



NEWSLETTER
January 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! We have varied and exciting events planned and hope 2023 will be wonderful and memorable for our community. MAX enjoyed a resurgence in 2022 as folks felt more comfortable socializing and were able to connect with old and new friends in many communal and fun MAX events.

We look forward to seeing you at an event in 2023!

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 5 - Walk and lunch in Berkeley

March 18 - St. Patrick's Day celebration

[**Recap of Recent December Events**](#)

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **January 6th** at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

Broadway SF: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - Aretha Franklin - Sold Out

Friday, January 6. 8:00 pm for Show (January 7 show was canceled).

Please join us at the Golden Gate Theater for *R.E.S.P.E.C.T.*, an electrifying tribute celebrating the music of the legendary Aretha Franklin. This concert experience takes audiences on a journey of love, tragedy, courage, and triumph. Starring a live band and supreme vocalists, come experience a night of music by one of the greatest artists of all time.



The concert features all your favorite hits in one evening, including "Natural Woman," "Think," "I Knew You Were Waiting for Me," "Chain of Fools," "Respect," and many more. You'll be out of your seat and dancing in the aisles as you lose yourself in the music that inspired a generation.

MAX has secured 12 tickets in Right Loge at a great price of \$35 for members. A wait list is available should someone cancel. No refunds. To register for the show, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5089918>

Join us for the show and/or pre-show dinner (see below). For additional information, contact Robert Malloy, the event champion, at robert.malloy@maxsf.org.

Optional Pre-show Dinner: 6:00pm-7:30pm - A pre-show dinner is tentatively planned beforehand at Burma Love at 8 Mint Plaza. Restaurant is approximately 1.5 blocks from the theater. If you wish to join us for dinner, please pay \$20 to reserve your spot. This helps us arrange the correct number of seats at the restaurant. Feel free to join us for dinner even if you purchased tickets independently of MAX. Limit is 12 people. At the restaurant, we will return the \$20 to you in cash. A waitlist is available should someone cancel. To reserve a spot for the dinner, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5089926>

Deadline for the dinner reservation is January 2 - No refunds will be allowed after January 2. For additional information, contact Robert at robert.malloy@maxsf.org.

Forum: Living Trusts / Estate Plan

Tuesday, January 10. 6:00pm - 7:30pm. [It's The New Year. Did You Make A Resolution To Do An Estate Plan?](#) Come find out why you might need an estate plan and why estate planning is particularly important for the LGBTQ community. Estate Planning attorney Edward Joy will walk us through some real-life examples to show us who needs an estate plan and why. He will discuss who is a good candidate for do-it-yourself estate planning and who is not. There will be plenty of time to answer your questions. Duration is about an hour.

Edward Joy has his own law practice specializing in estate planning, probate, and trust administration in the San Francisco Bay Area. He received a J.D. from Harvard Law School and has been selected as a Northern California Super Lawyer, an award reserved for the top 5% of all attorneys in Northern California, for the last seven years in a row. He is a former Board Member of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, the United States' oldest and largest bar association of LGBTQ attorneys.

Event is free, but registration and a payment of \$20 are required to reserve your spot. At the site, we will return the \$20 to you in cash only if you attend.

To reserve a spot, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5044782>. Event is limited to 15 people, so dues-paying members will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened only to dues-paying members and their guest. A waitlist will be available should someone cancel. If registered guests cannot attend, please cancel or notified us so others could go. No refunds after January 3. Wine and light snacks will be provided.

The event will be in a San Francisco home in Bernal Heights. Location will be provided after registration before event date. For more information, contact event organizer, Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on January 19th at Beaux Bar, 2344 Market Street. The event goes from 5:30 pm 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!

Chinese New Year Banquet - Waitlist Available

Saturday, January 28. 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Celebrate Chinese New Year with MAX at one of San Francisco's most authentic Chinese restaurants, Hong Kong Lounge. Join event champion, Jim Tom, to welcome the Year of the Water Rabbit. The Chinese zodiac considers the rabbit to be the luckiest of the twelve animals. Famous figures born in the Year of the Rabbit include Albert Einstein, Frank Sinatra and Brad Pitt.



Our 10-course meal is a special menu that features some traditional dishes specifically served at the New Year. Menu includes appetizer platter, crab meat w/fish maw soup, dried oyster & dried scallop with hair moss, abalone w/mushrooms, house special steamed chicken, prawns over rice noodle, pan fried sea bass, mango pudding, and more.

Cost is \$76 for members and \$86 for non-members, including all tips and taxes. This price includes wine provided by MAX. No refunds for cancellations after January 20th. Space is limited to 18 people, so dues-paying members and their guests will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened for the first 10 days only to dues-paying members and a guest. A waitlist will be available for cancellations or a possible third table. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5079605>

Hong Kong Lounge is located at 5322 Geary Boulevard (Btwn 17th & 18th Ave) in the Richmond District. Reasonable garage parking is available at the Geary Mall Garage (Walgreen's & Ross building) located one-block away. Garage entrance is on 16th Avenue, about 75 feet north of the northwest corner of Geary and 16th Ave. For more information, contact Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

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.

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

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 14 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.

Recap of Recent December Events

Smuin Ballet - Max SF members enjoyed a double-billed event, beginning with cocktails followed by a splendid Indian dinner at the Amber India restaurant, near Yerba Buena Gardens. Following dinner, the group was joined by other MaxSF members at the special LGBTQ+ performance of Smuin's traditional Christmas Holiday ballet show. And as usual, the performance was flawless and beautiful and thoroughly entertaining.



Holiday Cheers Social - The holidays were in full swing, as many members dressed in red and festive attire enjoyed wine, a house specialty cocktail and a plethora of Asian and Middle Eastern appetizers.



