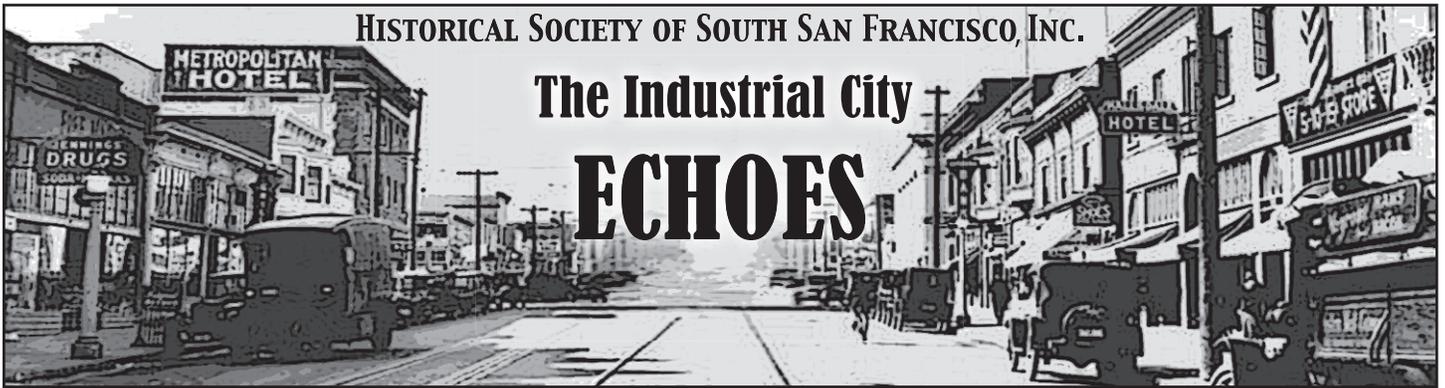


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2024 Calendar

April 15	Board Meeting
April 27 & 28 and May 4 & 5	Victorian Tea
May 20	Board Meeting
June 17	General Meeting
June 22	Rummage Sale
July 15	Board Meeting
August 19	Board Meeting
Sept. 16	General Meeting
Oct. 4	Garden Champagne Party
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.*



Program for March General Meeting

Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm

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

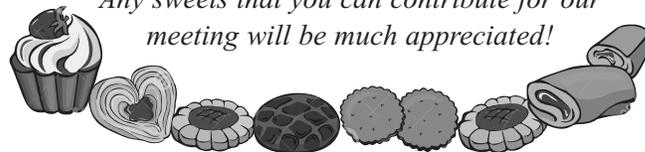


Since February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day and March is the beginning of Spring, the sweetness of love is in the air. Join the South San Francisco Historical Society for an evening of sweet friendship with **See's Candies** discussing the history behind its creation and its future.

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

Cookie Reminder:

*Any sweets that you can contribute for our
meeting will be much appreciated!*



March

By Diana Stanton Minsky

*She goes out like a
Lion and returns
as a Lamb*

*The seasons have
claimed the month
of March all seeing*

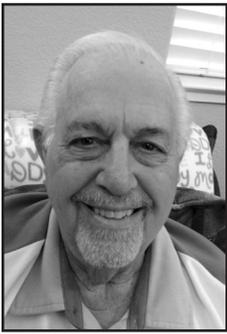
*The wind rain and
leaves that fall are
at her very beckon call*

*Her forecasts are really
True – as the saying
Goes – The eyes of
March are on you!*



GenenTonix, formerly known as the Genentech Carolers, a group of musical enthusiasts from across all departments at Genentech performing at the December 2023 general meeting.

In Memory



**Simone Nicholas
"Sam" Bonanno**
1934-2023

Sam was reunited with his beloved wife Joanie in heaven as he passed quietly and peacefully in his sleep on December 29, 2023; the 61st anniversary of their wedding day. Sam, born in 1934 of immigrant parents Nick from Sicily, Mary from North Beach, was the most loving and devoted husband, father and adoring nono. He attended Martin School, Spruce Jr. High and SSF High School. He graduated in 1953- first class from new high school. Sam was a teacher and coach for a total of 50 years, mostly at SSF High School.

Sam was much loved in the South San Francisco community. He was the recipient of the 2014 Victor John Feudale Award and an active member in the Historical Society, ICF, YMI, IASC, SSFIACC, Colma Creek Flood Control Committee, J&J Barbeque, and All Souls Church. In his spare time he cooked for organizations, neighbors and family.

Memorial Donations

In Memory of Sam Bonanno

Donors: Alan & Julie Chimenti,
Gene Hessler, Jerry & Ginny Tilton

In Memory of Edward Booth

Donor: Gene Hessler

In Memory of Olga Carroll

Donor: Carolyn Cohn

In Memory of John Susa

Donors: Alan & Julie Chimenti

Historical Society Donations

Mary Andersen
Rosemary Armanino
Pat Fitzpatrick
Carrie Gordon
John Prouty

Plymire-Schwarz House Donations

Gene Hessler

Message from Historical Society President

Hello Members,

Happy 2024! I hope you and your family enjoyed a great holiday season and are looking forward to a great 2024.

Our volunteers at the Plymire-Schwarz House have packed up all the Christmas decorations and staged it for Valentines Day. Another great job by Julie Chimenti and Sally Busalacchi. Thank you!

Our **Vice and Crime in SSF During Prohibition** exhibit has been so well received and still sparks much interest, so we have decided to let it run for another year. If you haven't seen it yet be sure to stop by 80 Chestnut and check it out.

A reminder that both the Plymire-Schwarz House & Boutique and our Museum are open Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you. Our next General Meeting will be March 18, at 7 p.m at the Roberta Cerri Teglia (formerly the Magnolia Center). As always, we appreciate the support our members and friends provide. We enjoy a social opportunity have coffee, punch and dessert. If you would like to contribute your sweet treats to our Hospitality Team they will be much appreciated! See you in March!

Dave Casagrande



Museum Acquisitions

Betty Battaglia: All Souls Recall and Rejoice book.

Alan Chimenti: Sunshine Gardens, All Souls, and Parkway yearbooks.

Wenda DaCunha: Vintage adding machine, vintage covered cheese dish, vintage gravy boat, reproduction of 1905 Sears catalogue.

Ginnie Ervin: Photo collage from Evelyn Martin's 100th birthday; magazine - *eternelle* featuring Jackie Spierer on cover.

Plymire-Schwarz House Acquisitions

Denise Fernekes: Vintage hats belonging to Melanie Fernekes.

Merel Glaubiger: Antique Chinese silk area rug.

Joanne Gordon: Vintage wicker sewing stand.

Barbara Irli: Vintage toy cash register

Diane Martin: Vintage wooden high chair.

NEW MEMBERS

Alvin Go
William & Diane Green
Bonnie Mendoza
Kevin Mullin
Maria Rosales
Michael Sherron
Luz Sunageng
Agnes Torres

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Bruce Brian
Diane Martin

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Historical Society Dues Expired on December 31st.

To renew or become a member please fill out this form and mail with check made out to:
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- Student\$5.00
- Individual\$15.00
- Family\$20.00
- Supporter\$25.00
- Corporate\$100.00
- Life Membership ...\$500.00



We will be holding our Third Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 22 from 9am – 3pm. It will be held in the Museum parking lot at 80 Chestnut Avenue.

This fundraising event will benefit our Museum.

We will again highlight vintage and quality items that include surplus inventory from the Plymire-Schwarz House Boutique as well as items donated for the sale.

If you have vintage and/or lightly-used items to donate (no clothing, please) contact Bill Zemke (650) 922-0570 no later than Friday, June 14 to arrange drop off.

THE ENTERPRISE.

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, SAN MATEO COUNTY, CAL., SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1916.

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A Splendid Group of Catholic Church Buildings Church, Rectorry and Hall



Excerpt from April 22, 1916 Enterprise - Exactly as written in the original article.

Its Catholic element has always been a potent force in the upbuilding of South San Francisco. Catholics were here at the foundation of the town, and were the first to institute and maintain regular church service.

It was in the spring of 1893 when Rev. Father James Cooper came from San Mateo, where he was a curate in that Catholic parish, and celebrated mass in a small frame

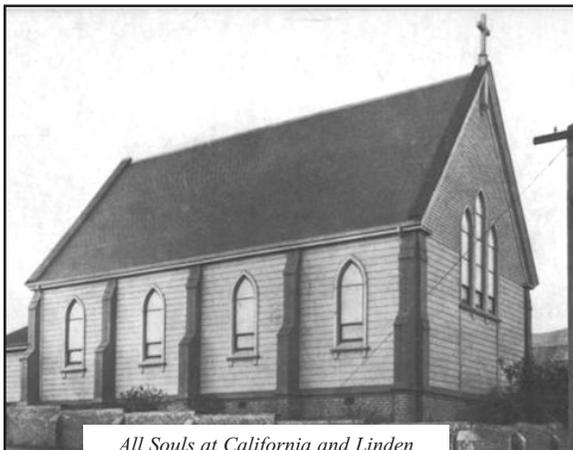
building at the southeast corner of Miller and Cypress avenues, the building being used on week days as the justice's court room.

Rev. Father Cooper said mass in the court room of the justice of the peace, first at the corner above named, and later at the corner of Grand and Linden avenues, until the Catholic church at the corner of California and Linden avenues was erected and dedicated in 1898.

In time and by reason of the increased and constantly increasing number of Catholics, the necessity for an organized parish, with a resident pastor, was recognized; and in 1913 All Souls' parish was stabled, to include the incorporated city of South San Francisco and adjacent lands. Rev. Father James P. Moran of St. Paul's parish, San Francisco, was given charge of the new Parish.

When Father Moran came to his new parish, November 23, 1913, he found a very hard task confronting him. He found lukewarmness and indifference along with a total absence of anything like team work among his new parishioners; and he found for a church building, a bare, barnlike structure, its walls unfinished and its interior unfinished.

In a new field, among a new people, facing the trying task of bring order out of chaos, Father Moran was undismayed ... Without hesitation he immediately undertook the enlargement and improvement of the church building under a promise to his people that the work should be completed and the improved church building ready ... on Christmas Day. In his work Father Moran was unsparing of himself, and towards it cost donated over one thousand dollars ...



All Souls at California and Linden

The good father's promise was made good, and Christmas Day was celebrated in the enlarged and finished church building, which was crowded to its utmost capacity ... The end of the first year of Father Moran's pastorate found a parish well organized ... the people's new found enthusiasm led them to determine to build ... one of the finest groups of church buildings in the archdiocese.

The old site down within a block or so from the railroad depot has been abandoned and a new site selected in center of town upon an eminence and commanding a view of all the surrounding country. It is considered by everybody to be easily the finest of site in South San Francisco ... Upon this site the old church has been moved and will serve as a parish hall in the future ...

The new church will seat five hundred and twenty five.



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Membership runs on a calendar year expiring annually on December 31st.
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