

## **June 2022**

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some interesting events coming up and hope to see you there. We also have an update on the annual dues.

## **Annual Dues to Start September 2022**

Annual dues of \$45/person or \$90/couple will start in September. More information on the dues will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

## **First Friday**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **June 3**<sup>th</sup> 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. Join us there!

# Pride at Filoli in Woodside - SOLD OUT

# **Dinner at Blind Butcher in the Castro**

**Sunday, June 12, 5:30-7:30 pm**. Enjoy dinner at the Castro's premier steakhouse, Blind Butcher, located at 4058 18<sup>th</sup> Street. We will have a group table limited to 12 people. You may order off the menu and everyone can receive separate checks. Beer and wine only. Go to blindbutcher.com to see the menu.

To register for this event, go to: https://maxsf.org/event-4841993. There is a \$25 non refundable fee to hold your spot. Cash will be given back to you that evening to pay your bill. Please drink responsibility. For more information, contact Jerry Tusan at jerry.tusan@maxsf.org



## **Third Thursday**

Third Thursday will be back at Beaux on **June 16<sup>th</sup>** from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Like the First Friday event, there is no entry fee, and the same half price drink specials apply.

## **Miniature Golf at Mission Bay**

**Friday, June 17, 6:00 pm**. Join MAX for tee time at Stagecoach Greens, the City's only outdoor mini golf course. Experience the history and fun of San Francisco. Every one of the 18 holes tells a unique story of boom and bust in the West and explores the elements that shape the San Francisco experience. Playing the course would take roughly an hour or so. For more information, click on: https://www.stagecoachgreens.com/cms/



After golfing, we will have an optional casual meal at the adjacent Parklane Garden / Spark Social SF, an outdoor food truck park, beer & sangria garden, and event space. The numerous food trucks and food/drink buildings offer a wide variety of different cuisines that is sure to satisfy everyone's palette!

The event is limited to 12 people, but a waitlist will be made available for possible additional spaces. The event is \$19/person, which consists of a \$16 green fee plus a \$3/person booking fee. No refunds. To register for this event, go to: https://maxsf.org/event-4845136 For more information, contact event champion, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org



#### Frameline at Castro Theater - "Fun in Shorts: Tutti Frutti"

**Sunday, June 26, 10:00 am / 11:00 am.** Frameline, the International LGBTQ film festival that runs every June as part of San Francisco Pride Month, will be showing "**Fun in Shorts: Tutti Frutti**" at **11 am**, at the Castro Theater. This is an annual festival favorite – a collection of hilarious gay short films, curated by Frameline's organizers. To buy tickets for the festival or to read a more detailed synopsis of this event, go to

https://www.frameline.org/films/frameline46/fun-in-shorts-tutti-frutti, or buy tickets at the Frameline's pre-festival Box Office in Fabulosa Books at 489 Castro Street during their posted business hours. Buy tickets early, because they sell out fast! Ticket prices vary, depending on your age, or if you are a member of Frameline. Theater requires proof of vaccination and a mask.

Frameline films have open seating (first come, first served, when the theater opens just prior to each show). MAX members will meet in front of Twin Peaks Tavern at **10:00 am**, then stand in the Frameline entry line for the movie, so that we can all go in together and sit in the same area as a group. After the movie, everyone is welcome to join us for a casual lunch at a nearby restaurant in the Castro.

To attend, sign up on the MAX website to let us know how many attendees to expect. *But be sure to buy your own ticket separately and individually.* Click here to register for this event: <a href="https://maxsf.org/event-4845238">https://maxsf.org/event-4845238</a> Your event organizer is Bruce Cecil who can be reached at <a href="mailto:bruce.cecil@maxsf.org">bruce.cecil@maxsf.org</a>

If you are interested, join Bruce for any of the three following Frameline films below, by sending him an email and following the same basic protocol of meeting at Twin Peaks Tavern, one hour before the start of the film. All three are at the Castro Theater.

- "Queer as Folk" Friday, June 17 at 6:15 pm
- "My Fake Boyfriend" Saturday, June 18 at 8:30 pm
- "Fire Island" Thursday, June 23, at 8:50 pm



### Volunteer for Project Open Hand

Monday, June 27, 9:00 am to 12 pm. Join MAX in volunteering at Project Open Hand, a non-profit social services organization borne during the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s to prepare meals for those with AIDS suffering from malnutrition. The organization continues to serve people with HIV/AIDS, and has expanded to feed seniors and people fighting cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other serious illnesses. A documentary on the founder, Ruth Brinker, premiered at the Castro Theater in May 2022, and told of her legacy of healing people through meals with love. For more information on Project Open Hand, go to: http://www.openhand.org/

Project Open Hand relies on volunteers to fulfill its mission. Mondays is the one day of the week designated for groups. MAX volunteers will work together on tasks such as packaging and sorting bulk items into individual portions, culling produce, stocking perishable items, and assembling grocery bags for Project Open Hand clients.

The group size is limited to 20 people. Go to: <a href="https://maxsf.org/event-4845495">https://maxsf.org/event-4845495</a> to register for this event with MAX. Volunteers will complete the individual registration process later with Open Hand. Location is 730 Polk Street at Ellis Street.

After our shift, we can go for an optional lunch at the nearby La Cocina Municipal Marketplace that opened in 2021 as the nation's first women-led food hall. The marketplace strives to offer economic opportunities for working-class women entrepreneurs who are graduates of La Cocina, a non-profit kitchen incubator.

Contact event organizer, Jim Tom, at jim.tom@maxsf.org for more information.

# Benefit - Cocktail social at Ruth's Table Gallery

**Friday, August 12, 5:30pm**. MAX will have a private gathering with wine and appetizers for an art exhibit titled "A World Free of Plastic Imagined". The exhibition aims to call attention to and expand our understanding of the issue of plastic pollution through the lens of Bay Area artists. The curator and a

couple of the artists will be present at our event to provide a brief overview. Proceeds will benefit Ruth's Table, an arts non-profit that uses the power of creativity and intergenerational relationships to build a more inclusive and connected community. Website is: <a href="https://www.ruthstable.org">www.ruthstable.org</a>.

More information will be forthcoming soon.

## **Event Recap**

June 3 - First Friday

June 4 – Filoli

June 12 – Dinner at Blind Butcher

June 16 – Third Thursday

June 17 – Miniature Golf – Stagecoach Greens

June 26 – Frameline - "Fun in Boy's Shorts – Tutti Frutti"

June 27 – Volunteer for Project Open Hand

# **Other Upcoming Events**

Events in the planning stages include the following activities plus Beaux Bar. Upcoming newsletters will provide more details. Contact a board member to help champion an event!

July 14 – Cocktails at the new Castro Hotel Lobby Bar

July 17 – Brunch/lunch at Velvet Raven

July 23 – Photography exhibit, wine and cheese

August 12 – Benefit - cocktail social at Ruth's Table gallery

August/Sept - Dine-about at Poesia

Summer/Fall – Thai Cooking Class



### **Recap of Recent Past Events**

Social and Dinner at Jannah – A group of 34 MAXers enjoyed a lively evening at Jannah that was closed for our exclusive use. The evening started with a wide assortment of wines at the bar, which was followed by a sumptuous nine-course meal. Sated guests socialized gaily with old and new friends.

