

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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Club News

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At the April 27th General Membership Meeting, 66 members were in attendance. After a short prayer, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Anthony Spiteri, who passed away on April 12th. Tony, as he was popularly known, served as President of the Club for nine years.

The President thanked Mrs. Ninfa Pace and Mr. Nick Pace for organizing a bus trip to Graton Casino. He also thanked Mrs. Mary Smith and Mrs. Betty DeBattista and all the others who helped them to make the very successful Family Pasta Bingo night on April 26th. He also thanked Mr. Manuel Micallef and his helper for installing a new handrail at the stairs going up to the library, Mr. Joe Tanti for raising over \$2,000 from the advertisers, Mrs. Mary Smith and her daughter, Mrs. Terrie Aquino, for redoing the new advertisers' flyer and also Mr. and Mrs. James Rivera who donated two raffle tickets bought in the name of the Club for a raffle with prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Let's hope that the Club will be the lucky winner of one of the prizes. The President also thanked all the members and their families who attended the functions and encouraged everyone to render their support to the functions that are being organized.

On May 4th, the Maltese Heritage Association will have their annual Car Show at Lake Merced in San Francisco. On May 10th we will have the Mother's Day Dinner Dance, followed by a Father's Day Rabbit Dinner on June 14th.

Save the date of September 27th, for the big celebration of Malta Day and the 85th. Anniversary of our Club.

"If you have much, give
of your wealth; If you
have little, give of your
heart.

- Anonymous

"The summer months are here and I know that a large number of Maltese with their families will be visiting our beloved Island, Malta. This year my wife Carmen and I will be visiting also. This means that the Club will be left in the hand of our most capable Vice President, Mr. Joe Tanti. As all of you know, Joe led the Club as President for many years so I know that he will continue to do a great job. I ask each and everyone to help Joe in all that is needed at the Club; for this I thank you in advance. I hope that you would all have a nice, safe and restful summer. See you in July."

**Next General Membership Meeting will be held on
Sunday, May 25 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 info@maltese-americanscsf.org.

This Month in Maltese History

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

April 26, 1983

Malta and Libya each presented their case before the International Court of Justice regarding a dispute over territorial waters.

April 26, 1993

The Maltese people heard Foreign Minister Guido De Marco speak about Malta's European Union membership application in Brussels. (Malta was admitted to the EU in 2004.)

Report from Hon. Consul General

By: Louis Vella

It is my pleasure to address you once again, this time from our lovely island of Malta. Before I begin, my wife Lillian and I want to send our deepest and sincere condolences to the Spiteri family, friends and members of our club on the recent passing of Honorary and former president of the club, Mr. Anthony 'Tony' Spiteri. Tony's legacy especially at the Maltese American Social Club of San Francisco will be remembered for many years to come and his memory will remain in our hearts forever.

Yesterday, the capital city of Valletta was the toast of Malta as their soccer team won the highest honor in Maltese Soccer, as Champions of the Premier Soccer League by beating Birkirkara during the last game of the season.

Malta is inching towards the last few days before the election of Maltese Members of the European Parliament. The election campaign is in full swing. Elections of the Maltese Members of the European Parliament are set for May 24th.

Today, Sunday, many people in Malta and Gozo were glued to their TV's as they watched the canonizations of two popes as Saints. Pope John XXIII (23rd) and Pope John Paul II. Pope John Paul II came to Malta, twice on official visits and many Maltese have very fond memories and pictures of those visits.

This coming week, I have a meeting with the new President of Malta, Ms Marie Louise Coleiro Preca and I look forward to talk to her about our beautiful Maltese Community in the San Francisco Bay Area. I hope to bring with me a signed photograph of Her Excellency.

2014 Calendar of Events

- May 4 Maltese Heritage Car Show / Lake Merced
- May 10 Mother's Day Dinner/Dance
- June 14 Father's Day Rabbit Dinner
- 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



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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ADVERTISERS

Check the advertising page and mention the Club when you patronize these businesses.

Advertisers current or new, please contact Joe Tanti at vice-president@maltese-americanscsf.org, 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

At the last meeting the ladies enjoyed a movie and popcorn. Tuesday, May 13, the ladies will be enjoying salad and pizza. Meeting will start at 6:30.

Knitting Group

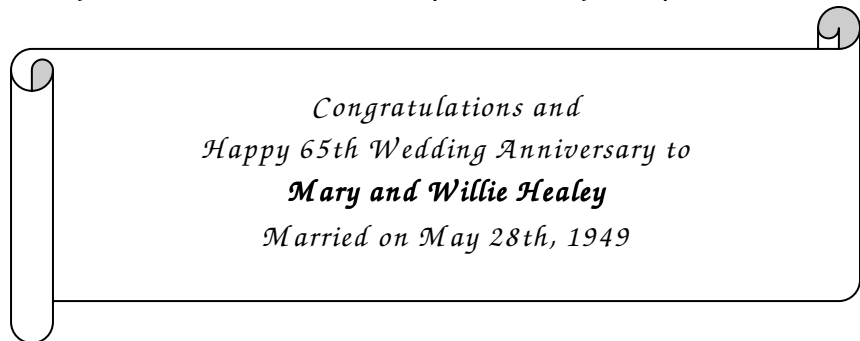
By: Marlene Ebejer

The knitting Group will resume meeting on Thursday at 6:30 at the Club. The Knitting Group is asking for donation of yarn. All are welcome to join.

Welcome and Well-Being

By: Ann Azzopardi

Sympathy Card and flowers were sent to the family of Anthony Spiteri Honorary Member of the Club who passed away on April 12th.



Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Brian Ciappara at 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.

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