

# Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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## President's Christmas Message

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Joseph Tanti

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Asst. Secretary: Ann Azzopardi

Treasurer: Joseph Vella

Asst. Treasurer: Ninfa Pace

Parliamentarian: Mary Anne Fassler

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Auditors: Louis J. Vella  
Mona Nicholas

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been my honor to have once again served as your president. My sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and all of the Committee Members for their hard work.

I have been a member of this organization since 1955 and over the years I have served on the Board in many offices and as President eleven times. Through all these years, the one thing that I find remarkable is how this organization is run by volunteers. These volunteers are priceless. My sincere appreciation goes out to all I have served with. It cannot be said too often "Thank You." I also want to thank the members. With your participation, our events have been successful.

I am pleased to report that the Club's future looks good. The membership is strong and still growing and the premises are always being improved.

Thanks to Charlie Catania, we now have the ability to show movies and slides. The installation of this equipment could not have happened without the hard work of Charlie Catania, John Reinki and Francis Axiaq.

Also, this year we have gone hi-tech. We now have our own website. This was made possible because of two members stepping up and giving of their time and talent. Dennis and Evelyn Simmons put up the web site and Dennis has offered to maintain it. For those of you who have not yet seen the web site, it is located at: [www.maltese-americanscsf.org](http://www.maltese-americanscsf.org).

The Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco was founded in 1929. Next year we shall be celebrating our 85th Anniversary. This is a remarkable milestone and we are planning a big celebration for this occasion. This is also the 50th Anniversary of Malta's Independence. We will be celebrating both of these events on Saturday, September 27, 2014. I am looking forward to another BIG, BIG party.

Whatever is beautiful, whatever is meaningful and whatever brings you happiness, may it be yours through the Holiday Season and the coming year.

Fran and I wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours truly,

Joe Tanti, President

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*"When life gets too hard  
to stand, kneel."*

*- Author unknown*

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## Club News

At the November 24, General Membership Meeting, the President asked the members present if anyone wanted to nominate anyone for the 2014 Board of Directors. All prospective nominations were declined. The members that will be on the Board next year are the ones that the Nominating Committee had submitted which are the following:

### ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Smith Co-Chair  
Betty DeBattista Co-Chair

Joe Caruana  
Brian Ciappara  
Beverly Dennehy  
Mary Anne Fassler  
Carmen Micallef  
Ninfa Pace  
Rose Vassallo  
Helena Vella  
Mary Vella

President: Brian Ciappara  
V. President: Joe Tanti and Joe Attard  
Secretary: Frank Agius  
Asst Secty: Ann Azzopardi  
Treasurer: Joe Vella/Burlingame  
Asst Treas: Ninfa Pace  
Parliamentarian: Mary Anne Fassler

Joe Tanti and Joe Attard were nominated for Vice President. At the December 29th General Membership Meeting, members will vote to see who will be elected as the new Vice President.

**Next General Membership Meeting will be held on  
Sunday, December 29, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**

## Library

**By: Mona Vella-Nicholas**

Library hours are Sundays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Mona Vella-Nicholas, Librarian, can be reached at [info@maltese-americanscsf.org](mailto:info@maltese-americanscsf.org)

## This Month in Maltese History

**By: Mona Vella-Nicholas**

November 21, 1966

The Maltese Government set up a committee for Italian Flood Relief.

November 21, 1969

Prince Charles arrived in Malta to take part in University of Malta bicentenary celebrations.

## 2013 Calendar of Events

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, Dec. 14 - 2:00 pm
- New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance, Tuesday, Dec. 31 - **New Flyer**



GRIEVANCE  
COMMITTEE

Rose Borg, Chairperson  
Barbara Fenech  
Doris Reinke  
Manuel Micallef  
Joe Vella (ta Mgarr)

CLUB HOURS

**Sunday and Holidays**  
9:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Monday and Wednesday**  
Closed

**Tuesday**  
Closed except the second  
Tuesday of the Month

**Thursday**  
5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Friday**  
5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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This Newsletter goes out to  
over 200 members monthly.

## Women's Social Committee

*Chairpersons: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey*

The next WSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th. At 4:30 the ladies will enjoy appetizers before getting on a bus at 5:45 which will depart from the Club to Sausalito where the ladies will have their Christmas dinner at Spinnaker's. Don't forget your nonperishable's for the Food Drive.

## Hon. Consul. General Report

November is special because we remember and honor our Veterans. Veterans Day is celebrated on the second Monday of every November. The Maltese American Community in the San Francisco Bay Area has a number of Veterans from World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, The Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and possibly other conflicts, such as Kosovo, Panama and others. I would like to propose by a motion that every November's General Membership Meeting, we remember and honor our Veterans in a manner the Board of Directors see fit and later on when we adjourn the November meeting we do so in honor of our Veterans. Last month, I forgot to mention that from Malta I brought with me the very best greetings from Mr. and Mrs. John and Yvonne Sammut formerly from Millbrae and former members of our Club who are not settled in Malta. They are doing well. They live in St. Paul's Bay near Bugibba and they miss you all, but they are very happy in Malta.

## Knitting Group

*By: Marlene Ebejer*

At the last Women's Social Committee Meeting, the knitting group displayed all their hand-knitted items . The group made \$200.00 which will be used to buy more yarn for next year's project. This year's knitted items were donated to Seton Unwed Mothers, Homeless Shelter in San Mateo and St. Roberts Church in San Bruno. The knitting group consists of the following ladies: Marlene Ebejer, Rose Vassallo, Mary Vella, Mary Healey, Jane Healey, Rose Mizzi, and Sylvia Pignati.

## Welcome and Well-Being

*By: Ann Azzopardi*

*Get Well Card* was sent to Mary Rose Caruana. Welcome to two new members: Gina Lencioni and Elizabeth Ghiglieri.

## Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Joe Tanti at president@maltese-americanscsf.org for information. Please pick up form and guidelines from the Club.

### Non-Responsibility Declaration:

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc. are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. The Maltese-American Social Club does not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property in any matters pertaining to said activities.