



# NEWSLETTER

## August 2022

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Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have many wonderful events planned and look forward to seeing you there. We also have an update on the annual dues and hope you will renew or join MAX.

### **Annual Dues to Start September 1, 2022**

Annual dues will resume September 1 after being suspended for over two years. We hope current members will renew and non-members will sign on as new members to support MAX, one of the nation's largest non-profit gay social communities, and help it thrive. Annual dues are \$45/person or \$90/couple.

Invoices for member renewals and emails for non-members to join will go out in early August. The current renewal and future anniversary dates for current MAX members are programmed for September 1st even if payments are made before then. So please renew soon! A few people might have received unexpected notices for renewals or activations for new membership due to programmatic hiccups to prepare the re-instatement of dues. Previous membership enrollments and renewals made without payment are voided. After a grace period, those not renewing or joining will be removed from our contact list.

MAX will remain open to everyone but being a dues-paying member offers benefits. Previous newsletters discussed such benefits, including discounted pricing, earlier notice of events, and access to members-only events. Newsletters will be sent to members only. Non-members still can participate in MAX events and have access to the MAX website, events calendar and newsletters on the website.

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## **Upcoming Events**

August 5 – First Friday

August 7 – Shoreline Regional Park - Hike and Brunch

August 7 – REAF – Broadway & Beyond

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

August 18 – Third Thursday

September 10 – Social with Craft Cocktails, Fine Wines and Hors d'oeuvres

September 18 – Dinner at Poesia

September 24 - Smuin Ballet

October 1 – Presidio Walk II – Tunnel Tops, Battery Bluff and Officer's Club

October 8 – Thai Cooking Class with Sunshine

## **Other Planned Events**

Other events already scheduled or in the planning stages include the following plus our usual bi-monthly gatherings at Beaux. Upcoming newsletters will provide more details. Contact a board member to champion or to help with an event!

October 22/23 – Dim Sum at Harborview

November 12 – Member Appreciation Day

November 19 – New Conservatory Theater – A Picture of Two Boys

November 21 – Volunteer at Project Open Hand

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## **First Friday**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **August 5<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. We hope to see you there!

## **Shoreline Regional Park - Hike and Brunch**

**Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 am.** Join MAX on an approximate 5-mile walk from the Shoreline Lake to Charleston Slough / Soap Pond. The route traverses along the bayfront and along the South Adobe Creek Trail, an old

levee road, situated among an expanse of wetlands and marsh habitat. The trail is great for bird watching and travels through an area offering a rich diversity of shorebirds like pelicans and egrets. Some number in the hundreds. Considered an easy route, the level trail generally takes around 1.5 to 2 hours to complete.



MAX will start the hike at 10:30 am at Shoreline Lake American Bistro, where we will return for lunch. We can relax and enjoy a Sunday brunch at the café that has a lovely lakeside view of the wildlife and sports enthusiasts on the lake. There are many water sports on the lake, such as windsurfing, kayaking, and sailing. Great place to hang out after the hike.

Address of the Shoreline Lake American Bistro is 3160 N Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043. Ample parking is available in the surrounding free parking lots. The route has no shade, so consider bringing a hat or cap, as well as water and sunscreen. Link to the Bistro is:

[https://shorelinelake.com/american\\_bistro.html](https://shorelinelake.com/american_bistro.html)

To attend, please sign up on the Max website at <https://maxsf.org/event-4876896> Your event organizer is Dennis Lam who can be reached at [dennis.lam@maxsf.org](mailto:dennis.lam@maxsf.org)

### **REAF – Broadway & Beyond**

**Sunday, August 7, 6:30pm – 9:30pm.** The Richmond/Ermet Aid Foundation (REAF) presents "Broadway & Beyond". REAF is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) that supports HIV programs, food for the needy and supports homeless and disenfranchised youth. Event will benefit Project Open Hand and REAF's Small Emergency Grants Program.

Concert is at the Marines Memorial Theater at 609 Sutter St, San Francisco. The After Party is nearby at The New Beacon Grand Hotel (formerly Sir Francis Drake).

6:30 pm - Silent Auction  
7:30 pm – Performance/Concert  
10:00 pm - VIP After Party w/Cast (only with certain ticket types)

Please refer to the REAF website for program and ticket details at:  
<https://www.reef-sf.org/help-is-on-the-way-xxvi--broadway---beyond.html>

You must purchase tickets directly through REAF, and not with MAX. For a discount, type "MAXer" in the top promo code. MAX gets a 20 percent discount on Dress circle (\$65) and Gala tickets (\$150). After you have purchased tickets, please RSVP with MAX at <https://maxsf.org/event-4900682> to let us know you'll be joining us. For additional information, contact Jerry Tusan at [jerry.tusan@maxsf.org](mailto: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. Senior engagement/outreach represents a primary focus for Ruth’s Table.

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](http://www.ruthstable.org).



The event is limited to 45 people. The cost is \$33/person and includes wine and appetizers. No refunds. Don't miss this thought-provoking exhibit and social! To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4846842>. Reservation deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>. Wine will be curated by Jerry Tusan, a local wine distributor. Please be fully vaccinated and drink responsibly.

Ruth's Table is located at 3160 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org) or Jerry at [jerry.tusan@maxsf.org](mailto:jerry.tusan@maxsf.org).

### **Third Thursday**

Third Thursday returns to Beaux on **August 18<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.

### **Social with Craft Cocktails, Fine Wines, and Hors d'oeuvres**

**Saturday, September 10, 5:00–8:00pm.** Join MAX members and guests at a beautiful home with a view near the Castro. Enjoy a relaxing early evening event to mingle and socialize with craft cocktails, fine wines and appetizers. Address given upon reservation.

Please RSVP by September 1. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Sorry, no refunds. We must limit the event to 15 people. Please

drink responsibly. To register for this event, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4912366>. Your host, Jerry Tusan, can be reached at [Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org](mailto:Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org)

### **Dinner at Poesia in the Castro**

**Sunday, September 18. 5:30pm for cocktails / 6:30pm for dinner.**

Join event champions, Gary Keener and Jim Tom, for a delicious multi-course Southern Italian dinner at Poesia Osteria Italiana located at 4072 18th St. (off Castro St.) in San Francisco. We'll meet at 5:30 pm for an unhosted cocktail hour in the new first floor cafe where we will begin serving dinner at 6:30 pm. Happy Hour prices shall apply until 6:30 pm. The meal will be prix-fixe with a set menu that is served family style. Diners will share four courses consisting of:

- Bruschetta al pomodoro (fresh farmed tomatoes)
- Frisée - baby kale salad, peaches, walnut, goat cheese, honey lime dressing
- Rigatoni pasta with Bolognese beef-pork ragu and Parmigiano
- Fusilli pasta with tomato sauce, cherry tomatoes, Parmigiano

Wine/alcohol for dinner is unhosted and available at the bar. Unhosted dessert menu will be available upon request. This event is only \$55/person for MAX members and \$65 for non-members, including tax and tip. Price does not include beverages or dessert. No refunds after September 12.

To reserve a spot and pay, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4895388>. Deadline to register is September 12. Event is planned for 20 people, but a waitlist is available for possible additional spaces. For additional information, contact Jim Tom at [jim.tom@maxsf.org](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org).

### **Smuin Ballet – Dance Series 1**

**Saturday, September 24. 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm for ballet; 12:00pm for optional pre-performance brunch.** Join MAX for a performance of Smuin Ballet's fall performance, *Dance Series 1*, a mixed repertoire program that includes crowd-favorite, *Take Five* choreographed by Smuin alumnus Rex Wheeler, aka Lady Camden, *RuPaul's Drag Race* finalist. *Dance Series 1* also includes *World Premiere* by Cuban choreographer Osnel Delgado.



For more information on the program, go to:

<https://www.smuinballet.org/discover-smuins-2022-23-season/>

Individual tickets go on sale August 1st. Smuin Ballet is offering a 20% discount to MAX members for this performance. Those interested may also sign-up to join event champion, Paul Munro, for brunch at Greens Restaurant before the performance.

Please RSVP to let us know you'll be joining us for this performance. Go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4909491> to RSVP and to read the details, including how to get the discount, and how to reserve a space to join Paul for brunch at before the show.

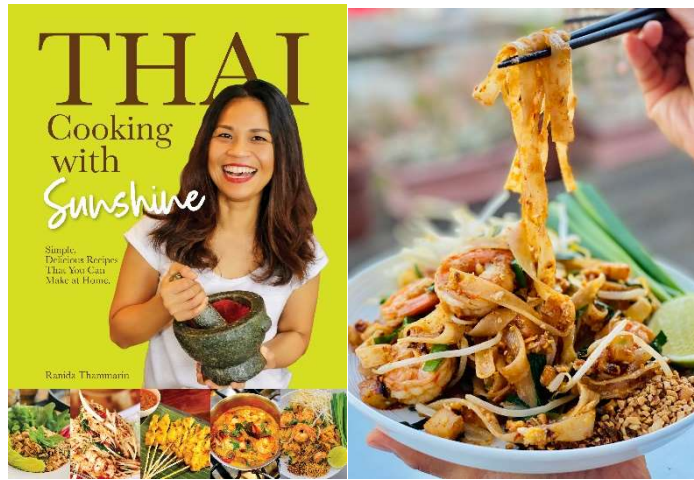
The ballet will be performed at the Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture at 2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco. Green's Restaurant also is in Fort Mason Center.

**Presidio Walk II – Tunnel Tops, Battery Bluff and Exclusion Exhibit**

**Saturday, October 1. 10:30 am- 1:00 pm.** Join MAX for a walk and exploration of the Presidio's two recently completed parks and more. Additional information to follow.

**Thai Cooking Class with Sunshine**

**Saturday, October 8. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Learn how to cook Thai dishes with Ranida "Sunshine" Thammarin in a former church converted to event space and residential. Cost is \$95 for MAX members and \$115 for non-members. Additional information to follow.



## **Recap of Recent Past Events**

*Project Open Hand* – Fourteen volunteers from MAX packed and assembled food for distribution, preparing 1333 portions of chicken, tilapia, ravioli and grains. The camaraderie created by working together made the event fun and the time go by fast. Afterward, most went to lunch at La Cocina Municipal Marketplace, making it even more social!

