

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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Club News

The Malta Day Dinner and Dance, which was held at the South San Francisco Conference Center, was very successful. The food and service were wonderful. Planning has already begun for our next Malta Day event for 2014. A committee has already begun planning this event which will be the 50th Anniversary of Malta's Independence, as well as the 85th Anniversary of the Maltese-American Social Club. If you are interested in joining the Malta Day 2014 Committee, please contact one of the Board of Directors.

At the September General Membership Meeting, the following members were elected to be on the Nominating Committee:

Brian Ciappara
Mary Anne Fassler
Nick Pace
Tony Spiteri
Joe Vella/Mgarr

If any member would like to nominate themselves or know of someone that may be interested in running for the Board and are a member in good standing, over 21, and has attended at least two General Membership Meetings in the last year, they should contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. Tony Spiteri has resigned from the Nominating Committee, therefore another member will be nominated at the October General Membership Meeting to fill Tony's place.

Please check out our new website, which was created for our Club by Dennis Simmons. There is a lot of information and a lot of pictures for events that happened this year, as well as past events.

The website is: www.maltese-americanscsf.org

Mission Statement 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 friends

**Next General Membership Meeting will be held on
Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Joseph Tanti

Vice President: Brian Ciappara

Secretary: Frank Agius

Asst. Secretary: Ann Azzopardi

Treasurer: Joseph Vella

Asst. Treasurer: Ninfa Pace

Parliamentarian: Mary Anne Fassler

Sergeant-At-Arms: George Borg

Auditors: Louis J. Vella
Mona Nicholas

*"It's not whether you get
knocked down, it's whether
you get up."*

*- Vince Lombardi, Legendary
football coach*

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

Library

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

Library hours are Sundays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Mona Vella-Nicholas, Librarian. The following have been donated to the Club Library:

Festa Santa Marija, 2013, put out by the Socjeta Flarmonika Nicolo Isouard of Mosta and Festa, 2013 put out by the Socjeta Filarmonika Marija Mtellgha s-Sema of Mgarr. Both booklets were donated by Louis Vella. The first contains an article by Louis Vella on the late Paul Vella of San Francisco, a longtime member of the Club. The second booklet contains messages from local Bay Area Maltese who originally hailed from Mgarr.

As for Federation of Maltese Living Abroad (FMLA) business, the time has come for nominations by member associations to the FMLA executive board. The election will take place in November for two-year terms starting next January. The Club's Board of Directors has chosen to nominate three candidates: Mona Nicholas of San Bruno, California; Millie Meyer of Los Angeles, California; and Susan Schembri of Vancouver, British Columbia.

This Month in Maltese History

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

September 8, 1565

The Turkish siege of Malta, which started in May of 1565, finally ended on September 8th of the same year. The Ottoman Empire was defeated and left Malta in a hurry to get home before the winter storms began. The Sultan died a few years later. September 8th, or "Otto Settembre" is still celebrated as a holiday in Malta today.

September 21, 1964

In 1964, the Maltese voted on a constitutional referendum. This referendum, which passed by 54.5% of the vote, declared Malta an independent state. The referendum went into effect on September 21, 1964, and so September 21st is celebrated each year as Independence Day, or "Jum l-Indipendenza."

2013 Calendar of Events

October 26	Halloween Party
November 9	Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip
December 14	Children's Christmas Party
December 31	New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance

Please remember to include your coupon from the flyers.

Please check the flyer attached for the following upcoming event:

- **Halloween Party**
- **Thunder Valley Casino Bus Trip**



GRIEVANCE
COMMITTEE

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

Women’s Social Committee

Chairpersons: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey

The next WSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8 starting at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing our Christmas dinner and make a decision as to where we will be going. Please bring your checkbook with you to the meeting.

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.

SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS

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

Advertisers current or new, please contact Brian Ciappara if you would like to be a sponsor. This Newsletter goes out to over 200 members monthly.

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.

Welcome and Well-Being

By: Ann Azzopardi

Get Well Cards were sent to Joe Vella of Burlingame.

Welcome to our newest member Ron Mifsud of Belmont.

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.