

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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Club News

At the last General Membership Meeting, June 23, 2013, the meeting began with a moment of silence for the passing of our oldest member, Rita Borg, who died at the age of 99 and 4 days; for Enez Gatt, a good friend of Rita's and who died on the same day, June 8th; for Ninfa Pace on the passing of her brother.

The Father's Day Breakfast was cancelled due to very few reservations.

Don't forget to turn in your reservations for the Members' Appreciation & Annual Picnic to be held on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at San Mateo Central Park. If you have any questions, please call Ninfa Pace or one of the Board Members.

Our next event will be the celebration of the Festa Santa Maria which will be held at our Club on Saturday, August 24, 2013. If you have children, between the ages of 5 and 12, that would be interested in the procession, please contact Carmen Micallef. This is always a very well attended event, so please see the flyer attached and turn in your reservation early.

Please mark your calendar for our Malta Day Dinner/Dance which will be held on Saturday, September 21st. It will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Information with details will be coming out in next month's Newsletter.

***Next General Membership Meeting will be held on
Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.***

*"Volunteers do not
necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart."*

- Elizabeth Andrew

Library

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

Library hours are Sundays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Mona Vella-Nicholas, Librarian. Anyone going to Malta this summer, please bring back a book to donate to the Club Library. The library has no budget, all our books are donated.

This Month in Maltese History

By: *Mona Vella-Nicholas*

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Mary Smith Co-Chair
Betty DeBattista Co-Chair

Joe Caruana
Brian Ciappara
Beverly Dennehy
Mary Anne Fassler
Carmen Micallef
Ninfa Pace
Rose Vassallo
Helena Vella
Mary Vella

1. In 1798, Napoleon Bonaparte's fleet was on its way to an expedition in Egypt. Napoleon asked for safe harbor in Malta. When the knights refused to supply him with water, Napoleon sent a division to scale the hills of Valletta. Grand Master Hampesch gave up on June 11th. On June 12th, a treaty was signed which turned Malta into a French Republic. The knights were expelled from Malta, which remained in French control for two years, then the British overthrew the French.
2. On Saturday, June 7, 1919, while the National Assembly was meeting to discuss unrest among the Maltese population, a revolt broke out in the streets of Valletta. People were angry over the rising prices for food, especially bread, and over their lack of a voice in the administration of the Maltese government, which was in British control. The protests turned into riots, which were put down by the police and some British soldiers. Four Maltese men were killed in the uprising. Some good did result from this revolt, for a new Constitution giving the Maltese more power was proclaimed in 1921. "Sette Guigno" (7th of June) is a national holiday in Malta.

2013 Calendar of Events



July 28	Membership Picnic
August 24	Santa Maria Dinner
September 21	Malta Day Dinner/Dance
October 5	Pasta Dinner & Bingo
October 26	Halloween Party
December 14	Children's Christmas Party
December 31	New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance

Please check the flyer attached for the following upcoming event:

- *Festa Santa Maria*

Women's Social Committee

Chairpersons: *Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey*

Next meeting, July 9th, the women will be having a regular meeting - no dinner. We will be discussing and finalizing the Mystery Trip which will be held on Sat., July 20. If we have time, the ladies will be playing Bingo.

Knitting Group

By: *Marlene Ebejer*

The Group meets every Thursday at 6:30. Anyone who wishes to knit or crochet or would like some help or lessons, please come on by, and we will be glad to teach you.



Rose Borg, Chairperson
Barbara Fenech
Doris Reinke
Manuel Micallef
Joe Vella (ta Mgarr)

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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200 members monthly.

Hon. Consul General Report

The HCG Expressed his pride for the way the Maltese Community came together and participated in the first ever Maltese Heritage Day at the SF Giants. Bringing a crowd of 400 people to a game is an accomplishment in itself. The Giants organization had many words of praise for such a large crowd on our first outing. Kudos to all the organizations who pulled together for such a successful event.

Soon we will have a new Maltese Ambassador in Washington DC and there is a very good possibility that we will have our first female Maltese Ambassador in the US. When the news is more official there will be more details shared.

The HCG encouraged all our family and friends to support and participate in our next Malta Day celebration on September 21st at the South San Francisco Conference Center. This is the one special event during the year when we honor our country of origin and celebrate the presence of a proud Maltese Community in the Greater San Francisco Bay Area.

HCG gave us an interesting account of a very significant historic event that took place in Valletta, Malta on June 7th 1919. It is referred to as "Sette Gugnio" when 4 Maltese men who were participating in a protest march against the establishment, which later turned into a riot, were killed by British soldiers.

Welcome and Well-Being

By: Ann Azzopardi

Sympathy Cards were sent to members Jane Catania, Monte Borg, George Borg, Mary Smith and Betty DeBattista on the passing of their mother, Rita Borg and also to the families Carmen Ciappara and Delores Curmi on the passing of their mother, Enez Gatt; Ninfa Pace on the passing of her brother; and also to Tony and Victor Debono on the passing of their sister.

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Joe Tanti 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.