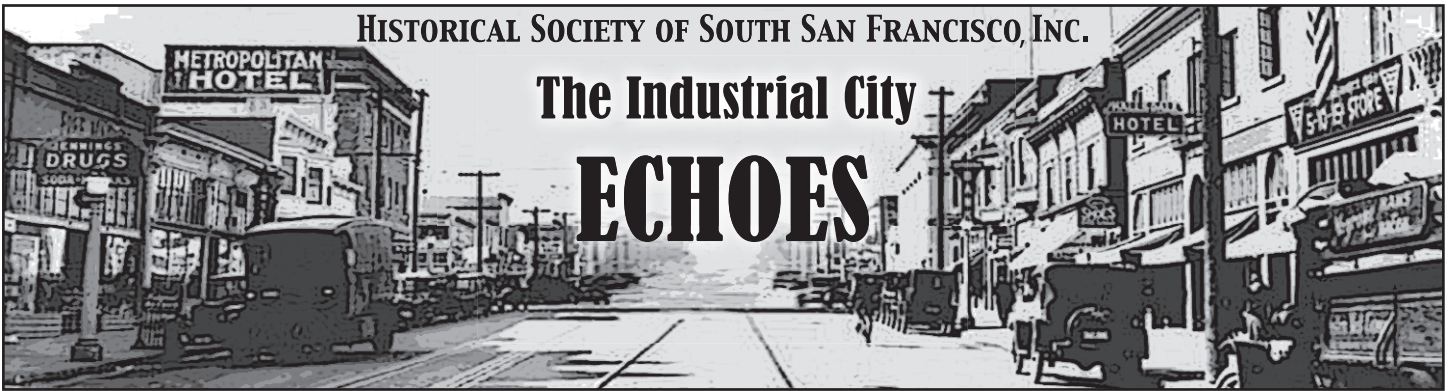


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2020 Calendar

Nov. 29 - Dec. 19P-S House Holiday Shopping

Meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Members are welcome to Board Meetings.

Members and non-members are welcome to General Meetings.



A Message from Your President

This has been an interesting year which none of us wish to repeat. However, on the bright side I am encouraged by the energy and dedication from many of our members that have stayed active and engaged in finding ways to keep things going and still complying with county safety requirements. Our tea raffle for the Plymire-Schwarz House was very successful and we are planning to have the boutique open on a reservation basis this holiday season. The P-S House has been decorated for the various seasons, which is a gift to the street and those that pass by.

The city is also a very important partner in celebrating our history. Our City Hall at 400 Grand Avenue celebrated its 100th birthday on November 11. Although the pandemic kept the city from organizing a big celebration, the library prepared a nice video to commemorate the occasion. This can be accessed at www.ssf.net/cityhallvideo. Thanks to Adam Elsholz, assistant library director for all his work on this project.

Have a great holiday season and stay safe.

Bill Zemke - Historical Society President

Attention See's Candy Fans!

SSF Historical Society Museum will be celebrating See's Candies' 100th Anniversary in 2021.



We are looking for memorabilia that would enhance our existing exhibit. So, do you have memorabilia hidden away in your attic that you would love to see on display at the museum? Please contact Sylvia Payne at ssfhistorical@gmail.com or (650) 829-3825 for more information. Your possessions would only be on loan during the anniversary celebration.

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In Memory

Frances Regalia



Evelyn Martin

1918 - 2020

To her family, Evelyn Martin was known as Evelina Martins. She grew up speaking Portuguese, and at the age of 7 she made the personal decision to Americanize her name by changing it to Evelyn, and dropping the "s" from Martins. She would never give up on

something, she was a quick learner and was destined to accomplish many things in her life, especially in the town of South San Francisco and for the Historical Society.



Evelyn is bottom row center

Upon retirement from Merck and Co., she became involved in recycling, senior citizen activities and historic preservation. She was a charter member of the Historical Society, collected memorabilia for its museum, held garage sales and donated her profits to the Society; wrote monthly articles about SSF's history for the Chamber of Commerce for at least 10 years, a docent at both the museum and the Plymire-Schwarz House, and a member of the Board of Directors. Evelyn was always involved in something, a real go-getter, and definitely had hootspa. One of her proudest accomplishments was chairing the October annual banquet, which she first organized in 1984. She was acknowledged in 1996 for her hand in helping to keep the sign on Sign Hill. Over the years she received many Society recognitions, including 1988 Person of the Year Award, 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2018 she was designated a Centenarian Lifetime Member. Evelyn's private collection is housed at the Historical Society Museum, and memories of her are on display throughout the building.

The Society sends its sincere condolences to the Martin family.



Martins Family: Joseph, Antonio, Maria, Evelyn (Evelina), and Albert

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Roy Bava

Donors:

Acosta, Jeanette
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Ermanno
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Donor: Marian Marsili

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Ervin, Ginnie
Giusti, George & Margo
Giusti, Mary &
Gianna Giusti McCune
Kennedy, Corinne
Kennedy, Susan
Mullin, Eugene
Soares, Joe & Vilma
Susa, John & Annette
Tilton, Jerry & Ginny
Zemke, Bill & Jo

In Memory of Edna DeLarios

Donor: Lynn Boldenweck

In Memory of Joe Eberle, Sr.

Donor: Lynn Boldenweck

In Memory of Lydia Barbeti

Donor: Deborah McGrath

PLYMIRE HOUSE GARDEN TEA PARTY DONATIONS

Allgood, Larry & Katie
Alvers, Paul &
Donna Puizina-Alvers
Battaglia, Betty
Beckman, Lyle
Bonanno, Sam
Casagrande, David & Margie
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Esteban, Patrick

Giorgi, Robert
Hatfield, Pat
Irli, Richard and Barbara
Kious, Jacquelyne
Levy, Joan
Lombardi, Norma
Maltoni, Gloria
Murphy, Lorraine
Zemke, Bill & Jo

GENERAL DONATIONS

Prouty, John
Xerogeanes, Dino



PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE Holiday Shopping Hours

"I love shopping here! So many unique items to discover and buy! Everyone is so friendly and helpful as well. Thank you for a fun experience."

"Thank you! We so appreciate you all for creating a safe environment. We look forward to visiting the Plymire-Schwarz House every year. Looking forward to seeing you all again for the Christmas Boutique."

~ Satisfied Fall Boutique Shoppers

And we are doing it again!

The Plymire-Schwarz House Boutique is reopening in late November restocked with Holiday gifts and much more!

We will be taking appointments for an hour of private, socially-distanced shopping for you and up to 3 of your guests.

*** All shopping hours are by appointment only and free admittance ***

The Holiday Boutique will kick off on Saturday, November 28th for "Small Business Saturday" from 10am to 4pm.

Followed by our regular Boutique hours:

- Saturdays - Sundays - Wednesdays
- 10am to 4pm

(November 29 through December 19)

Please call 650-992-2312 (between 10am and 7pm) to schedule your appointment.

If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Thank you for understanding that in order to keep you and our volunteers safe:

- Please be prepared to have your temperature taken before entering.
- Masks are required to enter and must remain on properly while shopping.

Happy 100th Birthday to City Hall! November 11, 1920 to November 11, 2020!

Please enjoy this video on the History of City Hall, now accessible from the City's website. Thanks to Adam Elsholz, Assistant Library Director, for writing, creating and narrating this informative view into our history. Historical photos courtesy of the Historical Society of South San Francisco and the South San Francisco Public Library.

www.ssf.net/cityhallvideo



**Celebrating 100 Years
of Service in
South San Francisco**

PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE TEA & LEMONADE

Everyone in South City knows that October brings us our best and almost perfect weather...sunny and mild...and this year, a bit smokey. Still, the Plymire-Schwarz House hosted the lucky winners of our "Garden Tea and Lemonade Parties" that were raffled off in September. Three pretty tables (socially distanced, of course) were dressed up for our guests. Yummy treats and beverages were enjoyed by all.

Next came shopping in our boutique and boy did they shop! The nicest complement we heard from our guests were how happy they were to have a bit of fun after months of quarantine. We were happy to host them. Through the generosity of our members and supporters, we will be able to meet all the obligations and maintenance requirements a 100+ year old house needs this year. Thank you, Plymire-Schwarz House supporters and a special thank you to our volunteers.



2020 MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

DATES TO REMEMBER: The Suffrage Movement

October 10, 1911 – Although the Women's Suffrage Movement won in the state of California in 1911, it was in this city where there was considerable opposition. The returns for State Proposition 4, Granting Suffrage to Women, shows that it was beaten by seventeen votes. In San Mateo County it lost by nearly 300 votes. It was even a very close vote in the state, taking 3 days to tally, before it was called a winner.

California Proposition 4 - October 10, 1911

Yes: 125,037 No: 121,450

South San Francisco

Yes: 72 No: 89

San Mateo County

Yes: 1,188 No: 1487

August 18, 1920 - The 19th Amendment of the U. S. Constitution was ratified. Women were guaranteed the right to vote.

August 26, 1920 - The 19th Amendment was certified and added to the U. S. Constitution. The 19th Amendment is sometimes called the Susan B. Anthony amendment in honor of the suffragist leader.

From The Enterprise - November 12, 1920

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WOMEN

We congratulate the women of this country. We double congratulate ourselves that we have such women. Never before in the history of the world has such a great evolution or revolution occurred without serious confusion or disturbances.

We have just witnessed the operation of full woman's suffrage for the first time. We have seen women go through a presidential campaign in a quiet, dignified, businesslike manner, free from all ostentation and with no evidence of uncertainty or confusion.

We have seen them accept the result of the election with a calm spirit of serenity which speaks volumes for our American spirit of majority rule.

Throughout all of the campaign we have heard of no questionable act committed or abetted by any woman of either party.

They are as clean in politics as they are in their private lives.

That, through, is no more than we expect of our glorious American women.

But it is very gratifying to every element of decency in mankind.

Women Who Were Influential in Early South San Francisco



(l-r) LaVerne Hickey holding baby Gracie Eschelbach, Mary Eschelbach, Josie Sands, Mary Farrell, Charlotte Davis, Luela Lane, Frances Suza, Hazel Dean, and Elizabeth McDonald.



Marianne Greenleaf Martin



Tisbe Bertolucci



Jessie Adler (black dress, left); Anna Taylor Bartlett in charge of American Red Cross affairs in SSF (center wearing hat); to her right is Elizabeth Pitt in black dress, then Mary Eschelbach. Catherine Peck is second from right.



Margarite Cavassa Westh and Rue Clifford

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....By Evelyn Martin

I am thrilled to write about **Oliver Gagliani** because he was an outstanding classmate of my class of May, 1937. Oliver had a tremendous amount of talent because he played the violin and clarinet. His music instructor was Charles Selleck of SSF High School.

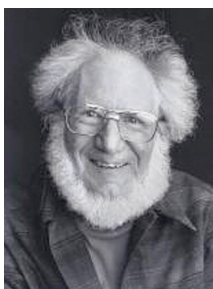
In addition to his musical talent, Oliver became an outstanding photographer under the guidance of Ansel Adams. According to Mr. Adams, he considered Oliver an outstanding photographer of the 20th Century.

In the early 50s, I was fortunate to take photography lessons from Oliver. We met for classes at his home. (We were never bored, and I must confess he taught me so much that I love to take photos even today.)

Every time I ran into Oliver, he would tell me about his time in Italy taking photos. He lived with his relatives there and his photographs are beautiful and unforgettable.

On March 17, 2008, the Historical Society of South San Francisco honored Oliver by dedicating the program during the City Centennial Celebration. The program consisted of a video profile of Oliver taken at his home in South San Francisco. Also included in the program were original photographs submitted by his daughter Olivia.

Thank you, Oliver, for giving so much beauty and talent to our lives and the world.



Oliver Gagliani



Note from the museum: Oliver Gagliani's daughter, Olivia, recently donated ten original prints. The above two examples from the 1970s, are untitled, gelatin silver prints, embossed and signed. The Society thanks Olivia Gagliani Huff for this amazing gift to the museum.

Museum Acquisitions

- **Dana Prickett McGrath** – Photos of Western Pipe & Steel (WWII) and Poetsch & Peterson Tannery (1948).
- **Olivia Gagliani Huff** – 10 photo prints of Oliver Gagliani's work in California (invaluable); coastal and town of Bodie.
- **John Penna** – Antique primitive buck saw.

NEW MEMBER

Sarah Funes



Join the Historical Society of South San Francisco

If you are interested in becoming a new member or to renew your membership please fill out this form and mail with check made out to:

*Historical Society of
South San Francisco,
80 Chestnut Avenue, So. San Francisco,
CA 94080*

Name/Names/Corporation:

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650-829-3825
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2nd & 4th Saturdays (1-3:00 p.m.)
Please call if you are interested
in volunteering at the museum.

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History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

306 Walnut Avenue
650-877-8533
By appointment only.

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519 Grand Avenue
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Wednesdays (2-4:00 p.m.)
2nd Saturday (1-3:00 p.m.)
beginning 3/14
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Memberships Expire December 31

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