccinated, follow protocols,




social distance, wear your masks. It will help everyone and make life better for us all.

Speaking of things getting better, your Chamber staff and I are working hard on making the Chamber's website better! It's been a little while since we've refreshed the look and feel of our website, so we are making great progress on rolling out a new look, a new feel, a great new website that will showcase all of our members and make it more attractive and user friendly to everyone, so stay tuned!

Our hotel community is an important and crucial part of our City and Chamber and we recognize that. We had a very successful first "General Manager's Roundtable" Zoom last week with City officials and Department Heads including our very own City Manager **Mike Futrell**, Director of Economic Development **Alex Greenwood**, Chief of Police **Jeff Azzopardi**, Assistant to the City Manager **Christina Fernandez**, Director of Finance **Janet Salisbury**, Director of Public Works **Eunejune Kim**, and we were very happy to have remarks from our **Vice-Mayor Mark Nagales**. Our City Council members listened in as well. With a dozen hoteliers in the meeting, we had the chance to address some important topics relating to the hotel industry and listen to feedback from hotel operators. Everyone agreed that it was well worthwhile and the Chamber is happy to make this opportunity available to our hotel members. A big thank you to all of our hoteliers that participated, and we look forward to more of these meetings!

Next month, I will be introducing you to a new Chamber Board member (or two!) so please be sure to look for that exciting announcement. In the meantime, don't forget to wear your **green** on the 17th, celebrate International Women's Day on the 8th and get ready to welcome Spring!

Be well, stay safe and thank you Chamber members!



Director Jim Metz

Advanced Business Forms has been in business for over 40 years. The business moved to So. San Francisco in 1981 and we occupied office space in the Bocci building, located on the corner of Linden and Grand Avenue. We originally sold hand written business forms, then computer generated business forms and then laser business products. Over the years, we added promotional products and embroidered and screen printed garments: polo shirts, T-shirts, jackets and tote bags, to name a few.



We joined the So. San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in 1982. At that time, my wife and I wanted to be part of the community, so we joined many clubs and committees and volunteered for many fundraising functions and events. We met many wonderful people and friends who made So San Francisco feel like our second home.

South San Francisco has also changed with the times. The arrival of Genentech and the "biotech boom" has changed the East side of highway 101 into a thriving innovative community. The downtown landscape has also changed with the addition of apartment complexes to keep up with housing needs. However, with all the changes and expansion, I think So. San Francisco has kept its small town feel and warmth.

One thing that will never change is my involvement with the So. San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. It is still the best and most supportive chamber on the Peninsula. I am proud to be a part of this business community, its history and the people I call friends.

Now that San Mateo County moved to red tier and more people are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, please support your local businesses who have been struggling for so long to stay open. Stay safe, social distance and wear a mask.

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Member News, Community Events & Announcements

Dear Business Owner,

You may be eligible to apply for a grant up to \$10,000 through the County of San Mateo's Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery relief program. To see if you qualify and to access the grant application, please go to www.smcstrong.org/restaurantrelief. If you have questions or require help with your application, email restaurantrelief@smcgov.org anytime or call the following phone numbers weekdays between 9 AM and 4 PM:

Support in English: 650-413-5600
Support in Spanish: 855-221-1777
Support in Chinese: 888-262-7552
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County of San Mateo Restaurant Relief Team



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Grants up to \$10,000
Details at www.SMCStrong.org

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Paycheck Protection Program

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides forgivable loans to assist businesses during the pandemic. The latest updates to the PPP aim to promote equitable relief for small businesses in America.

For the two-week duration between **February 24th and March 3rd**, only businesses and nonprofits with **fewer than 20 employees** will be eligible to apply for PPP loans.

Additional improvements to the PPP rules allow for a greater amount of financial support to be distributed to sole proprietors, independent contractors, and self-employed individuals. Also, small business owners who have past felony convictions, have failed to pay student loans, or are not US citizens are now ensured access to PPP loans. Read more about the latest updates [here](#). And apply for the Paycheck Protection Program [here](#).

** SSF Chamber just signed a letter this morning (3/2) urging Congress to extend the PPP

application deadline to 12.31.2021,
more information to follow **

**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

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San Francisco, CA 94112



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Ages: 2-5 year olds



Lutheran Church of
Our Savior
1011 Garfield St.
San Francisco, CA 94132

St. Francis Preschool
399 San Fernando Way
San Francisco, CA 94132



Peninsula Family YMCA

Ages: 3 month olds-5 year olds



Gateway Child
Development Center
559 Gateway Blvd.
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Visit ymcasf.org/preschool to learn more!

For enrollment information and inquiries, please email **Anne** at ASenores@ymcasf.org.
Due to COVID-19 health and safety practices, we currently cannot accept any drop-ins.
We accept 3rd party payments/vouchers and offer PFA discounts to qualified families.
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- HS Diploma or equivalent
- 6 ECE units preferred

ASSOCIATE TEACHER:

- 21 Years Old+
- HS Diploma or equivalent
- 12 ECE core units or enrolled

TEACHER:

- 21 Years Old+
- HS Diploma or equivalent
- at least 6 months experience
- 12 ECE core units & 16 GE units (enrolled or possess an AA/BA degree in ECE, Child Development or related degree preferred)

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- Must be eligible for Site Supervisor Permit (for more info, refer to CA Child Development Permit Matrix)

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Cory Vo - Youth Development
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South San Francisco

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Also featuring our Annual Plant & Bake Sale.
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★ 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

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The Evolution & Diversity of Wines from Israel - March 21st

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[Click here to learn more!](#)

Australia's Old Vine Treasures - March 30th

San Francisco Wine School proudly welcomes Wine Australia for a live, virtual seminar. You'll get to hear from today's Australian Old Vine experts and taste a broad selection of these old vine treasures. You

can decide for yourself:
Do old vines matter? Do
they make better wines?
We'll discuss this and
more Mar 30th!

[Click here to learn more!](#)

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www.soroptimistnorthsanmateocounty.org



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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>

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Madison Street Press *(February 2016)*

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(March 1987)

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Why Remote Work Is Now the 'New Normal' for Organizations in 2021

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3:00-4:30pm

Hosted by SBDC San Mateo

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Thursday, March 11, 2021

10:00am

Hosted by SCORE

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**SSF Chamber Member Networking
Event**

& Happy Hour (BYOB)

with a *special presentation* by:

Former Mayor Richard Garbarino

"2020 Mayor's Award"

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:30pm – 7:00pm

5:30pm-5:55pm – Networking

6:00pm – Welcome by President
McGuire

- Special presentation

- Followed by Chamber business:
welcoming new members, updates on
our programs, etc.

7:00pm -END

Cost:

No charge for SSF Chamber Members

\$25.00 for non-members

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*A zoom link will be emailed the week
of our event*

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!](#)

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