

# Maltese American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.



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## **THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
AT  
10:30 A.M.**

## MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friend, at the General Membership meeting that was held on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, fifty-six (56) members were in attendance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of our long-time member Angelo Dimech who entered eternal life on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Last month we welcomed three new members...Charlie Mizzi of Hayward and A.J. Magri and Joey Brenner of San Francisco. We hope that we will see them at the Club's social events and at the meetings.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Joe Attard, through his lawyer, submitted to the Superior Court of San Mateo County, a Request for Dismissal with Prejudice, of the lawsuit in which the Maltese-American Social Club and President Brian Ciappara were the defendants. The Court granted the Dismissal Request. "With Prejudice" means that Joe Attard cannot sue the Maltese Club again regarding his expulsion from the Club. Some other settlements are still in progress and more information will be given out when comes available. We are still in contact with our Directors and Officers insurance carrier regarding the reimbursement of funds that we paid to our lawyer.

The Family Pasta Bingo Night that was held on April 8<sup>th</sup> was a Super Success. About one hundred and forty-one (141) people attended. Over sixty-four (64) prizes were raffled off and many people walked out with two and even three prizes. Many thanks to all those who attended, to our Entertainment Chairperson Karen Borg, and to all the others who worked so hard to make this event so much fun. I don't want to miss thanking Devon (Kathy Borg's son) who is our new kitchen helper apprentice. Devon worked very hard helping Master Chefs, Jimmy Frendo and Dan Catania, who prepared all the food for us. Thank you.

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## Rest In Peace

*Our deepest sympathy  
to the family of*

*Angelo Dimech*



*Eternal rest grant unto  
him O' Lord and may  
perpetual light shine  
upon him. May he rest  
in peace.*

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## Upcoming Maltese Community Events

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Mother's Day  
Dinner Dance

May 13<sup>th</sup>

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FATHER'S DAY 50's  
DINNER DANCE

June 17<sup>th</sup>

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God could not be  
everywhere, so he  
created mothers.

Jewish Proverb

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On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, fifty-eight (58) people, attended a fun filled Family Bowling Night at Sea Bowl in Pacifica. Thirty-eight (38) persons bowled while the others preferred to watch. Pizza and soda were provided. This event was very well organized by Karen Borg and her sister Kathy. It was amazing to see how many good bowlers we have in the Maltese community. Karen plans to hold another bowling night in the future. Thank you, Karen and Kathy.

James and Eleonora Mizzi Rivera donated a brand-new microwave oven and a chafing dish to the Club. The microwave oven has already been put in service and the chafing dish will be used at our next social function. Thank you very much for your generosity.

We have had four roofing contractors come to the Club to give us estimates for re-roofing the Club. As soon as their estimates are received, they will be forwarded to the House Committee for evaluation and a contract will be signed so that the work will begin. After the roof is completed, the sheetrock damage will be repaired, the dance floor refurbished and the carpet cleaned. This project is going to cost a lot of money, so any donation towards this costly project will be greatly appreciated.

The Bylaws Revision Committee is asking all the members to give their input regarding which sections of the Bylaws they feel need to be revised. Please send in your suggestions by mail to the Secretary of the Club so that the committee members can start their work.

The next social event is the Mother's Day Dinner Dance, to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Let's all get together and honor our beloved Mothers. On June 17<sup>th</sup>, a 50's themed Father's Day Dinner Dance will be held. Ladies put on your poodle skirts and gentlemen put on your t-shirts and jeans! Come and enjoy a great meal and let's dance the night away to some great 50's music. **Where did those days go?** A flier is included in this newsletter, so please send in your reservations early.

Please note that the May General Membership Meeting will not be held on the last Sunday of the month which is May 28<sup>th</sup> as it is the Memorial Day weekend. Instead it will be held a week earlier on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am. After the meeting, the Maltese Historical Association will be having the Maltese Elders Assembly. This event, which is by invitation only, is for Maltese people and/or their spouses who because of age, are unable to get out very much anymore. Anyone is welcome to visit with the elders, before or after the luncheon.

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Maltese Cross Foundation will be holding its annual Mnarja Picnic. As it has been for many years, there will not be a General Membership Meeting in the month of June so that everyone can attend this picnic which raises money to support the Educational Scholarship Program that Maltese students can apply for. Some of the profits are distributed to

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## Grievance Committee

Rose Borg  
Barbara Fenech  
Charlie Catania  
Bart Borg  
Mary Anne Fassler

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## Entertainment Committee

### CHAIRPERSON:

Karen Borg

### CO-CHAIRPERSON:

Jennifer DeBattista

Rose Borg  
Kathy Borg  
Mary Vella  
Carmen Micallef  
Ninfa Pace  
Rose Vassallo  
Laurie Scribner  
Mary Anne Fassler

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*Thank you to those  
of you who  
volunteer their time  
and talents so we  
can all enjoy the  
many activities at the  
Maltese American  
Social Club*

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Id-Dar tal-Providenza in Malta, a house for physically and mentally challenged people, and also to Id-Dar tal-Kleru, a house that takes care of the retired clergy in Malta.

Please remember to keep Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> open so that together we can all celebrate Malta Day, which will be held at the South San Francisco Conference Center. The Malta Day organizing committee is already planning the great event. More information will be announced as it becomes available.

Hope to see you all at the Cub's social events and at the meetings.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE

### *Honorable Consul General of Malta*

Hon Consul General (HCG) Louis J. Vella was not able to join us at the April 30<sup>th</sup> General Meeting as he was in Malta. However, he did send a message to the President and asked him to convey to the members.

He informed us that he had several meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs regarding Maltese passports in California. He also had very promising meetings with the Prime Minister and the President of Malta. Primarily they discussed the Maltese community in the San Francisco Bay Area.

He also reminded us that at the end of May, a Maltese TV crew will be filming a program on the Maltese community in the San Francisco Bay Area. Anyone interested in this program should let him or Mr. Ciappara know.

### *Entertainment Committee*

The Mother's Day Dinner Dance is on May 13<sup>th</sup> and the Father's Day Dinner Dance will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Flyer for the Father's Day function is attached.

### *Women's Social Committee*

*Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m.*

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## Club Hours

**Sunday and Holidays**  
9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

**Monday and  
Wednesday**  
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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### LIBRARY

*Take some time  
and drop in to visit  
our library on  
Sundays from 10:00  
am to Noon.*

*Mona Vella-Nicholas,  
Librarian, can be reached  
at 650-589-4578.*

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## THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

*by Mona Vella-Nicholas*

### APRIL IN MALTESE HISTORY

*April 1942 --- The 47 Maltese who have been exiled to Uganda in February under suspicion of being pro-Italian file an appeal. The Maltese Court of Appeals sides with the exiles; however, the 47 remain incarcerated in Uganda for almost three more years. They are finally allowed to return to Malta in March of 1945.*

*April 9, 1942 --- Mosta's Rotunda Church is bombed by German aircraft. It is a Thursday afternoon and over 250 people have gathered in the church for the weekly Holy Hour devotion. The first bomb ruptures the dome, hits a fresco of Jesus and the Apostles on*

### Origin of Maltese Last Names

#### *Debono*

Is your last name **Debono**? If so, you may be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Debono** is of Italian origin. "Bono" was used as a first name in parts of Italy. It comes from the Latin "bonus", which means "good" or "kind." In modern Italian, it can also mean "good-natured." The last name dates back to the 15th century in Malta.



*Welcome to the newest members of the club:  
A.J. Magri and her husband, Joey Brenner!*

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## *Support Our Advertisers*

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check the  
advertising pages  
and remember to  
mention the Club  
when you patronize  
these businesses*

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americanSCSF.org](http://www.maltese-americanSCSF.org)

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*New members,  
are always  
welcome.  
Encourage your  
family and  
Maltese friends,  
young and old, to  
become members  
of the Maltese-  
American Social  
Club*

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## *Correspondence*

*As a reminder to every member, all correspondence, except for payment of events and/or dues, should be addressed to the attention of the secretary, Mary Vella Gomes.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENT FOR ALL FUNCTIONS MUST BE MADE BY CHECK, ISSUED TO THE MALTESE AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB AND SENT TO THE ATTENTION OF NINFA PACE.**

**IF YOU ARE PAYING FOR MORE THAN ONE FUNCTION, PLEASE PROVIDE SEPARATE CHECKS. NO CASH PLEASE. THANK YOU.**

## **Hall Rental**

The Hall is available for rent to members only. Please call Brian Ciappara at 650-303-6900 for information and pick up a 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.

*Newsletter is created by Mary Vella Gomes with the approval of  
the Board of Directors*