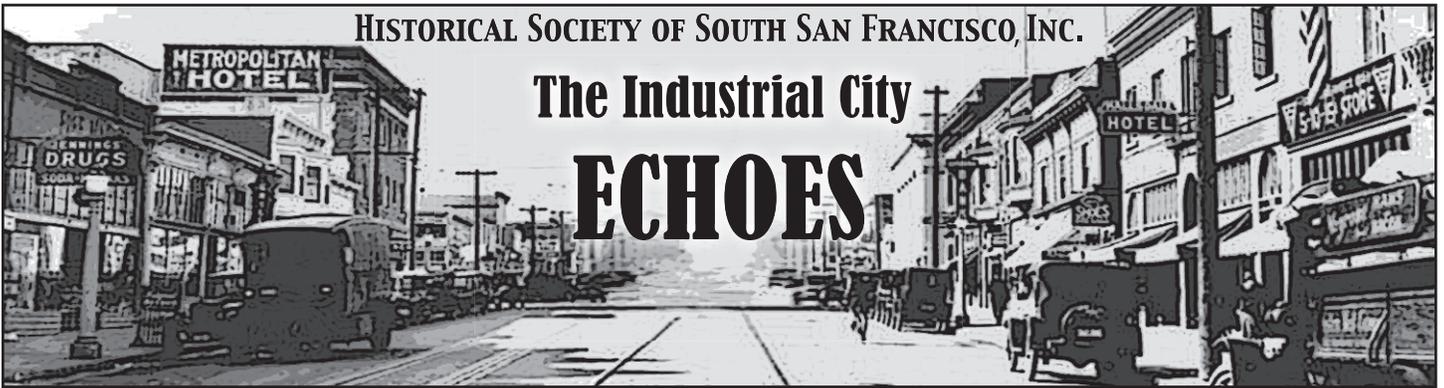


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2016 Calendar

March 21	General Meeting
April 18	Board Meeting
May 16	Board Meeting
June 20	General Meeting
July 18	Board Meeting
August 15	Board Meeting
September 19	General Meeting
October 17	Board Meeting
November 21	Board Meeting
December 19	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

March 21 2016, 7:00 pm

Magnolia Senior Center, 601 Grand Avenue, South San Francisco

GENE MULLIN, former State Assemblyman,
South San Francisco City Councilman/Mayor, Educator
and long time resident of South San Francisco

will present:

***“From Blacksmithing to Law Making -
100 Years of the Mullin Family
in South San Francisco.”***



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

Refreshments will be served after the program

Sign of the Times

A South San Francisco Documentary

Join South San Francisco Public Library and Parks & Recreation for a screening of “Sign of the Times”, an award-winning documentary which aired locally in 1988. The hour-long video chronicles the transformation of South San Francisco from company town, to industrial giant, through post World War II developments. “Sign of the Times” title stems from the emblematic sign that rises over the city: “South San Francisco: The Industrial City.” To the blue-collar workers who labored in the city’s meat packing plants and steel mills, the message represented their hard work and accomplishments. To some of the town’s newer tenants, the sign was outdated and misleading. The tension boiled over in the late 1980s when an ordinance was proposed to remove “The Industrial City” from the sign. “Sign of the Times” features candid interviews from residents, workers, developers and historians and is interlaced with archival photos and footage that captures the town’s rich history. Filmmakers Martha Cain and Steve Cohen will be in attendance.

*Tuesday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. at Municipal
Services Building, City Council Chambers,
33 Arroyo Drive, South San Francisco, CA.*

*Adam Elsholz
Library Program Manager*

Announcement

**New Chestnut
Museum Exhibit!**

***The Long View of
The Industrial City***

A Panoramic Photo
Exhibit

Opening March 2016
80 Chestnut Avenue

Message from Historical Society President

It sure seems like the calm before the storm! We've had a few months with nothing to do. How nice! Glad to report that we have two new Board members. Thank you, Bill and Michael, for accepting our invitation to join the Board. They will certainly be a great asset! Our next guest speaker will be Gene Mullin with his family's history in South San Francisco, plus if we are lucky, he will have some good jokes for us.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter.

— Ginny



In Memory

Frank Bachle

Rick Ochsenhirt

Mark O'Kennon

Vickie Pfeifer

Elsa Ricconi

Helen Rozzi

Giordano Tassan



Plymire-Schwarz House

Sidewalk Fixed at the P/S House



In December, Bill Benavides with some assistance from Bill Zemke, repaired the tripping hazard in the sidewalk that goes to the back yard at the Plymire/Schwarz House. Mr. Benavides noticed the problem when he attended the Champagne Reception in November and volunteered to do the work. The new section of sidewalk looks great and the tripping hazard is gone.

A big thank you to Bill Benavides!



Memorial Donations

Jerry Moreland

Donors: Mr. & Mrs. John Noonan

Mark O'Kennon

Donors: David & Margie Casagrande,
Paul Casagrande,
Ken & Dorthy Buhagiari, Julie & Alan
Chimenti, Victoria & Michael Healy,
Barbara Irl, Joanna Laughlin,
Robert & Sylvia Payne, Fred Turner,
William & Jo Zemke

Rick Ochsenhirt

Donors: Robert & Sylvia Payne

December General Meeting

The acappella chorus, the Golden Chordsmen sang Christmas carols in a very entertaining performance! Thank you for a wonderful show!



Hello Historical Society Members

This month's newsletter offers something new. It is a blue donation envelope for the Plymire-Schwarz House or the SSF Historical Museum. What a great way to celebrate a family member or friend than to honor or remember them with a gift that enhances the history of our community.

In addition, we will add a column in the newsletter that lists those who have been honored this way.

Envelopes will be available at the PS House and the museum should you wish to acquire a few more.

Attention Cookie Brigade



Please remember to bring a batch of your favorite homemade cookies on March 21st.

Many Thanks!

Introducing New Board Members



Michael Calbreath was born in Oakland and has always lived in the Bay Area. For the past 25 years he and his wife Nancy have lived in Westborough. Now retired, he formerly ran his own business for 40 years and is a past president of the Millbrae Chamber of Commerce. Although a short time member of the Society he has been active since day one. Michael has taken on the task of managing the museum's photograph and film/video/slide collection into a digital capturing project. His pet Bella (Wippet/Chihuahua) often joins him at the museum to keep him company while volunteering.



William Zemke and his wife (Jo) have lived in South San Francisco since 1976 and have been active in the Historical Society for the last 20 years. William is a retired civil engineer and past member of the SSF Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Commission. William believes that South City has a rich history in both the people who live here and the things that happened here and he is looking forward to working as a board member to help promote pride in our city as it grows in the future and cherishes it's past.

Historical Society of South San Francisco 2015-2016 Standing Committee Assignments

AUDIT

Frank Risso

FINANCE

Julie Chimenti, Donna Smith, Ginny Tilton

BANQUET

Ginny Tilton-Chair
Jeanette Acosta, Lynn Boldenweck, Mary Giusti, Cisca Hansen, Victoria Healy
Valerie Sommer, Donna Smith

AWARDS/AWARDS PLAQUE

Roy Bava, Elizabeth Ervin, Ray Yoschak

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

David Casagrande, Mary Giusti, William Zemke

LIVING HISTORY

Ray Yoschak, Michael Calbreath

MEMBERSHIP

Donna Smith

CHESTNUT MUSEUM

Elizabeth Ervin, Sylvia Payne, Ginny Tilton

PLYMIRE-SCHWARZ CENTER & MUSEUM

Roy Bava-Executive Director
Julie Chimenti-Secretary/
Treasurer
Jeanette Acosta, Rose Bava, Louise Brusco, Elizabeth Ervin, Mary Giusti, Robbie Huerta, Bertha Iskra, Ray Yoschak

PROGRAM

Sam Bonanno, Ray Yoschak

HOSPITALITY

Donna Smith-Chair, Robbie Huerta, Lois Mares

NEWSLETTER

Gloria Lagomarsino

PUBLICITY

Julie Chimenti, Valerie Sommer

SUNSHINE

Robbie Huerta

TELEPHONE

Robbie Huerta

MISC. COMMITTEES

PEDRO

Sam Bonanno, Dave Casagrande, Julie Chimenti, Donna Smith, Ginny Tilton

New Members

David & Mary Dietrich

Doris De Santis

Amparo Jimenez

Gerald Sbragia

Jacqueline Pettinare

Jeannie Barnes



REMINDER

Historical Society Dues Were Due on December 31st.

Thank you to all who have renewed your membership!

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 _____

Student \$5.00

Individual \$15.00

Family \$20.00

Supporter \$25.00

Corporate . . \$100.00

Life Membership . \$500.00



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Financial Secretary Donna Smith

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Robbie Huerta, Valerie Sommer, William Zemke

One Year Directors

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Roy Bava, Diana Ferrari, Mary Giusti, Bertha Iskra,
Sylvia Payne, Ray Yoschak

Plymire-Schwarz Steering Committee

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Elizabeth Ervin, Phyllis Feudale, Mary Giusti, Robbie Huerta,
Bertha Iskra, Ray Yoschak

Museum Directors

Elizabeth Ervin and Sylvia Payne

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
Mail your check to:
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80 Chestnut Avenue
South San Francisco, CA 94080

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