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**LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

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## Happy New Year! MAX Needs You - On the MAX SF Board!

Happy New Year to MAX! We have a great year planned for MAX and we're kicking it off with four new event series as announced last month by MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade:

- Second Sundays at the East Bay White Horse Inn
- Fourth Sundays at the Pilsner Inn
- San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade
- MAX Movie Fridays.

Now that we're in January, we're also kicking off recruitment for the 2020 MAX SF Board of Directors.

- **Are you someone who likes to get involved and make things happen?**
- **Are you an organizer?**
- **Are you retired or soon to be retired, able to write and edit, and looking to make a difference?**
- **Do you value the opportunities MAX provides to our members and to our community to make connections?**

MAX needs active Board Members who are willing to roll up their sleeves, take responsibility for an area, and make things happen, whether it be championing events, handling MAX SF administration, signing up and reaching out to dues-paying members, or publicizing MAX SF events.

***Many thanks to our new MAX SF Treasurer, Dennis Lam, who stepped up and volunteered this fall to join the MAX SF Board in that role.***

We're looking for volunteers interested in joining the Board who are willing to step up and take over one of the following roles:

- Membership
- Administration
- Communications/Promotion
- Newsletter Editor

If you have an interest in joining the MAX Board, email me at [mike@barsul.com](mailto:mike@barsul.com), or contact any current [MAX SF Board Member](#). Nominations close Monday February 10th.

For the last two years MAX has held our Founder's Day Celebration Party for our dues-paying members on the last Sunday in January. This year we're moving the Founder's Day Celebration Party to March so that we can take that opportunity to introduce the new Board to our dues-paying members.

In the meantime, January starts our membership renewal season. As always, membership dues are what allows MAX to continue, to stage events, to provide opportunities to build community, and to provide opportunities to make real connections with real men.

If you are a dues-paying member, thank you for renewing promptly when notified, or better yet, sign-up for auto-renewal! If you're not a dues-paying member yet, join **TODAY!** Sign-up at <https://maxsf.org/join-us>.

Sincerely,  
Mike Barsul  
MAX Chairman

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

January San Francisco Bars of Interest with Nick Wade: Cold Drinks Bar  
Wednesday January 8th at 5:00pm



Tomorrow join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at one of the most atmospheric bars in San Francisco, Cold Drinks Bar, for Nick's inaugural San Francisco Bars of Interest.

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

This scotch-centric bar offers a glitzy old Shanghai jazz-era vibe. You'll find a swanky bar where the bartenders wear tuxedos, and the atmosphere is a mix of modern Shanghai with a dash of old school San Francisco. Drinks are heavy on the Scotch, and there are many to choose from.

Located on the second floor of the China Live complex in North Beach, follow the bats painted on the walls up the stairs to find the door to this pseudo-secret bar.

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

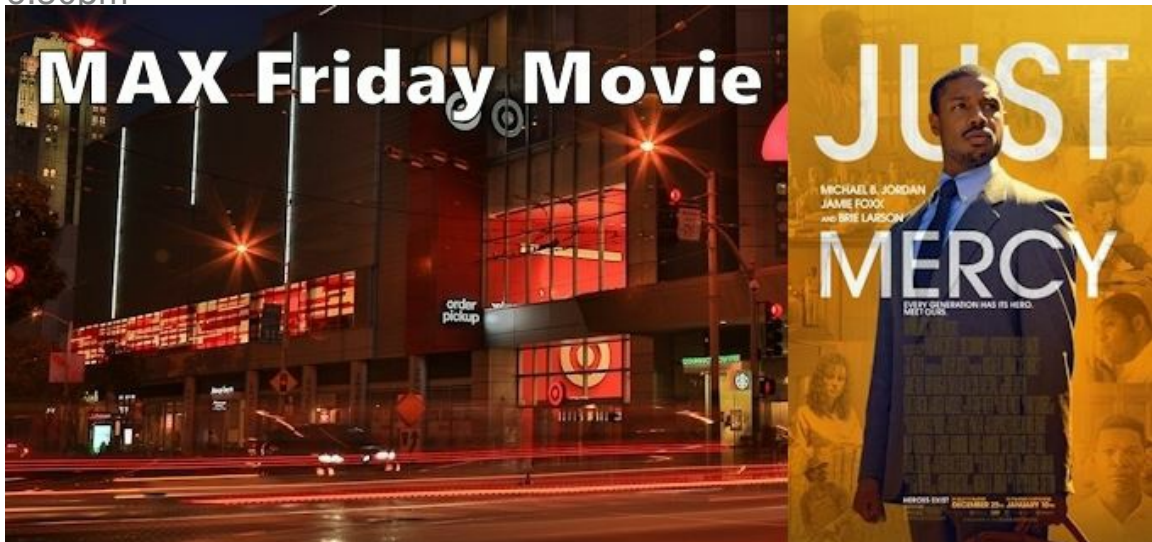
Please RSVP to let Nick know you'll be joining him.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

[REGISTER](#)

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January MAX Friday Movie: Just Mercy Friday January 10th at  
6:30pm



**This Friday** join MAX for our January MAX Friday Movie at the AMC Metreon Theater in

downtown San Francisco.

We will meet for drinks at Amber India (25 Yerba Buena Lane) at 6:30 pm, during their Happy Hour (M-F 5 to 7 pm), then hop over to the nearby AMC Metreon Theater (135 4th St) for the 7:15 pm showing of *Just Mercy*.

*Just Mercy* is the powerful and thought-provoking true story of a Harvard law school graduate who gave up a lucrative career in order to move to Alabama and combat racism by defending those wrongly condemned or who were not given proper representation.

Everyone must pre-purchase his own ticket before arriving at the theater. Your event champion Bruce will be in seat E9.

Reserve your seat and buy your ticket at <http://bit.ly/35o0JAP> Or use the ticketing app of your choice for the Friday, January 10th, 7:15 pm showing at the AMC Metreon.

Please be sure to RSVP to give the event champion, Bruce, an idea how big the group will be.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

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## New Member Brunch Sunday January 12th at 12:00pm



### **New Member Brunch**

Sunday is MAX SF's next New Member Brunch.

MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade will be reaching out to new dues-paying members who joined MAX SF in the fourth quarter of 2019 to join MAX SF Chairman Mike Barsul and himself at a New Member Brunch at noon on Sunday January 12th at Catch.

This will be an opportunity to learn more about MAX and to meet your fellow new MAX SF members.

To become a dues-paying member and be included in this brunch, click [here](#) to join MAX SF.

All attendees will be responsible for paying for their food and beverages.

**Get the Details:**

**EVENT DETAILS**

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## January East Bay Second Sundays at The White Horse Inn Sunday January 12th at 3:00pm







This Sunday is also our initial East Bay Second Sunday!

We are starting a new monthly East Bay gathering for the New Year, East Bay Second Sundays at the legendary [White Horse Inn](#) in Oakland, CA.

Join us for a great chance to get 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.

For this initial event, we'll also have some light snacks to munch on.

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:**

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## MAX STORIES

### My Favorite Place: The Blind Butcher

On Tuesday December 17th, 2019, eight from MAX gathered at [The Blind Butcher](#) for MAX's December My Favorite Place dinner.

**Read the story and see the group [here](#).**

***Sign-up for our January My Favorite Place dinner at Hong Kong Lounge, described below under Upcoming Events.***

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### Palm Springs "Pink Elephant" Holiday Party

On Sunday, December 29th, 2019, MAX Chairman Mike Barsul and Event Champion Lorenzo Taylor hosted a group of 30 locals and out-of-town MAX guests for an elegant "Pink" cocktail party.

**Read the story and check out the pictures [here](#).**

## 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](#).**

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January: Third Thursday, Thursday, January 10th at 5:00pm

### January Third Thursday Thursday January 16th 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, appetizers, conversation, and spectacular performances at the nearby piano. Admission is \$5; complimentary for dues-paying members.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

**REGISTER**

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### *My Favorite Place: Chinese New Year's Eve Banquet at Hong Kong Lounge Friday January 24th at 7:30pm*

We've reserved 20 seats, exclusively for MAX, on the very weekend of Chinese New Year, at one of San Francisco's most authentic Chinese restaurants, Hong Kong Lounge.

We'll be gathering with event champions Bruce Cecil and Jim Tom at 7:30 pm for a 10-course authentic Chinese banquet that will include BBQ platter, fresh crab meat with fish maw soup, honey walnut prawns, beef cube in Maggie sauce, Imperial Peking duck, ginger scallion lobster, pan fried sea bass, Tomago tofu, dessert, and more

Cost is only \$65 per person for MAX members and \$75 for non-MAX members, including all tips and taxes. This also includes wine with our family-style dinner and champagne to toast in the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Rat. Other drinks are extra. No refunds for cancellations after Tuesday January 21st.

***Pre-payment is required to join us.***

Hong Kong Lounge is located at 5322 Geary Blvd. in the Richmond District of San Francisco.

**Get the details and Register:**

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### January Fourth Sundays at the Pilsner Inn Sunday January 26th at 3:00pm

MAX is bringing back Fourth Sundays, this time at the tried and true casual gay/mixed bar, the [Pilsner Inn](#).

Join us and enjoy a fun afternoon of conversation, drinks, and getting to know other men in the MAX community in a casual relaxed environment.

MAX Board member Jerry Tusan will be hosting the event, and weather permitting, we'll gather on the patio. Otherwise, Jerry will set us up in a corner of the inside bar.

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

For this initial Fourth Sunday at the Pilsner Inn, we'll also be providing some light snacks.

**Enjoy a relaxing afternoon with a fun crowd of gay men and their friends!**

**Get the details and RSVP:**

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

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

the Westfield San Francisco Centre on Saturday, February 1st, starting at 6:00 PM.

*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.

**Get the details and RSVP:**

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

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### Guadalupe Wine Tour Over Half Sold Out!

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 cruise is selling fast at this point and some select category of cabins are selling out.***

The excursion to Mexico's wine country, including transportation, tastings at three wineries, and the prix fixe lunch will be \$150 per person. The fee to MAX will be \$25 per dues-paying member/\$50 all others. **This private excursion to the wine country is limited to the first 30.**

Call or email Our Travel Host - David Petlin at 415-890-6331 or [david@travelbyflair.com](mailto: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:**

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## 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 [conciierge@maxsf.org](mailto:conciierge@maxsf.org).

Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including discounted orchestra and mezzanine level tickets to *Hamilton* January 8th – May 31st and weekday discounted tickets prior to January 8th)

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For any questions, please contact MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, Nick Wade at [wade.nicky@yahoo.com](mailto:wade.nicky@yahoo.com).

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If you are interested in championing a MAX event, please email me at [wade.nicky@yahoo.com](mailto:wade.nicky@yahoo.com)

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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