



NEWSLETTER
February 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some exciting events on the calendar and hope to see you there.

Upcoming Events

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Other Planned Events

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux.

March 18 - St. Patrick's Day celebration

April 1 - Guided walking tour in San Francisco

April 22 - New Conservatory Theater: Locusts Have No King

April 29 - Metropolitan Opera Simulcast: Champion

Note: *Upcoming Events also are listed on the MAX website/calendar at www.maxsf.org. Please go directly to the website to register if the hyperlinks herein do not work. Or cut and paste the url to use.*

[Recap of Recent Events](#)

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **February 3rd** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. There is no entry or cover charge for this event. Happy hour prices apply as mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7pm. We hope to see you there!

MAX Goes Bowling at Yerba Buena

Sunday, February 5. 1:00-3:00pm. Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for an afternoon of bowling at the Yerba Buena Ice Skating and Bowling Center at 750 Folsom Street in San Francisco. We've reserved three lanes for two hours for 12 people, and will play four people per lane. The cost is \$20/person. Please note there is an ADDITIONAL cost of \$6/person to rent bowling shoes at the venue if you do not already have them. Including shoes, the total cost is \$26/person. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5095700>

A wait list is available for cancellations. No refunds after January 22. For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org

Optional - Meet in front of bowling alley at noon to go grab food for lunch at nearby food court in Yerba Buena Center. Those interested in meeting for lunch must contact Bruce beforehand.

REAF Benefit with cast of Mean Girls

Monday, February 13. 6:30pm (auction) / 7:30pm (show). One Night Only! The Broadway Touring Cast of "Mean Girls" presents a special fabulous show of songs sprinkled with a dash of comedy at the Marines Memorial Theater at 609 Sutter Street in San Francisco. There will be a mini silent auction at 6:30 with the show starting at 7:30pm.

The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation (REAF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) that funds programs and food for the needy and supports homeless and disenfranchised youth will benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

This is a vaccinated only event and vaccination records will be checked at the door. The theater requires everyone to remain masked if not actively eating or drinking. Please refer to the REAF website for details at REAF.org.

You must purchase tickets directly through REAF and NOT with MAX. For a discount use code "MAXer" at the top promo code to get a 20% discount on all ticket levels. After you have purchased your tickets, please RSVP with MAX at <https://maxsf.org/event-5116552> to let us know you are joining us. Contact

Jerry.Iusan@maxst.org with questions.

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **February 16th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm. There is no entry or cover charge for this event. Happy hour prices apply as mixed drinks are buy one, get one free until 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Thai Temple Brunch in Berkeley

Sunday, February 19. 10:30-12:30pm. Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for delicious Thai food in an outdoor setting at the Thai Buddhist Temple, Wat Mongkolratanaram, at 1911 Russell Street, Berkeley. It is a very short walk from Ashby BART station. Meet on the sidewalk in front of the temple, and we will walk in together. Bring cash. You exchange cash for tokens and get food from stalls. You then eat picnic style on the grass or at a table. Here is a link that tells more about the Thai Temple brunch:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g32066-d4519929-Reviews-Wat_Mongkolratanaram_The_Thai_Buddhist_Temple-Berkeley_California.html

Please register for this event at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5095734>
For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Scotch Tasting Social

Saturday, February 25. 5:00-7:00pm. Join your fellow MAX members for a scotch tasting on February 25. Warm up your insides while you learn about the various types of Scotch and methods for creating one of the worlds most unique alcoholic beverages. Five scotches will be served along with light appetizers.



The cost is \$40 person. Space is limited to 15 people, but a waitlist will be available for cancellations. No refunds after February 17. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5096050>

Host site is by the Castro near Sanchez and 18th Streets. Host has a no shoe policy inside, so wear nice socks! Address will be provided at a later date to those who register. For more information, contact Ken at ken.cleveland@maxsf.org or Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Hike Through Berkeley (plus optional lunch)

Saturday, March 5. 11:00am-2:30pm. Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for a relatively easy hike around beautiful Berkeley. The entire hike takes about 3 hours, 30 minutes, not counting optional lunch, afterward. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. The hike itself is about 4 miles in length, and involves just a few climbs up small hills, but this is an urban walk and not too strenuous, as long as you are in decent shape, physically. This is NOT recommended for those who have physical limitations that affect your ability to walk at a normal pace along city streets that have some hills.

We will start and end at the Downtown Berkeley BART Station, meeting on the plaza just at the top of the main escalator, on street level. Our journey will take us past a small neighborhood with houses that look like they are out of a Dr. Seuss storybook; then up "holy hill" to the campus of the Berkeley Graduate Theological School; then uphill a little bit more to the Berkeley Rose Garden. After that, we go downhill to visit "gourmet ghetto" and the famous eateries along Shattuck Avenue in north Berkeley. We will stop for some optional authentic gelato. Finally, we will traverse some of the sites on the University of California campus, including the bell tower, the library, and Sproul Plaza, site of the student protests in the 1960s. The campus has some small hills.

After the hike, those who wish to eat lunch are invited to join us at Eureka, a friendly restaurant just around the corner from Downtown Berkeley BART Station. The restaurant has an extensive full bar, as well as gourmet hamburgers and other sandwiches, and some lunch and dinner entrée items, including vegetarian options. **IMPORTANT:** Bring your own money (cash is preferred) if you want to buy gelato or buy lunch at Eureka.

There is a limit of 20 people for this event, but a waiting list will be created, if we exceed that number. This event is free, but registration is required at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5128573> For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Recap of Recent Event(s)

Chinese New Year Banquet - MAX celebrated the Year of the Rabbit at the Hong Kong Lounge. We enjoyed an 11-course meal that included some specific dishes that are traditionally served at the New Year. Our three tables were the liveliest in the restaurant with all the friendly chatter among ourselves.

