

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

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## Club News

At the November General Membership Meeting, sixty eight (68) members were in attendance. The meeting was dedicated to all the veterans that served in the Maltese, British and the United States Armed Forces. A moment of silence was held in memory of all the veterans that passed on and applause of gratitude was made to the ones that are still with us, for protecting our liberty that we enjoy every day.

The President announced the names of the members that were nominated by the Nominating Committee to run for the Board of Directors for 2015. They are, for President, Mr. Brian Ciappara; Vice President, Mr. Joe Tanti; Secretary, Miss Lisa Ghiglieri; Assistant Secretary, Ms. Ann Azzopardi; Treasurer, Mr. Joe Vella (Burlingame); Assistant Treasurer, Mrs. Ninfa Pace; Parliamentarian, Ms. Mary Anne Fassler; Sergeant-At-Arms, Mr. George Borg; Auditors, Ms. Mona Vella Nicholas and Mr. Louis Vella.

The floor was then opened for nominations. No one accepted any of the nominations, so the Board of Directors for 2015 will be made up of the Members that were submitted by the Nominating Committee. Please note that at the General Membership Meeting to be held at the Club on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 2014, 10:30 am, the attending members would be asked to ratify the New Board of Directors, Sergeant-At-Arms and the Auditors that will be running the Club affairs in the year 2015.

The President announced that ten thousand (10,000) people have logged onto our Club's web site. He thanked Mr. Dennis Simmons and his wife Mrs. Evelyn Simmons for their great help in keeping the web site up to date. The DVD, with all the pictures that were taken at the Malta Day Event and another DVD, that shows the movie of the Sunday Mass at St. Dunstan, the walk around Millbrae, and the Club's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception, together with interviews of some members, can be watched by going to the web site, click on "Programs and Events" and then click on "Memorable Occasions". Early next year we plan to hold a viewing of both DVDs at the Club. Anyone who would like to purchase a copy of the picture DVD for \$10 can request one by calling the President. At the present time we don't have a price for the movie DVD. Please note, for those that would like the DVD mailed to them, there will be an extra charge for postage, all proceeds will go to the Malta Day/Maltese Community Events Fund.

The President reminded everyone about the Children's Christmas Party that will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. He also reminded everyone to send in their reservations for the New Years Eve Dinner Dance, and asked everyone to keep in mind not to call the person that will be taking the reservations very early in the morning or very late at night.

The Meeting was adjourned in Memory of all Veterans.

The President wished a **Very Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** to all the Members, their families and friends.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brian Ciappara  
Vice President: Joseph Tanti  
Secretary: Frank Agius  
Asst. Secretary: Ann Azzopardi  
Treasurer: Joseph Vella  
Asst. Treasurer: Ninfa Pace  
Parliamentarian: Mary Anne Fassler  
Sergeant-At-Arms: George Borg  
Auditors: Louis J. Vella  
Mona Nicholas

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**“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”**

- William Arthur Ward  
American author, pastor  
and teacher

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# Message from the Consul General

HCG-Vella mentioned that twelve months prior, a motion was made and unanimously approved to dedicate each November meeting to Maltese-American veterans who served in the Military. He added that we must never forget and we must always be proud and thankful to all our men and women in uniform.

## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Carmen Micallef,  
Chairperson

Bette Bianchi  
Rose Borg  
Joe Caruana  
Betty DeBattista  
Beverly Dennehy  
Mary Anne Fassler  
Chris Grech  
Ninfa Pace  
Mary Smith  
Rose Vassallo  
Helena Vella  
Mary Vella

HCG-Vella spoke about the popular TV program “The Amazing Race” that aired on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The entire program was filmed in Malta. Many beautiful scenes of Malta were shown. It was very entertaining and, at the same time, it was a huge promotion to Malta. Those who had not seen it yet could still do so by going to “On Demand” and click on the program. It is definitely worth seeing.

Speaking of movies, HCG- Vella mentioned that a Maltese language movie that was produced by a young Maltese producer and was filmed entirely in Malta has been accepted to compete in the Foreign Language Film category for the next Oscar Awards competition. The movie is called Simshar which is the name of a fishing boat that encountered a very catastrophic and tragic fate, leaving two out of three people on board lost at sea. The owner of the boat and the lone survivor was rescued barely clinging to life after spending several days drifting in the waters of the Mediterranean several miles away from shores of the island of Malta.

On December 10<sup>th</sup> there will be a special screening of the movie at a very elite venue in Beverly Hills. Although Simshar has a very tough road ahead to make it to the next round, we are hopeful that it will do well and we wish the movie the very best of success. In the near future, we also hope that we will have the opportunity to show the movie Simshar on the screen at the Maltese Club.

## Library

Library hours are  
Sundays 10:00 am  
to 12:00 Noon.

Mona Vella-Nicholas,  
Librarian, can be  
reached  
info@maltese-  
americanscsf.org.

## This Month in Maltese History

*By: Mona Vella-Nicholas*

### November 29, 1989

Top Russian officials in Malta for the Bush-Gorbachev Summit meet with Prime Minister Fenech Adami.

### November 29, 1999

Rough weather causes the collapse of a section of the Neolithic Temples in Hagar Qim.



## 2014 Calendar of Events

- Dec. 13 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance

*Remember when you are paying for an event, please pay by check and not cash.*

## MALTESE LAST NAMES

### GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Rose Borg  
Barbara Fenech  
Carmen Micallef  
Manuel Micallef  
Delores Reinke

### 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.

### SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Check the advertising page  
and mention the Club when  
you patronize these  
businesses.

Is your last name **Agius**? If so, you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Agius** is of Arabic origin. It is a first name or nickname meaning "old man" or "old woman." An old form of this last name could be found in Sicily as early as 1145.

*Note: Each month we will be high-lighting a different last name, based on our list of members and progressing in alphabetical order*

## Women's Social Committee

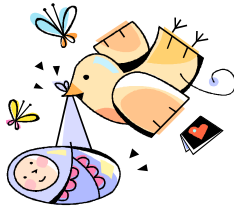
**By: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey**

At the November meeting, the ladies enjoyed coffee and desserts. The ladies discussed their upcoming annual Christmas social event. This year the ladies will be going to a Christmas House in Novato and then to San Rafael for their Christmas Dinner.

## Knitting Group

**By: Marlene Ebejer**

The knitting group meets every Thursday at 6:30 at the Club. All are welcome to join. This year the knitting group gave their knitted items to St. Roberts Church which they will use for the sick and home bound. The sisters of St. Roberts also sent some of the hats and blankets to their novitiate in Shaw, MS to be distributed to the poor and homeless.



### Congratulations

Joe and Theresa Cutajar on the arrival  
of their first grandchild Blake Joseph.

Next General Membership Meeting  
will be held on Sunday,  
**December 28, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.**

## Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Joe Tanti at [vice-president@maltese-americanscsf.org](mailto:vice-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.