

# South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



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## ***South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Business In Brief***

March 2017 Issue

**Chamber Circle Members**

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Thank you to the following companies for being a part of the Chairman's Circle:





## Director's Article

The Business Awards Dinner held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> was an event to remember! The evening was dedicated to the men and women in blue who risk their lives every single day to keep us safe.

One example of that, is the injury that Officer Robby Chon suffered on November 24, 2016 when he responded to a report that a subject was creating a disturbance. Although he still has a long road ahead before a full recovery, Officer Chon was able to attend the event and receive his recognition! THANK YOU Officer Chon for making our event very special!

Please make sure to say THANK YOU to our brave police officers as well anytime you see them!  
They will appreciate it!

In addition to Officer Chon, Downtown Patrol Officers Mike Butterfield and Will Herrera were recognized for their service, along with the entire SSF Police Department!

The evening also included businesses, and individuals being recognized in various categories. Congratulations to the following recipients of the Business Awards; Cafe 382, Amoura, SF Wine School, SSF Rotary Club, Outstanding Citizen Award recipient Roy Bava, Joe Fernekes Volunteer of the Year Award recipient Don Edwards, and Dick Noftsger Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Tony Clifford.

Congratulations to Jim McGuire on his re-election as President of the Board, Jeanne Ramirez as Vice President, and Paul Formosa as "Treasurer for Life"  
Congratulations to Dave Gallagher, and Zachary Brown for being officially sworn in as new officers!

The highlight of the evening was the introduction of Liza Normandy as the new CEO of the SSF Chamber of Commerce.

Liza brings to the Chamber an extensive knowledge of the community and will add a new, and fresh approach to the organization.

Liza will officially start at the Chamber on April 4th. I am looking forward to working with her, and helping her with a smooth transition into her new role until my retirement date of April 30th.

## Scholarship Sponsorship Letter

Dear Chamber Member:

The South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Higher Education Fund Drive.

Because of the generosity of our local business sponsors, deserving high school students in our community have the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000.00 scholarship to support their higher learning. Your pledge of \$1000.00 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 graduating high school seniors that are residents of South San Francisco and will be seeking higher education. There is an extensive application process for each of the applicants to complete. Once the winners have been determined, they, along with their parents, are invited to attend a celebratory luncheon. Last year, 24 students were fortunate enough to walk away with a \$1,000.00 scholarship, thanks to businesses like yours.

We encourage all of our scholarship sponsors to participate in our scholarship luncheon, which will be held at the South San Francisco Elks Lodge on Thursday, April 27, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. We would ask that a representative of your business present the scholarship check to the recipient at the luncheon. Your business will be recognized in all media releases and printed material related to the scholarship program and awards luncheon.

Please make your check payable to the SSF Chamber of Commerce, reference "Scholarship Fund", and return to the Chamber no later than March 25, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 650-875-4877  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Clifford  
Chairman, Education Scholarship Committee

### **Library Article Submitted by Kenny Martin, Library Assistant**

During the month of March, South San Francisco Public Library is hosting a Historic Photo Scan-A-Thon, during which all are invited to bring their photos relating to South City to be scanned and added to our archive.

By offering to scan your photos, you will be preserving more history for future generations to enjoy. You will also receive a USB flash drive loaded with digital copies of your photos.

For the entire month of March, both the West Orange and Grand Avenue libraries are accepting photo drop-offs, which will be scanned and then returned to the donor on a later date.

We will also be dedicating two days for live photo-scanning - at West Orange Library on Saturday, March 11 and at Grand Avenue Library on Saturday, March 25.

We are making a special call for photos relating to Spruce Elementary School and South San Francisco High School, in preparation for the centennial celebration of the campus, to be held at Spruce on Saturday, April 22, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. For more information, please contact the Library at (650) 829-3860.

## Member Events

### **Soroptimist Int'l of North San Mateo County Invite you to STEP INTO SPRING**

An evening of entertainment, silent auction, exhibits and food.

**Friday, March 3, 2017**

**5:30- 8 pm**

33 Arroyo Drive (MSB), SSF

**Tickets \$25**

For **more information** call: **650-588-0661**; [www.soroptimistnorthsanmateocounty.org](http://www.soroptimistnorthsanmateocounty.org)

### **The Kiwanis Club of SSF Presents**

**"Midnight at the Masquerade" - A Masquerade Murder Mystery Dinner Fundraiser  
Saturday, March 4**

**@ 5:00 pm -**

South San Francisco Scavenger Co., 500 E. Jamie Court, SSF, CA 94080.

Cocktails at 5:00 pm; Dinner at 6:00 pm; Show at 6:30 pm.

**\$45 by 02/21. \$50 by 02/28.**

**Please RSVP with payment by 02.28.2016.** *Space is Limited to the First 110 Tickets Sold.*

Purchase tickets online at [www.SSFkiwanis2017MurderMystery.eventbrite.com](http://www.SSFkiwanis2017MurderMystery.eventbrite.com) or mail your check & guest list to: Kiwanis Club of SSF, Attn: Murder Mystery Fundraiser, P.O. Box 292, So. San Francisco, CA 94083-0292.

### **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Oyster Point Yacht Club**

**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Cocktails at 6:00pm - Dinner at 7:00pm

Serving Corn Beef, Potatoes, Carrots & Cabbage

Chicken Toscano & Pasta

Various Salads & Desserts

**Cost: \$35.00 per person**

Make Check payable to D. Parenti C/O OPYC

911 Marina Blvd, SSF. 94080

For more information call 650-808-0663

## **SERVICE CLUBS MEETING LOCATIONS AND TIMES**

### **Kiwanis Club of SSF**

**Meets every Tuesday, 12:15pm** at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., SSF

### **Rotary Club of SSF**

**Meets every Thursday, 12:15pm** at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., SSF

### **SSF Women's Club**

**Meets on the first Thursday of each month, 12 noon** at SSF Women's Club, 470 Grand Avenue, SSF.

### **Soroptimist International of No. San Mateo Co.**

**Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6pm** at the Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave., SSF

## **Event Snapshots**

[Click here](#) to view our Annual Business Awards Dinner event photos.

## **Upcoming Chamber Events**

### **Good Morning South San Francisco**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

**8:00 - 9:00am**

Best Western Grosvenor Hotel

380 So. Airport Blvd., SSF

**New Member Breakfast  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

**8:00 - 9:00am**

I HOP Restaurant  
316 So. Airport Bl., SSF

**Higher Education Scholarship Luncheon  
Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**11:30am - 1:30pm**

South San Francisco Elks Lodge  
920 Stonegate Drive, SSF

**New & Renewing Members**

**Thank you to the following members who renewed their membership with the Chamber!!!**

**Your support is truly appreciated!**

Acupuncture & Healing Center  
ABM Industries  
AGS Quality Laundry, Inc.  
American Technologies Network, Corp.  
Bogy's  
BWF Consulting Engineers  
C.R. Crain & Son  
Cable Car Café  
Comfort Inn and Suites SFO Airport North  
Grand Avenue Hardware  
Hotel Focus SFO  
La Tapatia, LLC  
Luis Chem-Dry  
Madison Street Press  
McDonald's Restaurant  
Minucciani/Farmers Insurance Group  
Morrow Service, Inc.  
Oyster Point Yacht Club  
Penna Realty  
Residence Inn by Marriott  
Ross, Hackett, Dowling, Valencia & Walti  
Servpro of South San Francisco/San Bruno  
Silvercar Inc.  
South City Car Wash  
Taqueria La Morena  
The Back Doctor

**NEW Member:**

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