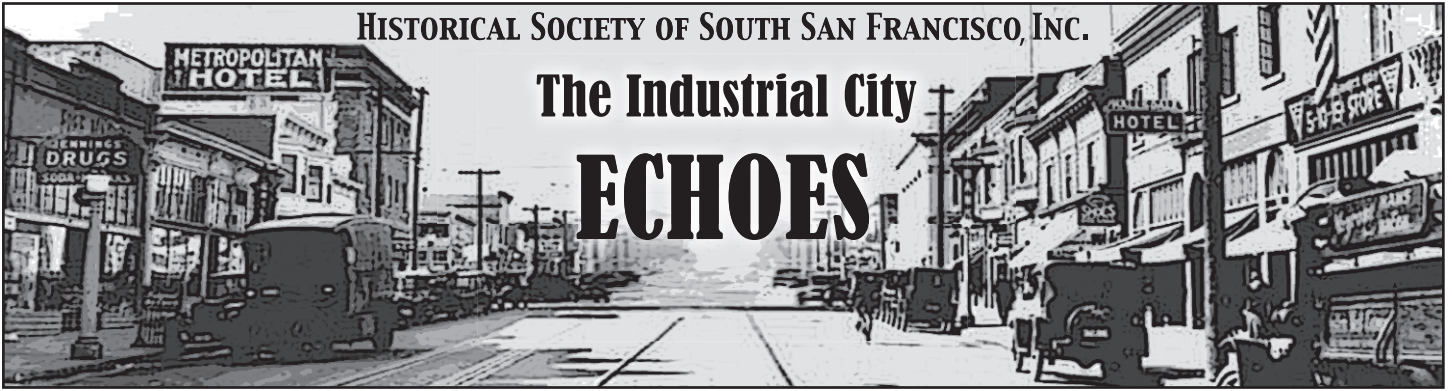


The Industrial City ECHOES



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2023 Calendar

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| January 23 | Board Meeting |
| February 27 | Board Meeting |
| March 20 | General Meeting |
| April 17 | Board Meeting |
| May 15 | Board Meeting |
| June 19 | General Meeting |
| July 17 | Board Meeting |
| August 21 | Board Meeting |
| Sept. 18 | General Meeting |
| October 16 | Board Meeting |

*Members are welcome to
Board Meetings.*

*Members and non-members
are welcome to
General Meetings.*



Program for December General Meeting Cancelled

Because Covid is still present, the Board of Directors has decided to cancel our December General Meeting. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in the new year.

Message from Historical Society President

Hello - It's hard to believe that the year has moved along as quickly as it has. The Historical Society participated in the "Concert in the Park" in September. Like many other organizations we had a booth where we got to meet many residents of SSF and shared information about both our Museum and the Plymire-Schwarz House. We have enjoyed having an increase in visitors since September.

- Two groups hosted private Halloween parties for 10 at the P-S House.*
- If you haven't been to the Museum lately you may want to visit a new exhibit on Prohibition.*

Having a museum and a historic house is a gift that many cities do not have. Countless hours and dedication from our volunteers have produced two resources that our citizens can enjoy at no cost to them. Please take the time and visit both. They are open every Saturday afternoon and our team looks forward to greeting you and sharing what they have learned about the history of South San Francisco.

To all of the volunteers who give their time and effort, I personally want to send my thanks for your support over the last year. We wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season and new year.

Dave Casagrande



It's That Time of Year!

Renew Your Membership for 2023!

We have made it easy for you.
Just fill out the envelope provided in this newsletter,
enclose a check, mail, and you're done!
You will continue to receive the Historical Society Newsletter
and help to preserve the storied history of South San
Francisco. Also...Please consider buying a gift of
membership for a relative or friend for the holiday
season....best bargain ever!



In Memory

Lou Masini

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Leonore Armanino

Donors: Mike & Linda Martinelli
Delia Ramos

In Memory of Doris Crociani

Donors: Alan & Julie Chimenti

In Memory of Rich Irli

Donors: Jeanette Acosta

Betty Battaglia

Lyle Beckman

Rich & Jeannette Bertoldi

Teresa Bini

Lynn Boldenweck

Rich Bordi & Family

Sharon Camadona

Alice Caughey

Ralph & Janine Greenwald

Cisca Hansen

Gene Hessler

Fred & Pam Leggero

Robert & Linda Leggero

Frances Luster

Diane Martin

Mike & Linda Martinelli

Doreen Mazzei

Evonne Medeghini

Michael & Sharon Menesini

Rich & Gail Mozzini

Ernest & Bonnie Olson

Michael Pariani

Alma Plante

Michael Plante

Delia Ramos

The Risso Family

Giulio & Lorraine Sbragia

Rick Spicer & Irina Green

Steven Ungaretti

Bill & Jo Zemke

In Memory of Louis Masini

Donors: Jerry & Ginny Tilton

In Memory of Jim Metz

Donors: Pedro & Eldie Gonzalez

In Memory of Ruth Reimche

Donors: Lynn Boldenweck

Michael & Sharon Menesini

In Memory of Shirley Zocchi

Donors: Mike & Linda Martinelli

GENERAL DONATION

Jason Isberg

Museum Acquisitions

John Helfrich

- ◆ Civil defense helmet worn during WWII by Louise "Dolly" Minucciani.
- ◆ Minucciani family's first dial telephone.
- ◆ 1915 Pan Pacific International Exposition postcards.
- ◆ Centigram balance utilized by W.P. Fuller Paint Company.
- ◆ Biography of William Palmer Fuller.
- ◆ Fidalma "Fida" Minucciani collection of 78-speed albums.
- ◆ Still used by Fidalma & Enrico Minucciani to make grappa.

Kathleen Vanvelsor

- ◆ 1968 & 1970 SSF High School Student art/poetry/short story books.

P-S House Acquisitions

John Helfrich

- ◆ Fidalma & Enrico Minucciani 8-day mantle clock.



Help preserve the storied history of South San Francisco. Join the Historical Society.

NEW MEMBERS

SONNY KOYA
MYLA ECHAVEZ-LAROCCA
MIKE & LINDA MARTINELLI
ZOE MASO
REEM RASRAH
MARIA VASQUEZ
GISELLE VELAZQUEZ

LIFETIME MEMBER

CARRIE GORDON

Check out our website
www.ssfhistory.org



Facebook and Instagram!

@ssfhistory

@ssfhistorymuseum

@plymireschwarzhouse

Enjoy a visit to the
Historical Society Museum
80 Chestnut Avenue
open on Saturdays
from 1 to 4 p.m.

Extended Holiday Hours

The **PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE**
~ and ~
BOUTIQUE

will be open
Saturdays in December
(through December 18th)

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Who are Sanchez Family and What Happened to Them?

Saturday, December 10th, 1:00 PM (English)
& 3:30 PM (Spanish)

Grand Library, 306 Walnut Ave, SSF

In 1776, South San Francisco was known as Rancho Buri Buri. Originally used as grazing land for Mission Dolores and the Presidio, the 14,000-acre rancho was granted to Jose Antonio Sanchez, a soldier under both Spanish and Mexican rule, in 1835.

When Sanchez died, his ten children inherited the rancho. The family was unable to maintain ownership when California was incorporated into the United States in 1848. However, they were soon forced to sell their portions of the rancho to pay for property taxes, legal fees, and loans. Among the eventual owners were Henry Miller and Charles Lux, two wealthy cattle barons.

General knowledge of the Sanchez family and what happened to them stops here. Now, after months of research, we've discovered that much of the family and their heirs thrived in early California. Their stories include marriage into powerful families, murder, lawsuits, and expansion across the Bay Area.

The History Room welcomes you to engage with the Sanchez family legacy through a presentation and discussion of their lives and stories.

Que paso con la familia Sanchez?

En 1776, Sur San Francisco era conocido como Rancho Buri Buri. Originalmente usado como tierras para ganado por Mission Dolores y el Presidio, las 14,000-acres de rancho fueron transferidas a Jose Antonio Sanchez, un soldado debajo del gobierno Español y Mexicano, en 1835.

Cuando Sanchez murio, sus dies hijos recieberion el rancho. La Family pudo mantener su posesion sobre el rancho cuando California fue incorporado por los Estados Unidos en 1848. Sin embargo, pronto se vieron obligados a vender sus promociones del rancho para pagar los impuestos sobre la propiedad, los honorarios legales, y los prestamos. Entre los eventuales propietarios se encontraban Henry Miller y Charles Lux, dos ricos magnates granaderos.

Informacion generale de la familia Sanchez y lo que paso acabe aqui. Ahora, despues de meses de investigar, amos descubiertor que la mayoria de la family y sus herederos prosperaron en el California. Sus historias encluyen matrimonios a familias poderosas, asesinato, demandas, y expansion a traves de la area baiya.

La sala de historia los invita a ustedes a participar con el legado de la familia Sanchez atraves de una presentacion y discusion de sus vidas y historias.

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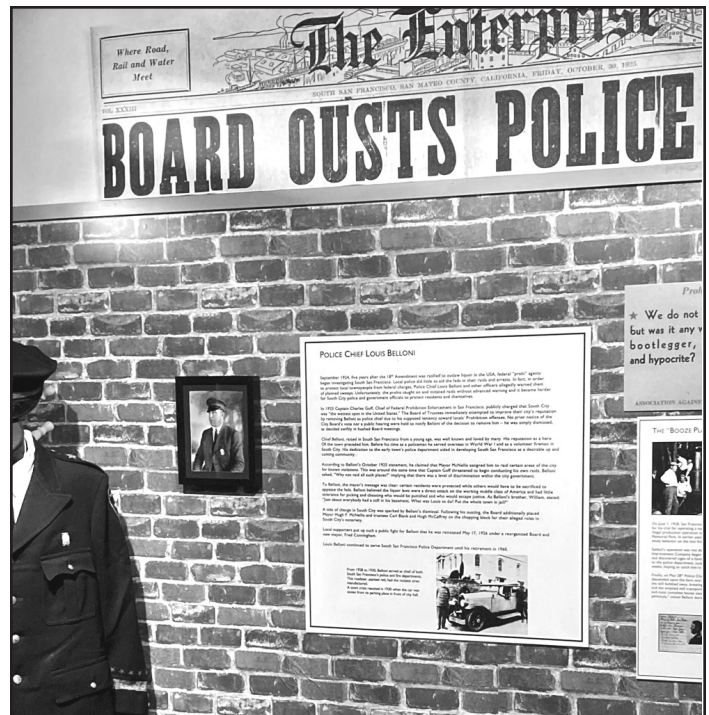
<https://www.ssf.net/departments/library>

*Brittany Austin
Library Program Manager,
Adult Services South San Francisco Public Library*

Museum News

We are excited that we have two new interns working with us. Emily Gomez, a senior at San Francisco State, contacted us to see if we had a project she could work on as part of her senior project. After meeting with her, Bill Zemke and Julie Chimenti suggested research around the history of people of Latinx heritage in South San Francisco. She has taken this on and expects to produce a research paper by mid-December. The second intern Sora Thomas, a high school senior, is working with Julie as she continues the arduous task of scanning, assigning accession numbers, and inputting our collection into our database. We are so fortunate that these young, eager students are interested in helping research and preserve our SSF history.

New Museum Exhibit



Here's a "sneak peak" of the newest exhibit at our museum: "Vice and Crime in South San Francisco During Prohibition."

The exhibit opened October 1st to much positive feedback so come visit Saturdays (1-4) to see for yourself!

Historical Society of SSF Participates in Concert in the Park

On September 24 the City held its Concert in the Park event in Orange Memorial Park. It was a great opportunity to give our organization public visibility. Our booth contained pictures and artifacts from our museum highlighting our history and changes in the City. A big thank you to Dave and Margie Casagrande, Julie and Alan Chimenti and Bill and Jo Zemke for setting up the display and hosting the booth. It was very gratifying to come across attendees who wanted to learn more about our history and our organization.

The Historical Society's
PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

Halloween Parties

Over the Halloween weekend, the Plymire-Schwarz House hosted two Halloween parties. The P-S House team decorated the house in Halloween splendor complete with sound effects. Each group of 10 came ready to party and were welcomed by our butler, Bill! Guests explored the decorated rooms while sipping a “house cocktail” provided by our resident mixologist Alan. We also had a tarot card reader for those looking for “guidance and understanding”. Our catering group provided a banquet of hearty appetizers in the Halloween spirit and no one left hungry! Finally, there was shopping in the Plymire-Schwarz House Boutique for those who needed a little “retail therapy”. We think it is safe to say that everyone including the staff had a great time.



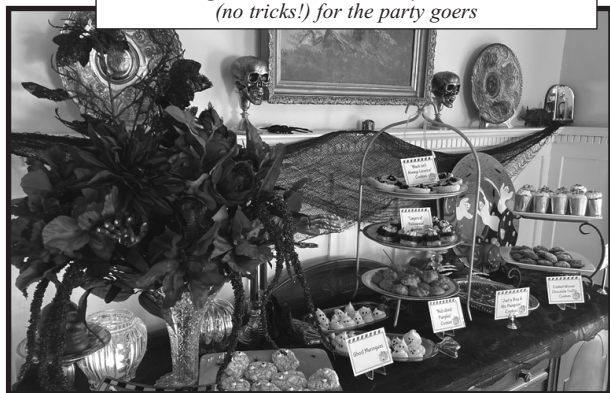
The dining room burst with savory and sweet treats (no tricks!) for the party goers



Jo Zemke, Margie Casagrande, Adyln South and Julie Chimenti kept the food flowing.



Guests included - Marie Patea, Myla LaRocca, Maria Vasquez McCambridge, Reem Nasrah, Sylvia Vasquez, Becky Blancas, Penny Blensdorf, Gina DelaFuente & Cindy Avila. This local group of gals came ready to party!



Bill Zemke, Alan Chimenti and Dave Casagrande wrangle spirits for the guests.



Megan Nussbaum shared insights of past, present and future for all in attendance.



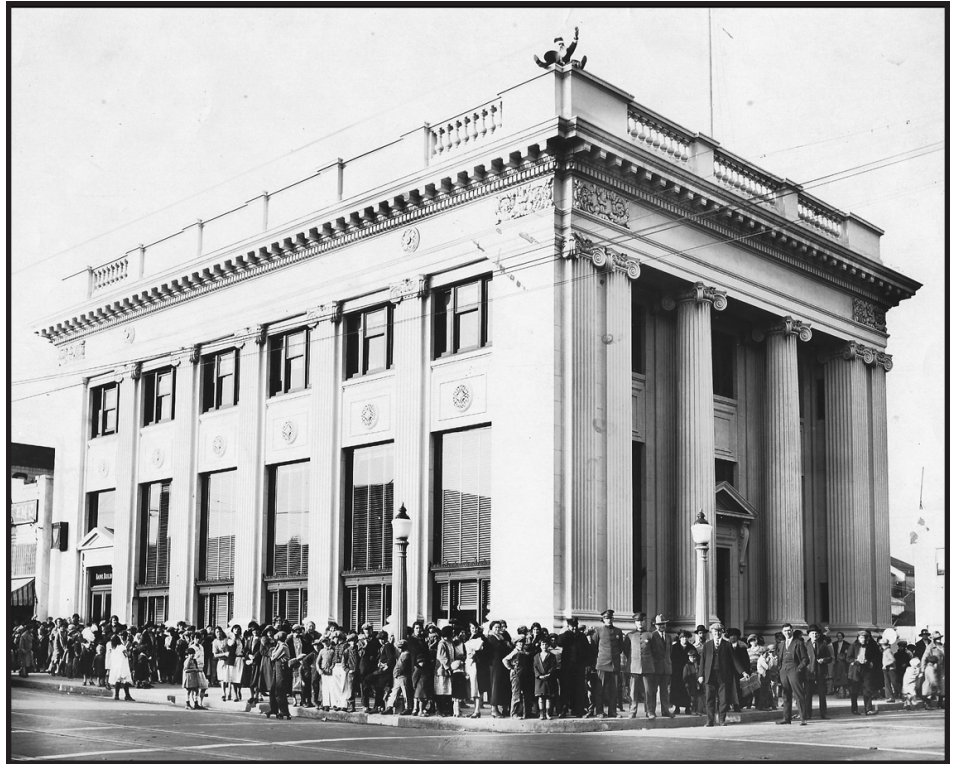
Gloria Lagomarsino, Elaine Garbarino, Linda Metz, Dorothy Bullard, Phyllis Felker, Denise Fernekes, Betty Battaglia, and Jamie Metz arrived decked out in costume

SANTA LEAVES SO. S. F. TODAY AT 3 O'CLOCK

Santa Claus will make his departure from South San Francisco on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He will leave from the Bank of South Francisco and going over the roof-tops he will start on his long journey to the Arctic.

He expects to reach there before evening and will load up his sled with toys for good little boys and girls and will start on his flying trip around the world, leaving toys on his way.

Santa Claus has expressed his pleasure with the children of South San Francisco and wants them to be there to say goodbye to him before he leaves: 'Cause when he comes back Thursday night, Christmas eve, he won't stop to visit.



Sitting high upon the roof of the Bank of South San Francisco, is their genial janitor, Charles Grant. Mr. Grant enacted the role of Santa at the bank's annual Christmas parties for 13 years. He and his wife, Avis, resided at 324 Railroad Avenue.

After his janitorial retirement, he opened a furniture store - Cheap John - at the corner of Maple and Grand Avenue.

December 11, 1924

Build your Pennies, Nickels and Dimes into "Big Round Dollars"

You will be surprised to see how fast they will grow if you become a member of our

CHRISTMAS CLUB

It's keeping at it that counts—save a little every week. The weeks fly and before you realize it your little coins will grow into a substantial

BANK ACCOUNT

Everybody can save if they just make up their minds to do so and stick to it. A child as well as an adult can accumulate a fund for Christmas giving. Everyone—old and young—is invited to join. The books are open—enroll at once. The first deposit makes you a member.

BANK OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

GRAND AND LINDEN AVENUES
Established 1905 Assets Over \$2,000,000
Where Safety and Real Helpfulness Are Offered Every Friend

Excerpts from the Enterprise Christmas Club Ads

December 18, 1925

Look Here, Folks!

Here is a simple way to solve the difficult Christmas money problem

JUST USE OUR

Christmas Saving Club

Simple, regular and dependable—our Christmas Club Plan assures your Xmas money for next year and pays you 4 per cent interest. Enroll mother and the kiddies, as well as yourself and—**FREE NEXT XMAS OF MONEY WORRY**

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| CLASS 100 Members paying \$1.00 a week for fifty weeks will receive \$50.00 | Choose Your Club From These Five | CLASS 500 Members paying \$5.00 a week for fifty weeks will receive \$250.00 |
| CLASS 25 Members paying 25 cents for fifty weeks will receive \$12.50 | CLASS 200 Members paying \$2.00 a week for fifty weeks will receive \$100.00 | CLASS 50 Members paying 50 cents a week for fifty weeks will receive \$25.00 |

Deposit a Small Amount Weekly

BANK OF SO. SAN FRANCISCO
Grand and Linden Ave. South San Francisco

Solve the Xmas Shopping Problem

December 18, 1924

SANTA says: "Pay every one in the family a specified amount weekly to our Christmas Club and he will guarantee a Merry Christmas in the home."

Join Our CHRISTMAS CLUB

and deposit a little every week to meet your holiday expenses.

The various classes are so arranged that it is very easy to accumulate any amount you may desire.

Everybody Welcome to Join

Enroll in one or more classes.

JOIN NOW!

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The Historical Society is co-sponsored by the SSF Parks & Recreation Dept. It is through the City's generosity that many of the Society's goals are accomplished.

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History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

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

Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

519 Grand Avenue
650-875-6988
info@plymirehouse.org
Saturdays (1-4:00 p.m)

Memberships Expire December 31

Membership runs on a calendar year expiring annually on December 31st.
Membership is \$15.00 per person - \$20 per family.
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