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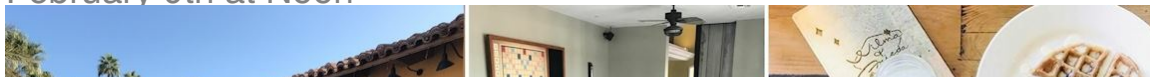
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NEW THIS WEEK

Bachelors in Paradise "It's Just Brunch" – Palm Springs Sunday February 9th at Noon





Just in time for Valentine's Day, MAX will be hosting a brunch (with a twist) at a restaurant on the Plaza in downtown Palm Springs at noon on February 9th. This meal/activity is for up to 25 guys (eligible bachelors) from Palm Springs and the Bay Area.

We will meet in the Scrabble Room of [Wilma & Freida](#) (155 S Palm Canyon Dr) to share a delicious brunch at tables of four, where you will get to make new friends or perhaps ignite a spark that might lead to a Valentine sweetheart. It's an easy place to table hop if someone catches your fancy.

Enjoy [scrumptious dishes](#) like short ribs Benedict, jumbo shrimp and grits, or many vegetarian options, plus mimosas! Invite your friends, but don't expect to sit with them.

No roses to give out, but there will be some nifty door prizes!

Advance \$15 deposit is required to secure your reservation. Your deposit will be refunded when you check in. Each person will be responsible for paying their own food, beverages and tip (approximately \$25 without alcoholic beverages). Sorry, no refunds.

We have more events planned for Palm Springs. Read the details in next week's newsletter for a MAX Happy Hour Social in Palm Springs on Friday, February 21st, 5pm – 7:30pm.

Get the details and Register:

[REGISTER](#)

For MAX events that feature alcohol, we strongly encourage you to take public transportation, a cab/Uber/Lyft, walk, or have a designated driver.

February MAX Friday Movie Friday February 21st at 6:00pm



Join us for our February MAX Friday Movie. We will meet for drinks at Amber India (25 Yerba Buena Lane) at 6:00 pm, during their Happy Hour (M-F 5 to 7 pm), then hop over to the nearby AMC Metreon Theater (135 4th St), or to the Century Theaters in the nearby Westfield San Francisco Centre Mall, for a show starting at 7 to 7:30 pm.

The exact movie and theater will be sent by email or text on Wednesday February 19th after the theaters release their movie schedules.

Everyone must pre-purchase his own ticket before arriving at the theater. Your event champion Bruce will let you know where he'll be sitting when he sends the selected movie and theater on Wednesday.

Register on the MAX SF website (NOT just on Meetup) to receive notifications including the selected theater, show, the specific time for the movie, the seat selected by the event champion, and any changes.

Get the details and RSVP:

REGISTER

2020 Founders Day Celebration Party Sunday March 15th at 2:00pm



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This Event is Already 2/3 Full – Sign-Up TODAY!

Dues-paying members are invited to join us on Sunday March 15th for our third annual Founders Day Celebration Party from 2 to 4pm. This year we will once again be at The Academy (2166 Market St, between Sanchez and Church Streets).

This *FREE* celebration party is our thank you to our dues-paying members, who make everything we do possible.

We will be serving appetizers and wine while celebrating the last year! During the party, you'll have plenty of opportunities to mingle with your fellow dues-paying members who have made MAX happen.

We'll also recap the past year, preview some great new programs for the coming year, and introduce the newly elected MAX SF Board of Directors for 2020.

Our Founders Day Celebration Party has been a fun and popular event every year and we are expecting the same this year!

This FREE event is for dues-paying members only; no non-dues-paying members or guests will be admitted to this event.

Our only limitation is that we must restrict attendance to the first 100 dues-paying members who RSVP. RSVP by clicking the REGISTER button below. *Note: you must log in to the MAX SF website as a member to register for this event.*

Our Founders Day Celebration always fills up, and the event is already 2/3 full, so reserve your space TODAY!

If you're not a member and are interested in becoming one and attending our Founders

Day party, join MAX SF at <https://maxsf.org/join-us>

Note: If you RSVP and your plans change, please email Concierge@maxsf.org to free up your spot so another dues-paying member may attend this free thank-you event.

Get the details and RSVP:

REGISTER

EVENTS THIS WEEK

THURSDAY DEADLINE - Porgy and Bess: The Met Opera Live in HD
Saturday February 1st at 9:30am



One Reserved Seat Is Still Available for a Dues-Paying Member!

Three Spaces Left for Post-Opera Lunch at the Rotunda!

Registration Deadline for the Reserved Seat and Lunch is Thursday

Join MAX for The Metropolitan Opera *Live in HD* theater broadcast of the George Gershwin opera *Porgy and Bess*. The opera will be simulcast to the Century Theatre in in the Westfield San Francisco Centre on Saturday, February 1st, starting at 9:55 AM.

Porgy and Bess is an English-language opera filled with an embarrassment of rich melodies from the American songbook. The songs just roll out one after another as this tragic love triangle plays out in the Catfish Row section of Charleston.

After the opera, those interested can join us at The Rotunda restaurant in the nearby Neiman Marcus for a 1:45pm [lunch](#) (deposit required). The Rotunda is a short 10-minute walk from the theatre.

For dues-paying members and their guests, we have reserved a block of 6 tickets midway back and left of center in the theatre. The cost for the pre-purchased tickets to watch the opera is \$29 and there is **one ticket left**.

The registration deadline for the pre-purchased ticket and for lunch at the Rotunda is in two days, this Thursday, January 30th.

For others who are not dues-paying members, there are still seats available in the first three rows of the theatre which can be purchased [here](#).

Get the details and RSVP:

REGISTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

All upcoming events can be viewed on the MAX SF website [calendar](#).

Note: A Meetup account is *not required* to sign-up for any MAX SF event. **You always have the choice to sign-up for any MAX SF event on our website [calendar](#).**

Chairman's First Friday Friday February 7th at 6:00pm

Join us Friday February 7th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for our monthly Chairman's First Friday at Beaux Bar (2344 Market St, San Francisco), conveniently located in the Castro neighborhood.

Come down and join us at Beaux! In February our Chairman's First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and unwind at the end of the week. There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP:

[REGISTER](#)

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February East Bay Second Sundays at The White Horse Inn Sunday February 9th at 3:00pm



Join us for our second monthly East Bay Second Sunday at the legendary [White Horse Inn](#) in Oakland, CA.

Enjoy getting to know other members of the MAX community in a relaxed, friendly, and fun environment!

There is no cover charge and a no-host bar.

A long time fixture in the East Bay scene, the ever popular White Horse Inn is the oldest continuously running LGBTQ bar in the United States.

Located one block from the Berkeley border, free parking is available on nearby streets and the bar is easily accessible by BART.

Get the details and RSVP

[REGISTER](#)

February San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade: Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar Wednesday February 12th at 5:00pm

Join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at the famous San Francisco tiki bar, the [Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar](#).

The Tonga Room & Hurricane Bar is an iconic San Francisco institution. Located on Nob Hill in the lower levels of the [San Francisco Fairmont Hotel](#), this world famous tiki venue serves exceptional tropical drinks (the Mai Tai is one of the City's best), serves Polynesian-fusion cuisine, and features live entertainment.

Held on the second Wednesday of each month, Nick explores bars of interest in San Francisco in this monthly event series.

There is no cover charge and a no-host bar.

However, if you stay past this MAX event, please be aware that a \$10 per person entertainment fee is charged starting at 8:15 pm, regardless of arrival time.

Please RSVP to let Nick know you'll be joining him.

Get the details and RSVP:

[REGISTER](#)

My Favorite Place: Greens Restaurant Sunday February 16th at 5:30pm

Join Paul Munro for dinner at one of his favorite places, [Greens Restaurant](#).

Green Restaurant is the internationally renowned vegetarian restaurant in Ft. Mason founded by the San Francisco Zen Center. Greens has been a perennial top 100 Bay Area restaurant according to the San Francisco Chronicle, recognized as one of America's best restaurants by Zagat, and is a Michelin Guide recommendation.

With an ever-changing [menu](#) and the best, freshest ingredients, Greens offers sophisticated, meatless cuisine packed with transcendent, satisfying flavors.

Advance \$30 deposit is required to join us. Your deposit will be applied to the cost of your meal and beverages. Each diner will be responsible for paying for their food and drinks in excess of the deposit. No refunds for cancellations after Thursday, February 13th.

Get the details and Register:

[REGISTER](#)

February Third Thursday Thursday February 20th at 5:30pm

Join us at Beaux Bar from 5:30 pm to 8 pm for MAX SF's "**Third Thursday**". Join a great crowd of gay men and their friends for cocktails at happy hour prices, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano.

Beaux Bar, 2344 Market St, SF.

Get the details and RSVP

[REGISTER](#)

Bourbon Tasting in San Francisco Saturday February 29th at 5:00pm

Get ready for bourbon tasting (once again)! This party was so much fun and so successful last year, so we decided to do a repeat.

Join us and sample fine bourbons and bourbon drinks, including the Kentucky Derby favorite, the Mint Julep. We will again be serving Kentucky Derby burao (a stew unique to

Kentucky and a meal in itself) and our famous bourbon chocolate dessert.

This event will be held at a MAX member's glamorous penthouse on Telegraph Hill with sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate - the same venue as last year. The exact address will be sent a week in advance to those who register. The fun starts at 5pm and continues to 8pm.

Bruce Cecil and Philip Carberry again are the MAX Hosts. Bruce brings the regional expertise, as he is originally from Louisville Kentucky. This event will also be a prelude for a possible MAX trip in June to Kentucky. We will have more info about this proposed trip on February 29th at the Bourbon Tasting Party.

We are limiting the number of attendees to 25, so don't miss out on this fabulous event.

The price is \$25 for MAX dues-paying members, and \$35 for others and guests.

Unfortunately, there can be no refunds because of the purchasing that must be accomplished before the party.

All participants must be age 21 or older.

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[REGISTER](#)

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MAX Cruise: Wine Cruise to Mexico with MAX Thursday March 19th - Monday March 23rd, 2020

Guadalupe Wine Tour Is Selling Out!

There's Still Time to Sign Up!

Come join MAX and your host David Petlin for a four night round-trip sailing out of SAN FRANCISCO on board the beautiful Carnival Miracle. That's right, **no air fare needed!** Sail to Sunny Ensenada Mexico where we will meet our hosts for a wonderful day adventuring through the Guadalupe Valley – [Mexico's answer to Napa Valley](#) – for a spectacular day of wine tasting including a 5-course lunch at a 5-star restaurant.

Cruise price starts at only \$389 a person double occupancy plus taxes, fees, and gratuities.

The excursion to Mexico's wine country, including transportation, tastings at three wineries, and the prix fixe lunch will be \$150 per person.

There's still time to sign-up, but the cruise is selling fast at this point (some select category of cabins are sold out), and the Guadalupe Valley Wine Tour is also selling out.

The fee to MAX to be part of this travel group is \$25 per dues-paying member/\$50 all others.

Call or email Our Travel Host - David Petlin at 415-890-6331 or david@travelbyflair.com to reserve your spot. Interested but looking to avoid the dreaded single supplement charge? Contact David to be put on our roommate match list and he will assist you with finding a roommate.

Get the Details:

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS

As a special benefit for MAX dues-paying members, several performing arts groups offer discounts for selected performances. If you are a MAX dues-paying member, read about these discount benefits [here](#).

Note: You must be logged in to the [MAX SF website](#) as a dues-paying member to access the MAX Discount webpage (click the little person icon in the upper right corner of the MAX SF website to login.) If you forgot your password, click [here](#). If you are a dues-paying member and have forgotten which email account you used for your membership, email conclerge@maxsf.org.

Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including discounted orchestra and mezzanine level tickets through May 31st to ***Hamilton***).

For any questions, please contact MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at wade.nicky@yahoo.com

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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