

Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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Club News

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Mona Nicholas

At our last meeting, we had 51 members present. The meeting was presided over by Brian Ciappara. The President thanked all the members that attended the meeting. A minute of silence was held in memory of Joan Pace, Maria Gatt and Carmelo "Charlie" Borg who passed away in these last few weeks. Flowers were sent to their funerals and one family opted to send money to Id-Dar tal Providenza instead of flowers.

The President thanked all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Club's Annual Picnic such a great success. The winners of the raffle are as follows: 1st Prize \$200.00 – Frank "Cikku" Agius, 2nd Prize Two Tickets to Malta Day Dinner – Larry Meilak.

Big thanks also go to the volunteers that made the Santa Maria Dinner a great event and to those members that donated gifts for the raffles. There are so many people that work behind the scenes to make every event so great, that there is no room in this newsletter to name them all individually. Nevertheless, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for your dedication to the success of our Club.

The President welcomed two new members. Ms. Mary Vella Trent and Ms. Rose Agius-Dankwerth. We hope that we will see you at the Club's activities and Membership Meetings.

Please note that because of the Malta Day Celebration on September 27th. the General Membership Meeting will be held on September 21st. This meeting is a very important because as prescribed by our By-Laws, the members present shall elect five (5) members in good standing to form the Nominating Committee.

"Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss you will
land among the stars."

- Les Brown, Band
Leader

The invitations for the Malta Day Celebration have been sent out. Please send in your RSVP cards together with the checks as soon as possible so that preparations will be made. Air Malta has graciously donated two round-trip tickets to wherever they fly. The tickets will be raffled off at the Celebration.

**Next General Membership Meeting will be held
on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.**

This Month in Maltese History

By: *Mona Vella-Nicholas*

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

August 23, 1959

An 8-year-old boy was found murdered in Valletta.

August 23, 1968

Princess Sofia of Greece visited Malta on her holidays. She later married King Juan Carlos of Spain, thus becoming Queen Sofia of Spain. In June, 2014, King Juan Carlos announced his intention to abdicate, after nearly 40 years on the throne, in favor of his and Sofia's son, 45-year-old Crown Prince Felipe.

Royalty Alert--- Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge and wife of Prince William, arrives in Malta on September 20th!

Message from the Consul General

HCG-Vella brought to the attention of everyone present at the meeting that unfortunately every month we are having moments of silence to honor Maltese members and friends who passed away. It is becoming even more important that we capture the history and stories of this older generation of Maltese immigrants who are slowly leaving us. To this end HCG-Vella mentioned that he has been having meetings and discussions with the highest authorities of the church in Malta to introduce Funeral Rites for cremated remains that may from time to time be sent to Malta from the US and other countries around the world. Until now these funeral rites did not exist in Malta. This is being pursued to make it easier for Maltese to intern their loved ones in Malta according to the families' wishes. The church authorities in Malta have been very receptive, interested and accommodating to these requests. Discussions were very successful and these funeral rites are now part of the Church's liturgy in Malta.

HCG-Vella report covered events that are dominating the news and particular, issues that involve Malta and the United States. In a few days HCG Vella will make a trip to San Diego to participate as guest to the San Diego Maritime Museum to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the tragic event that killed 7 Maltese servicemen at sea near Malta on 7th September 1984. HCG-Vella will be representing Malta during this ceremony. Anyone interested is welcome to join. The memorial will take place on the waters of the San Diego Bay on a patrol boat that was donated to Malta by the US Government and is now docked in San Diego. The Maltese and US flags that will be flown on the patrol boat and together with a proclamation will be handed to HCG Vella at the conclusion of the ceremony to be donated to Malta Armed Forces and Malta Police later on.

HCG-Vella report covered the popular summer season of the Festas in Malta and Gozo. Most popular of which are the feasts of St. Helena(Birkirkara), St. Bartholomew(Gharghur) Santa Maria(Mgarr-Malta, Zebbug-Gozo) Santa Katerina(Zurrieq) Our Lady of Loreto(Ghajnsielem) Il-Vitorja(Senglea, Naxxar, Mellieha, Xaghra-Gozo) Our Lady of Gaces(Zabbar, Victoria-Gozo) and many others. These feasts will be celebrated in various towns and villages in Malta and Gozo between August 24th and the day of our next meeting on Sunday, Sept 21st

HCG-Vella reminded everyone that the invitations for Malta Day for the members of the Maltese Club have already been mailed out. Other invitations from other Maltese organizations will be mailed out within a week. Malta Day will be celebrated on 27th September with the Prime Minister of Malta as our honored guest. Please reserve your place early by sending the RSVP cards.

2014 Calendar of Events

- 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

***Remember when you are paying for an event,
please pay by check and not cash.***



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

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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.

Women's Social Committee

Chairpersons: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey

Sept. 9, the ladies will be enjoying a pasta dinner cooked by Jimmy.

Knitting Group

By: Marlene Ebejer

The knitting Group meets every Thursday at 6:30 at the Club. All are welcome to join.

Welcome and Well-Being

By: Ann Azzopardi

A **Get Well Card** was sent to Monte Borg. **Sympathy Cards** were sent to the families of Joan Pace, Carmelo Borg and Maria Gatt.

Welcome to new members Rose Agius Dankwerth and Mary Vella Trent.



Congratulations

Nick and Ninfa Pace on the birth of their first great-grandchild born on July 25.

Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Joe Tanti at vice-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.