

January 2016 – CLUB NEWS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**JANUARY 31, 2016
AT
10:30A.M.**

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the December 27th General Membership Meeting eighty nine (89) members were present. The president welcomed everyone and said that the Children's Christmas Party was a fun filled event. He thanked all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this event such a success. Special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who did a great job. Thanks to Mrs. Josie Muscat and her granddaughter Logan, who made and donated the goody bags for the kids and to Mr. Joe Micallef for assembling his most beautiful Presepju (Nativity Village). He also thanked the children that took part in the procession and those who helped them with their costumes.

The president thanked Mr. and Mrs. James Rivera for donating four (4) booklets of stamps to defray the cost of the newsletter postage, and for the money that they donated towards the memorial reception for Mr. Nick Attard; May he rest in peace. The reception was held right after the meeting.

Mr. Ciappara said that it was his joy and honor to serve the members as President for the past year, and to see the Club moving forward. He mentioned that we lost some dear members (who passed on) this year, but on the other hand a good number joined our great organization.

The President thanked all the volunteers that served in various committees, helped in organizing dinner dances, bingos, casino trips, decorating, shopping, and in many other ways made the Club a better place for all to enjoy.

Special mention should go to Mr. Gillu Muscat, our most dedicated bartender, who quenches our thirst, cooks the pastizzi and keeps the club clean for us all. He does this as a volunteer. What would we do without him? Mr. Muscat was presented with a gift in appreciation for his work.

Brian thanked the Board of Directors and the members for their generous gift that was presented to him.

A big thanks goes to the Board of Directors of 2015, the Auditors and the Sergeant-At-Arms for their dedicated service to the organization. Special thanks goes to Mr. Joseph Tanti who served as Vice President. Mr. Tanti was presented with a plaque in appreciation for over 55 years as a member, many of which serving in the Board in

UPCOMING MALTESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

December 31, 2015

ST. ELIZABETH PARISH

ST. PAUL OF THE SHIPWRECK FESTA

February 6, 2016

QUOTE CORNER

“Great leaders don’t tell you what to do... They show you how it’s done.”

-Unknown

“Pulling someone down will never help you reach the top.”

-Anonymous

“An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

-Henry Ford

various capacities, with eleven (11) terms as president. Ms. Anne Azzopardi was presented with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation for serving as Assistant Secretary for these last few years. Also receiving a bouquet of flowers, with many thanks, was Miss Elizabeth Ghiglieri. She held the office of Secretary for the year 2015. As had been announced before, Mr. Joseph Tanti, Ms. Anne Azzopardi and Miss Elizabeth Ghiglieri did not accept nominations for the 2016 Board of Directors.

The Election Committee, made up of Mr. Dan Catania, Mr. Joe DeBattista and Miss Barbara Fenech held an election by secret ballot for the office of the President. Mr. Brian Ciappara and Mr. Joseph Attard were the two candidates for this position. The results were as follows: All eighty nine (89) members cast their votes, and when the votes were tallied, the results were one (1) vote that was void, five (5) votes that were blank, twenty three (23) votes for Mr. Joseph Attard and sixty (60) votes for Mr. Brian Ciappara.

The members ratified by acclamation the Board of Directors for 2016. The officers of the Board of Directors are as follows:

President : Mr. Brian Ciappara

Secretary : Ms. Mary Gomes

Treasurer : Mr. Joe Vella

Parliamentarian : Ms. Mary Anne Fassler

The Auditors are : Ms. Mona Nicholas and Mr. Louis Vella.

Sergeant-At-Arms : Mr. George Borg.

Vice President : Mr. Peter Deguara

Assistant Secretary : Mrs. Carmen Micallef

Assistant Treasurer : Mrs. Ninfa Pace

Brian Ciappara thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and also to the Election Committee for a job well done. He said that he is looking forward to serve for another year as President and asked for the help of each and every member.

Next General Membership Meeting will be held at 10:30 am on Sunday, January 31, 2016

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Mr. Ciappara wishes all the members and their loved ones a Very Happy New Year filled with Joy, Prosperity and Good Health.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE

Honorable Consul General of Malta

J. Vella addressed those present and shared his thoughts and wishes for the end of 2015 and the beginning of 2016. He encouraged everyone to protect the unity and harmony we currently enjoy throughout the entire Maltese American Community.

HCG Vella told us that we volunteer our time for the betterment of the Club and the Community as a whole by opening doors, by being welcoming and inviting, cooperative and supportive to one another. By rejoicing and celebrating the efforts and successes of others we are also encouraging more good work and mutual respect. And whenever we assist those who may have needed assistance we are building lasting friendships. In 2016 let us strive to becoming instruments of teamwork and fellowship.

On the occasion of the election for a new president and board of directors of the Maltese American Social Club, for the year 2016, Hon Consul General Vella wished all those seeking office the best of luck.

Grievance Committee

ROSE BORG
CHAIRPERSON

MANUEL MICALLEF

BARBARA FENECH

CARMEN MICALLEF

DOLORES REINKE

Entertainment Committee

CARMEN MICALLEF
CHAIRPERSON

MARY SMITH
CO-CHAIRPERSON

BETTY DEBATTISTA
CO-CHAIRPERSON

JOE CARUANA

MARY VELLA

NINFA PACE

DOLORES REINKE

MARYANNE FASSLER

ROSE VASSALLO

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

HCG Vella notified us also that he is working very hard to bring from Malta the first ever Maltese movie that was accepted to compete at the most recent Academy Awards (Oscars) in the foreign film category. The movie is called "SIMSHAR" which is the name of a Maltese fishing boat featured in the film. As soon as more information is available it will be passed on.

Hon Consul General Vella ended his address by wishing everyone present and their loved ones as well as the entire Maltese-American Community a Happy and Peaceful New Year full of Blessings and Good Health.



THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by Mona Vella-Nicholas

IN MALTESE HISTORY

December 1, 1964 - Malta joins the United Nations.

December 22, 1984 - Prime Minister Dom Mintoff resigns as Prime Minister. He maintains his seat as a Member of Parliament, however. He chooses Karmenu Mifsud Bonnici to succeed him.

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Calleja



Is your last name **Calleja**? If so, you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Calleja** is of Greek origin, from the Greek word "kalleyias", meaning farmer. The name has since spread from Greece to other European countries, notably Spain. There once was a small hamlet in Malta, within the limits of what is now Mosta, named "Hal Calleya", which means "Calleja's farmstead."

Women's Social Committee

The Women's Social Committee had a lovely Christmas dinner in Burlingame in which they also enjoyed some Motown music. Their meetings resume in January in which they will speak about their plans for 2016.

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.

LIBRARY

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MALTESE-AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check back next edition for the list of club events!

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. **The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.**”

– Edith Lovejoy Pierce

