

# Maltese American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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## September 2015 – CLUB NEWS

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### A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends and members, at the General membership Meeting held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> forty-eight (48) members were present. The President welcomed everyone. On August 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the feast of Santa Maria with a dinner that was well attended. The children that were in the procession in front of the statue of Our Lady, looked angelic. As usual, a lot of volunteers worked very hard to organize this event, and for this, I would like to say a big THANK YOU!

On September 12<sup>th</sup> we shall celebrate Malta day at the South San Francisco Convention Center. Please send your RSVP cards as soon as possible. It is of utmost importance. Please mark your calendars for October 3<sup>rd</sup> when we will be having a Family Pasta Bingo Night. A flier is included in this newsletter.

Thanks go to Mr. Charlie Healy and Mr. Tony Caruana who came up with the idea of having a photo album which will have 3"x3" photos of Club members that passed away. Mr. Healy and Mr. Caruana will be maintaining this album which will be kept at the club's library. Please note that a "Release of Information Form" would have to be completed by the deceased's closest family member for the picture together with date of birth and date of entering eternal life, to be included in the album.

The Board of directors are discussing various requests by the teenagers that visit our club. Master Antoine Borg (son of Rita and George) collected these requests and presented them to the Board. More information will be provided in future meetings and newsletters.

Please keep the members that are sick, and their families who are taking care of them, in your prayers. Thank you.

### THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

**AT  
10:30A.M.**

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# Rest in Peace

*Our deepest sympathy to the  
families of*

Monte Borg &  
Vincent Zarb



*Eternal rest grant unto  
them O' Lord and may  
the perpetual light shine upon  
them...*

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## UPCOMING MALTESE COMMUNITY EVENTS

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MALTA DAY

(A MALTESE  
COMMUNITY EVENT)  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

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ST. PAUL OF THE  
SHIPWRECK 100<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
DINNER

SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

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MALTESE HERITAGE  
ASSOCIATION & THE  
MALTESE  
ORGANIZATIONS OF  
THE SF BAY AREA  
IN THE  
ITALIAN HERITAGE  
DAY PARADE  
OCTOBER 11, 2015

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**“What we do in life  
echoes in eternity.”**

**-The Gladiator**

A MESSAGE FROM THE

*Honorable Consul General of Malta*

At the August general membership meeting, Hon Consul General (HCG)-Louis J. Vella addressed those present and talked about a recent trip him and his wife did to Los Angeles to meet and welcome the Special Olympics contingent from Malta who came to Los Angeles to compete at the Special Olympics World Games. The games were officially opened by first lady Mrs. Michelle Obama during a spectacular evening at the famous LA Memorial Stadium.

Accompanying the Maltese Team was Mrs. Michelle Muscat wife of the Prime Minister of Malta and her delegation. Mrs. Muscat is the honorary president of Special Olympics Malta. Supporting, cheering and spending time with the Special Olympics athletes from every corner of the world was truly an amazing and most rewarding experience. The US team won the most medals but the Maltese team with a total of 24 medals did exceptionally well too.

HCG Vella introduced a young university student who was his guest at the club. This young student's mother is Maltese and he was visiting from Europe to complete an internship at the San Francisco Sheriff Dept. His parents live in Malta but he lives and attends University in England.

Mr. Vella told us that as far as the biometric requirements for Maltese passports, it looks like after so many meetings and discussions there is indeed a light at the end of the tunnel and it is not an oncoming train. It appears that during the first half of next year we may have the visit of a Maltese government official who will bring along a portable machine capable of capturing fingerprints, and other data needed for new and renewed Maltese passports. There are a lot more details that need to be ironed out and more information will be provided as this becomes available.

Malta Day is the most celebrated day for Maltese American families and Communities wherever they may live. This year Malta Day in the SF Bay Area will be celebrated on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at the South San Francisco Conference Center. Invitations are out and reservations are coming in. Remember to send in yours as soon as possible.

HCG Vella expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the cooperative and harmonious way all Maltese groups in the Bay Area support each other. Malta Day is a prime example where the entire Maltese Community and all the organizations (Maltese Club, Maltese Cross Found, Maltese Heritage Assoc, St. Elizabeth Maltese Soc, Millbrae-Mosta Sister Cities Comm, St. Paul Shipwreck, Maltese Historical Soc,) are placing their combined efforts and talents together to make Malta Day 2015 another memorable event.

On Monday morning September 21<sup>st</sup> the Mayor of San Francisco has invited members of the Maltese Community to celebrate Malta at City Hall in San Francisco. The number of guests is limited. Everyone is welcome especially children ages 7yrs to 12yrs. To reserve a spot or to obtain more information please contact the office of the Hon Consul General at, 650-631-8200 or [malteseconsulate@yahoo.com](mailto:malteseconsulate@yahoo.com). Hon Consul General-Vella ended by thanking all those who never get tired promoting Malta in California and throughout the United States. Keep up the good work and well done indeed.

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## Grievance Committee

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CARMEN MICALLEF

DOLORES REINKE

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## Entertainment Committee

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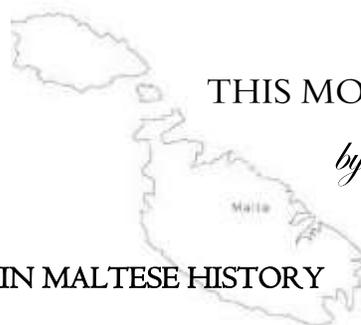
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*Thank you to everyone who  
volunteers their time at the  
Maltese – American Social  
Club.*



## THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

*by Mona Vella-Nicholas*

### IN MALTESE HISTORY

In honor of the 450th anniversary of the Great Siege, this month's entries give us some insight into the events occurring in Malta those many years ago.

*August 7, 1565* - Leonardo Crispo de Sira, a Greek soldier and one of Grand Master de la Valette's personal bodyguards, is seriously injured during violent fighting against the Ottoman army. He is taken to Birgu, where there is an infirmary, to be treated, subsequently dying of his wounds.

*August 19, 1565* - After several unsuccessful attacks on Birgu and Fort St. Michael, Ottoman leaders are in turmoil as some of their troops refuse to fight. Others, however, agree to partake in further attacks.

*August 20, 1565* - Grand Master de la Valette learns of the death of Master Marco, his Maltese tailor, who had fought bravely in Birgu, which withstands wave after wave of Ottoman soldiers.

## Origin of Maltese Last Names

*Bonello*



Is your last name **Bonello**? If so, you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Bonello** is an Italian personal name, a diminutive form of **Bono**, meaning "good" or "virtuous." **Bonellus** appears as a first name in Sicily as early as 1290 and even earlier as a last name. It is thought that the Maltese version came originally from Calabria.

## Women's Social Committee

The Women's Social Committee was off for the month of August. Their next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## The Ladies Knitting Group

The Ladies Knitting Group still meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

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## Club Hours

**SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS**  
9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.

**MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS**  
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

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SUNDAYS 10:00AM TO  
12:00 NOON.

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THIS NEWSLETTER WAS  
CREATED BY LISA GHIGLIERI  
WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rent to members only. Call Brian Ciappara at (650) 303-6900 for information. Please 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.

# 2015

## Maltese-American Social Club Calendar of Events

***Please Remember that when you are paying for an event to pay by check not cash.***

- September 12<sup>th</sup> Malta Day
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Bingo and Pasta Dinner
- October 24<sup>th</sup> Halloween Party
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

