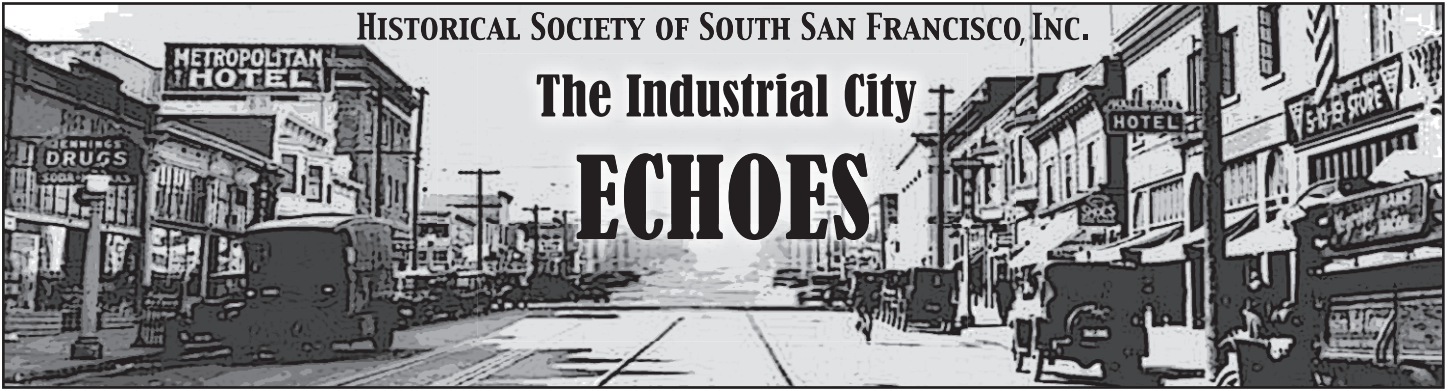


The Industrial City ECHOES



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2022 Calendar

Nov. 21Board Meeting
Dec. 19General 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.



Program for September General Meeting Cancelled

The SSF Historical Society Board of Directors met on August 15, and decided to continue to err on the side of caution and cancel the September 2022 General Meeting due to Covid.

We are sorry to report that we also are cancelling the Historical Society Annual Banquet scheduled in October again due to Covid.

Stay safe everyone.

Message from Historical Society President

In June, we referenced that we had re-opened the Plymire-Schwarz House and the Museum at 80 Chestnut. Our docents have resumed giving tours and the P-S House Boutique has been visited by members as well as folks walking past the house. The first two weekends in August we held our first fundraisers - - three days of Teas each weekend. They sold out very quickly and all patrons seemed thrilled to be back at the Plymire-Schwarz House again.

Both the P-S House and the Museum are open every Saturday from 1 to 4pm except September 24 because we will be at Orange Park for "Concert in the Park". The Historical Society will have a booth there so come by and say hello.

Dave Casagrande



Slate of Officers – Directors for 2023

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Help Preserve the History of South San Francisco Join the Historical Society!

*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 Avenue,
So. San Francisco, CA 94080*

Name/Names/Corporation _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual - \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family - \$20.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter - \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate - \$100.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership - \$500.00 |

Museum News

Things continue to happen at the museum. Over the next several months we will be changing the special exhibit room which has displayed the musical side of South City for the last several years. Look for a new and exciting exhibit in this space in the future. Julie Chimenti and Lois Severi continue to work on organizing and inventorying our collection and new acquisitions.



Coming in
October

Visit the Museum for a
New Special Exhibit:

**"Vice & Crime in South San Francisco
During Prohibition"**

Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00

Museum Acquisitions

Heckman Family – Certificates of recognition for Warren Heckman, long-time band director at South City High

Kevin Mullin – Gene Mullin's photo albums of city council reorganization meetings

Joe Regalia – 1955 SSFHS Warrior Football programs; vintage canning jars; assorted pieces of vintage china; vintage Swift & Company cloth roll towel; California History magazines

LeAnn Thornton (Joe & Ida Crosariol Estate) – Vintage scythe from Crosariol Family Nursery



In Memory

Evelyn Galli Bellagamba

(102 years old)

Member of the SSFHS Class of 1937, other members were Evelyn Martin, Tony Gellepis, Lola Garcia and Elizabeth Ervin. She was the last surviving member of the class.

Richard J. Irl



August 19, 1940 - August 2, 2022

It is with a heavy heart that we share with you the loss of one of our members, Richard Joseph Irl, on August 2, 2022. Rich was a long-time member of the SSF Historical Society as well as other organizations such as YMI, Italian American Citizens Club, Peninsula Social Club, and Gruppo Lonatese. He and his wife, Barbara were an active group in South San Francisco but also enjoyed spending time at their second home in Arnold, CA.

Rich will be missed by all who knew him for his kindness, sense of humor, his passion for football (Niners) and baseball (Giants) and in recent years, his involvement in the SSF Historical Society at the Plymire-Schwarz House.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of Leonore Armanino

Donor: Rosemary Armanino

In Memory of Evelyn Bellagamba

Donors: Barbara Ervin;

Ginnie Ervin

In Memory of Rich Irl

Donors: Alfred & Madeleine Banfield;

Rich and Sally Busalacchi;

Dave and Margie Casagrande;

Alan and Julie Chimenti;

Jerry and Ginny Tilton;

Marie Yoschak

In Memory of Jim Metz

Donor: Robert Giorgi

In Memory of Bette Nicolopoulos

Donors: Dino & Josephine Xerogeanes

In Memory of Ruth Reimche

Donors: Betty Battaglia;

Alan & Julie Chimenti;

Frances Murphy

In Memory of Muriel Rolih

Donors: Dino & Josephine Xerogeanes

HONOR DONATIONS

In Honor of Elizabeth Ervin's Birthday

Donor: Ginnie Ervin

GENERAL DONATIONS

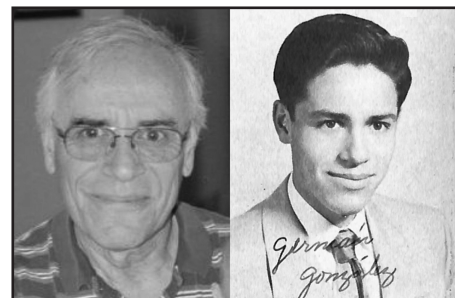
Historical Society

Jackie Kious

John Penna

Bill & Jo Zemke

German Gonzalez (pictured below)



Special thanks to German Gonzalez whose extremely generous donation enabled our Museum to replenish its stock of archival boxes and supplies. His first-hand knowledge of South San Francisco history is such a valuable resource to us!

Plymire-Schwarz House

Mark & Stacey Gillelen

Gloria Maltoni

Boutique Donations

Gail Davison

Ginnie Ervin

South San Francisco Library Memory Project Share Your Library Memories

As South San Francisco Public Library's Main branch prepares to move to our new library building later next year, we invite you to contribute a memory of the Main library, located on West Orange Ave. We will be compiling these memories into a book!

Contribute to the South San Francisco Public Library Memory Project by telling us what this library means to you. Your memories can include any story you want to share about an experience you or your family have had at the Main library building. When you visit the Main library, you can contribute to the Memory Project by filling out a story card at our Memory Project station. Prompts are also provided at the Memory Project station to inspire your contribution to the project.

If you can't make it to the Main library, email steinberg@plsinfo.org directly with your memory. There is currently no deadline for the project, but we expect to stop collecting memories toward the end of the autumn. For more information, please contact steinberg@plsinfo.org.

Historical Society of South San Francisco

PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

First Annual

HALLOWEEN

COCKTAIL PARTIES

*This year we are offering a fun, new, limited experience:
two private Halloween cocktail parties (4:00 - 7:00) each for a group of ten.*

*Available Dates: Friday, October 28
 Saturday, October 29
 Sunday, October 30*

Your group of ten will enjoy the entire house while feasting on a bounty of savories, sweets and special cocktails all for only \$500.

We are only offering two of these special parties.

Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss out!

Calls to Reserve Your Party Begin: Saturday, September 24, 2022

9:00a.m. through 7:00p.m.

Calls or payments received prior to Saturday, September 24th 9:00a.m. will not be considered.

Please call (650) 588-0639 and leave a message including your:

- name
- phone number
- preferred date

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Historical Society of South San Francisco

MAIL TO:

Donna Smith • 930 Mission Road, No. 26 • So. San Francisco 94080

• In order to secure your party, we kindly request payment be received within seven days of scheduling your party.

• We regret we are not able to accommodate special dietary requests.

www.plymirehouse.org

P-S House Acquisitions

Gail Davison – Two antique plant stands

Sam Bonanno – Antique oak curio cabinet



Thanks to Sam Bonanno for donating this lovely piece of his family history. We felt it was best suited for our Bride's Room to display South City family wedding photos - including Sam's parents': Nicholas and Mary (née Grappoli) Bonanno who were married in 1931.

Antique Bazaar/Rummage Sale

Our big yard sale took place on July 16 and was a huge success. We made over \$3,100 which will be split between the Museum and the Plymire-Schwarz House. The day of the sale was a full day starting with set-up from 7 to 9 am, the sale from 9 to 3 pm and then the pack-up from 3 to 5. And prior to the sale there were many days of collecting donations and pricing the many hundreds of items. Items sold included donated items from members, friends and organizations, including the Colma Historical Association, along with some surplus items from our P-S House boutique. Thanks to the many volunteers that pitched in for all these efforts and managed to get everything packed up at the end and the museum cleaned up by the next day!

William Zemke

NEW MEMBERS

JULIE BALDOCCHI
DARLENE ISKRA
LORI MC BRIDE
SHARON SILVER
JIM SONNE
ADLYN SOUTH

The Historical Society's PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE

Summer Teas

When Covid arrived and our lives changed in many different ways, we had to close the Plymire-Schwarz House until it was safe to re-open. Over time and as Covid numbers slowly began to decline, the volunteers began exploring options for the House. We knew how much our members enjoy our Teas, and visiting the House and the Garden, the decision was made to re-open again. We started by opening the Boutique on Saturdays and made the House available to explore again. Our visitors were happy to be back.



Step two...Fundraising. Our team got creative and put together six days of Teas that our supporters could purchase for their party of six guests. Each party had their own room in the House—Living Room, Dining Room, and Garden Room. They had the full P-S House tea experience and a room to themselves. They also had time before and after dining to shop in our boutique and THANK YOU! We thoroughly enjoyed visiting with our guests and their families and friends. It felt like old times.

One more thing...THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!
None of this is possible without the team we have.



Stay tuned to see what might be coming next.

Margie Casagrande

Summer Teas



Plymire-Schwarz House News

When our beautiful old House was new, it stood majestically on the corner of Grand and Spruce Avenues. It was surrounded with a finely manicured garden that included many palm trees.



We were fortunate to have a palm tree donated that was planted in the front yard. Looking forward to it growing tall and proud and gracing our historic gem!



The **PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ HOUSE BOUTIQUE**

September Clearance Event

Making way for Winter Inventory!

All Boutique stock* will be 50% off
the entire month of September.

Saturdays
1:00 - 4:00

*Greeting cards excluded

Historical Society Social Media

Check out our website: www.ssfhistory.org

Facebook and Instagram!

@ssfhistory @ssfhistorymuseum

@plymireschwarzhouse



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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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in volunteering at the museum.

History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

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By appointment only.

Historical Society's Plymire-Schwarz House

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