

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Club News

The President welcomed the 67 members that were present. He thanked all those who attended and all that helped to make the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance a big success.

We have 5 new members for the year 2014. These are Mr. John Reinke, Mr. Dominic Borg, Mrs. Natalie Loza, Mrs. Celina Sutton and Mr. Charles Vella.

In the November Meeting the Hon. Consul General Mr. Louis Vella made a motion to dedicate the November General Membership Meetings in honor of the Maltese Veterans that served in the Armed Forces of Malta and of The United States. The motion was approved by the members.

The President asked the members to save the date of Sept. 27 for the celebration of the 85th Anniversary of the Club and the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of Malta.

President Ciappara encouraged everyone to help in the running of the Club. He asked for any volunteers who would like to be members of the Grievance Committee and the Entertainment Committee.

A ratification of the Board of Directors for the year 2014, will be held at the February 23rd General Membership Meeting.

**Next General Membership Meeting will be held on
Sunday, February 23rd at 10:30 a.m.**

*"Fun is like insurance; the
older you get the more it
costs."*

*- Elbert Hubbard, U.S. editor
publisher, and author*

ENTERTAINMENT
COMMITTEE

Carmen Micallef,
Chairperson

Rose Borg
Joe Caruana
Betty DeBattista
Mary Anne Fassler
Ninfa Pace
Mary Smith
Rose Vassallo
Helena Vella
Mary Vella



Library

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

Library hours are Sundays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Mona Vella-Nicholas, Librarian. Some books were left in the library for donation. There was no note specifying the donor. If you donated some economics and finance textbooks and some books on schools in Mosta, please contact the librarian.

This Month in Maltese History

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

January 25, 1965

Malta became the 18th member of the Council of Europe; three people were chosen to represent Malta in the European Parliament.

January 25-26, 1998

Malta was hit by severe hail and rain, causing tens of thousands of liri worth of damage to property and crops. A woman from Balzan was swept away by the flooding in her neighborhood. She was found in Birkirkara the following morning.

2014 Calendar of Events

- March 15 St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
- April 5 Family Pasta/Bingo
- April Casino Bus Trip
- May 4 Maltese Heritage Car Show / Lake Merced
- May 10 Mother's Day Dinner/Dance
- June 15 Father's Day Brunch
- June Casino Bus Trip
- July 27 Club Picnic at Central Park
- August 2 Family Pasta/Bingo
- August Santa Maria Dinner
- Sept. 27 Malta Day/Club 85th Anniv.
- Oct. 11 Family Pasta/Bingo
- Oct. 25 Halloween Party
- November Casino Bus Trip
- Dec. 13 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance

Women's Social Committee

Chairpersons: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey

Ninfa reported that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11th, at 6:30 p.m., all the ladies will be bringing appetizers and desserts.

Knitting Group

By: Marlene Ebejer

The knitting Group will resume meeting on Thursday at 6:30 at the Club. All are welcome to join.

Hon. Consul. General Report

GRIEVANCE

COMMITTEE

Rose Borg
Barbara Fenech
Manuel Micallef
Delores Reinke
Joe Vella/San Bruno

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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goes out to over 200
members monthly.

2014 is a very busy year for the Maltese Community in the San Francisco Bay Area and the many Maltese organizations. However, I am choosing to start my report by talking a little bit about the weather. As we all know, California is going through a drought. Earlier this week we all heard Governor Brown declare a State of Water Emergency due to the lack of precipitation and the poor snowpack level readings.

Not so in Malta. This weekend Malta is getting hammered once again by another storm. Gale force winds, rain, hail, and 25 ft waves are battering the shores of Malta especially on the West Coast of Malta.

But enough about the weather. As I mentioned earlier, the Maltese Community has a very full calendar ahead in terms of activities and events that will hopefully bring us together, as well as functions that will sustain each and every organization. We do not have time to mention each and every occasion but some of the more significant ones are:

- 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of MALTA's Independence. On that occasion we will also be celebrating the 85th Anniversary of the Maltese Club.
- Saint Paul Festa is in two weeks.
- 2014, also marks the 30th Anniversary of the Maltese Cross Foundation of Ca.
- On Wednesday June 11th we will celebrate Maltese Heritage Day at AT&T Park and watch the SF Giants play against the Washington Nationals.
- I am working with the Sister Cities Commission for their participation during Malta Day.
- The club has a full annual program of activities for the enjoyment and participation of members and friends.

I want to thank you all for overwhelmingly approving my motion to dedicate every November General Membership Meeting to Maltese Veterans. We will honor and respect Maltese Veterans who served in Malta and US military. We are very lucky to have Maltese Veterans of World War II Malta. But we also have Veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam, Panama, Kosovo, Kuwait, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and other wars as well as those who served in time of peace. Occasionally I am invited to Maltese people's home and very often I see pictures of people in uniform hanging on the walls of these homes. When I ask who the people in uniform are, I learn that they are Maltese who served in the Military. There are a lot more than we think and I

Welcome and Well-Being

By: Ann Azzopardi

Sympathy Card was sent to Mr. Louis Caruana and flowers were sent for his wife's funeral. Also, on Friday, Jan. 31, Yvonne Sammut passed away in Malta. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, John Sammut. **Get Well Cards** were sent to Ed Bagnani, husband of Betty Bianchi, Dolores Reinke and Charlie Borg.

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Brian Ciappara 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.