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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Happy Pride Celebration

Hello MAX'ers!

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Pride Celebration!

It was years ago that I stood on the sidewalk of Market Street and watched in amazement as “the Parade passed me by.” It was astonishing to watch, and I had no way of knowing that one day, in 2000, I would become the Chairman of MAX, the largest gay men’s social organization in the world.

Without even realizing it, I was part of “Community” way back then.

Well, time went on. MAX went into history as MAX 1.0, and every year there was another Pride Celebration and Parade. And then, in 2013, I was invited to sit in the passenger seat of one of the convertible antique cars IN THE PARADE. Wow, now THAT was an interesting perspective on the Pride experience for a shy boy from Wisconsin. I was the one, IN THE PARADE, waving to the crowds who were standing on the sidewalks of Market Street.

I love the way life is circular, and cyclical, and unpredictable. And I love that MAX is back, as MAX 2.0, and that I am Chairman once again. Together, as MAX, we can celebrate our part in the Community that we are.

Have a safe and joyous Pride Celebration And wave to me from your Car or Float or Marching Band I will be the guy standing on the sidewalk!

Sincerely,
Mike Barsul
MAX Chairman

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Rooftop Pride Parade & Brunch Sunday June 30th at 10:00am



Join MAX at Bluestem Brasserie for their annual Pride Parade Brunch + Viewing Party on Sunday, June 30th from 10am-3pm, including access to the rooftop terrace. For \$65 you will have access to Bluestem located directly on the parade route, a brunch buffet, a welcome cocktail - the *Glitter & Be Gay* - and a wristband that grants you access to the rooftop. Bluestem will have a full bar for you to purchase additional drinks, including two cocktails created specifically to celebrate Pride. The wristband also allows you to come and go as you please!

Enjoy the best parade vantage point in the city. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to support the SF LGBTQ community. Limited tickets available.

Click on **Register** to read more details and to RSVP and let event champion Nick Wade know you'll be joining MAX at this event.

Get the details and RSVP > **REGISTER**

Buy your ticket > **BUY TICKETS**

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

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](#).**

July First Friday Friday July 5th at 6:00pm

Friday July 5th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for our monthly signature event, First Friday at the Eclipse Bar in the Hyatt Regency San Francisco (Atrium Lobby Level, 5 Embarcadero Center). Visit with old friends, make new friends, and celebrate the Fourth of July weekend. There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

Get the details and RSVP > [REGISTER](#)

SOLD OUT - July Elegant Brunch (*New Monthly Series*): The Rotunda at Neiman Marcus Saturday July 6th at 11:00am



On Saturday July 8th, ten members of the MAX community will be joining Nick Wade for an *Elegant Brunch* at The Rotunda, the spectacular and elegant restaurant at Neiman Marcus San Francisco. The group will enjoy the fine-dining atmosphere and innovative menu selection at what is considered one of the classiest places to eat in San Francisco.

A \$25 deposit is required to hold a reservation.

Click **REGISTER** to add your name to the waitlist.

Get the details and register > [REGISTER](#)

July Wooftop Wednesday: Spirits in the Sky at the Loews Regency Wednesday July 10th at 5:00pm



Join Nick Wade, MAX SF Programs and Events Chair, at the [Sky Bar](#) atop the Loews Regency San Francisco for the July Wootop Wednesday.

The 40th floor Sky Deck is San Francisco's highest outdoor venue offering a one-of-a-kind "Spirits in the Sky" cocktail experience. Enjoy stunning panoramic views of our beautiful city while sipping delectable cocktails.

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](#)

Help Is On The Way Sunday August 18th at 5:00/7:00pm

MAX is proud to partner with The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation (REAF) as an in-kind sponsor for their 25th annual concert and gala, [Help is on the Way XXV: Celebrating Broadway](#) taking place on Sunday, August 18th at the Herbst Theater and Green Room of San Francisco.

REAF has a great cast shaping up for this benefit performance including the Broadway touring cast of "Hamilton", Tony Award-winning actress Tyne Daly, Tony-nominee Constantine Maroulis, "Phantom of the Opera" stars Lisa Vroman and Franc D'Ambrosio, and many more.

MAX members can use a special promo code for \$25 off and admission to the *Club REAF* nightclub themed after party with the cast. MAX members will be seated together as a group. Click Event Details below to learn more.

Purchase your ticket today to see a great performance, have a great time, and support REAF's mission.

Get the details >

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

Ashland Labor Day Getaway Friday, August 30th – Monday, September



Join MAX on a four-day getaway to bucolic Ashland Oregon for a journey that includes world class theater, wineries, outdoor adventure, and small- town charm. You will attend two performances at the [Oregon Shakespeare Festival: *La Comedia of Errors*](#) and [Hairspray](#). You will have the free time to see some of other OSF productions, take the informative backstage tour or explore the charming city on your own. In addition to the plays, we will have a winetasting at an Applegate Valley winery and offer two optional excursions for a raft boat ride on the Rogue River or a visit to Crater Lake.

The package includes tickets, admissions, accommodations, and all local visits -- a \$900 value -- for \$425 double occupancy or \$625 single occupancy (limited availability).

Read about MAX's fun and highly regarded Memorial Day weekend trip to Ashland [here](#).

This trip is limited to 12 attendees. *Make your reservation TODAY!*

Click on **Event Details** to read all the details. Click on **Register** to RSVP to the trip organizer Lorenzo Taylor.

Get the details > **EVENT DETAILS**

Get the details and RSVP > **REGISTER**

MAX Cruise: Weekend Getaway to Seattle and Vancouver Saturday and Sunday September 28th & 29th

Join MAX for a quick getaway in September. This is a one-night only cruise from Seattle, WA to Vancouver BC aboard the Holland America Eurodam. Perfect as a quick getaway if you love cruises or to see what a cruise is like. This is such a fun way to experience a ship - It's more of a floating 20-hour party!

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

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Come join MAX and your host David Petlin for a four night sailing out of SAN FRANCISCO (that's right, **no air fare needed!**) on board the beautiful Carnival Miracle. 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 lunch at a 5-star restaurant for around \$50.

Cruise price starts at only \$419 a person double occupancy plus taxes, fees, and gratuities. The excursion to Wine Country and fee to MAX will be extra. All MAX dues-paying members will receive \$25 in on-board credit per cabin. This will sell out so book early!

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PERFORMING ARTS TICKETS

For any questions, please contact the event champion and MAX SF liaison to SHN and NCTC, Nick Wade at wade.nicky@yahoo.com

SHN Discounted Theatre Tickets

As a special benefit for the MAX community, SHN (Shorenstein Hays Nederlander), the preeminent theatrical entertainment company in the Bay Area, has made the discount code

“MAXSF5HN” available for 10% – 30% off many SHN performances. For Price Guides and Performance Calendars, call 1-888-746-1799, visit the SHN box office, or visit www.shnsf.com/online/article/corp-club.

Note: Discounts not available for all performances. Extent of discount depends upon day of the week and section within the theatre. Tickets subject to availability. Other restrictions may apply. No refunds, cancellations, or exchanges.

NCTC Discounted Theatre Tickets

As a special benefit for the MAX community, [NCTC](#) (The New Conservatory Theatre Center), the premier LGBTQ theatre center in San Francisco, has made the discount code “MAX” available for 20% off all NCTC theatre productions!

Click [here](#) for upcoming shows!

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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