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EVENTS THIS WEEK

MAX 2019 St. Patrick's Day Celebration Sunday, March 17th at 3:00 p.m.



SIGN-UP Deadline this Thursday!

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with MAX!

This Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, join MAX from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm for a fun Irish themed party to celebrate the day. A traditional dinner of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings will be served. Desserts will be provided.

The party will feature Irish Whisky drinks including Irish Coffee. Wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

The Village House and the Vineyard House are hosting this event for the MAX SF community. The Vineyard House Master and MAX SF Board member, Jerry Tusan, will be making his traditional homemade corned beef. The Village and The Vineyard Houses invite you to join them for this festive and tasty celebration.

The party will be located at a private residence in San Francisco near Alamo Square. The address will be provided before the event to registered guests. *Please be sure to provide a valid email address to receive the directions.*

Space is limited and time is running out, so be sure to reserve your spot TODAY!

\$30 for MAX SF dues-paying members; \$40 for non-members

Click [here](#) to pay and reserve your spot by March 14th!

Be sure to wear your green!

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

TOMORROW! Wooftop Wednesdays with Nick Wade: Charmaine's Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m.



**New Monthly Event: Wooftop Wednesdays with Nick Wade
Launches with March 13th visit to Charmaine's**

MAX Board member Nick Wade is hosting a new monthly event series we're calling "Wooftop Wednesdays with Nick Wade". On the second Wednesday of each month, join Nick in exploring the rooftop bars of San Francisco! Nick will choose a different rooftop lounge each month.

This new monthly event kicks off with a visit to [Charmaine's](#) at the top of Proper Hotel. When elevator doors open 120 feet above Market Street, you've entered the rooftop bar and lounge San Francisco has been waiting for. Here, the energetic chic of a European terrace meets the laidback vibes of "California cool." In addition to bar snacks, cocktails by BVHospitality (Bon Vivants, Trick Dog) feature the vibrant flavors, original combinations, and unique bitters and syrups for which the duo is known.

There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

Stop by between 5:30-8:00pm and have a drink with Nick and other members of the MAX community and enjoy an amazing view of the city.

Please RSVP on Meetup [here](#) to let Nick know you'll be joining him. If you prefer, register on the MAX website [here](#).

Charmaine's (at San Francisco Proper Hotel)
1100 Market Street. San Francisco
Valet parking available at McAllister Street entrance

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



We Are Working To Improve the MAX SF Email System

Last Friday, March 8th, shortly after 5pm, we experienced a systems error in the service we use to send emails to the MAX SF community.

A number of emails that had been scheduled to be sent over the course of a few weeks were all sent late Friday afternoon. These included an email intended to go out on the morning of March 1st reminding readers of the March TGIF.

I apologize for any confusion and inconvenience that these emails caused.

In the coming week, the team at MAX SF will be doing our best to determine the cause of this email system error, to prevent this from occurring again, and to institute checks to confirm that scheduled emails are sent on time.

We appreciate your patience as we work through this matter.

In the meantime, the MAX SF programming and travel teams have been hard at work, as is evident from the six new events listed below.

Regards,

- Paul Munro, Communications Chair, MAX SF

NEW THIS WEEK

Lies Your Trainer Told You Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.



Joel Barish, M.D., Professor of Medicine at UCSF, will be giving a talk titled “Lies Your Trainer Told You”. In an interesting and humorous talk, Joel will explain common misconceptions perpetuated by many trainers regarding the most effective workouts and healthy nutrition.

The program will be held on the 3rd floor lobby at [Strut](#).

A free light dinner will be served at 6:30 pm and the program begins at 7:00 pm and ends at 8:30 pm. RSVP requested for the food order.

RSVP by emailing pforce@sfaf.org.

Dr. Barish’s talk is part of Strut’s regular series “[The Doctor Is In](#)”, held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The Doctor Is In offers opportunities to hear talks and ask questions of medical professionals.

Strut
470 Castro St, San Francisco

My Favorite Place: Beretta Sunday, April 7th at 5:30 p.m.



Join our new MAX SF chairman Tom Frank for our April installment of our new monthly dinner series, *My Favorite Place*. Join Tom at one of his favorite restaurants, Beretta.

Dark, sexy and evocative, Beretta’s is where to enjoy inventive cocktails, thin crust pizzas and contemporary

Italian comfort food that is always fresh, organic and seasonal whenever possible, and sourced from local farmers.

Enjoy an evening of delicious Italian dining with other men from the MAX community and find out why Tom loves Beretta. We will have a communal table in the middle of the restaurant. To view Beretta's menu, please click [here](#).

The per person charge includes a prix fixe menu (menu to come) and a complimentary drink of your choice. You will be responsible for paying for any additional drinks you may order.

Pre-payment and reservations required to join us.

Cost \$50 / MAX dues-paying members; \$65 / non-members.

RSVP and pay [here](#).

Reservations close Thursday, April 4th.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot TODAY.

Beretta
1199 Valencia St, SF

MAX Goes to the Theatre: *The View Upstairs* Friday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.



Join MAX and the [New Conservatory Theatre Center](#) (NCTC), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, for the regional premiere of the smash Off-Broadway hit, *The View Upstairs*.

Glam-rock, gospel and modern pop collide in the smash Off-Broadway hit *The View Upstairs*. When impulsive entrepreneur Wes buys a dilapidated building in the French Quarter of New Orleans, he's phantasmically transported to its glory days: the UpStairs Lounge in 1973. Serving as a home, a church, and a gay dive-bar, the UpStairs was its own kind of paradise. As Wes meets the larger than life lounge regulars, he learns what has been gained and lost in the fight for equality, and how the past can help guide all of us through an uncertain future.

Written by Max Vernon and directed by NCTC Founder and Artistic Director, Ed Decker.

Join MAX Champion Nick Wade for this fun evening of heartfelt comedy and fun. After the show, Nick will be heading to nearby Martuni's (Valencia St and Market St, a seven-minute walk from the theatre). Feel free to

stop by Martuni's and join Nick for a night cap after the show.

For more details about *The View Upstairs*, please click [here](#).

NCTC is offering 20% off tickets for MAX members. When purchasing tickets, please use the code: MAX.

Note: The show runs from May 10th – June 9th and the MAX discount code can be used for any of these dates as well as for any NCTC performance.

Doors open at 7:00pm and the show starts at 8:00pm.

For those registered with the MAX discount code, NCTC will provide a distinctive name tag so that we can find each other before the show begins. **Plan to arrive at 7:00pm to meet and greet fellow MAXers at the NCTC full bar.**

Buy your tickets for the Friday May 17th, 8:00pm final preview performance [here](#).

The New Conservatory Theatre Center
25 Van Ness Street (at Market Street), San Francisco

MAX Cruise to Cuba on the Brand New Virgin Voyages Scarlet Lady May 13th - May 17th, 2020



Join MAX SF and your host Phil Walker next year as we return to Cuba in 2020 – this time on the brand new VIRGIN VOYAGES ship – the Scarlet Lady. Yes, for those of you who miss Virgin America airlines, here is your chance to sail like a Rock Star at sea on a brand-new ship. The itinerary includes a FRIDAY night overnight in Havana as well as a full day at Virgin's private beach stop in Bimini, Bahamas.

Exploring Cuba's superlative metropolis - the people, the rum, the music - is as much a history lesson as it is an exploration on change itself. Don't get us wrong, we love cigars and mojitos just as much as the next person, but Havana's rich history and diverse cultural background make for far more than just a beachy port stop. Between exploring the back alleyways of Pata Vieja, visiting the artists and bohemian bars of Cayo Hueso, or chilling amongst locals outside the Malecon, Cuba's capital is a treasure trove of undiscovered truths.

At our stop at Bimini in the Bahamas – experience see-through water and sandy white shores that punctuate this geographically poetic port. And like any good haiku, it's cloaked in seductive mystery. Besides having

access to the island's incredible biodiversity in marine life, boating, snorkeling and historic shipwreck diving, Sailors get exclusive access to The Beach Club — Virgin Voyages' very own private beach. Peaceful mornings and restorative days or amplified afternoons at the DJ-led pool party — the Virgin Voyages Beach Club is designed to answer whatever your specific mood is calling for. But regardless of your energy level, the bonfire finale will be nearly impossible to pass on.

The On-board experience will be unlike any other cruise ship you have seen before. Work out in their state-of-the-art fitness center or take any of the instructor led classes. Party at night in the 2 story Manor night club with music designed by Oscar winner Mark Ronson. Relax at the poolside oasis The Aquatic Club – THE place to see and be seen. Catch a show at The Red Room, a first of its kinds Live Performance Space. Best of all, indulge in 20 unique restaurants and dining experiences including DRAG BRUNCH at sea and the first ever Korean BBQ on a cruise ship. To top it all off, this is all included in your fare! No upcharges for specialty dining restaurants, no fee to visit the spa or take a work out class.

All this amazing value is included in the price, no “plus taxes”*, no “gratuity charges”, one price gets you everything to kick off your holiday with MAX **aboard** the Scarlet Lady.

This will SELL OUT!

Itinerary for Havana After Dark - May 13th – 17th, 2020

- May 13th - Leave Miami 7pm
- May 14th - Virgin Voyages Beach Club in Bimini 8am – approx 10pm
- May 15th - Arrive Havana 9:30am
- May 16th - Leave Havana 5:00am and enjoy a day at sea
- May 17th - Return to Miami 6:30am

Prices listed are starting prices PER CABIN for two people in a cabin, not per person, and are subject to change.

- Inside Cabin \$2800
- Sea View - \$2900
- Sea Terrace - \$3100
- Suite - \$5750

A transferable** deposit of 20% is due at booking with final Payment due in January 2020. This works out to less than \$300 per person to deposit and secure your space!

Book soon before these prices increase!

**Price does not include Cuban Visa. Sorry, this is just a government regulation.*

***Transferable Deposit: Deposit is non-refundable, but the names on the deposits can be changed up to 5 days before the cruise.*

We will have a special \$50 onboard credit offered for all cabins booked as part of the MAX Travel Group that includes a MAX dues-paying member.

The total fees to be part of the MAX Travel Group (including the Pre-Cruise Stay in Miami South Beach described below) are:

- Tour Guide Phil Walker: \$100
- To MAX for arranging this trip: \$100.00 for dues-paying members and \$175.00 for everyone else.

For questions or for more information, email Phil Walker at phil@askphilwalker.com

To book your cruise, or for questions specifically about the cruise, call or email our First Mate – David Petlin at 415-890-6331, david@travelbyflair.com

Pre-Cruise Stay in Miami South Beach May 8th - May 13th, 2020



See Miami and South Beach With a Native Before the Cruise

As an optional add-on, join Phil Walker, a Miamian, before the cruise for a 5-day stay in Miami's South Beach from Friday May 8, 2020 up to our cruise departure on the evening of May 13th.

Our group will stay at the Hotel Gaythering, South Beach's only gay hotel, which has a superb gay bar. The hotel is located at the end of Miami Beach's famed Lincoln Road, a wide promenade filled with outdoor restaurants and chic shops.

Tour South Beach and see the famed Versace mansion. Dine at Joe's Stone Crabs and Smith & Woolensky looking out over the Port of Miami and a parade of cruise ships leaving the city. Sip cocktails on the deck at the Standard Hotel on Biscayne Bar. Have lunch at the famous Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Soak up the rays at the 13th Street Gay Beach (you will love the eye candy!).

The fees paid to be part of the MAX Travel Group on the Cruise to Cuba will also allow you to be part of the MAX Travel Group for this pre-cruise stay.

Your tour guide will be Phil Walker who grew up in Miami.

For questions, for more information, or to join this MAX Pre-Cruise Travel Group, email Phil Walker at phil@askphilwalker.com.

Exploring Calaveras County Saturday, April 27th - Sunday, April 28th



Join MAX SF Community Partner East Bay Network (EBN) and embark on a weekend trip to the Gold Country.

Under the gently rolling hills of Calaveras County, protected from the summer sun and wintery blasts, are hundreds of limestone caverns.

Get away from the city for a couple of days and discover these breathtaking underground treasures. We will visit at least one limestone cavern, Mercer Caverns or Moaning Caverns.

We may also take a trip to the Calaveras Big Trees State Park. Here is where you can stand next to pristine groves of giant sequoias.

We will also be visiting the historic Gold Rush era town of Murphys, tasting award-winning wines, and visiting eclectic art galleries, antique shops, museums and restaurants, many housed in buildings over 150 years old.

Everyone is asked to make their own lodging arrangements. EBN recommends the Travelodge in Angel's Camp, where they have enjoyed our stay before. Other lodging options are also available in Angel's Camp and in Murphys.

Pertinent information will be sent to each participant approximately one week before the trip.

For more information and to RSVP, please click [here](#).

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-- Paul Munro, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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