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December 2015 – CLUB NEWS

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**DECEMBER 27, 2015
AT
10:30A.M.**

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends and members at the general Membership Meeting held on November 29th ninety (90) members were in attendance. The President welcome everyone and after a short prayer, a minute of silence was held in memory of Mr. Nick Attard who was a long time member, and served the club as the bartender for many years. A small reception for Mr. Nick Attard will held after the December General Membership Meeting which will be held on December 27th.

The president thanked the Nominating Committee for doing an excellent job and discharged them off their duties. He also thanked Mrs. Ninfa Pace, Mr. Nick Pace and Mr. Dan Catania for organizing a very successful Casino Day Trip. Last but not least, he thanked all the volunteers that work tirelessly to make the Club a better place for all.

The president then read the names that were submitted by the Nominating Committee:

President: Brian Ciappara
Secretary: Mary Gomes
Treasurer: Joseph Vella
Parliamentarian: Mary Anne Fassler
Auditors: Mona Nicholas & Louis Vella

Vice President: Pete Deguara
Assisant Secretary: Carmen Micallef
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Sergeant-at-arms: George Borg

The floor was then opened for nominations. The President asked the assembly to nominate other members for each position for the Board of Directors starting with the office of the President, at this point Mr. Joseph Attard, nominated himself for the position. The president then went down the list and asked for nominations for the other positions, some nominations were made but no one accepted any of them. The floor was then closed.

There being two candidates namely Mr. Brian Ciappara and Mr. Joseph Attard, running for the office of the President; an election by secret ballot, will be conducted at the General Membership Meeting to be held at 10:30 am on December 27, 2015. Every member is encouraged to come and vote for the President that will run the Club in 2016.

Rest in Peace

*Our deepest sympathy to the
family of*

Nick Attard



*Eternal rest grant unto
him O' Lord and may the
perpetual light shine upon
him...*

UPCOMING MALTESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 12, 2015
at 2pm

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

December 31, 2015
at 6pm

“Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others is good you do yourself. Peace on Earth, good will to men, kind thoughts and words of cheer, are things we should use often and not just once a year.”

-Norman Wesley Brooks

Brian reminded everyone to send the reservations for the Children's Christmas Party, to be held on December 12th and also to send in the New Year's Eve dinner dance reservation by the due date. **No reservation will be accepted after the cutoff date of December 27th.**

The President invited everyone to attend the ceremony to honor the Maltese veterans that served in the United States Armed Forces during the Korean War. The ceremony took place right after the meeting. The Hon. Louis Vella Consul General of Malta, The Hon. Deputy Consul General of Korea and Mr. Mark Hershman from the office of State Senator Mr. Jerry Hill, were in attendance.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to wish you and your family, A VERY MERRY and BLESSED CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A MESSAGE FROM THE Honorable Consul General of Malta

At the November general membership meeting, Hon Consul General (HCG)-Louis J. Vella addressed those present during a commemorative event honoring Maltese veterans of the Korean War era.

HCG Vella told us that in order to fully comprehend the significance of the ceremony we were about to witness we needed to go back in time to 1939. Europe was at war. World War II began in 1939 and ended in 1945. After the Second World War, Malta was devastated. Not only buildings and other structures were destroyed but the infrastructure, the economy, jobs, food, fuel and everything necessary for people to live a decent life was gone, scarce, or non-existent. Young families had no choice but to seek a better future somewhere else. Many emigrated to the United States of America in search of a new life. No sooner many of these young Maltese men settled in the San Francisco Bay Area when in 1950, the war in Korea broke out. A large number of Maltese boys and young men got drafted into one of the branches of the US Military.

On Sunday, November 29th in the presence of the Consulate General of Korea, the California State Senate and the Hon Consulate General of Malta, many guests, and veterans, a celebration of the sacrifice and commitment of some of these men was held. Close to 30 veterans or their families were honored with certificates, medals and a lot of admiration presented to them by the Hon Consul General of Malta, the Deputy Consul General of Korea and the office of State Senator Jerry Hill in the presence of a crowd that exceeded well over 200 people.

Huge congratulations go to the members of the Maltese Historical Society for their dedicated work, enthusiasm and their tireless efforts to find these veterans. A big thank you goes to the Maltese American Social Club, the Consulate General of Korea, the Hon Consulate General of Malta and everyone present.

The spirit of cooperation and support among the entire Maltese American Community in the San Francisco Bay Area as well as all the Maltese organizations is second to none. Very Well Done Everyone.

Grievance Committee

ROSE BORG
CHAIRPERSON

MANUEL MICALLEF

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DOLORES REINKE

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MARY VELLA

NINFA PACE

DOLORES REINKE

MARYANNE FASSLER

ROSE VASSALLO

*Thank you to everyone who
volunteers their time at the
Maltese – American Social
Club.*



THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by Mona Vella-Nicholas

IN MALTESE HISTORY

November 23, 1985 - An Egyptian Airlines plane on a flight from Athens to Cairo is hijacked and lands in Malta at 10 p.m. On board are 91 passengers and 6 crew members.

November 2011 - A census is held in Malta, the results of which show a 2.7% increase in population from 2005, from 404,962 to 416,055.

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Busuttill



Is your last name **Busuttill**? If so, you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Busuttill** is of Arabic origin. It is a personal name or a nickname coming from the Arabic word "busittin", which means "master of sixty." This may mean that the person was a leader of sixty men charged with protecting the coasts of Malta from pirate assaults. The name dates back to at least the 12th century in Sicily.

Women's Social Committee

The Women's Social Committee will have their Christmas dinner on December 7th, starting with hors d'oeuvre being served at the club at 5pm. They will then continue on to dinner and finish the lovely night at Pier 39. Their meetings will resume next year.

The Ladies Knitting Group

The Ladies Knitting Group still meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Club Hours

SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS
CLOSED

TUESDAY

CLOSED EXCEPT FOR
THE SECOND TUESDAY
OF THE MONTH

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

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WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2015 MALTESE-AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please Remember that when you are paying for an event to pay by check not cash.

Dec. 12th Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

