

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

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## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,

“HAPPY NEW YEAR” I am glad to be serving the Maltese-American Social Club and its members for the year 2014. I have been a member since 1979, as soon as I arrived in the United States from Malta. In these 35 years I have served the Club in various capacities on the Board of Directors and I plan to keep moving the Club forward. Moving the Club to new heights would not be accomplished without the help of each and every member and without the cooperation of the other Maltese Organizations that form the Maltese Community in the Greater Bay Area. This club is what it is because of the hard and tireless work of all the volunteers that provided their skills and time willingly.

This year we have a lot of events to prepare for the pleasure and enjoyment of our members, their family and friends, as soon as the list is confirmed you would be the first to know. The most important of these events is the 85<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of our Club, which will coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary of the Independence of our beloved country, Malta. The Board of Directors is working with the Office of the Honorable Consul General to try and get the Prime Minister of Malta, Dr. Joseph Muscat to attend this event. We are also trying to get Maltese entertainers to attend this event. Please mark your calendars and save September 27<sup>th</sup> for this celebration.

Unfortunately, recently, it has been brought to my attention that there has been a lot of unsolicited emails and letters containing a lot of unfounded accusations and misleading statements sent to our members. These communications are being sent to cast a dark cloud on our Club. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to protect the members from any type of harassment from other members, whether it is physical, mental, or verbal. I have advised these members to respond to the sender that such emails and correspondence are unsolicited and unwanted and must be stopped.

I hope that this year will bring you and your loved ones a lot of happiness, good health and prosperity. See you at the Club and at the functions.

Sincerely,

Brian Ciappara, President

### 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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*"Youth is the gift of nature,  
but age is a work of art.*

*- Author Garson Kanin, US Playwright*

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## Club News

At the December General Membership Meeting, 93 members were in attendance. The President Mr. Joe Tanti thanked all the volunteers that during the year helped in the running of the Club. Vice-President Brian Ciappara on behalf of the Board of Directors and the members presented him a gift thanking him for the work that he did during 2013. Mr. Tanti thanked all those who helped make the Children's party a big success.

The President presented a plaque to Mrs. Rose Vassallo who was voted as The Volunteer of the Year by the Board of Directors.

The Election Committee then ran the Election for Vice-President. The candidates that were running were Joseph Attard and Joseph Tanti. The result of the election was: 64 votes for Joseph Tanti and 26 for Joseph Attard, 3 votes were invalid for a total of 93.

Please remember that your annual dues of \$60.00 are now due. Please mail your check to the Club, attention Ninfa Pace.

Next General Membership Meeting will be held on  
Sunday, January 26th 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

## This Month in Maltese History

*By: Mona Vella-Nicholas*

November 1, 1954

The Malta was admitted to the United Nations

September 21, 1964

Malta became an Independent Constitutional Monarchy, which meant that it was still under Queen Elizabeth II as its Head of State and still had a Governor General as its local Head. On December 13<sup>th</sup>. 1974, Malta became a Republic, no longer under Britain at all and Sir Anthony Mamo who was the last Governor General became the new Republic's first President.

## 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

## ENTERTAINMENT

### COMMITTEE

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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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you patronize these  
businesses.

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please contact Joe Tanti if  
you would like to be a  
sponsor. This Newsletter  
goes out to over 200  
members monthly.

## Women's Social Committee

*Chairpersons: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey*

Ninfa reported that the trip to Sausalito and the dinner at Spinnaker's Restaurant was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. She thanked Beverly Dennehy, Betty Bianchi and Chris Grech for all their help. Next meeting was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>

## Hon. Consul. General Report

Mr. Louis Vella Honorary Consul General welcomed the great number of members that were present. He encouraged all the Maltese Organizations to work together so that they will all improve. His wish is to see all the Maltese Organizations to flourish and succeed. He said that each and every member should support the Board of Directors because they dedicate a lot of their time working to make the Club run smoothly. Mr. Louis Vella said that he is trying to convince the Prime Minister of Malta Dr. Joseph Muscat to come and visit San Francisco at the time of our Club's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. On behalf of his family and his administrative staff, he wished a Happy New Year to everyone.

## Knitting Group

*By: Marlene Ebejer*

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

## Welcome and Well-Being

*By: Ann Azzopardi*

*Get Well Card* was sent to Nick Attard. **Welcome** to new member John Reinke.

## 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.