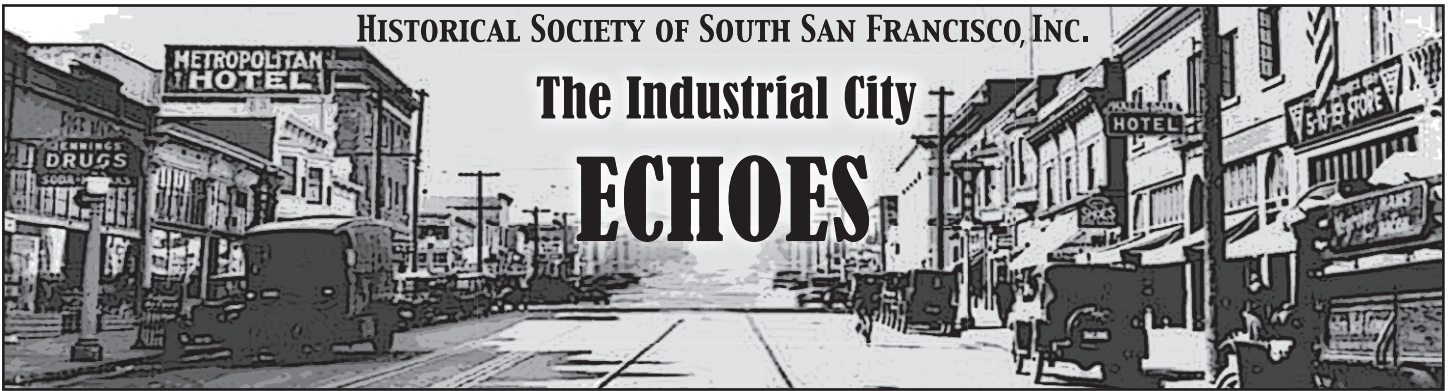


# The Industrial City ECHOES



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## 2021 Calendar

July 19.....	Board Meeting
Aug. 16.....	Board Meeting
Sept. 20 .....	General Meeting
Oct.....	P-S House Fall Raffle Event
Oct. 18 .....	Board Meeting
TBD....	Champagne Reception
Nov. 15.....	Board Meeting
Dec. 20 .....	General Meeting

***In-person meetings are cancelled until conditions change. Dates are tentative.***

*Members are welcome to Board Meetings.*

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



## *A Message from Your President*

*It is exciting to see our organization continue to adapt to the current situation and keep things going. Our newsletter team works hard to keep our newsletter interesting and going out on time. We may not be getting back to the “old normal” quickly but we have accomplished 6 smaller teas at the Plymire-Schwarz House in May, moved towards reopening the museum, House and boutique to the public in June, and started planning for smaller events this fall. I also look forward to the day when we can all get together in large groups, although this will take a little longer.*

*On a sad note, we have lost several individuals over the last three months:*

***Rose Bava*** passed away on March 19, one day short of her 99th birthday. Rose and her husband Roy were long time active volunteers donating endless hour to the Society and the restoration of the P-S House.

***Raymond DeNardi*** passed away on March 21 at the age of 88. He was a native son of South City. After college he started work at W.P. Fuller as a paint chemist and worked in the industry for 40 years.

***Gene Mullin*** passed away on April 5. He is well remembered as the MC at many Society events and dinners. He also had a major impact on the city as a teacher at South San Francisco High School for 32 years and was named San Mateo County teacher of the year in 1991. He also served 2 terms on SSF City Council and three terms in the California State Assembly.

*We send our condolences to all those saddened by these loses and remember their many contributions to our community.*

*Bill Zemke - Historical Society President*

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## **Our museums get help from COVID Relief Grant Program**

We have all heard about government programs to help businesses and groups impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. One of these programs is the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program for Nonprofit Cultural Institutions. This program opened up in March. Our Society qualifies for this program because it runs museums that were shuttered and our revenue was impacted by COVID-19 by more that 25% during the second and third quarters of 2020. After much effort by several members of the Society, an application was prepared and filed and ultimately awarded in May. This award will provide the Society with \$5,000 for use in defraying the cost of overheads during 2020, including utilities, insurance, etc. Many thanks to the following members that made this possible:

***Valerie Sommer*** for making us aware of the program.

***Bill Zemke*** for researching the requirements, preparing and submitting the application.

***Julie Chimenti*** and ***Frank Risso*** for completing the necessary financial information and tax filings.

## New Members

RICHARD HODKINSON  
EVONNE MEDEGHINI

*Membership envelopes are available at the  
museum and P-S House*



## In Memory

*Rose Bava  
Raymond DeNardi  
Gene Mullin*

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

### *In Memory of Rose Bava*

Donors: Betty Battaglia  
Alan & Julie Chimenti  
Dennis & Helen Fisicaro  
Mary Giusti  
Jim & Lin Metz  
John & Elisa Noonan  
Jerry & Ginny Tilton  
Bill & Jo Zemke

### *In Memory of Barbara Bergamaschi*

Donors: David & Margie Casagrande  
Katherine Crum

### *In Memory of Rudy Bertolozzi*

Donors: Richard Bordi & Family

### *In Memory of Julio Cerquettini*

Donors: Richard Bordi & Family

### *In Memory of Ray DeNardi*

Donors: Richard Bordi & Family  
Jerry & Ginny Tilton

### *In Memory of Darold E. Fredricks*

*For what would have been his 88th  
birthday on February 1st*  
Donor: Margaret Fredricks

### *In Memory of Rosa Herrman Hodkinson*

Donors: Barbara Ervin  
Virginia Ervin

### *In Memory of Evelyn Martin*

Donor: Jackie Speier

### *In Memory of Gene Mullin*

Donors: Richard Bordi & Family  
Alan & Julie Chimenti  
Jerry & Ginny Tilton  
Bill & Jo Zemke

### *In Memory of Frances Regalia*

Mary Giusti

## IN HONOR OF DONATIONS

### *In Honor of Julie Chimenti*

*For her endless dedication and hard work*  
Donors: Paul Alvers  
Donna Puizina-Alvers

## GENERAL DONATIONS

Garden Chapel  
Marsha Kane

## PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE DONATION

Aldo & Gloria Maltoni

## 80 Chestnut Museum Updates

As noted in our last newsletter, Sylvia Payne has decided to step down from her position as museum director for the past 14 years. The Board has appointed a new museum committee to manage the running of the museum, which will be reopening to the public on June 5. This committee will include Bill Zemke, Julie Chimenti, Valerie Sommer, Donna Smith and John Penna. Our museum will also have new hours, being open on every Saturday from 1 to 4 pm starting June 5 and discontinuing Tuesday and Thursday hours. Come by and see the new display, created by Sylvia, celebrating the 100th anniversary of See's Candies.

## PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

Lots of exciting things are happening at the Plymire-Schwarz House! We just hosted 6 small private tea-party fundraisers. Because of blustery weather, they had to be held in the living room but still adhered to social distancing protocol. After dining on tasty tidbits and sweet treats, they visited the PSH Boutique to do some "retail therapy". A good time was had by all including the staff from upstairs and downstairs. We would like to thank our volunteers who participated in the tea fundraisers. We can't do this without their help and camaraderie. We always are looking for others who might want to join us. Should you be interested in joining our PSH family, you can visit us at [www.ssfhistory.org](http://www.ssfhistory.org) or stop by the house on Saturdays when open and our docents can give you "the scoop"!

*Margie Casagrande*

Just like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, the PSH will soon be open again for visitors beginning Saturday, June 5, and every Saturday moving forward (except holiday weekends). If you have visited before please come visit again and bring friends who have never heard the story of the House.

You just heard what's happening inside the House...now for the outside!

**The House colors will soon be changing!** We are currently working with our painter to begin the arduous job of prepping the outside surfaces so when the new colors are applied it will look its best for all to see and enjoy. Timeline is still to be determined, but work should begin this summer.

Also, the old backyard apple tree that became diseased was removed and a new Fuji will soon take its place. The yard is a lovely place to sit and enjoy. We hope you will spend a few minutes of your time there and look at the engraved stepping stones of long time SSF families and supporters of the Plymire-Schwarz House

*Dave Casagrande, Plymire-Schwarz Steering Committee Director*

## Historical Society Social Media

Our brand new website is live! Check it out and please give us your feedback.  
We can't wait to hear what you think!

[www.ssfhistory.org](http://www.ssfhistory.org)

We have new email addresses, too, so please update your contacts:

Bill Zemke, President: [president@ssfhistory.org](mailto:president@ssfhistory.org)

Donna Smith, Membership: [membership@ssfhistory.org](mailto:membership@ssfhistory.org)

General Information: [info@ssfhistory.org](mailto:info@ssfhistory.org)



If you don't already, please be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

[@ssfhistory](https://www.facebook.com/ssfhistory)   [@ssfhistorymuseum](https://www.instagram.com/ssfhistorymuseum)   [@plymireschwarzhouse](https://www.instagram.com/plymireschwarzhouse)



Historical Society of South San Francisco  
PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

Fall Raffle Event



Everybody had so much fun with last year's raffle, we thought we would do it again ... but with a little twist on prizes.

❖ Grand Prize ❖

Private Halloween Cocktail Party at the Plymire-Schwarz House for the winner and up to eleven guests of their choice.

Second Prize

Private Wine & Cheese Party at the Historical Society Museum for the winner and up to eleven guests of their choice.

3 Third Prizes

Private Bubbly & Appetizer Shopping Party in the Plymire-Schwarz House Christmas Boutique for the winner and up to five guests of their choice.

5 Fourth Prizes

Custom Gift Basket  
(Complimentary North Peninsula Delivery)

10 Fifth Prizes

\$10 Gift Certificate for the Plymire-Schwarz House Boutique  
(Mailed to Winner)

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Please make checks payable to:  
Historical Society of South San Francisco  
and return your completed ticket(s) along with payment to:  
Historical Society of South San Francisco  
80 Chestnut Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080

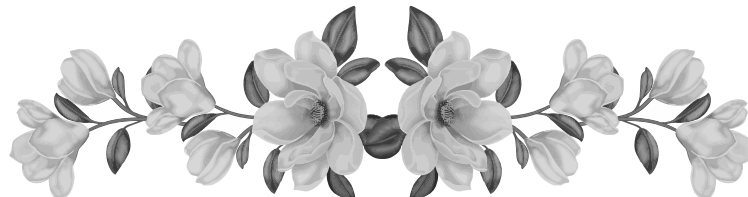
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We kindly request that payment be received by September 20th.

On October 1st, select members of the Tea Committee will gather to draw the winning tickets.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding during these strange days.





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First Vice President .....Dave Casagrande  
Second Vice President .....Rich Irl  
Recording Secretary .....Denise Fernekes  
Treasurer .....Julie Chimenti  
Financial Secretary .....Donna Smith

### 2018-2021 Directors

Jeanette Acosta, Sam Bonanno, Ruth DeNardi,  
Gene Hessler, Valerie Sommer

### 2019-2022 Directors

Lynn Boldenweck, Nancy Casazza, Diane Huddleston,  
John Penna, Ginny Tilton

### Ex Officio Members

Diana Ferrari, Mary Giusti,  
Sylvia Payne, Ginny Tilton

### Plymire-Schwarz Steering Committee

Director: Dave Casagrande  
Jeanette Acosta, Julie Chimenti,  
Mary Giusti, Gene Hessler, Donna Smith

### Museum Committee

Julie Chimenti, John Pena, Valerie Sommer,  
Donna Smith, Bill Zemke,

*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.*

## Contact & Location Information

### Historical Society of South San Francisco, Inc.

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### Historical Society Museum

80 Chestnut Avenue  
650-829-3825  
Saturdays (1-4:00 p.m.)  
Please call if you are interested  
in volunteering at the museum.  
*Temporarily Closed*

### 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  
Wednesdays (2-4:00 p.m.)  
2nd Saturday (1-3:00 p.m.)  
beginning 3/14  
*Temporarily Closed*

## 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  
Mail your check to:  
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