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June 2022 - Mid-Month Reminders and News

Annual Dues to Start September 2022

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

Dinner at Blind Butcher in the Castro – SOLD OUT

Third Thursday

Third Thursday will be back at Beaux on **June 16th** 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/>





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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: <https://maxsf.org/event-4845238> Your event organizer is Bruce Cecil who can be reached at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org



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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: <https://maxsf.org/event-4845495> 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.



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

Castro Hotel Lobby Bar

Thursday, July 14th. 5:00pm -7:00pm. Enjoy one of the newest additions to the Castro Bar scene at the Hotel Lobby Bar located in the new Castro Hotel located at 4230 18th Street. Sip on handcrafted cocktails while enjoying the upscale atmospheric lounge that was designed by Jon de La Cruz. Contemporary furnishing and lighting make this a real gem in the Castro. Reservations are not necessary. No host bar. As alcohol is being served, please drink responsibility.

Velvet Raven Brunch

Sunday, July 17. 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Owners Basel and Toby have prepared a beautiful Brunch package especially for MAX. You will have your choice of 7 house-made breakfast or lunch entrees (details on pre-order upon reservation), along with your choice of 4 specialty mimosas and an assortment of house-made chocolate/desserts from the dessert cart. All for only \$30 per person. Sorry no refunds. We must limit the group size to 20 people. Please be on time! Reservation deadline is July 8th. Drink responsibly. To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4862574>.

Jason Feinberg will be your host if you have questions. He can be reached at Jason.feinberg@maxsf.org

The Velvet Raven is located at 155 South Park St, San Francisco (*near 2nd and Brannan Streets*).

Art Social with wine and appetizers

Saturday, July 23. 5:00–8:00pm. Join Max for a one-time exhibit of the art collection of MAX member, Loren, which is displayed at his home in the



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Castro. (address given upon reservation). Loren's collection includes several stunning photographs he has taken over the past few years, a beautiful compilation of Murano Italian glass, and an extensive collection of Brooklyn handmade model cars from 1920.

Wine, Champagne, non-alcoholic beverages and an assortment of appetizers will be provided for this social. Please drink responsibly. Please RSVP by July 19. Cost is \$25 per person (sorry, no refunds). We must limit the event to 14 people. To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4862564>.

Your host, Jerry Tusan, can be reached at Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org

Benefit – Wine social at Ruth's Table Gallery

Friday, August 12, 5:30pm – 7:30pm. MAX will have a private reception with wine and appetizers for a multi-media 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 an 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.

The gallery is named after Ruth Asawa, a renowned sculptor and arts activist. Asawa donated her dining table on which she created her famous wire sculptures, many of which currently hang in the de Young Museum. Her donation and advocacy for the elderly inspired the formation of what is now Ruth's Table. Website is: www.ruthstable.org.



The event is limited to 45 people, but a waitlist is available. The cost is \$33/person. No refunds. Don't miss this thought-provoking exhibit and social!



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To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4846842>. Reservation deadline is August 5th. Wine will be curated by Jerry Tusan, a local wine distributor. Please drink responsibly.

Ruth's Table is located at 3160 21st Street, between Mission and Capp Streets, in the Mission/Valencia commercial area. Numerous dining options are nearby. Location also is close to major public transit options. The 24th & Mission Street BART station is about 3 blocks away. The Mission Bartlett Public Garage at 3255 21st Street is one block away.

Your event champions are Jerry Brown, Jim Tom and Jerry Tusan. For more information, contact Jim at jim.tom@maxsf.org or Jerry at jerry.tusan@maxsf.org.