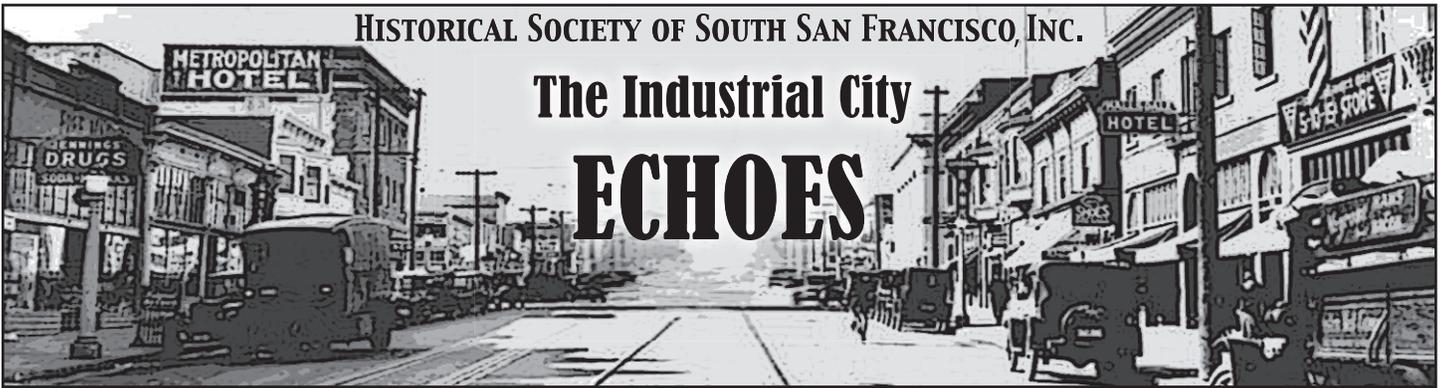


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2015 Calendar

September 21	General Meeting
October 16	31st Annual Banquet
October 19	Board Meeting
November 7	Holiday Champagne Reception & Boutique
November 16	Board Meeting
December 21	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 Ave. - 7:00 p.m.

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



Program for March General Meeting

September 21, 2015, 7:00 pm

Magnolia Senior Center, 601 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco



MIKE FUTRELL, South San Francisco City Manager, will be the featured speaker at the general meeting. Mr. Futrell will talk about the State of the City – the current and future projects he foresees, as well as share his perspective on the direction of the City. Mr. Futrell is also eager to hear from the Historical Society members as to how the City can best preserve the history of South San Francisco.

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

Refreshments will be served after the program.

March General Meeting

Rudy Santini gave a very interesting and informative presentation of the history of Santini & Rocucci. He also told some stories of his experiences during World War II.

Rudy donated a tin model of a B-24 to our museum, in remembrance of a wonderful, welcoming time that he and his crew spent in South San Francisco hosted by his family.



Sam Bonanno and Rudy Santini



Message from Historical Society President

I don't know how Jo Zemke and Margie Casagrande manage to make the Boutique at the Plymire-Schwarz House look like a Victorian gift shop that we see in small towns. They also have a talent for picking a real hard-working crew for the Tea. We received so many compliments on both the Tea and Boutique. Some people said this was the best ever! Thanks to Jo, Margie and everyone involved who donated their time, goodies and efforts! Hope to see you at the 31st Annual Banquet and the Holiday Champagne Reception and Boutique and at our September Social. Also, hope you all had a great summer.

— Ginny



In Memory

Lillian Bottai

New Member

Edward Bonanno

Local History Specialist Retires



KATHY KAY, Local History Specialist, South San Francisco Public Library, has retired after 32 years of service to the City of South San Francisco.

Kathy has been our local history expert and curator of the historical collection of documents and photographs in the Grand Avenue Library History Room. Through the years, she has worked very closely with the Historical Society in keeping our history alive and providing research assistance and personal knowledge in response to inquiries about people, places, events and more in our City's past. Kathy has been a resource and an asset and she will be missed; however, after some overseas travel, she intends to continue to provide support for those interesting and hard-to-answer questions.

Museum Accessions/Acquisitions

- **Evelyn Martin:** Certificates of Appreciation (2005) presented to Evelyn in recognition as person of the year for her community service by the CA State Assembly, CA State Senate, and SSF Chamber of Commerce.
- **Iole Sari:** **Clorinda Roccucci Orlovich's** 1947 wedding dress (on display at Plymire Schwarz House); 1939 SSF High School Iris, and SSF High School 1939 diploma.
- **Gail Laufer Bierce:** family photos, and two books on the history of Fuller O'Brien.
- **Sue Ponce:** SSF High School yearbooks for the years 1959, '60, and '61 and '61 class reunion memory book (held 2011); Framed print of SF famous Victorian homes by SSF resident **Terri Pagni Bunce** (1979); and SSF High School Chorus Pin belonging to **Christy Bartel**.
- **Lois Severi:** Photocopy of SSF Women's Club President **Ida Lazzari**, wearing her 1976 Centennial Celebration Patriotic Dress, and photocopy of 1st place ribbons she received for creating dress.
- **Jack Murray:** Ten vinyl 33 1/3 records of popular singers, and nine stereoscope slides.
- **Rudy Santini:** Photo of WWII B24 airplane mounted on metal; B24 was named "South San Francisco".
- **Patricia Armanini:** Three framed SSF school photographs: Grand Avenue Grammar School 3rd grade class (1916), and SSF High School 1920 and 1926 panorama photos of all classes, belonging to her mother, **May Jennings Armanini**.

Historical Society Museum

If you are looking for a gift, consider visiting the museum at 80 Chestnut Avenue. There are pins remembering SSF events, T-shirts, books on local history, postcards and more. Come and see what there is to see about our city.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Cookie Brigade

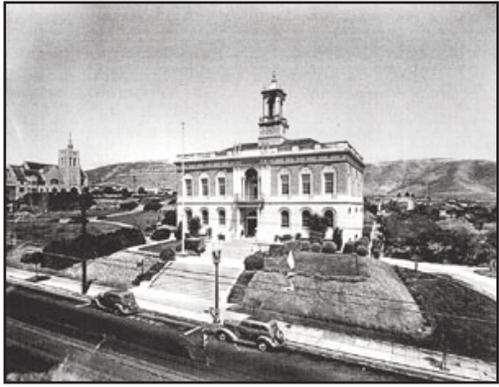
Please remember to bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies on September 23rd.

Many Thanks!

Program Ideas

Do you have slides, photos, artifacts or interesting stories about South San Francisco. Share your family or business history. Contact the Historical Society at 650-829-3825.

Celebrating the Past, Present and Future Happy Birthday South San Francisco! September 14-19, 2015



South San Francisco will be celebrating 107 years since incorporation this September. Beginning September 14 you'll see the City celebrating its heritage leading up to its September 19th birthday by lighting City Hall, adorning it with a banner, and decorating Grand Avenue with "Happy Birthday" signs. The main event will take place at Orange Park's Farmers' Market on Saturday, September 19, from 10 am to 2 pm! There will be something for everybody. Free face painting, animal-shaped balloons, and a big bouncy house for the children. A birthday cake will be served with coffee at the Fernekas Building at 12:30 pm, followed by a ribbon cutting of two sculptures being placed in the Orange Park Sculpture Garden.

The City also wants to encourage residents to participate in "Faces of the Community" by going to the Municipal Services Building from August 20th to September 8th and having your photograph taken in the photo booth located in the Atrium. From September 8-20, the photo booth will be in the Main Library at 840 Orange Avenue. "Faces of the Community" will be showcased at the birthday party, as well as on the City's website and social media properties.

For more information about this event, contact Leslie Arroyo at (650) 829-6603 or leslie.arroyo@ssf.net.



Join the South San Francisco Historical Society Help Preserve Our Storied History

If you are interested in becoming a new member or to renew your membership 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

The purpose of the South San Francisco Historical Society is to record and publicize the history of our community and help preserve its historically unique and interesting aspects.

Members will receive a membership card and the quarterly newsletter.

Name/Names/Corporation _____

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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 |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

ELEONORE FOURIE celebrated her 100th birthday on August 8th at the Basque Cultural Center, with 70 family and friends in attendance.



Now there's another way to find out what's going on with the South San Francisco Historical Society.
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31st Annual Historical Society Banquet

The South San Francisco Historical Society presents its 31st Annual Historical Society Banquet on Friday, October 16th, 2015 starting at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 920 Stonegate Drive, South San Francisco. The Master of Ceremonies will be Former State Assemblyman Gene Mullin. This year's honorees of the Victor John Feudale Award are Dorothy Buhagiar and Donna Smith who are being acknowledged for their outstanding contributions and dedication to the Historical Society and the community. The annual gala raffle drawing will benefit the Society's Chestnut Avenue Museum and the Plymire Schwarz Center.

Tickets are \$40 per person and are available via Historical Society Board member Donna Smith, at (650) 796-9466. Tickets will be picked up at the door. Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 9th, 2015. For more information, please contact Ginny Tilton, Banquet Coordinator at (650) 438-5498 or gabby640@att.net.

Call for 49er Tickets!



Would anyone like to donate 2 tickets for the live auction held at the South San Francisco Historical Society 31st Annual Banquet?

If you have tickets to donate please contact Ginny Tilton at (650) 438-5498 or Mary Giusti at (650) 583-3102.

Thank you!!!

2015 Recipients of the Victor John Feudale Award



Dorothy Buhagiar was born Dorothy Coulter at South San Francisco General Hospital, Grand & Spruce, on August 23, 1951, the third child of George and Dorothy Coulter, originally of the Bronx, New York.

Dorothy grew up, and has resided all of her life, in SSF, including the neighborhoods of Old Town, Brentwood, Sunshine Gardens, and currently in Buri-Buri. She went to school at Avalon, St. Veronica's, Sunshine Gardens, Parkway, and graduated from El Camino High School.

After graduation Dorothy immediately followed in her father's footsteps in the travel industry, spending 11 years working for Peter Ueberroth (one-time Commissioner of Baseball and Olympic Committee Chairman). She progressed to the banking industry (10 years with Bank of America), and finally found her true calling working as a civil servant for the City of SSF Public Works Department, eventually advancing to the position of Administrative Assistant 2, and retiring from The City with 22 years of service in July of 2008.

Dorothy enlisted with the SSF Historical Society after retirement as a full-time museum docent, and is a Plymire/Schultz Victorian Tea committee member. She is also a member of the SSF Beautification Committee, Soroptomists International of San Mateo County, and has also worked with Second Harvest Food Bank.

Dorothy is enjoying retirement with her husband Ken, spending time at their newly-purchased summer home in Sonora, CA.



Donna Smith was born in Cleveland, Ohio and raised in the small town of Brunswick which is located between Cleveland and Akron. She is the oldest of five children born to Arlien and Robert Hajek. While growing up Donna always dreamed of living in California and when she moved to South San Francisco in 1969 she knew she was home!!!!

Donna worked in the automotive industry for 40 years, 12 years at Daly City Toyota as DMV/Contract Person and Assistant Office Manager, then 25 years for Ron Price Motors first as DMV/Contract Person then as Office Manager. The last 3 years were spent at Cammisa Hyundai from which she retired.

She thought - now what will I do? Her friend Robbie Huerta talked her into joining the Historical Society in 2011 and she soon became a docent. Donna's favorite part of being a docent is when the school kids come and she explains things of the past to them and gets their input.

In 2013 she started on the kitchen staff for the Annual Tea at Plymire Schwarz House. Donna has helped Bertha Iskra with her pedro tournament and two years later started hosting them herself. She is now on the Board of Directors and serves as financial secretary. She is also a member of ICF and serves on their board as treasurer.

Through the Historical Society she has met wonderful people and made great friends.



The Plymire-Schwarz House recently held their 13th Annual Tea. It was an early sell-out and with record attendance. Thank you to all who attended.

This year, in addition to other donations from our local community, we were the lucky recipients of an Action Team Grant of \$250 from Thrivent Financial. This grant was made to cover some of our purchases for the Boutique and the gift baskets we use as door prizes. Having local and regional organizations, as well as individuals contributing to the tea, allows us to raise even more money to maintain our historic home.

Also, we could not accomplish what we do if we didn't have a wonderful group of volunteers who work hard to make each tea special. Thank you to all who helped this year. We are always looking for additional help so if you have a time to contribute in some way, please contact us.

Please mark your calendars for July 22 & 23 and 29 & 30 for the Plymire-Schwarz 2016 Tea.

*Margie Casagrande and Jo Zemke
P-S Tea Co-Chairs*





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The SSF 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

Chestnut Avenue Museum

80 Chestnut Avenue
650-829-3825
Tues & Thurs (2-4:00 p.m.) and
2nd & 4th Saturdays (1-3:00 p.m.)
Museum Committee Co-Chairs:
Elizabeth Ervin & Sylvia Payne
Office Hours: Weds (10-2:00 p.m.)
Please call if you are interested
in volunteering at the museum.

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History Room / Grand Avenue Branch Library

306 Walnut Avenue
650-877-8533
Thurs (2-4:00 p.m.) or by
appointment

Plymire-Schwarz House

519 Grand Avenue
650-875-6988
Wednesdays (2-4:00 p.m.)
Director: Roy Bava

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 museum at 650-829-3825 or
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