

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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Club News

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A couple of events that have just happened this past month - one was our Member Appreciation Picnic. We had 324 registered members, families and friends in attendance and many others that attended on their own. This was a terrific showing. We would like to thank all those who attended but especially to all who helped in setting up, serving, cooking and buying the food as well as transporting tables for this yearly event. Thank you to Josephine Muscat for donating toys for the children's games and to Dan Catania for donating a Bocce Ball Set.

The winners of the raffle prizes were as follows:

1st prize \$200.00 Cash - Nick Attard

2nd prize \$25.00 Gas Gift Card - Betty DeBattista

3rd prize \$25.00 Gas Gift Card - Rose Mizzi

4th prize 2 Bottles of Wine - Denise Williams

The Santa Maria Dinner held on August 24th was very successful. We had 13 children in the procession with their families in attendance. We had approximately 120 people that enjoyed a delicious catered dinner with special attention to the children serving them spaghetti and meat balls. A very heartfelt thank you to the servers and helpers especially Betty DeBattista, Maria Frendo, Carmen Micallef and Mary Smith and Josephine Muscat for running the raffle. A BIG thank you to Larry Meilak for donating the \$100.00 he won as a raffle prize.

Congratulations to our new Honorary Members - Charlie Catania, Woodside and Dennis Summut, owner of Artichokes Joe's, San Bruno.

***Next General Membership Meeting will be held
on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.***

*"Old age is like a plane
flying through a storm.
Once you're aboard there's
nothing you can do."*

- Golda Meir, Israeli political leader

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:

Two cookbooks by the same author, Mary Vassallo, a Maltese-Australian. They are titled Maltese Cooking and Maltese Cooking, Volume 2. These books were donated to the Club by Rita Goldberg.

This Month in Maltese History

By: Mona Vella-Nicholas

August 15, 1942

With the Axis powers bombing every convoy attempting to bring food to a besieged Malta, the Maltese were close to starvation. On this date, a convoy carrying much-needed food and supplies limped into the Grand Harbor. The official name of this operation was "Operation Pedestal," but because it arrived on the feast of the Assumption, the Maltese know it as the "Santa Maria Convoy."

August 18, 1565

In an attempt to take Fort St. Angelo, the Turkish Army launched ten attacks against the fort, finally knocking down a huge part of the walls on August 18th. This was only a partial victory, however, for after a battle led by Jean de la Vallette, the Ottoman soldiers were pushed back and failed in their attempt to take the fort.

2013 Calendar of Events

September 21	Malta Day Dinner/Dance
October 5	Pasta Dinner & Bingo
October 26	Halloween Party
November 9	Jackson 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 - especially for Malta Day Dinner. We need to know what your entree choices are. We must have your reservations by September 15.

Please check the flyer attached for the following upcoming event:

- **Malta Day**
- **Pasta Dinner & Bingo**



GRIEVANCE
COMMITTEE

Rose Borg, Chairperson

Barbara Fenech
Doris Reinke
Manuel Micallef
Joe Vella (ta Mgarr)

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 Brian Ciappara, 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

There was no WSC meeting in August. The next WSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10.

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 Rose Mizzi and Mary Azzopardi, both from San Bruno.

Welcome to our newest members: Nick Borg of South San Francisco, Charles Farrugia of San Francisco and to Ron Mifsud of San Carlos. Hope to see you at our meetings and at our functions.

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.