

MALTESE - AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO, INC.

News Letter

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CLUB NEWS

At the February 22nd General Membership Meeting, 55 members were in attendance. The President welcomed everyone and after a short prayer by the Secretary, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Jeana Walker Flores, daughter of Mrs. May Walker, Mrs. Marilyn Caruana Ancelj wife of Mr. Anton Ancelj and daughter of Mr. Joe Caruana and Mrs. Margaret Caruana, Miss Grace Muscat sister of Mr. Joe Muscat, Mrs. Lina Galea and Mrs. Joan Borg and also for Mr. Zaren (Reno) Micallef, who had passed away that very same morning. Reno was the husband of Mrs. Lucy Micallef, and the brother of Manuel, Tony and Joe Micallef.

The President welcomed our newest member, Ms. Francesca Mizzi Anzueto who was approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting on February 15th.

Mr. Ciappara thanked Mr. Joe Vella for helping him install the spikes and netting that prevent pigeons from nesting on the Club's front door awning. He also thanked Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Betty DeBattista for going across the bay to buy the new ice machine. Big thanks go to Mr. Bob Smith, Mr. Dan Catania and Mr. Joe Vella for installing the ice machine. What would we do without volunteers?

Anyone who is interested in attending a training course in the use of the AED machine should contact the President. If enough members and their families would be willing to attend such training, then David Ciappara, who is a captain and chief paramedic of the fire department would be willing to do this training. The class would be given sometime in June or July. *Remember that you might be the one who could save the life of your loved one. Only, if you are trained.*

The President is still trying to work with the City of South San Francisco so that a Loading and Unloading Zone will be designated in front of our Club. Mr. Ciappara encouraged everyone to send their reservations in as early as possible for the St. Patrick's Dinner Dance which will be held on March 14th. Mark your calendars for the upcoming Family Pasta Bingo Night which will be held on April 11th.

Mr. Ciappara would like to inform all the members that from March 22nd to the end of May, the operations of the Club will be in the most capable hands of our Vice President, Mr. Joe Tanti. During this time the President will be on vacation in Malta.

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THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON
03/29/2015
- 10:30A.M.-

Rest in Peace

*Our deepest sympathies to
the families of*

**Raymond (Zaren)
Micallef**

Joe Chetcuti



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

UPCOMING MALTESE AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
DINNER DANCE

MARCH 14, 2015
@ 6 P.M.

FAMILY BINGO AND
PASTA DINNER

APRIL 11, 2015

*"Growth is never
by mere chance; it
is the result of forces
working together."*
-James Cash Penney

A MESSAGE FROM THE

Consul General

Hon Consul General (HCG)-Vella began his report by once again congratulating St. Paul of the Shipwreck Parish on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary serving the community at the Bayview, Hunters Point area. This parish and church are without a doubt, Maltese. In a way they memorialize the historical and biblical shipwreck of St. Paul and the beginning of Christianity in the island of Malta. A nice group of Maltese people were in attendance at the anniversary mass celebrated by the archbishop of San Francisco on Sunday February 8th.

HCG Vella wanted to remind the Maltese community about two very special events of historic proportions that will be taking place and that involve Malta.

The first is that Malta will be taking over the presidency of the Council of European Union in January 2017 for a period of 6 months. Each EU member country presides over the Council of EU for a 6 month term. This will be the first time that Malta will have this honor and we hope that the Maltese Community here in San Francisco will find ways how to celebrate and commemorate such an important event.

The second is that the city of Valletta –Malta has been selected to be the Cultural Capital City of Europe for 2018. This is also an enormous honor for Malta. Huge preparations are underway in Malta to mark this prestigious milestone and it is also our hope that the Maltese community in San Francisco will also celebrate this event in some special manner.

HCG Vella reminded everyone again that if they know of Maltese people who served in any branch of the US Military during the Korean War in the US, in Korea or in any other country to please let us know. Plans are in the works to recognize Maltese service men and women in November.

On a lighter note, HCG Vella told us that Sunday, February 22nd is the Oscar Awards show from Hollywood. This year the Oscars are more meaningful for the Maltese community because for the first time a Maltese film was submitted for Oscar awards nomination. Although it was not chosen it nevertheless opened the doors for future Maltese film makers to make a name in the film industry. HCG Vella pointed out to everyone that if they plan on watching the Oscars to pay special attention to the foreign language film category. This is the category that the Maltese film would have competed in if it was selected.

One more date that HCG Vella wanted to remind us about is the largest and most important Maltese celebration throughout the year. The event is, of course, Malta Day. The date for Malta Day this year is Saturday, September 12th 2015 at the South San Francisco Conference Center. He encouraged everyone to please mark their calendars and save the date.

Hon Consul General - Vella concluded by wishing everyone all the best and to keep up the good work.

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.

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THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by *Mona Vella-Nicholas*

FEBRUARY IN MALTESE HISTORY

February 21, 1961 - A notorious murder trial opens before Her Majesty's Criminal Court. Leli and Giga Camilleri are charged with murdering 8-year-old Anthony Aquilina in Valletta. Giga is Anthony's mother and Leli is his step-father. The boy was found in his home on August 23, 1960, partially beheaded. Leli is found guilty and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Giga is first sentenced to death, but her sentence is later reduced to life in prison. She serves 10 years and is released.

February 20, 1978 - The 400th anniversary of the consecration of St. John's Co-Cathedral is celebrated with a pontifical Mass by Archbishop Mercieca. This means that St. John's was consecrated in 1578!

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Axiag

Is your last name **Axiag**? If so, you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Axiag** is of Arabic origin. It is a personal name or a nickname and means "lover" or "sweetheart." This last name existed in Sicily as early as 1095 A.D.

Women's Social Committee

The Women's Social Committee's next meeting will be on Marc 10th. Meetings are every second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Knitting Group

The Ladies Knitting Group still meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, even spouses. Thank you to Mr. Charlie Catania for donating a large box of yarn!

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rent to members only. Call Brian Ciappara at (650) 303-6900 for information. Please pick up a form and guidelines from the Club.

Non- Responsibility Declaration:

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