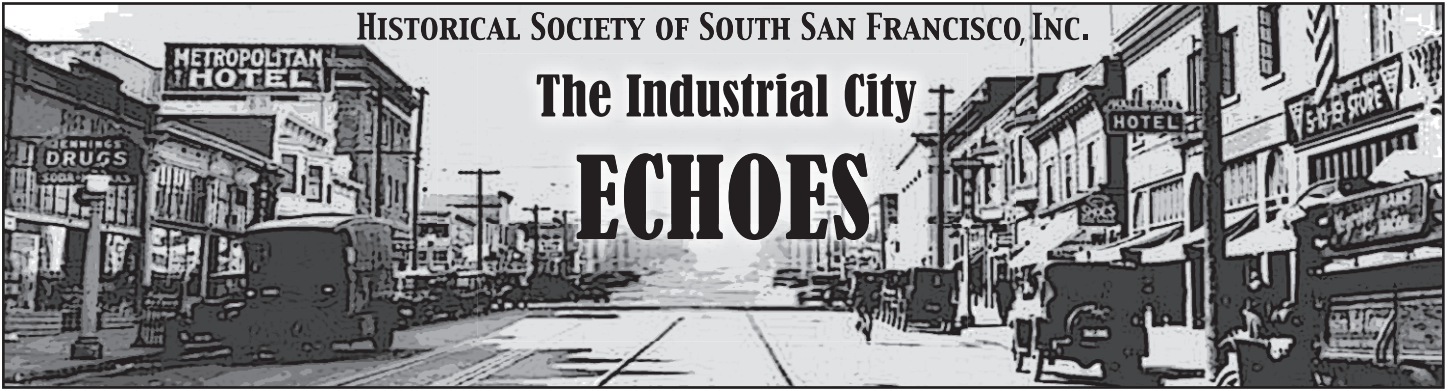


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2023 Calendar

April 17.....	Board Meeting
May 15.....	Board Meeting
June 19.....	General Meeting
July 17.....	Board Meeting
Aug. 21.....	Board Meeting
Sept. 18.....	General Meeting
Oct. 16.....	Board Meeting
Nov. 20.....	Board Meeting
Dec. 18.....	General Meeting

*Members are welcome to
Board Meetings.*

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



Program for March General Meeting

GREAT NEWS!!

We have not had a General Meeting since the Covid era, but we will have one on
March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm
at the Alice Bulos Community Center (formerly Westborough Rec. Center)
2380 Galway Dr., South San Francisco

Our speakers will be **Sharon Ranals**, *Interim City Manager* and
Tony Rozzi, *Chief Planner for the City of South San Francisco*.
This will be a great opportunity to ask questions you might have about
South San Francisco.

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

Message from Historical Society President

This is our first newsletter of 2023. I hope you all had a happy holiday season. If you missed the decorations at the Plymire-Schwarz House, I will tell you that the decorating team knocked it out of the park! We had lots of visitors who came and raved about the festive décor. Not to be outdone, the Boutique was also amazing and our shoppers helped make the year a big success.

I am sure you all remember our recent rain period in January. Unfortunately, we had significant flooding in the basement so the Boutique will be closed until repairs are completed. The Plymire-Schwarz House is still open every Saturday from 1-4pm.

If you haven't been to the South San Francisco Museum to see the latest exhibit "Vice and Crime in South San Francisco During Prohibition", you should come to 80 Chestnut Avenue and check it out! Our docents will be looking forward to seeing you.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who make both the P-S House and the Museum as great as they are.

Dave Casagrande

Check out our website www.ssfhistory.org



Facebook and Instagram!

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@plymireschwarzhouse

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Fil De Cunha
Donors: Richard Bordii & Family

In Memory of Frank Ingersoll
Donors: John and Elisa Noonan

In Memory of Albert & Evelyn Martin
Donor: Diane Martin

GENERAL DONATIONS

Adele Cassinelli
Frank Risso

Museum Acquisitions

Alan Chimenti – Quilt made by E. Cerruti.

Charles DeSoto – SSF Police Department History Book.

Barbara Irli – Rich Irli's 1958 SSFHS letterman sweater. Innocente Irli's poker chips and caddy. 1930's photograph of Innocent Irli.

Capt. Keith Wall, SSFPD – Framed 1940's uniform and badges.



Historical Society Dues Expired on December 31st.

If you have not renewed or want to become a new member please fill out this form and mail with check made out to:
South San Francisco Historical Society,
80 Chestnut Ave., So. San Fran., CA 94080

Name/Names/Corporation _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

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- Student \$5.00
- Individual \$15.00
- Family \$20.00
- Supporter \$25.00
- Corporate \$100.00
- Life Membership \$500.00

The Historical Society's PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

It's been awhile but we're slowly returning to "normal." The silver is being polished and the crystal shined up ... getting ready to hold events again this year!

Our Victorian Tea parties remain more intimate than in the past and will be held over two weekends in June. See the enclosed announcement for complete details.

Back by popular demand is our Garden Champagne Reception – being held in September. We're revamping and re-organizing this event to make it more accommodating for guests.

Our highly sought-after Halloween parties will again be available Halloween weekend.

Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more information or send your email address to events@plymirehouse.org and receive electronic announcements.

Looking forward to having guests back in the House again!

Museum News

Our new exhibit on Vice and Crime in South San Francisco during Prohibition continues to be a big hit. We have had local and area wide visitors as well as at least one international visitor.

We appreciate our many docents that greet our visitors and keep the museum clean, neat and looking sharp. And behind the scenes Lois, Julie, Sora and Megan work hard at getting donations properly recorded and stored.

Our vintage rummage sale at the museum last year was a success and we have decided to do it again this summer. A date has not yet been decided but will be announced in the next newsletter.

Library Program

Rebel Girl: Make Your Own Zine for Women's History Month

In-Person

Thursday March 9 at 4pm at Grand Ave. Library

Friday March 10 at 1pm at Main Library

Zines and the alternative press have been a significant part of the struggle for women's liberation throughout history. Exploring collection materials from the South San Francisco Public Library's History Room collection, and using materials from the Library of Congress, we invite you to make your own zine in honor of Women's History Month! Explore the power of information production and distribution through this DIY medium and use your voice to disrupt the status quo. This program is for adult patrons, but teens are welcome. Patrons of any gender identity may attend.

RSVP to participate. Zine-making materials will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own materials for your own zine's topic.

Stacy Lein
Librarian II/Adult Services

NEW MEMBERS

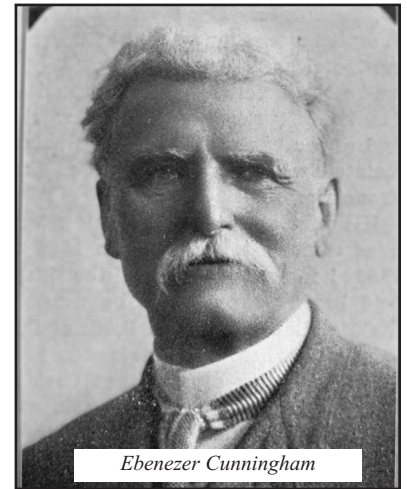
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South San Francisco Post Office - Established in 1892

About April 1, 1892 a post office of the fourth class was established in South San Francisco, to be known as the "South San Francisco Post Office". E. E. Cunningham, a civil war veteran and a resident of the new city, was appointed postmaster. He served as postmaster from the 11th day of April 1892 through July 5, 1916. The post office clerks over this period (in the course of their appointment) were: Clair Eugene Crocker, Charles Louis Kauffmann, Mary Ellen McDonald (the future Mrs. Eschelbach), Albert Joseph Eschelbach, and Etienne Nativite Fourcans.

During these 24 years, the post office hours were 7am through 6pm – except Sundays and holidays, when hours were 8am – 9am.

On November 10, 1894, the post office was removed from its original location on Miller and San Bruno Avenues (now Airport Boulevard) to the southeast corner of Grand and Linden – housed in J. T. Dunn Real Estate Company building. On April 1, 1915, it was moved to 217 Linden Avenue, where it remained under a ten-year lease with the United States Postal Department.



South San Francisco Post Office moved to J. T. Dunn Real Estate Company building in 1894



1925 Grand Avenue Post Office

In 1895 the name of the post office was changed from "South San Francisco" to "Baden." This change was made by the Postal Department at the instance of the people of the "Butchertown" district of San Francisco who complained that mail intended for them was frequently sent in error to the "South San Francisco" San Mateo County post office. However, even after the change, Butchertown mail continued to get delivered to the office in Baden so on December 14, 1897, the original post office name was restored to "South San Francisco."

With their 10-year lease expiring, 1925 brought plans for yet another new location for our post office. The March 12th Enterprise had a front-page story on the new building.

"The Italian Renaissance style of architecture has been adopted for the front of the building. It will be two stories high and the ground floor will contain one store and the post office. The second story will be occupied by a hotel. Reinforced concrete is being used throughout the structure. It will be a modern building in every respect. The exterior finish will be of Travertite plaster with a terra cotta tile roof.

The building will be erected at a cost of \$35,000 for Frank Giffra, owner of the property, who won the government's bid for the post office."



1925 Post Office on Grand Avenue - 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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Saturdays (1-4:00 p.m.)
Please call if you are interested
in volunteering at the museum.

History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

306 Walnut Avenue
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By appointment only.

Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

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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.
If you are interested in becoming a new member contact the Society at 650-829-3825 or
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