South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Business In Brief

April 2018

A message from the President of the Board, Jim McGuire
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Welcome Spring 2018! Spring is a time of new promise and a symbol of rebirth. We celebrate many holidays in the Spring season including Easter, Passover, April Fool's Day, Earth Day, Mother's & Father's Day, Arbor Day, Cinco De Mayo and Holi (festival of colors in India). It truly is a welcome time and all of us at the Chamber of Commerce wishes everyone a wonderful and prosperous Spring Season!

Springtime for the Chamber of Commerce also means that it is time for our Annual Higher Education Scholarship Luncheon. Fellow Board member Tony Clifford from First National Bank chairs this great event once again and always does an amazing job. We have record-breaking numbers of local high school student applicants this year and each and every one of them are promising, talented and smart individuals with very bright futures ahead of them. The Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, chamber members and individuals are very proud to award students with a scholarship at our luncheon on Thursday, April 26th at the SSF Elks Lodge. If you have not yet R.S.V.P.’d, please go to our website at www.ssfchamber.com and click on Calendar, find the event on April 26th and sign up! This is a truly rousing luncheon and you will be inspired when you hear from each of the students as they accept their scholarship from their sponsors. A big THANK YOU to all businesses and individuals that donated to the scholarship event as well!

Earlier I mentioned that Spring is a symbol of rebirth. Your Board of Directors think so too. That is why we will soon be working on rebranding our Chamber logo and website. We will be reaching out to our local high schools and their talented art students to help us with the rebranding / new logo. This will be an exciting project, so watch for that soon!

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to offer a special CONGRATULATIONS to our CEO Liza Normandy on her upcoming one (1) year anniversary at the Chamber! April 4th marks this special occasion and we could not be more pleased with the incredible results she has accomplished thus far. Keep up the good work, Madam CEO!

As usual, please check the Calendar of Events on our website. There are always new events popping up that you should not miss. Take advantage of all of our great events to network with your fellow Chamber members so everyone can learn more about YOUR business. Your Chamber of Commerce is working hard for you, so please be sure to take advantage of your membership as often as you can.

See you at one of our upcoming events!

A message from Debra Watkins, Board of Directors
CYBERSECURITY AND OLDER AMERICANS

We are connected to technology more now than ever before. Breaking news from around the world is immediately available! We can shop 24-7 or do our banking without leaving the comfort of our home. It is very nice to be able to keep in touch with family and friends no matter where they live. Yet for all the advantages available to us, there is also a high risk of theft, fraud and abuse.

As of 2012, over 53% of Americans 65 and over are using the internet or e-mail. Increasingly, older Americans use the internet to get involved in community groups, shop, make travel plans, take care of finances and keep in touch with friends. While there are many conveniences, cybercriminals have been working diligently to pose as legitimate contacts (i.e. friends, family, banks, charities) the list goes on and on.

Learning ways to protect your identity & personal information is just as important as learning to use the latest technology. Making safer and smarter decisions online can be as simple as creating strong passwords by using a combination of numbers, letters and symbols or even using a sentence or lyrics from your favorite song.

- Keep mobile devices in your possession at all times and always be aware of your surroundings.
- When paying a bill online or making an online donation, be sure that you type the website URL into your browser. Never click on a link or cut and paste from an email.
- Avoid accessing your personal or bank accounts from a public computer, such as a library.
- On social networking sites, keep your personal information very limited.
- Most businesses/organizations, will not ask for personal information through an email.
- Avoid opening attachments, clicking on links or responding to emails from unknown senders.
- Beware of offers stating "free gifts or prizes." The old saying applies "If something is too good to be true, then it probably is".
- Lastly, always keep your security features & anti-virus programs up to date!

On April 4, 2017, I filled the shoes of Maria Martinucci as your CEO. As I reflect on these past twelve months, I have surpassed my individual goals, grew our memberships, provided numerous networking opportunities, enhanced its monthly newsletters and social media outreach.

And, we are not done yet! We continuously work to improve our community's economy and at the same time help businesses (no matter what size) prosper, grow and contribute to the overall economic stability of our community, our City. I believe that *every time a (new) business moves in, our City improves.*

I had the pleasure to meet many of our members and look forward to touching base on how we may be of assistance. *Please feel free to contact me with any questions, or a visit.* Ultimately, the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is and will remain successful with the commitment of each of our members and the leadership of our Board of Directors.

Thank you for being a proud member of the South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce!
Legislative Watch List - We take care of politics, so you can take care of your business

**IRS, FBI Warn Employers to Beware of W-2 Phishing Scam** (Cal Chamber)
The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recently warned payroll and human resources professionals of a dangerous Form W-2 phishing scam that victimized hundreds of organizations and thousands of employees during the last two tax seasons—and this season is no different. For the full article: [http://bit.ly/2FtudnZ](http://bit.ly/2FtudnZ)

**New Workplace Safety Rules for Hotel Housekeepers Effective July 1** (Cal Chamber)

**SSF Jobs - Looking at Hiring Local Talent?**
All you have to do is email Liza any open position(s), a description and we will have it posted via our Chamber social media channels (at no charge) to share with our Community

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**Member to Member News, Services & Discounts**

**2018 Annual Recognition & Business Awards Photos!**

**2018 Commuter Challenge is Here!**
*Drive less, help improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and enjoy a lower-stress work day.*

**From April 1st to May 31st** [Commute.org](https://commute.org) will reward commuters who use alternative transportation modes other than driving alone (green commute).

**It's easy to participate:**
1. Register or login at my.commute.org
2. Log your GREEN commute trips (4/1 - 5/31)
3. Be entered to win raffle prizes!

Raffle prizes include EcoReco e-scooter, Fitbit Ionic, Amazon Kindle, and more!

(SSF Chamber Member since August 2002)
Coffee with the City Manager
and Public Works Director
Tuesday, April 24
• 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Antigua Coffee • 437 Grand Avenue

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to chat with South San Francisco City Manager Mike Futrell and Public Works Director Eunjcjune Kim. Join fellow community members to discuss topics that matter most to you!

No appointment or RSVP needed.
Questions? Contact CityInfo@ssf.net or (650) 829-6603.
Resilient South City Chamber Mixer
Hosted by: SSF Chamber Member and SMC Board of Supervisor President Dave Pine

Date: Thursday April 12th
Time: 5:00pm – 7pm
Location: Resilient by Design, 304 Grand Avenue, South City
RSVP required via:

Recommended parking: Miller Avenue Garage

OPEN to SSF Chamber Members by RSVP. Come out & meet your Elected Officials, Network with other Members and Learn about Resilient South City.

BACKGROUND
Resilient South City is a community-based design challenge aimed at strengthening the city’s resilience to sea level rise and climate change. As part of their commitment to working with the South San Francisco community, the Resilient South City team has transformed a formerly-vacant storefront on Grand Avenue into a community meeting place, design and educational center, and display space for photographs and stories from the South San Francisco Historical Society and SFO Aviation Museum. The space will be open through April 2018 to South San Francisco residents and community groups to learn more about the project, share personal stories, and provide feedback and ideas about what makes a resilient South City. [http://www.resilientbayarea.org/south-san-francisco/](http://www.resilientbayarea.org/south-san-francisco/)

Grand Re-Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

12:00n - 1:30pm
Produce Alley Sports Tavern
125 Terminal Court, # 44, SSF

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT - NEW MENU- NEW DÉCOR
CHEF/OWNER IS FROM NORTH BEACH, SF

Complimentary food items and beverage from the new menu
Breakfast & Learn Event with City Manager Mike Futrell who will provide an update on the City of South San Francisco and answer of your questions about upcoming projects, issues, etc.

**Thursday, May 3, 2018**
8:00am - 9:30am
Best Western Plus Grosvenor Airport Hotel
380 South Airport Boulevard
Reservations Required
COST: $25.00 SSF Member / $35.00 Non-Member

**TIMELINE:**
8:00am - Registration/Networking/Breakfast
8:30am - Presentation
Thank you to our members who voluntarily contribute $20.00 to our Scholarship & Technology Fund (via your annual statements).

It is because of you and our Scholarship Donors that we are able to provide this opportunity to our High School Students who reside in South San Francisco.

Last year, we were able to provide over $32,000.00 in scholarship monies. We hope to surpass last year!

Should you have any questions or would like more information, please contact us at 650-588-1911.

SSF SERVICE CLUBS MEETING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Kiwanis Club of SSF
www.ssfkiwanis.org
Meets every Tuesday, 12:15pm - 1:30pm at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., SSF

Rotary Club of SSF
www.sssfrotary.org
Meets every Thursday, 12:15pm at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., SSF

SSF Women’s Club
Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon or 6 pm (650-873-8030) at 470 Grand Avenue SSF

Soroptimist International of No. San Mateo Co.
http://www.soroptimistnorthsanmateocounty.org
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6pm at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Ave., SSF

### Upcoming Chamber Events

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<td>11:30am - 1:30pm</td>
<td>SSF Elks Lodge, 920 Stonegate Drive, SSF</td>
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<td>Thursday, May 31, 2018</td>
<td>11:30am - 1:30pm</td>
<td>South San Francisco Conference Center</td>
<td>Reservations Required COST: $45.00 SSF Member / $55.00 Non-Member</td>
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<td>See's Candies &quot;Sip &amp; Shop&quot;</td>
<td>Tuesday, November 27, 2018</td>
<td>7:00pm - 9:00pm</td>
<td>400 S. Airport Blvd., SSF</td>
<td>Closed to the public and open to SSF Chamber members. RSVP required. (return order form &amp; catalog will be mailed)</td>
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<td>Santa Comes to Town</td>
<td>Saturday, December 1, 2018</td>
<td>11:00am - 3:00pm</td>
<td>City Hall - 400 Grand Avenue (Rain or Shine)</td>
<td>~ presented by the City of SSF Parks &amp; Recreation Department, SSF Chamber of Commerce &amp; Kiwanis Club of SSF All SSF residents, Chamber members, Business owners invited! #FREE</td>
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### New & Renewing Members

Thank you to the following members who renewed their investment with the SSF Chamber your support is truly appreciated!
Advanced Business Forms *(June 2011)*
Atria Daly City *(March 2000)*
Berberian Nut Company *(January 2014)*
Berkshire Hathaway Home Services California *(April 2000)*
Bimbo Bakeries, USA *(January 1999)*
C&J Roofing Co., Inc. *(April 2000)*
California Life Sciences Association *(April 2009)*
Estes Forwarding Worldwide, LLC *(April 2014)*
Four Points by Sheraton/Bistro 1 2 3 *(August 2001)*
Golden Gate Produce Terminal, Ltd. *(April 1986)*
Hotel Focus SFO *(March 2013)*
Pass Janitorial Services *(March 2001)*
Peninsula Yellow Cab Company *(August 1997)*
Residence Inn By Marriott *(March 2012)*
School House Grocery Liquor & Deli *(April 2000)*
Simpson, Garrity, Innes & Jacuzzi, PC *(January 2002)*
Soroptimists Int’l of No. SM County *(April 2004)*
South San Francisco Rotary Club *(January 1994)*
SSF Unified School District *(March 1999)*
THE Auto Auction, Inc. *(April 2015)*
Unitek College *(April 2012)*

**WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:**

**A. M. I. Construction**
Angel Ruiz  
220 Cypress Ave  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(415)933-4723  
A. RuizSSF@gmail.com

**Engie Services U.S.**
Emily Douglas  
500 12th St., Suite 300  
Oakland, CA 94607  
(408)703-6626  
[www.engieservices.us](http://www.engieservices.us)

**SPI West Port Inc.**
377 Swift Ave  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650)616-7777 Miko Kuan  
(650)616-7777 Mia Tao
Chamber Circle Members

Chairman Circle - Gold Member

Genentech
A Member of the Roche Group

Chairman Circle - Silver Members

Chairman Circle - Bronze Member

Liberty Bank

The Chamber appreciates and acknowledges the generous support of our Chairman Circle Members who support our efforts and make it possible to be the voice of businesses here in the City of South San Francisco.

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