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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Being On the MAX SF Board

Over the last two and half years I have had the privilege of being on the MAX SF Board of Directors. It has been a rewarding experience and I ask you to think about joining the Board or becoming an active volunteer for MAX SF in 2020.

When MAX SF restarted in 2016, the new founders tried to pick up where MAX SF left off and discovered the world had changed. It's been a very interesting journey of trial and error to find what works today, and the journey continues.

I can share why I've put the time and effort into MAX SF. Many of us still prefer the opportunities that MAX SF provides to make real connections with real people we meet in person. Many of those of us in MAX SF are of the age where we have lived through the AIDS crises. Today, many are again seeing their communities and relationships change as their friends and network retire, move away, or sadly pass away. MAX SF aims to provide opportunities to connect, or reconnect, to our community of gay men in San Francisco and in the San Francisco Bay Area.

At various times over the last two and a half years I have held the position of Board Secretary, Programs and Events Chair, Communications Chair, I have helped with MAX SF administration, and I have become the newsletter editor, which may be the most time consuming volunteer position within MAX.

However, I have decided that three years is the limit for how long I should serve on the Board for a not-for-profit social group and I have decided that I will be leaving the Board of MAX SF in April when my term ends. I do expect to continue to be an active volunteer for MAX SF.

In January, the Board of Directors of MAX SF will be recruiting new Board Members, who will be nominated to the Board in February and the new Board selection will occur in March. Our Chairman Mike Barsul will be reaching out on this topic in January. In the meantime, please consider thinking about joining the Board of MAX SF.

In particular, at this point we are seeking new Board Members to take over responsibility for membership, communications, and administration.

If you value the service and opportunities that MAX SF provides, please consider volunteering to be a member of the MAX SF Board of Directors in 2020. You can help build what I like to think is a valuable resource for our community, and it can be a rewarding and fun experience!

Regards,
- Paul Munro, MAX SF Communications Chair

NEW THIS WEEK

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.

We're kicking off this new monthly event on January 26th, the Fourth Sunday of January, from 3 to 5 pm.

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:

[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.

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:

REGISTER

NEW MAX Discount for *Hamilton*



**WINTER TICKET DISCOUNT OFFER
- Just in time for the holidays!**

BroadwaySF is now offering dues-paying members of MAX discounted tickets to performances of the musical and cultural phenomenon that is *Hamilton*.

- January 8th – May 31st
- Orchestra and Mezzanine Seating
- Up to \$ 50 discount from box office prices (depending upon seating)
- Seats start at \$49

If you are a dues-paying member of MAX, click [here](#) for details.

To become a dues-paying member of MAX, click [here](#).

For any questions, please contact the MAX SF liaison to BroadwaySF, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair Nick Wade at wade_nickv@yahoo.com

EVENTS THIS WEEK

December Third Thursday Thursday December 19th at 5:30pm



On Thursday, 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.

Check out pictures from November's Third Thursday [here](#).

Beaux Bar, 2344 Market St, SF.

Get the details and RSVP:

REGISTER

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December MAX Friday Movie: *Ford v Ferrari* Friday December 20th at 6:30pm

On Friday join MAX for our December 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 show nearest to 7:30 pm.

Our film for December will be either *Ford v Ferrari* (first choice) or *Harriet* (second choice) depending on which will still be showing at around 7:30 pm at the AMC Metreon. *Ford vs. Ferrari* is a historical film based on the remarkable true story of a visionary American car designer and a fearless British-born driver who together battled to build a revolutionary race car to take on dominating Ferrari at Le Mans in 1966. *Harriet* is a historical film about Harriet Tubman, who escaped from slavery in the South in the 1800s, then started the Underground Railroad. Both films have won accolades from critics and viewers around the country.

Everyone must pre-purchase his own ticket before arriving at the theater.

Register on the MAX SF website (NOT just on Meetup) to receive notifications including which show is selected, the specific time for the movie, the seat selected by the event champion, and any changes.

Get the details and register:

[REGISTER](#)

My Favorite Place: The Blind Butcher Tuesday December 17th at 6:00pm

This evening a group from MAX will join Paul Munro at one of his favorite places, The Blind Butcher for our December event in MAX's *My Favorite Place* dinner series. The Blind Butcher's menu offers hearty main dishes and a variety of appetizers and desserts. The wait staff are very accommodating, and the menu includes vegan and vegetarian options.

The registration deadline to join MAX for this event has passed and this dinner is now full. Consider joining MAX for our January *My Favorite Place* dinner on January 24th, described above under **New This Week**.

Get the Details:

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

FEATURED EVENT

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

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. For those booking now and those who booked after November 1st, the deposit is refundable up to January 2nd and final payments will be processed on January 2nd. For bookings made after that, final payment will be due within 24 hours and penalties will apply.

The cruise is selling fast at this point and some select category of cabins are selling out. If you're interested in this cruise, but haven't made a final decision, consider placing a deposit **now** and your deposit will still be refundable up to January 2nd!

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 and is over 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.

Get the Details:

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

MAX STORIES

November Third Thursday

Check out the pictures from our November 21st Third Thursday [here](#).

Join us this Thursday, December 19th, for our December Third Thursday, describe above under Events This Week.

Check out these MAX Stories in case you missed them in last week's newsletter:

- [My Favorite Place: Poesia Osteria Italiana](#)
- [Soiree on the Bay II: Celebrity Cruises Benefit Party for REAF](#)

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](#).**

MAX Goes to the Theatre: Head Over Heels Friday December 27th at 7:30pm

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 before the 8:00pm show. 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:

[REGISTER](#)

Palm Springs "Pink Elephant" Holiday Party Sunday December 29th at 6:00pm



Keep the holiday spirit going between Xmas and New Year at our fabulous MAX holiday

Keep the holiday spirit going between Xmas and New Year at our fabulous MAX holiday party in Palm Springs!

Following the success of our Halloween/Gay Pride events, MAX Chairman Mike Barsul and Event Champion Lorenzo Taylor are organizing an elegant "Pink" cocktail party for locals and out-of-town MAX guests in a stunning Los Compadres neighborhood private residence.

Enjoy live entertainment on the baby grand piano while sipping a refreshing signature "pink" cocktail or a glass of rose and nibbling on tasty appetizers. We're also planning the wackiest "pink elephant" gift exchange.

This party is limited to 35 guys and will likely sell out!

Read the details and purchase your \$15 advance tickets [here](#) or pay \$25 at the door (if space available).

Get the Details:

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

Chairman's First Friday Friday January 3rd at 6:00pm

Join us Friday January 3rd, 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 January our Chairman's First Friday promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and discuss your plans for the new year. There is no admission fee and a no-host bar. Enjoy 2-for-1 cocktails and \$2 well drinks!

Get the details and RSVP:

[REGISTER](#)

January Elegant Brunch: Top of the Mark Sunday January 5th at 12:00pm

In January, join MAX for an *Elegant Brunch* at the [Top of the Mark](#) atop the historic InterContinental Mark Hopkins luxury hotel on Nob Hill.

Enjoy the best Champagne brunch buffet in San Francisco while soaking in the spectacular breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views of the San Francisco skyline, Bay, and the Golden Gate Bridge. The buffet is phenomenal, with selections ranging from prime rib to dim sum and a caviar bar, in addition to your favorite breakfast standards - all offered with gracious superb service to match.

Space is limited. Advance payment of \$128 is required to secure your reservation to join us (\$99 Sunday buffet charge plus tax and tip).

Get the details and RSVP:

[REGISTER](#)

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





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](#)

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

New dues-paying members: Save the date for 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](#)

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





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.

We'll be kicking off this new monthly event on January 12th, the Second Sunday of January, from 3 to 5 pm.

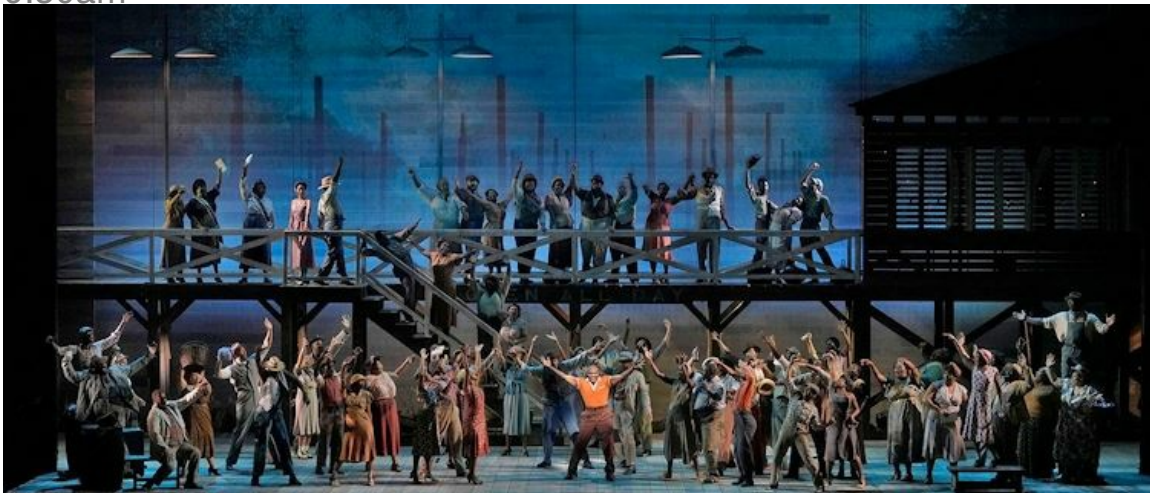
For this initial East Bay Second Sunday, we'll also have some light snacks to munch on.

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:

[REGISTER](#)

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.

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. The story follows the attempts of a crippled street beggar to rescue Bess from Crown, her violent and possessive lover, and from Sportin' Life, her Happy Dust dealer.

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:

[REGISTER](#)

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 concierge@maxsf.org.

Discounted tickets are currently available for:

- New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances, including the December 27th production ***Head Over Heels***
- Selected BroadwaySF performances (including discounted orchestra and mezzanine level tickets to ***Hamilton*** January 8th – May 31st and weekday discounted tickets prior to January 8th)

For any questions, please contact MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com.

MAX STORE

Just in Time for Christmas: Order from the MAX Store!

In the MAX Store on Zazzle — which you can link to from the nav bar on our website or by visiting <http://bit.ly/MAX-Store> — you can purchase a variety of MAX logo-emblazoned items. We have clothing (a sweatshirt, polo shirt and long-sleeve T-shirt), a MAX mug — even a refrigerator magnet! MAX makes a small profit from every transaction, which goes towards supporting our administration costs.

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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