



NEWSLETTER
Mid-January 2023

Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have some fun events coming up and look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events

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Other Planned Events

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux.

March 5 - Walk and lunch in Berkeley

March 18 - St. Patrick's Day celebration

Note: *Upcoming Events also are listed on the MAX website/calendar at www.maxsf.org. Please go directly to the website to register if the hyperlinks herein do not work. Or cut and paste the url to use.*

[Recap of Recent January Events](#)

Third Thursday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **January 19th** 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. We hope to see you there!

Chinese New Year Banquet - Table Added - Few spots left

Saturday, January 28. 7:00pm - 9:00pm. Celebrate Chinese New Year with MAX at one of San Francisco's most authentic Chinese restaurants, Hong Kong Lounge. Join event champion, Jim Tom, to welcome the Year of the Water Rabbit. The Chinese zodiac considers the rabbit to be the luckiest of the twelve animals. Famous figures born in the Year of the Rabbit include Albert Einstein, Frank Sinatra and Brad Pitt.



Our 10-course meal is a special menu that features some traditional dishes specifically served at the New Year. Menu includes appetizer platter, crab meat w/fish maw soup, dried oyster & dried scallop with hair moss, abalone w/mushrooms, house special steamed chicken, prawns over rice noodle, pan fried sea bass, mango pudding, and more.

Cost is \$76 for members and \$86 for non-members, including all tips and taxes. This price includes wine provided by MAX. No refunds for cancellations after January 20th. Space is limited to 27 people, so dues-paying members and their guests will have first priority. Registration initially will be opened for the first 10 days only to dues-paying members and a guest. A waitlist will be available for cancellations. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5079605>

Hong Kong Lounge is located at 5322 Geary Boulevard (Btwn 17th & 18th Ave) in the Richmond District. Reasonable garage parking is available at the Geary Mall Garage (Walgreen's & Ross building) located one-block away. Garage entrance is on 16th Avenue, about 75 feet north of the northwest corner of Geary and 16th Ave. For more information, contact Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org

First Friday at Beaux

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **February 3rd** 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. We hope to see you there!

MAX Goes Bowling at Yerba Buena

Sunday, February 5. 1:00-3:00pm. Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for an afternoon of bowling at the Yerba Buena Ice Skating and Bowling Center at 750 Folsom Street in San Francisco. We've reserved three lanes for two hours for 12 people, and will play four people per lane. The cost is \$20/person. Please note there is an ADDITIONAL cost of \$6/person to rent bowling shoes at the venue if you do not already have them. Including shoes, the total cost is \$26/person. To register, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-5095700>

A wait list is available for cancellations. No refunds after January 22. For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org

Optional - Meet in front of bowling alley at noon to go grab food for lunch at nearby food court in Yerba Buena Center. Those interested in meeting for lunch must contact Bruce beforehand.

REAF Benefit with cast of Mean Girls

Monday, February 13. 6:30pm (auction) / 7:30pm (show). One Night Only! The Broadway Touring Cast of "Mean Girls" presents a special fabulous show of songs sprinkled with a dash of comedy at the Marines Memorial Theater at 609 Sutter Street in San Francisco. There will be a mini silent auction at 6:30 with the show starting at 7:30pm.

The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation (REAF) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) that funds programs and food for the needy and supports homeless and disenfranchised youth will benefit Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

This is a vaccinated only event and vaccination records will be checked at the door. The theater requires everyone to remain masked if not actively eating or drinking. Please refer to the REAF website for details at REAF.org.

You must purchase tickets directly through REAF and NOT with MAX. For a discount use code "MAXer" at the top promo code to get a 20% discount on all ticket levels. After you have purchased your tickets, please RSVP with MAX at <https://maxsf.org/event-5116552> to let us know you are joining us. Contact Jerry.Tusan@maxsf.org with questions.

Thai Temple Brunch in Berkeley

Sunday, February 19. 10:30-12:30pm. Join your event champion, Bruce Cecil, for delicious Thai food in an outdoor setting at the Thai Buddhist Temple, Wat Mongkolratanaram, at 1911 Russell Street, Berkeley. It is a very short walk from Ashby BART station. Meet on the sidewalk in front of the temple, and we will walk in together. Bring cash. You exchange cash for tokens and get food from stalls. You then eat picnic style on the grass or at a table. Here is a link that tells more about the Thai Temple brunch:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g32066-d4519929-Reviews-Wat_Mongkolratanaram_The_Thai_Buddhist_Temple-Berkeley_California.html

Please register for this event at: <https://maxsf.org/event-5095734>
For additional information, contact Bruce at bruce.cecil@maxsf.org.

Scotch Tasting Social

Saturday, February 25. 5:00-7:00pm. Join your fellow MAX members for a scotch tasting on February 25. Warm up your insides while you learn about the various types of Scotch and methods for creating one of the worlds most unique alcoholic beverages. Five scotches will be served along with light

appetizers.



The cost is \$40 person. Space is limited to 15 people, but a waitlist will be available for cancellations. No refunds after February 17. To register, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-5096050>

Host site is by the Castro near Sanchez and 18th Streets. Host has a no shoe policy inside, so wear nice socks! Address will be provided at a later date to those who register. For more information, contact Ken at ken.cleveland@maxsf.org or Jim Tom at jim.tom@maxsf.org.

Recap of Recent January Events

Broadway SF: R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - MAX enjoyed a pre-dinner show at Burma Love at 8 Mint Plaza, followed by a musical tribute to the legendary Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, at Broadway SF. Burma Love proved to be a great choice based on location and cuisine. The show, **R.E.S.P.E.C.T.**, highlighted Aretha's upbringing and musical influences, such as stars like Sam Cooke, who inspired Ms. Franklin to reach her iconic status as the Queen of Soul.



Forum: Living Trust/Estate Planning - Trust Lawyer, Edward Joy, provided an informative presentation on rights for spouse vs. partner and on inheritance using hypothetical scenarios and a Q&A session. Questions that people wanted to ask were asked!