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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic's interruption to our normal social activities, we have extended MAX membership for paid members that joined in 2020 or that have their dues come up for renewal in 2020 an extra 6 months.

For example, if you joined MAX and paid dues or renewed an existing membership in February 2020, your membership will not be due for renewal now until August 2021. If your dues come up for renewal in June 2020, your renewal will not be due until December 2020.

Everyone stay safe and healthy!

Mike Barsul, Chairman

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

General Update on Shelter-in-Place Affecting MAX Social Events for June

The San Francisco Bay Area's COVID-19 shelter-in-place order has been extended indefinitely with reopening plans being worked out in phases that project allowing dining at indoor restaurants potentially as early as mid-July and meeting at indoor bars as early as mid-August. As a result, all MAX in-person events at bars, movies and restaurants are canceled for the month of June.

Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, we have several virtual events being held by Zoom in June. If you have ideas for additional virtual events, please contact Nick Wade (wade.nicky@yahoo.com), the Program & Events Chair, or Bruce Cecil (bruce.cecil@hotmail.com), who assists Nick as Programming Coordinator.

MAX Game Night: Zoom Edition Saturday, June 6th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
(or later)



Has lockdown threatened your competitive edge and your sense of humor, fun and social enjoyment? Get your mojo back and join event co-champions Jim Cady and Lorenzo Taylor online on Saturday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. for our inaugural MAX Game Night: Zoom Edition. The games we play will be up to the participants to decide, but options include social game classics like Pictionary, Cards Against Humanity, Scattergories, Taboo, etc. Got ideas for other games? Just let Jim and Lorenzo know well in advance. All you need is your computer (desktop, laptop, or tablet), some creativity, competitive spirit, social drive, a stable internet connection and an invitation to this virtual game night on Zoom.

Join us – reconnect with old friends, meet some great new men, and play some fun games. No mask required unless you need extra assistance trying to have a poker face!

There is no charge for this event, but space is limited to 24 people.

Get the Details and Register

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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 Forum: Sex, Drugs & Rock 'n Roll Friday, June 12th, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.



As we all spend more time at home, many of us are searching for ways to escape the social isolation of life in a pandemic. We are discovering new ways to be intimate (with ourselves or others), to relax with our favorite substance of choice, to lift ourselves up with music - from rock to opera. Event Champions Bruce Cecil and Lorenzo Taylor will host this virtual meeting, where we will have a lighthearted discussion about intimacy, mood altering substances and music. We also will discuss some recommendations from Dan Savage about safe sex in the current environment. There is no charge for this event, but space is limited to 30 participants.

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MAX Game Night: Zoom Edition Saturday, June 20th, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (or later)



COVID-19 isolation got you down? Sharpen your competitive edge! Regain your sense of humor, fun and social enjoyment; Get your mojo back and join event co-champions Jim Cady and Lorenzo Taylor online on Saturday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. for our second MAX Game Night: Zoom Edition! The games we play will be up to the participants to decide, but options include social game classics like Pictionary, Cards Against Humanity, Scattergories, Taboo, etc. Got ideas for other games? Just let Jim and Lorenzo know well in advance. All you need is your computer (desktop, laptop, or tablet), some creativity, competitive spirit, social drive, a stable internet connection and an invitation to this virtual game night on Zoom.

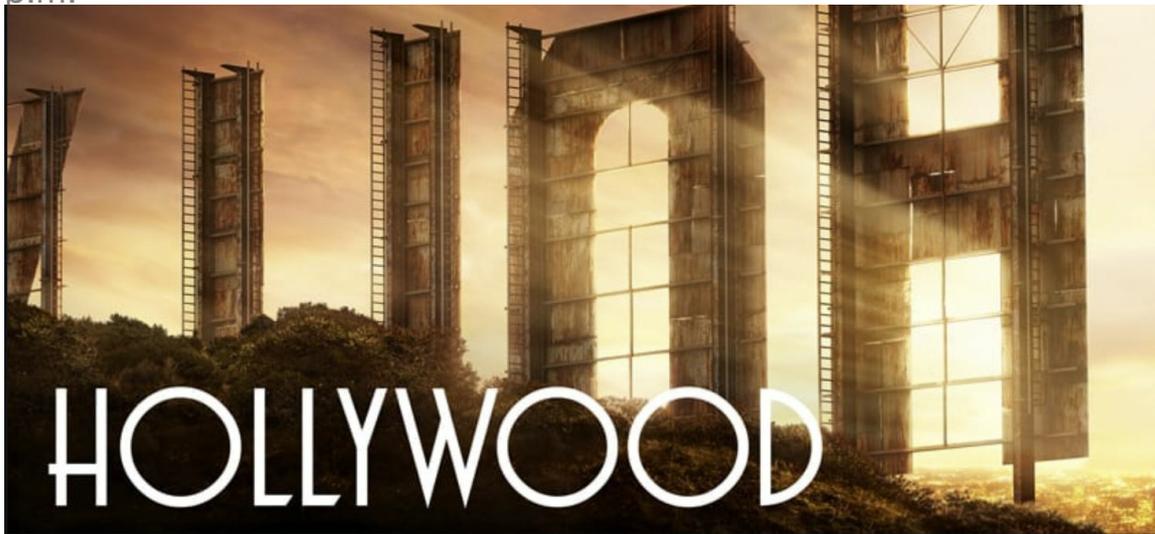
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MAX Goes to the Movies (Virtually) Saturday, June 27th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.



Before COVID-19, MAX SF was going to the movies monthly. Now that we are on lockdown, we've decided to try going to the movies using Netflix. For this activity, you need a Netflix streaming account. Members are invited to watch the show on their own, using their Netflix account, then join us for a discussion about the show, using Zoom, on **Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m.**

In order to join the discussion, you **must register** for the Zoom discussion on the MAX SF website – the Zoom discussion is free! All those who register will receive instructions by email on the day of the discussion, with the link and password join the Zoom conversation. Due to technical limitations we are unable to watch the show together. As a result, you need to watch at least part of the show on your own **before** the Zoom discussion.

June is Pride Month in San Francisco, so we've decided to watch the hit new mini-series **"Hollywood"** on Netflix that deals with the LGBTQ community in a story about aspiring actors and filmmakers in the post-World War II "Golden Age" of Hollywood (1947-48) as they try to make it in the film industry – at almost any cost. Part of the series centers on a gas station that gives more service than just fill up of a car's gas tank! If customers mention a secret code word, a hunky gas station attendant hops in the car – with the customer – and then off they go to ... well, you get the picture! The idea of a gas station turned brothel might seem absurd – but it evidently is based on historical facts according to a 2012 memoir, *Full Service: My Adventures in Hollywood and the Secret Sex Lives of the Stars*, written by Scotty Bowers (with Lionel Friedberg).

Here's a link to the trailer to whet your appetite: <https://bit.ly/HollywoodPreview>.

The mini-series has seven episodes, each about 50 minutes long. To be a part of the Zoom discussion, watch just one of the episodes, or all of them in advance– it's up to you! We'll share opinions and experiences, including whether we liked the show or not. Everyone is welcome! Come, join the fun with your event coordinator, Bruce Cecil!

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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:

- All New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) performances.
- Selected BroadwaySF performances.

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 MAX SF's Programming Coordinator, Bruce Cecil, at bkcstargazer@hotmail.com

- Nick Wade, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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