HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, INC.

The Industrial City – Echoes

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2009-2010 CALENDAR

December 21* ... General Meeting
January 26 ..... Board Meeting
February 23..... Board Meeting
March 16*..... General Meeting
April 20..... Board Meeting
May 18 ..... Board Meeting
June 15*..... General Meeting

General meetings are held at Magnolia Center, 601 Grand Ave, 7:00 p.m.; Board meetings are held at Society Museum, 80 Chestnut Avenue, 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to Board meetings. Members and non-members are welcome to General Meetings.

***All General Meetings will now begin at 7 pm.**

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SSF Ferry Service is scheduled to begin in Fall 2011

The SSF Oyster Pt Ferry Terminal officially broke ground on October 18. Commuter service will run between Oyster Pt. & Jack London Square/ Oakland Ferry Terminal.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM—DECEMBER 21, 2009, 7:00 PM

Magnolia Senior Center, 601 Grand Avenue, 3rd Floor

"Spark of Creation" Polynesian Dance Troupe

Dance—Music—Theater

The Spark of Creation Polynesian Dance Troupe of South San Francisco will be featured at our Annual Holiday Program on Monday, December 21, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Magnolia Senior Center, 601 Grand Avenue. Under the direction of Marilou Ubaldo Lafon, "Te Pura o te Rahura'a" (Tahitian for "Spark of Creation") will celebrate the holiday season through song and dance. The evening will kick-off with a tasty selection of refreshments, including finger sandwiches, homemade cookies, and a sherbet punch. Please join us for a fun holiday celebration!

ATTENTION COOKIE BAKERS…

Please remember to bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies to the meeting for everyone to enjoy. It's that time of year when there's never enough cookies to eat!

Many thanks to those who brought cookies to the March, June & September meetings.

Phyllis Feudale, Hospitality Chair

President:	Ray Yoschak
First Vice President:	Diana Ferrari
Second Vice President:	Sam Bonanno
Secretary:	Julie Baldocchi
Treasurer:	Dick Battaglia
Parliamentarian:	Eleonore Fourie
Financial Secretary:	Jeanette Acosta
Museum Curator:	Elizabeth Ervin

Board Members: Dave Casagrande, Phyllis Feudale, Tom Galli, Mary Giusti, Robbie Huerta, Flor Nicolas, Valerie Sommer, Ray Stupi, Ginny Tilton, and Viola Weber.

Ex Officio Members: Roy Bava, Bertha Iskra, Rick Ochsenhirt and Sylvia Payne.

Plymire-Schwarz Steering Committee: Director Roy Bava, Louise Brusco, Chris Carr, Elizabeth Ervin, Diana Ferrari, Phyllis Feudale, Eleonore Fourie, Tom Galli, Mary Giusti, Bertha Iskra, Rick Ochsenhirt, Frances Regalia, and Ray Yoschak.

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Fire Museum Committee: Chairman Tom Galli, Bob Masuda, Babe Lorenzini, Ed Simpson, Joe Teron, Jim Allio, Don Nelson, Ron Francesconi, Frank Drago, Bill Reich, and Pat Dunleavy.

POINT OF VIEW—President Ray Yoschak

"WOW!" is a three letter interjection often used to describe something remarkable. October and November kicked off the beginning of a fabulous holiday season, to say the least. World Series, Columbus Day, Halloween, the end of DST, the Annual Awards Banquet, Veterans Day, Galli's Sanitary Bakery's 100th Anniversary, and Thanksgiving.— all memorable and notable events.

The Awards Banquet had a near record attendance and all enjoyed a delightful evening. The 2009 Victor John Feudale award recipients were Mr. Louis Poletti, local businessman, and Ms. Valerie Sommer, City of South San Francisco Library Director. The Society's first lifetime achievement award was presented to Ms. Eleonore Fourie, retired Society parliamentarian, for her numerous years of service on the board and work at the museum In addition to the awards, State Assemblyman Jerry Hill's office presented a proclamation to each honoree. All three recipients have demonstrated selfless dedication to our community over the years. I am proud to have had the pleasure of working with each of them. My sincere thank you to all who worked so hard to make this event such a huge success. And, Season Greetings to all.

CHESTNUT AVENUE MUSEUM NEWS

ATTENTION MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The Historical Society appreciates your visiting our museum, and as a result, in 2010 we will have a drawing awarding four $25 cash prizes to four museum visitors. When you visit the museum, be sure to submit your name for the drawing. The drawing will be held in December 2010. Unfortunately, you can only enter the drawing once...but we appreciate return visitors.

(The $100 was donated by a generous and thoughtful member.)

SSFHS CLASS OF '37

Recently the SSF High School Class of May 28, 1937 held a reunion celebrating their 72 year since graduating. The group met at Houlihan's Restaurant, Holiday Inn, SSF, for a luncheon. After lunch they returned to Florence Ferko's home in Millbrae for coffee and cake and more visiting and reminiscing. Those in attendance were Nick Babrick, Elizabeth Lautze Ervin, Florence Lena Ferko, Tony Gellepis, Rosa Herrmann Hodkinson, and Evelyn Martin. Unable to attend were Lola Schmidt Garcia and Rose Ferri Petrocchi. It was a fun time for all and they are looking forward to meeting again next year to keep up to date on each other's adventures.

Galli's Sanitary Bakery
324 Grand Avenue

On November 7, 2009 Galli's Sanitary Bakery celebrated it's 100 years in business in South San Francisco. To commemorate the day, owners Amby and Marilyn Galli presented an 18' long chocolate éclair for the public to enjoy (pictured below).

GALLI'S BAKERY 1909-2009

A certificate of achievement was presented to the Gallis by Elizabeth Ervin and Ray Yoschak

Marilyn Galli behind the bakery counter with two of her employees.

Todd Galli, Marilyn Galli, Amby Galli, Elizabeth Ervin and Ray Yoschak

25TH ANNUAL BANQUET—OCTOBER 23,2009

As previously reported by President Ray Yoschak, this year's dinner was a success. We had a good turn out and the evening was a lot of fun. Seriously! Gene Mullin did a great job as MC and Tom Fourie handled the salami raffle like an old pro. This years winners were:

- Tahoe Weekend (donated by Olga & Rosa Ruggeri): **Rolanda Pucci Frank**
- Four 49er tickets (donated by SSF Scavenger Co.): **Denise Fernekes**
- $100 (donated by Historical Society): **Chuck Elliott**
- Genentech Gift Basket: **Pete Maffei**

Committee members, Jeanette Acosta, Mary Giusti, Valerie Sommer, Ginny Tilton, and chair, Sylvia Payne, thank everyone for coming and for participating in the fund-raisers, which raised over $3000 for the museum and P.S. House. We hope to see you next year—Friday, October 22, 2010.

2009-2010 BOARD MEMBERS

BUENAFLOR NICOLAS is one of our newest board members. She has lived in SSF for 21 years and is very active in many community organizations including PAL Boosters, All Souls Kapisanang Pilipino, SSF Women's Club, ICF, Soroptimists, and Asian Social Club. She also serves on the Historic Preservation Commission. Besides, working for InterMune, Inc. and volunteering, Flor enjoys reading, traveling, and the company of her family that includes her husband Nenar and their two children: Genevieve and Elijah.

VI WEBER has been a board member since 2008. She and her husband Ken joined the Society in 2007 at the urging of friends and her parents, Ray & Marie Yoschak. She has resided in SSF for 45 years and is a graduate of SSF High School. She lives in Mayfair Village and works for the City of San Bruno's City Attorney's office. Vi is active with the SSF Women's Club and Community Preservation Task Force. She enjoys cooking, walking her dog Tigra, traveling and camping. She especially loves to kick back and read a good book.

We are very luck to have both Flor and Vi...they are excellent!

IN MEMORIAM

Peter Fogliani
Barbara Kast
Sue Lindstrom
Clara Lucchesi
Agnes Rosaia Murphy
Bert Nichols
George Pozzi

IN MEMORY OF LINDBERGH ROLIH 1928-2006

Mr. Karl Rolih, of Georgia, recently made a donation to the Chestnut Avenue Museum in memory of his brother, Lindbergh Rolih. The Rolih Family lived on Miller Avenue and the three Rolih boys, Lindy, Karl and Max, attended SSF High School. Karl has fond memories of SSF and still has close friends living here.

We are grateful for Mr. Rolih's support, as the funds were used to purchase a curio cabinet to display collectibles, three exhibit boards to display photographs, and helped fund our new DVD: SSF 2008: Our Centennial Year.

NEW DVD NOW ON SALE—$16.38

2008 Centennial Celebration: Our South San Francisco

Produced by KM2 Communications

Once again KM2 Communications has collaborated with the Historical Society to produce a documentary about South San Francisco's history. This commemorative DVD highlights the historic celebrations and events of 2008. To order your copy send in the requested information with your check for $16.39 (**add $5 for shipping**) to: Historical Society of SSF, Inc., P.O. Box 711, South San Francisco, CA 94083. DVDs can be delivered if you live locally.

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CHESTNUT AVE. MUSEUM
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Sat (1-4 pm)
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Co-Chairs: Elizabeth Ervin, Eleonore Fourie & Sylvia Payne
Office Hours: Weds 10-2 pm

Please call if you are interested in volunteering at the museum.

PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ CENTER AND FIRE MUSEUM
519 Grand Avenue
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Director: Roy Bava

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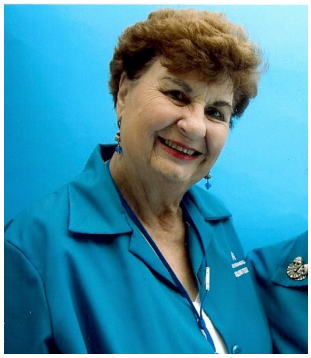
Jeanette Acosta

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Your 2009 Historical Society memberships will expire on December 31. As a reminder Jeanette will be sending out notices that your 2010 memberships are now due. DID YOU KNOW... in 1983 the annual dues were $10? Twenty-seven years later the annual dues are still $10. We want to stay at the $10 level so we can keep you as a member. That's important to us. It is through your support that we are able to maintain our museums!

(Many thanks to Jeanette for her work in mailing out the newsletters, tracking membership dues, encouraging the editor at all times, and never complaining.)

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET

Check out the following two websites: www.plsinfo.org/BitsofHistory/index.html and www.oac.cdlib.org. Lots of photos to check-out.

FORT ROSS HISTORIC STATE PARK

Fort Ross is one of the oldest parks in California (est. 1906); it was originally founded as Fort Ross Colony in 1812 by the Russian-American Company for the purpose of producing food to support the Russian settlements in Alaska as well as to help expand the valuable sea otter trade. Fort Ross will be celebrating its bi-centennial in 2012 and is seeking partnerships with Bay Area organizations.

SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN WATCH

www.mountainwatch.org

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