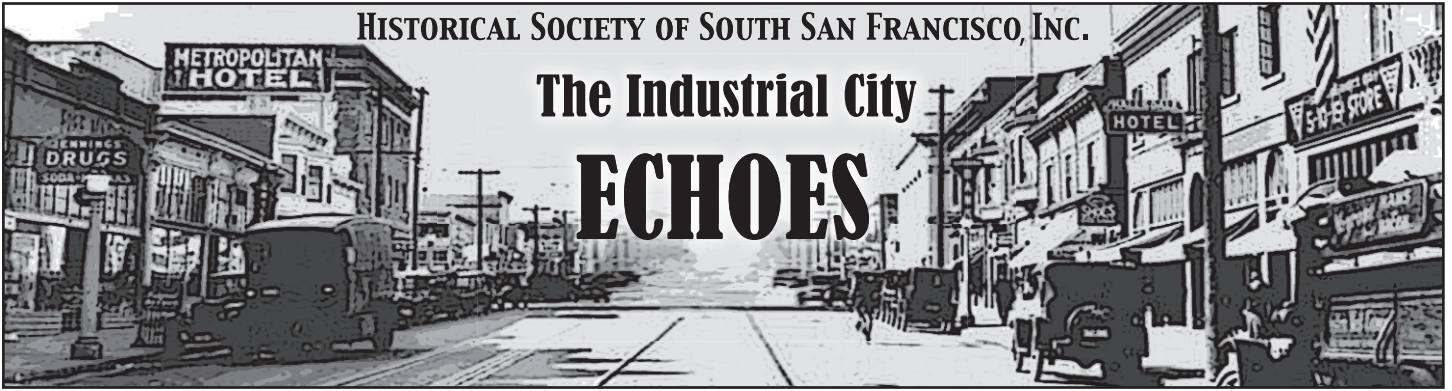


The Industrial City ECHOES



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2024 Calendar

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| Jan. 22 | Board Meeting |
| Feb. 26 | Board Meeting |
| March 18 | General Meeting |
| April 15 | Board Meeting |
| May 20 | Board Meeting |
| June 17 | General Meeting |
| July 15 | Board Meeting |
| August 19 | Board Meeting |
| Sept. 16 | General Meeting |
| Oct. 21 | Board Meeting |
| Nov. 18 | Board Meeting |
| Dec. 16 | General Meeting |

*Members are welcome to
Board Meetings.*

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



Holiday Program for December General Meeting

Monday, December 18 at 6:00 pm

Roberta Teglia Center (Magnolia Building)
601 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco

This year's entertainment will feature GenenTonix, formerly known as the Genentech Carolers, a group of musical enthusiasts from across all departments at Genentech who get together every holiday season with the mission to spread cheer throughout campus via carols and holiday songs. In addition to creating some non-holiday musical projects over the past few years, they've also started to branch their musical performances out into the local community.



After the performance a light supper of
finger sandwiches and assorted salads will be served.

*Please join us for an evening of holiday entertainment
and community.*

*This program is free and open to members
and non-members.*

Cookie Reminder:

*If you can contribute cookies for our holiday party,
they will be appreciated!*



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!!!

We have made it very 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!

Memorial Donations

In Memory of Louise Brusco

Donor: Mary Giusti
Donor: Diane Martin

In Celebration of

“Lefty” James Earl Noonan’s Life

Donors: John and Elisa Noonan

In Memory of Norma Steffen

Donor: Juliane Gallagher
Donor: Mary Masini
Donors: The Risso Family
Donors: Jerry and Ginny Tilton
Donors: Bill and Jo Zemke

Honor Donations

In Honor of Alan Chimenti

Donors: Paul Alvers and
Donna Puizina-Alvers
Donor: Madeleine Banfield
Donors: Jeff and Moè Chimenti
Donors: Dan and Ruth DeNardi
Donors: Ron Raquel and Lisa Zucconi

In Honor of Elizabeth Ervin’s Birthday

Donor: Ginnie Ervin

Plymire-Schwarz House Donations

Bill and Jo Zemke

We Appreciate All Donations!

Donation envelopes are available at the Museum and the Plymire-Schwarz House or you can send a check to the South San Francisco Historical Society
80 Chestnut Avenue
So. San Francisco, CA 94080.
Donations will be listed in the newsletter.

Do you enjoy your quarterly edition of **Echoes**?

You can target your donation to offset the cost of printing the newsletter.

Thank you!

Message from Historical Society President

Hello Members: Well..2023 is coming to an end shortly. In looking over all the programs, gatherings, agendas, etc., it has been another great year for our Society. We had two weekends of Teas (organized and served by our wonderful Tea Committee) at the Plymire-Schwarz House and for the third year in a row, the P-S House hosted two Halloween parties for ten guests...very popular! We must be doing something right because both events were well attended and we were blessed with great weather!

*At our museum, the **Vice and Crime in South San Francisco During Prohibition** exhibit, that our knowledgeable docents created, continues to draw interested visitors. Both the museum and the P-S House are well attended and our docents enjoy meeting our guests and sharing their knowledge with them.*

*Currently, our volunteers are busy decorating the P-S House for the holidays. Yes...the House will be adorned from top to bottom, so please find time to drop by when the House and boutique open on **Saturdays, until December 23, from 12 to 4 pm.***

To all of the volunteers who give their time and effort to the SSF Museum and the P-S House, I personally want to repeat my thanks for your support. You all make a difference and we are blessed to have your time, creativity, energy, expertise, and input.

Happy Holidays and a Wonderful New Year!

Dave Casagrande



Museum Acquisitions

Barbette Ruffino: 1947 San Mateo County telephone directory.

South San Francisco Parks and Recreation Department: Historic scrapbooks and memorabilia from their department.

Karl Rolih: 1930s South San Francisco grammar school photos

NEW MEMBERS

Temo & Melissa Gonzalez
Rick Moorhouse
Robert Pakenham

CONGRATULATIONS!

Longtime Historical Society member **Gianna Giusti** was awarded School Counselor of the Year for the state of Alaska.

Check out our website
www.ssfhistory.org



Facebook and Instagram!
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*Happy
Holidays*



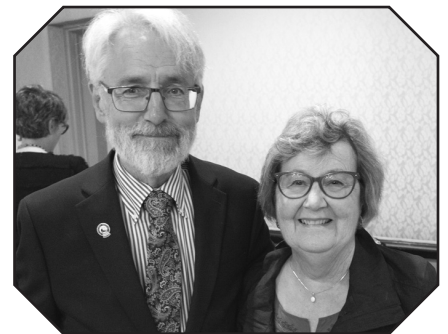
35TH ANNUAL SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BANQUET

It is the opinion of Board members and several attendees that our banquet held on September 29 was the best ever and that we should continue using the Basque Cultural Center as our venue. There were lots of people responsible for making this banquet a huge success. Thanks to my committee members Donna Smith, Lynn Boldenweck and Nancy Cassaza for collecting and wrapping raffle prizes. Lynn made the beautiful pumpkin center pieces, of which we were able to sell. Julie Chimenti for preparing invitations and programs. Susan Kennedy did an awesome job of stepping in to emcee the event and conducting our famous "salami" raffle and live auction along with the adorable Olive Risso who picked the winning raffle tickets. Both ladies are looking forward to next year's banquet. Greatly appreciated are the members and businesses who donated raffle prizes. The Basque Cultural Center did an outstanding job of serving and the food was excellent. Most of all, thank you to all who attended and made this such a fun evening. See you next year!



L-R: Mark Nagales-Vice Mayor; Flor Nichols-Mayor; Megan Callan & Alan Chimenti-Victor John Feudale Award Recipients; Susan Kennedy-Emcee; Mark Addiego-Council Member.

Ginny Tilton



Photos taken by David Boyll and Daniel Baker

The Historical Society's
PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

Champagne Fundraiser



August 19th can be an “iffy” time to think about having a garden party in South San Francisco. Everyone knows our weather doesn’t get “nice” until the kids go back to school in September. Well, the kids NOW go back to school in August and guess what??? The weather got NICE!

With approximately 50 guests and our wonderful volunteers, a garden party was held in the backyard of the Plymire-Schwarz House on August 19, 2023, and it WAS a wonderful day. Sunny skies arrived on cue, the Champagne flowed, our guest enjoyed both savories and sweets while visiting with friends and meeting new friends. Our Boutique was open and some guests



shopped while others visited the Plymire-Schwarz House (some for the first time) to see the seasonal touches added to the house. A good time was had by all and the volunteers were happy to see the House come alive with guests.



We thank our patrons who support us and our volunteers who continue to find ways to bring life into our 118 year-old historic home.



Halloween Parties



On October 28 and 29 our very spooky Plymire-Schwarz House hosted our third year of Halloween cocktail parties. The telephone reservations for the two parties are first come, first served. Barbara Baxter and Myla Echavez-La Rocca were the lucky callers! They, along with their guests came to enjoy devilishly tasty cocktails...frightfully tempting appetizers and sweets and then had the fully decorated house to tour.

We hope to offer this again next year so if you missed YOUR opportunity this year, start building a list of guests you might want to entertain.



The Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

Halloween Parties continued



Historical Society News

It is important for our organization to be visible in the community, outside of our normal activities at the Museum and the Plymire-Schwarz House. This was recently accomplished at two city events. A display booth and information table were setup and staffed by society volunteers.

On September 24th, a booth was set up at Festa Italiana in Orange Park. This event was very successful and attracted visitors not only from our city, but also from a wider region.

On October 28th, a table was set up at the grand opening of the New Library/Park and Recreation building. This event was also well attended.

In addition to these events, a group of volunteers led by Ginny Tilton and Lynn Boldenwick participated in the city sponsored Halloween Extravaganza at Orange Memorial Park on October 21st.

Thanks to our members who helped make our presence at these events possible.



Halloween Extravaganza
Trunk or Treat

Volunteer for the Plymire-Schwarz House

Everyone knows that the Plymire-Schwarz House Boutique is a great place to find vintage collectibles as well as lovely gifts for friends and family. We have a great staff and working there is fun!

If you have 3 hours once a month to join us as a boutique volunteer or docent upstairs, we would love to have you join our staff. Parking is available in the back of the house and we are flexible should you have a schedule change.

Please contact Donna Smith at 650-796-9499 if you would like to join us. *Thank you!*



Please note that, as usual, the Plymire-Schwarz House and Boutique will be closed December 30 through January 27.

When Life Gives You Lemons

... *why not share with the neighbors?* One Saturday in September we set out a table in front of the House with free lemons for all neighbors and passerby. It was a fun way to meet new people and introduce many to the House for the first time Thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters who shared their gardens' bounty!



Just a reminder, we do open our museum and P-S House to tours by appointment if visitors cannot come during our normal Saturday hours. The best way to arrange these tours is through our website at info@ssfhistory.org. Thanks to Julie Chimenti who monitors this website and responds to requests.

Bill Zemke



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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

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By appointment only.

Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

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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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