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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



I often hear the question “why should I pay dues to join MAX”, or “what do I get for \$75”, or “I get everything I want from Meetup.”

This is an interesting question for me, because I have never hesitated or questioned why I was paying dues to any organization that I wanted to be a member of. I know that to feel a sense of belonging and community, there are going to be dues involved.

Every organization has operating expenses. MAX is no different. Our monthly expenses are about \$800. This is the amount of money which creates our ongoing newsletter, maintains our database, pays our Google bill to send communications, tax preparation, administration, and our Wild Apricot platform.

We would also like to pay for things like our annual Post Office box fee of \$300, our participation at Castro Street Fair of \$770, and our annual Founders Day Event. Up to now, these 3 items were possible because of Board Member financial donations.

Everyone volunteers their time to help build MAX, and make it a place of opportunity for fun, friendship, and diversion.

As Chairman, my goal is to continue to grow MAX as a place of Community for those who

choose to be a part of something great and ongoing, not a Meetup Fulfillment House for people to cherry-pick a distraction. The Board is also aware of the need for more “member only” events and is working hard on bringing those to you.

Please know that your \$75 is well spent to deliver the best possible organization for you to enjoy. I really do look forward to seeing everyone at the next MAX event, and the next, and the next.....

Sincerely,
Mike Barsul
MAX Chairman

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Chairman's November First Friday Friday November 1st at 6:00pm



Join us this Friday, November 1st, 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 November our Chairman's First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and talk about your plans for the upcoming holiday season.

Take a look at pictures from the October Chairman's First Friday at Beaux in MAX Stories below.

There is no admission fee and a no-host bar. Enjoy 2-for-1 cocktails and \$2 well drinks!

MAX First Fridays attract a big crowd. With attendees running the gamut in age and interests, it's definitely a diverse group. If you've never joined us before, this is the perfect opportunity to be introduced to some new people.

Get the details and RSVP > [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.

Palm Springs Gay Pride Getaway, Plus Halloween and *Priscilla* Thursday
October 31st – Sunday November 3rd



Room Still Available!

On Thursday, a group from MAX will travel to the beautiful gay paradise of Palm Springs, California for a fabulous four-day getaway.

This will be a fun-filled weekend at a private retreat just north of downtown, with pool, hot tub, sauna and game room. The weekend's many activities include the gay district's annual Halloween costume contest, relaxing by the pool, day trips, dining with CMG, a hilarious stage production of *Priscilla Queen of the Desert*, the best little gay pride parade in America, and a Sunday brunch and/or tea dance.

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NEW THIS WEEK

November MAX SF Movie Night – Terminator: Dark Fate Friday November 15th at 6:30pm



Join us for our November **MAX SF Movie Night** to see ***Terminator: Dark Fate***, the sequel to 1991's science fiction blockbuster *Terminator 2: Judgement Day*.

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 (135 4th St) for a showing of Terminator: Dark Fate. After the movie, those that wish are invited to join us for a bite to eat. Everyone must pre-purchase his own ticket to the movie.

Email event champion Bruce Cecil at bkcstargazer@hotmail.com to be notified when Bruce selects the performance.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

MAX Goes to the Theatre: Head Over Heels Friday December 27th at 8:00pm



Join MAX and the [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, for *Head Over Heels*.

Head Over Heels is a joyful bold sexually polymorphous new musical featuring the soundtrack of the most successful female rock band of all time, The Go-Go's.

Tickets range from \$45 to \$59 and **NCTC is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members.**

Plan to arrive by 7:30pm to meet and greet fellow MAX attendees at the NCTC full bar. For those interested, also join us for a pre-show dinner at Absinthe. After the performance feel free to join event champion Paul Munro for a nightcap at Martuni's.

Get the details and RSVP >

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DEADLINE

My Favorite Place: Poesia Osteria Italiana Wednesday November 6th at 6:00pm

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DEADLINE to Sign-Up is THIS FRIDAY, November 1st!

Join Jerry Tusan and Jason Feinberg at Our Favorite Place, [Poesia Osteria Italiana](#).

Poesia features authentic southern Italian cuisine coming from the owner's home in Calabria. All pastas are hand-made each day and sauces are gently simmered for hour. The bar features hand-crafted cocktails combining local fruits and innovative liquors.

Chef/Owner Francesco has designed a very generous prix fixe dinner for MAX including dinner, dessert, choice of red and white Italian wines, and tax and gratuity, all for \$65 per person.

Advance payment of \$65 needed to secure your reservation to join us. Sorry no refunds.

Get the details and Register >

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Soirée On The Bay II Wednesday November 13th at 5:30 pm

DEADLINE: Tickets must be ordered by THIS SUNDAY, November 3rd!

Join REAF from 5:30 - 8:30 pm for this special on-board party while the *Celebrity Eclipse* is docked overnight in San Francisco. This fun benefit party, featuring a fully-hosted bar, appetizers, and entertainment, will be onboard Celebrity Cruises' mega-cruise ship *Celebrity Eclipse*.

UPDATE! Special guest performer: Franc D'Ambrosio, star of *Phantom of the Opera*.

Tickets are \$125/person and limited to 200. This is a fundraising event for the benefit of our partner organization, REAF, the [Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation](#).

Get the details and RSVP >

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MAX STORIES

Inaugural Chairman's First Friday at Beaux

On Friday October 4th, 2019, MAX moved our monthly First Friday to Beaux Bar and MAX Chairman Mike Barsul took over as event champion.

Read the story and see pictures from our inaugural Chairman's First Friday at Beaux [here](#).

This Friday join MAX for our November First Friday at Beaux, described above under Events This Week.

MAX Booth at the 2019 Castro Street Fair

This year, MAX was at the Castro Street Fair on Sunday October 6th, 2019, with a booth at a prime location at Castro St and 18th St.

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](#).**

November Third Thursday Thursday November 21st 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 Register > REGISTER

SOLD OUT - *Holiday Elegant Brunch*: The Rotunda at Neiman Marcus Saturday November 30th at 12:00pm

At the end of November, a group from MAX will be joining MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade for a *Holiday Elegant Brunch* at The Rotunda, the spectacular and elegant restaurant at Neiman Marcus Sa Francisco.

Unfortunately, this event is now sold out. For any questions, email Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

Get the details > EVENT DETAILS

Help Is On The Way For The Holidays Monday December 9th at 7:30pm

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Join our community partner, the [Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation](#) (REAF), for their annual holiday benefit concert, [Help is on the Way for the Holidays](#).

Enjoy a festive and spirited performance at the Marines' Memorial Theater featuring members from the Tony Award-winning show *Hamilton*, cast members from the national tour of the hit Broadway musical, *Summer, The Donna Summer Musical*, and others. The evening wraps up with a VIP after party with the cast at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, one block from the theater.

REAF is offering a \$20 discount to MAX dues-paying members which reduces the price for balcony seating to \$25 and for VIP rear or side orchestra seating to \$105.

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Smuin Ballet: The Christmas Ballet Friday December 13th at 7:30pm



Join MAX for a performance of Smuin Ballet's annual holiday show, *The Christmas Ballet*.

The Christmas Ballet is a favorite holiday tradition – complete with dazzling tap numbers, a 40-foot feather boa, and falling snowflakes!

The Christmas Ballet includes selections that are moving and beautiful and others that are smart, fun, and sure to bring a smile to your face. The performance usually ends on just the right note of joie to send you out onto the streets with a spring in your step!

Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX dues-paying members for this performance. For those interested, attendees may also join event champion Paul Munro for dinner before the show and for drinks after the performance.

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

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

Come join MAX and your host David Petlin for a four night 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 \$419 a person double occupancy plus taxes, fees, and gratuities.

UPDATE: The excursion to Mexico's wine country, including transportation, tastings, and the prix fixe lunch will be \$150 per person. The fee to MAX will be \$25 per dues-paying member/\$50 all others. The excursion to the wine country is limited to the first 30 and is half sold-out.

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.

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UPDATE: 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.

UPDATE: Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- December 9th REAF ***Help Is On The Way For The Holidays*** benefit concert
- Smuin Ballet's December 13th performance of ***The Christmas Ballet***
- New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances, including the December 27th production ***Head Over Heels***
- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including weekday tickets to ***Hamilton***)

SHN has rebranded as BroadwaySF!

Note: Effective October 1st, SHN (Shorenstein Hays Nederlander), has [rebranded as BroadwaySF](#). Per the Press Release: "The new name projects a clear and simple promise to live theater lovers around the Bay Area – BroadwaySF will continue to bring Broadway blockbusters and one-of-a-kind theatrical experiences to the Orpheum and Golden Gate Theatres in San Francisco."

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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