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THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**FEBRUARY 28TH
AT
10:30A.M.**

FEBRUARY 2016 NEWLSETTER

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the January 31st, meeting, sixty-four (64) members were present. The president welcomed everyone, and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Frank Scerri and Mr. Raymond Muscat.

The President said that the New Year's Eve dinner dance was very well attended, the food was delicious and a great time was had by all. Many thanks go to all the volunteers that helped to make this event a great success. We have finally found a solution in mitigating the pigeon problem that we had on the facade of the Club. I would like to thank, Manuel Micallef, Joe Vella, Charlie Healey and Julian Muscat who helped me install the spikes and the plastic net that was donated by Charlie Healey.

The Club's social events schedule can be found in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars so that you can plan to attend as many of these fun filled functions as possible. We are happy to have two young ladies, namely Miss Karen Borg (daughter of the late Monte Borg and Rose Borg) and Jennifer De Battista (daughter of Joe and Betty De Battista) who volunteered to be the co-chairs for the Entertainment Committee. They come with great enthusiasm and new ideas. Let us give them all the support that they need. I would also like to thank all the members of the sub committees and their chairs that help at the Club.

I would also like to thank the 2016 members of the Board of Directors, the Auditors and the Sargent-At-Arms for their commitment to help me run this organization. I am looking forward to serve you as your President for another year. Thank you for the faith that you have in me, which was clearly evident in the results of the election. I promise to do my utmost in

Rest in Peace

*Our deepest sympathy to the
family of*

Frank Scerri and
Raymond Muscat



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

UPCOMING MALTESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

CACHE CREEK CASINO TRIP

February 27th

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

March 12th



Love recognizes no
barriers. It jumps
hurdles, leaps
fences, penetrates
walls to arrive at its
destination full of
hope.

Maya Angelou

keeping the Maltese Club thriving and moving forward. This can easily be accomplished by the help of each and every one of you who have the Maltese Club at heart.

Please note that on February 27th, we will have a one-day bus trip to Cache Creek Casino, cost is \$38 per person. On March 12th, we will have the traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner dance. Please make your reservations early and save \$5. Fliers for both functions are attached. Thank you

I would like to remind everyone that the yearly dues of \$60 are now due. Please send your checks marked "Attention: Dues" on the envelope. Please do not send cash.

I salute you all and looking forward to see you at the Club.

A MESSAGE FROM THE *Honorable Consul General of Malta*

At the January general membership meeting, Honorable Consul General (HCG) Louis J. Vella addressed those present and shared his approval and pleasure towards the nice crowd and the numerous attendance at the meeting. This being the first meeting of 2106, it is a clear indication of the good support of the members towards the organization and those running it.

HCG Vella told us that strength and success of any organization within the Maltese Community, such as the Maltese Club, is the support each organization lends to each other. Not all organizations are as big as the Maltese Club but, no matter how big or how small, we all need each other and we all do better if we cooperate with each other. Earlier in the week, HCG Vella was invited to give an address to the Mosta-Millbrae Sister Cities Commission. Among many topics concerning Malta and the Maltese in the Bay Area, commissioners asked about activities of the Maltese Club so they could include them in their calendar. The Club also received an invitation for the upcoming St. Paul festa which many members of the club will participate in.

HCG Vella noted that every week since the beginning of the year we had a funeral of a Maltese family member. In talking to loved ones of people who passed away, HCG Vella noted that we have a considerable number of elderly Maltese who are family or friends of club members, who hardly ever leave their house. This group of elderly Maltese represent people who are either too weak, too alone or too old to visit with each other. The only time they hear or learn about each other is

Grievance Committee

The names of the
Grievance Committee
Members are not
published until
approval by the
members at the
February General
Membership meeting
as per the bylaws

Entertainment Committee

CHAIRPERSON:

Karen Borg

CO-CHAIRPERSON:

Jennifer DeBattista

Rose Borg

Betty DeBattista

Mary Vella

Carmen Micallef

Ninfa Pace

Mary Smith

Mary Anne Fassler

Rose Vassallo

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

when one of their friends passes away. HCG Vella told us that he believes we have a wonderful opportunity to create an environment where we can make it possible for these elderly members of the Maltese Community to get together maybe once or twice a year where they could visit with each other. We could organize a nice program for them, serve them lunch, create an opportunity for them to visit with each other and maybe organize some entertainment or show them movies about Malta and similar activities. Other ideas that will make the period of time these elderly people spend together special are welcome and can be discussed later.

Many of those present at the meeting thought this new program would be a great initiative. HCG Vella told us that those who would like to help to please contact him. HCG Vella can be reached at 650-631-8200 or at malteseconsulate@yahoo.com.

Honor Consul General Vella ended his address by wishing the new Board of Directors for 2016 the best of luck and success. He told those present that performing the duties of director of the Maltese Club demands dedication and many volunteer hours. The president and the board of directors deserve our support and our warm applause.



THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by Mona Vella-Nicholas

JANUARY IN MALTESE HISTORY

This year marks the 450th anniversary of the building of Valletta. Having won the Great Siege a year earlier, Grand Master Jean de la Valette in 1566 decided to build a fortified city on a high point on the island to better withstand any future attacks. The new city was named Valletta after him. To commemorate this important anniversary, each month this year a different fact about Valletta will appear here.

Club Hours

Sunday and Holidays

9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

**Monday and
Wednesday
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.

LIBRARY

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

*Librarian, Mona
Vella-Nicholas,
can be reached
at 650-589-4578.*

January 9, 1732 --- The Teatro Pubblico, later renamed the Manoel Theatre, opens in Valletta with a performance of the tragedy Merope, written by Scipione Maffei. At 284 years old, the Manoel Theatre is the oldest theatre still in use in the Commonwealth of Nations.

January 30, 1945 --- American President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, along with their chiefs of staff, meet in Malta for five days to plan the last campaign against Germany and to make preparations for the Yalta Conference.

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Camilleri

Is your last name Camilleri? If so, you might be interested in knowing

where your name comes from. **Camilleri** is of Sicilian origin. It is an occupational name meaning "camel driver" or "camel rider." his last name dates back to at least the 15th century in Malta and is the most common of all last names there.

WOMEN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The next Women's Social Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday February 9th starting at 6:30 p.m. The ladies will be enjoying a Mexican style dinner. The cost is \$8.00. If you would like to attend or if you have already signed-up and no longer can attend, please call Ninfa Pace.

This year the ladies have decided to collect small sample-size toiletries and white socks to give to the needy at Christmas. If you would like to donate, please attend one of the Women's Social Committee meetings or bring your donations to the General Membership Meeting. We are also in need of seamstresses who can make some bags for us.

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to Terrie Aquino (the daughter of Mary Smith) who works for Dr. Chris Johns, DDS for donating 324 tooth pastes, 72 tooth brushes, and 240 bottles of Crest mouth wash.

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advertising pages
and don't forget to
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when you
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businesses*



New Members:

Domíníc Gomes

Jared Vella

Welcome!

Ladies' Knitting Group

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

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rent to members only. Please call Brian Ciappara at 650-303-6900 for information and pick up a 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.