



# NEWSLETTER

## October 2022

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Dear MAX Members and Friends,

We have many exciting events coming up and look forward to seeing you there.

### **Membership**

Thank you to those who renewed or joined MAX! We are glad you are part of our community and hope you will enjoy the fellowship within MAX. We will celebrate with a Member Appreciation Day on November 12. This free event is for dues-paying members only.

To become a dues-paying member, folks can go to [www.maxsf.org](http://www.maxsf.org) to renew or join. Please contact Jim Tom at [jim.tom@maxsf.org](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org) if you have questions or difficulty with registration.

### **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. Contact a board member to champion or help with an event!

November 21 – Volunteer at Project Open Hand

December 4 - White Elephant Exchange and Social

December 21/22 - Holiday Cheers

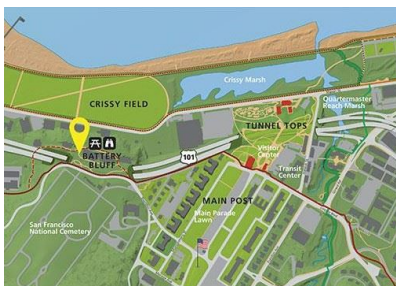
January 10, 2023 - Forum: Living Trusts

January 21/22, 2023 - Bowling

January 28 - Chinese New Year Banquet

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

**Presidio Walk II – Tunnel Tops, Battery Bluff, Exclusion Exhibit - Sold Out**  
**Saturday, October 1. 10:30 am- 1:30 pm.** Join MAX for an approximate 5-mile walk and exploration of the Presidio to visit Tunnel Tops and Battery Bluff, two recently completed parks that sit atop the Presidio Parkway tunnels. Tunnel Tops opened in July 2022 and Battery Bluff in April 2022. Both offer sweeping bay views. Tunnel Tops unites Crissy Field with the main post and was designed by the firm that created New York's High Line to create another next-level “urban nature” destination.



But wait! There's more! The Presidio also has other interesting sites. We will start with the Yoda fountain in the Letterman-Lucasfilm area, go by the Palace of Fine Arts for a walk on the San Francisco Bay Trail along Crissy Field to Torpedo Wharf. We then will loop back by the Pet Cemetery toward to the new parks and also stop by the Korean War Memorial. Then we will visit the Officers Club featuring a free exhibit "Exclusion" that explores the Presidio's Role in the World War II Japanese American Incarceration. Plan to spend about 15-20 minutes at the Officer's Club.

**Pack a lunch as we will stop and eat somewhere along the walk.** Consider layering for the weather and bringing water and a hat. Walk is considered moderately easy and will be canceled in the event of moderate rain.

The group size is limited to 20 people, but a waitlist will be available. To register, please go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4896465> Event is free. If you register and cannot make it, please cancel so others can go. For additional information, contact event champion, Jim Tom, at [jim.tom@maxsf.org](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org).

Meet at 10:30am at the Lombard Gate entrance to the Presidio at Lombard & Lyon Streets. Google map link is: <https://goo.gl/maps/W6J3NggGQgmVfMm8> Street parking on Lyon is 3 hours.

### **Lunch at the University Club**

**Wednesday, October 5. 12:00- 3:00pm.** MAX will join host Christopher Meza and the group, "Men Who Lunch at the University Club" for lunch. Located at 800 Powell Street in Nob Hill, the University Club of San Francisco is a historic gathering place for cultural and intellectual life, a place where a diverse membership can enjoy the fellowship of a private club. The University Club suggests a jacket and tie.



Folks convene at noon for a half-hour of socializing / cocktails at the No Host bar before being seated around 12:30 pm.

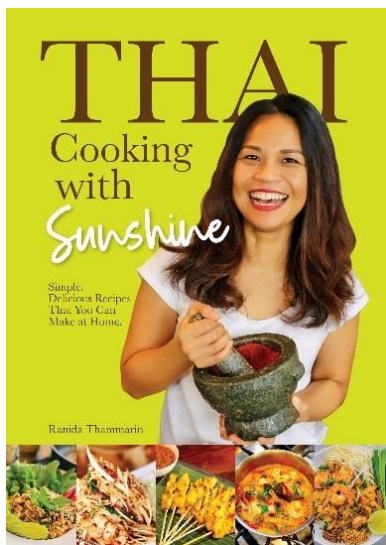
Cost is \$50 for a three-course meal, consisting of salad, entree, dessert and coffee plus red & white wine for the table. Cost includes tax and tip. To register, go to <http://evite.me/PksFr9QVzy>. For further information, contact Chris Meza at [cmeza@me.com](mailto:cmeza@me.com) or Jim Tom at [jim.tom@maxsf.org](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org).

### **First Friday**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at First Friday on **October 7<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!

### **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. We will learn about ingredients and techniques and will get hands-on-experience and guidance to make an appetizer, entrée and dessert. Menu will consist of Tom Yum Gai, Pad Thai Shrimp, Kanom Krok plus wine provided by MAX. Cooks likely can switch between chicken and shrimp for the soup and entrée. We eat what we cook!



The class is located at 439 Guerrero Street, off 16<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Inner Mission. The 16<sup>th</sup>/Mission Street BART Station is 2.5 blocks away. Website for the class is at: <https://thaicookingwithsunshine.square.site/>. Sunshine also has a cookbook available for sale if you are interested. Please note that Sunshine has a no shoes policy inside. Consider wearing interesting socks!

The maximum class size is limited to 12 people. No refunds after September 28. To register, please go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4897987> Cost is \$95 for MAX members and \$100 for non-members. Price includes wine provided by MAX. For additional information, contact event champion, Jim Tom, at [jim.tom@maxsf.org](mailto:jim.tom@maxsf.org).

### **Third Thursday**

Come socialize with old friends and make some new friends at Third Thursday on **October 20<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!

### **Dim Sum Brunch - Lai Hong Lounge in Chinatown**

**Sunday, October 23. 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.** Join event champions, Dennis Lam, and Bruce Cecil, for Dim Sum, a popular and longstanding style of Chinese cuisine served for brunch. Dim Sum consists of a series of small, bite-sized portions of food served in small steamer baskets or on a small plate. It is generally considered Cantonese, from southern China, although other varieties exist.



Lai Hong Lounge is located at 1416 Powell Street at the edge of San Francisco's Chinatown. The restaurant is considered one of the best dim sum restaurants in the area and recently reopened with a new interior.

Our meal will be pre-fixed with a variety of dim sum that could include Shrimp Dumplings, BBQ Pork Buns, Roast Pork Rice Noodle, Siu Mai, Sticky Rice in Lotus Leaf, Egg Yolk Buns, Steamed Pork Buns, Pork Ribs and Custard Tart.

Price is \$40/person for members and \$45/person for nonmembers, including tax and tip. NO REFUNDS after October 10. Tea is included. Other beverages such as alcohol, soda and special drinks will be charged individually to the person ordering.

We currently have reserved two tables for 18 people. This event is expected to be popular. If sold out, be put on a wait list for cancellations or a possible a third table.

Street parking sometimes can be challenging. Two public parking garages are located mid-block on opposite sides of Vallejo Street between Powell and Stockton Streets, less than a block from the restaurant.

For additional information, contact [dennis.lam@maxsf.org](mailto:dennis.lam@maxsf.org) or [bruce.cecil@maxsf.org](mailto:bruce.cecil@maxsf.org)

### **Camron-Stanford House Tour and Lunch**

**Saturday, October 29. 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.** MAX heads to Oakland for a tour of the historic Camron-Stanford House followed by sandwiches and tea on the veranda overlooking the lake. The Camron-Stanford House is the last of the beautiful 19th century mansions that once surrounded Lake Merritt. It was home to five influential families before becoming the first museum in the City of Oakland. The restored home helps visitors take a step back in time to the 1880s and enter meticulously recreated living spaces. For more information click [here](#).



MAX attendees will receive an hour-long private guided tour. Learn about what it was like to live in the house during the 19th century, about some of the people who called Camron-Stanford House home, and about life in Oakland and California during the 19th century.

After the tour, enjoy a brown-bag lunch and self-serve tea service on the veranda. Lunch will include a sandwich of your choice, with a bag of chips, fruit, and dessert. The \$25 fee includes both the tour and lunch. Choose your sandwich when you register on the left. No Refunds after October 20.

Read details and sign up at: <https://maxsf.org/event-4981820>. For additional information, contact event champion, Paul Munro, at [Paul.munro@members.maxsf.org](mailto:Paul.munro@members.maxsf.org)

### **Member Appreciation Day**

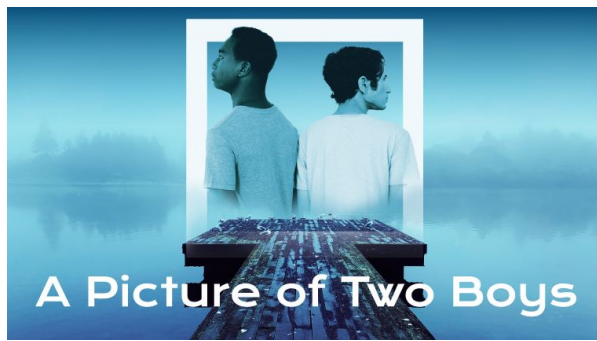
**Saturday, November 12. 3:00 – 6:00 pm.** MAX will host a social with wine and hors d'oeuvres to show appreciation to our members for being a part of the MAX community and helping it thrive. We hope the camaraderie within MAX is helping enhance our social bonds for a fuller life with fun and socialization. This FREE event is for dues-paying members only, so sign up and pay your dues today.

Location is at a Pacific Heights historical area (Gough and Clay Streets). Address will be emailed to registered members prior to the event. You must sign up so we know how much food and wine to purchase. We must limit reservations to the first 75 members. Deadline is November 5.

To register, please go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4895393>. If you register and cannot make it, please cancel so others can go. For additional information, contact Jerry Tusan at [Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org](mailto:Jerry.tusan@maxsf.org).

### **New Conservatory Theater - A Picture of Two Boys**

**Saturday, November 19. 6 pm for optional dinner / 8 pm for show.** Join event champion Bruce Cecil as we go see "A Picture of Two Boys" at the New Conservatory Theater at 25 Van Ness, just off Market Street in San Francisco. This is a world premiere play by Nick Malakhov. In it, two friends want to escape their mostly white, not-so-secretly racist town in rural Pennsylvania. One dreams of college and big cities, while the other just wants to be next to Kurt Cobain.



MAX has secured 10 tickets, all together in a group, in premier seating. Tickets are \$45 for MAX members and \$50 for non-MAX members (this discounted price includes all service fees). A wait list will be available for possible additional discounted tickets. To reserve and pay for the show, go to <https://maxsf.org/event-4915206>. Deadline to register is Nov. 6. No refunds will be allowed after Nov. 6.

**Optional Pre-show Dinner:** We also will meet at 6:00pm for dinner and drinks beforehand at Max's Opera Cafe (601 Van Ness at Opera Plaza). If you wish to join us for dinner, please pay \$10 to reserve your spot. This helps us arrange the correct number of seats at the restaurant. At the restaurant, we will return the \$10 to you in cash, and everyone will pay individually for what they choose to eat or drink. To pay to reserve a spot for the dinner, go to: <https://maxsf.org/event-4975148> Deadline for the dinner reservation is Nov 16, and no refunds will be allowed after Nov. 16.

For additional information, contact Bruce at [bruce.cecil@maxsf.org](mailto:bruce.cecil@maxsf.org).

## **Recap of Recent Past Events**

**Craft Cocktails and Appetizers** – This event on September 10th hosted over 25 people. On a picture perfect day, our gracious host Loren provided a view venue full of art, collectables and fun. Our resident craft bartender Phil made over 42 handcrafted drinks. Wine and seltzers as well as plenty of food also promoted socialization all through the event.





**Poesia Restaurant** – For this sold-out event in the Castro, MAX attendees met for Happy Hour at the restaurant's new ground floor space used for private events such as our MAX dinner. We then enjoyed a delicious four-course set menu created for our dinner.

