



May 2010 CCC Newsletter

FAQs on “Keep the Steps in the Castro”

What is this all about?

“Keep the Steps in the Castro” is the Castro Country Club’s pledge drive to raise the downpayment to purchase our building, which is expected to be listed for sale on July 1 for \$1.699 million. On April 24, Supervisor Bevan Dufty, state Senator Mark Leno and state Assemblyman Tom Ammiano and many others helped to kick-off the campaign with a celebration of the Club’s 27 years of service to the recovery community.

What are the goals of the campaign?

We have set a goal of raising \$100,000 in donations of under \$1,000 in just six months. We are aiming to raise an additional \$600,000 from major donors who are able to make tax-deductible contributions of \$1,000 or more.

What will the money be used for?

All money raised is being held in a restricted account administered by our parent nonprofit, Baker Places, and will be used towards the purchase of the existing building, or to buy/lease and remodel a new home in the neighborhood.

How much has been raised so far?

As the campaign officially begins, we have raised \$14,000 in contributions under \$1,000. We also have received \$37,000 in contributions over \$1,000, for a total of \$51,000, or 7.25% of our total goal. This is a community effort, and you can keep track of our progress on the Pledge Drive thermometer mounted on the front of the building.

How can I donate?

Make your tax-deductible donation in any amount online at www.castrocountryclub.org. Or send your tax-deductible contributions by check to Castro Country Club, 4058 18th Street, San Francisco CA 94114. Make payable to “Castro Country Club” and note “Keep Steps in Castro” on memo line. You will receive an acknowledgement for tax purposes.

I can’t afford to donate. How can I help?

Fill out a “Keep the Steps in the Castro” Pledge Card, available behind the counter at the Club, or e-mail info@castrocountryclub.org. You will receive a pledge form and related materials that you can use to raise funds from friends and family and other supporters of the Club. We have several events scheduled in May designed to raise funds and support your efforts to raise funds. Invite your friends to come along! See below for more information...

The LayBelline Show – Saturday May 8

“Come out, come out, wherever you are and help Keep the Steps in the Castro!” says impresario LayBelline, whose wild and raucous The LayBelline Show appears the second Saturday of each month at the CCC. Next show is Saturday May 8. Doors open at 10pm, showtime 10:30pm. Suggested donation is \$10. The LayBelline Show benefits “Keep the Steps in the Castro.” If you’d like to perform, send an e-mail to zachary.davenport@gmail.com.

Spring Cleaning Garage Sale – Saturday May 15

The Castro Country Club is accepting donations for the Spring Cleaning Garage Sale, to be held on the Club’s driveway on Saturday May 15, 8am – 3pm. The sale will benefit “Keep the Steps in the Castro.” To donate your salable household furnishing, clothes, books, CDs, paintings etc, simply drop them off at the Club anytime and a volunteer will store them in the garage. Donations of your quality items will be accepted until 10am on the day of the sale.

Bay-to-Breakers Afterparty – Sunday May 16

Enjoy a sizzling barbecue and baked ziti on the Club's back patio after Bay-to-Breakers, Sunday May 16, 12-3pm. \$10 suggested donation. Please RSVP on the Castro Country Club's Facebook events page or contact host Joe Fernicola at 415-948-5923 or jwavetop@yahoo.com. (And come back later that night to Watch Chris Turn 1!)

Watch for John M & Pledge Drive House Party – Friday May 21

Ed D is generously throwing a house party for "Keep the Steps in the Castro" which will also double as a watch for the handsome John M, who will be celebrating one year of continuous sobriety! Friday, May 21, 7:30pm-midnight at 4150 Apt 28 17th St at Eureka. Call night of the event for gate access at 415-264-6702. Bring some cash for the raffle and donations! Please RSVP to ed.debell@gmail.com.

The Dating Game – Saturday May 22

Hosted by Jovan R and modeled on the classic matchmaking TV game show, this monthly late-night competition promises at least two sober people will have a hot date and dinner for two and movie tickets! Saturday May 22, 10:30pm. \$10 suggested donation. Interested in being a contestant? Contact Jovan at mister_jovan@yahoo.com.

Community BBQ Celebrating MCCSF & CCC – Sunday May 23

Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco and the Castro Country Club jointly invite you to a lip-smacking, finger-licking, delicious chicken BBQ! Sunday May 23, 12:30-2:30pm on the Club's back patio. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Castro Country Club. All proceeds will benefit MCCSF and "Keep the Steps in the Castro."

The Great Memorial Day High-Heeled Drag Race to Keep the Steps in the Castro – May 31

It takes 500 high-heeled steps to get from the 17th Street Plaza to the finish line at the Castro Country Club, and racers will be asking friends, family and supporters to sponsor them at any amount – from a penny on up – for every step they take! (A penny-per-step would be \$5...) To enter the race, register in advance or on the day of the event at 11am at the Club. The race begins Memorial Day Monday, May 31 at noon at 17th Street Plaza. The \$10 registration fee will be waived for all racers who bring in at least \$100 in sponsorships, due on the morning of the event. All registered racers will eat free at the scrumptious BBQ that follows. Grand prizes for the fastest high-heeled racer and the most money raised! For more information, contact coordinator Krystofer Dixon at theimpossibleprincess@gmail.com.

Faces of the CCC 1983-84 – Ongoing

Special thanks to Robert C, Hank B, Jerry A, Mark A, Rick B and others for putting together the photo exhibit in the rear meeting room. The photos were taken during the early years of the Castro Country Club, and we plan to keep them up to honor those pictured for the duration of the "Keep the Steps in the Castro" campaign. Many of the people pictured have since passed away from AIDS, but take a look and see if you recognize anyone!

Horror Cult Classics! Come What May!

Every Friday night at 10pm, Joey B and Bruce L host Cult Movie Classics. Free admission, free popcorn, free fellowship (donations accepted for "Keep the Steps in the Castro.") Show starts at 9:30 with Spike & Mike's Twisted Animation.

- May 7th Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956)
- May 14th The Exorcist (1973)
- May 21st Carrie (1976)
- May 28th The Shining (1980)

May Recovery Meeting Schedule

The May schedule is posted at the Club, on www.castrocountryclub.org, and on Facebook. The schedule includes 31 weekly meetings of various twelve-step groups, including AA, NA, CMA, SLAA, SAA, OA, CoDA and DA. Please support these meetings! If you would like to start a new meeting at the Club, send an e-mail to info@castrocountryclub.org.

Recovery Meeting Schedule at the CCC – May 2010

Sunday

Gay Men's Stag – AA 9:30am
UnSpun Book Review – CMA 4:00pm
Step Study on Anorexia – SLAA 5:15pm (c)
Bill's Coffee – CMA 7:00pm
Phoenix Group – NA 9:00pm

Monday

"Design for Living" – AA 7:30am
The View From Here – CMA 12:00pm
LGBTQI – OA 7:00pm
Feelings in Sobriety – SAA 7:30pm
Castro Big Book – AA 8:30pm

Tuesday

"Design for Living" – AA 7:30am
Dopeless Hope Fiends – CMA 12:00pm
Living Sober With HIV/Hep C – CMA 6:00pm
Progress Not Perfection – AA 8:30pm

Wednesday

"Design for Living" – AA 7:30am
Pink Cloud @ Noon – CMA 12:00pm
Just For Hump Day – CMA 6:00pm
Ladies Night Castro – AA 6:30pm*

Thursday

"Design for Living" – AA 7:30am
Codependents Anonymous Step Study – CoDA 9:00am
Sex In2meUC – CMA 12:00pm+
Thursday Step Study – CMA 7:00pm
Recovery & Change – DA 7:00pm+
As Bill Sees It – AA 8:30pm

Friday

"Design for Living" – AA 7:30am
Willing & Able (Daily Reflections/chips) – AA 8:30am*
Castro Nooners (speaker/discussion/chips) – AA 12:00pm +

Saturday

Step It Up – CMA 1:00pm
Beginners' Step Study – AA 6:30pm
They Don't Know Who We Are – AA (young people/chips) 7:00pm
You Are Not Alone – NA (chips) 8:00pm

* = needs support + = new meeting (c) = closed to individuals outside specific fellowship