

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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Club News

Seventy-Seven (77) members were present at the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, February 23rd. The President welcomed everyone. After the prayer, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mary Caruana and Yvonne Sammut. Two new members, namely Jennifer Debattista and Anthony Domingues have joined the Club. The members of The Grievance Committee namely: Rose Borg (Chairperson), Manuel Micallef, Barbara Fenech, Joe Vella (San Bruno) and Doris Reinke and the members of the Entertainment committee, namely: Carmen Micallef (Chairperson), Joe Caruana, Mary Vella, Ninfa Pace, Helena Vella, Rose Vassallo, Mary Smith, Betty Debattista, Mary Ann Fassler, Bette Bianchi, Beverly Dennehy and Chris Grech were announced and ratified by the members.

The President announced that at the General Membership Meetings anyone who would like to speak would be allotted three minutes' time to address the membership. This is being done to avoid the meetings from becoming unnecessarily long and boring.

The President thanked Manuel Micallef and Joe Vella (Burlingame) for installing a storage cabinet at the place where the water fountain used to be.

Children and grandchildren of members who are 12 years of age and older and would like to help as servers at the functions of the Club are encouraged to contact any member of the Board of Directors, and submit their name. Servers get a free dinner and are compensated.

*"I never think of the future,
it comes soon enough."*

- Albert Einstein,

German-born U.S. physicist

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

ENTERTAINMENT
COMMITTEE

Carmen Micallef,
Chairperson

Bette Bianchi
Rose Borg
Joe Caruana
Betty DeBattista
Beverly Dennehy
Mary Anne Fassler
Chris Grech
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, can be reached at 650/871-4611.

This Month in Maltese History

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

February 23, 1983

A Libyan Arab Airlines plane was hijacked on Sunday, February 20th, 1983. The two hijackers took the crew and passengers hostage and told the Captain to fly to Sudan or Morocco. Since the flight was supposed to be only an internal flight inside Libya, the Captain told the hijackers that he didn't have enough fuel to fly anywhere outside of Libya except Malta.

Upon arriving at Luqa airport, the plane was finally given permission to land. The airport was completely sealed off and negotiations began. Prime Minister Dom Mintoff personally took charge of the negotiations, which finally ended 65 hours later. The hostages were released after Mintoff promised that he would do all that he could to find the hijackers a host country where they would receive political asylum.

2014 Calendar of Events

- March 15 St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
- April 5 Bus Trip to Graton Casino in Petaluma
- April 26 Family Pasta/Bingo
- 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 19 WSC Mystery Trip
- July 27 Club Picnic at Central Park
- August 16 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



Enclosed with this newsletter are flyers for upcoming events: Bus trip to Graton Casino and Family Pasta/Bingo.

Safety

Brian Ciappara reminded everyone of the importance in getting the Flu-shot. So far 60 people have died from the flu in the Greater Bay Area. It is not too late to get the Flu-shot. He also reported that on Sunday, March 16, 2014 between 9:30 am and 1:30 pm, the Blood Centers of the Pacific and the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Blood Drive at the Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall in South San Francisco. A free Cholesterol Testing with every donation. Please take a photo I.D. with you.

SAVE LIVES - FIND THE HERO IN YOU.

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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businesses.

Advertisers current or new,
please call Joe Tanti at
707/836-0347 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

Tuesday, March 11th, the ladies will be enjoying a corned beef and cabbage dinner cooked by our famous chef, Jimmy Frendo. The cost will be \$12.50 and the dinner will start promptly at 6:30

Knitting Group

By: Marlene Ebejer

The Knitting Group meets every Thursday at 6:30 at the Club. All are welcome to join. Marlene Ebejer reports that donations of yarn are greatly appreciated.

Welcome and Well-Being

By: Ann Azzopardi

Welcome to two new members: Jennifer DeBattista, daughter of Betty DeBattista and Anthony Domingues, grandson of Jim and Maria Frendo.

Mission of the Maltese-American Social Club

To preserve and enhance our rich Maltese heritage and culture by promoting and providing social, recreational, educational, and entertainment programs and activities for our members, their families, and guests.

THE 2014 DUES of \$60 ARE NOW DUE

In the January 2014 newsletter, the Club's balance sheet and income and expense statement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013 were attached. Those statements were prepared without outside audit. They were prepared by the Treasurer from the books and records of the Club.

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Call Brian Ciappara at 650-871-4611 or president@maltese-americanscsf.org 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.