

Maltese American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.



924 El Camino Real
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Telephone: 650-871-4611

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brian Ciappara
650-952-7970

Vice President: Joe DeBattista
650-438-2561

Secretary: Mary Vella Gomes
415-468-3747

Assistant Secretary: Carmen Micallef
415-586-2597

Treasurer: Joseph Vella
650-348-1545

Asst. Treasurer: Ninfa Pace
650-697-1079

Parliamentarian: Michael Pace
415-760-3329

Sergeant-At-Arms: George Borg

Auditors: Louis Vella
Mona Vella Nicholas

**THE NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17th
at
10:30 a.m.**

SEPTEMBER 2017

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends, at the August General Membership meeting, sixty-seven (67) members were present. We welcomed our newest member Jessica Danelon from Castro Valley, Ca. as well as John and Cynthia Wheeler, their daughter Tatum and son Brandon. The Wheeler family showed great interest in joining as members of our Club.

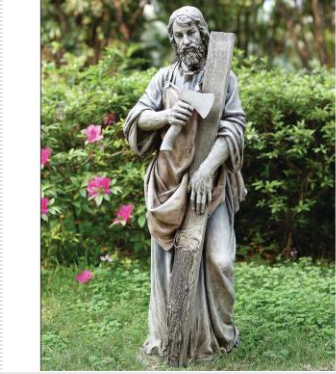
The August 12th Santa Maria dinner was very well attended. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who worked hard to make this event so special. A big thank you to the children that took part in the procession ahead of the statue of the Assumption of Santa Maria.

On Saturday, August 26th, a day trip to Cache Creek Casino was organized by none other than Ninfa and Nick Pace. Thanks a lot Ninfa and Nick. Thanks also to all those who brought goodies for all of us to share on the bus. Please note that there might be another Casino Day Trip sometime in November.

Since the new roof has been installed, we have been able to start the needed inside repairs. The door that leads from the Library onto the roof was rotted and has been replaced by Manuel Micallef. Next, we will be replacing all the water stained ceiling tiles, replace and paint the damaged sheet rock, refurbish the dance floor, install a hand rail, fix the light in the president's office and clean the carpet. After all this work is done, the Club will look as good as new.

I am glad to inform all the members that, after a lot of back and forth discussions with the carrier of our Directors and Officers insurance, we managed to recoup \$9,044. The lawsuit that was brought against the Club was decided in our favor and is now closed.

By the time that you receive this newsletter, you should have received the invitation for the Malta Day Celebration. Please return your reservation



***St. Joseph, the Carpenter
Patron Saint of Workers***

Upcoming Maltese Community Events

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

MALTA DAY

SEPTEMBER 23RD

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

PASTA BINGO NIGHT

OCTOBER 7TH

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**ITALIAN PRIDE
PARADE**

OCTOBER 8TH

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**ST. PAUL OF THE
SHIPWRECK
CRAB FEED**

OCTOBER 21ST

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 21ST

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

“He who works with his hands is a laborer. He who works with his hands and his head is a craftsman. He who works with his hand and his head and his heart is an artist”

St. Francis of Assisi

as soon as possible. **Do not leave it for the last minute.** In case you have not received the invitation, or you know of someone who did not receive it and would like to attend, please let one of the Board of Directors know so that we will make sure that an invitation is sent to them immediately. Please remember that the reservations must be received by September 16th. Seating arrangements will be made as soon as the reservations are received.

I would like to show my appreciation to the Maltese Heritage Association and to the Maltese Cross Foundation for donating \$300 each towards the Malta Day Celebration, to Barbara Fenech who donated the wine and to John Sant who donated \$100. Thank you all very much for your continued support.

On Saturday, October 7th, the club is organizing another very popular Family Pasta Bingo night. Bring your family and friends and have fun testing your luck while enjoying a nice and tasty pasta dinner. The flier for this event is attached. Please send your reservations early. Donations for the raffle prizes are now being accepted.

On Sunday, October 8th, be sure to join the Maltese Heritage Association and the Maltese Club at the Italian Pride Parade in San Francisco. Bring your family and let us all show off our Maltese Pride to the thousands of people that flock the streets of San Francisco to watch the parade. The flier for this event is included in this newsletter.

On Saturday, October 21st, St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church in San Francisco will be holding a Crab Feed. The flier for this event is also included in this newsletter. I hope that a lot of members will support this worthy fund-raising event.

Included in this newsletter you will find the flier for the Club's Family Halloween Party which will be held on Saturday, October 21st. This event is not only for the kids but also for all those who are still kids at heart. Put on your costume and come and have fun at the Club.

On Sunday, November 12th, another Family Bowling afternoon will be held. Please save the date for this fun filled afternoon. The flier with all the information will be included in next month's newsletter.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17th, at 10:30 am. According to our Bylaws, Article II, Section 3a, at this meeting the members present have to nominate five (5) members in good standing to form the Nominating Committee. The duty of this Committee is to nominate at least one (1) member in good standing to each office of the Board of Directors, for the year 2018. I encourage every member to attend this very important meeting.

Thank you. Sahnha

Grievance Committee

Rose Borg
Barbara Fenech
Charlie Catania
Bart Borg
Mary Anne Fassler

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

*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*

A MESSAGE FROM THE

Honorable Consul General of Malta

Hon Consul General (HCG) Louis J. Vella extended his heartfelt greetings to all gathered at the meeting on Sunday morning August 27th. He extended special welcome back to those who had just returned with a beautiful tan from their wonderful Summer vacation in Malta. He reminded everyone to be kind to each other particularly since that Sunday was known as "Global Forgiveness Day". Not that many people knew that such a celebration existed but indeed it does.

HCG Vella then introduced his two special guests from Malta who were visiting the San Francisco Bay Area and who were present at the meeting. Mr. Francis Deguara and his wife Mary were asked to stand and be acknowledged with a nice, warm and welcoming round of applause. Mr. Deguara is a member of the City Council of Mosta in Malta. He is also the editor of the annual magazine that is produced by the Nicolo' Isouard Band Club in Mosta on the occasion of the festa of Santa Maria. He has been doing this for years and is still at it. Besides the Maltese Club, Mr. & Mrs. Deguara will also have a courtesy call on the Mayor of Millbrae, and will be meeting with the Mosta-Millbrae Sister Cities Commission to share issues of common interests.

MALTA DAY 2017: HCG Vella shared that although there was still more work to be done, preparations for this year's Malta Day event are well under way. Saturday, September 23rd is going to be another beautiful occasion for all Maltese Americans and their friends to commemorate our rich history and proud heritage. Invitations will be going out in a few days. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend and bring family and friends along. This year for Malta Day we will have a TV Crew from Malta. They will record short interviews with different people and they will also capture the beautiful atmosphere at the venue. The recorded material will then become part of the Valletta 2018 celebrations in Malta. As most of you know Valletta, the capital city of Malta has received the distinct honor of being voted as the European Capital City for Culture. Great festivities, and numerous cultural events to celebrate and commemorate this occasion will be taking place throughout the year.

MALTESE PASSPORTS: HCG Vella reminded everyone that on November 18th and 20th, a representative from the Embassy of Malta in Washington DC will be at his office located at 50, Victoria Avenue Suite 103, Millbrae, to assist with the issuance of new or renewed Maltese Passport. All documents and fees will have to be approved by the Embassy prior to an appointment. If interested or if you have any questions, please do

Club Hours

Sunday and Holidays

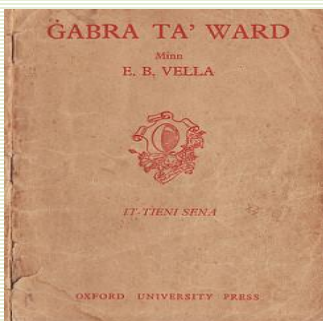
9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

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.



LIBRARY

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

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

not hesitate to contact the office of the Hon Consul of Malta at malteseconsulate@yahoo.com or 650-631-8200.

In October, HCG Vella will be attending the annual meeting of the Council of Maltese Living Abroad (CMLA). At these meetings, many topics that involve or affect the lives of Maltese people living abroad will be discussed and presented to the concerned authorities in Malta. If anyone has any ideas, issues or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Maltese Consulate office by calling 650-631-8200 or email at malteseconsulate@yahoo.com.

Please remember that the Maltese Heritage Association and the office of the Hon Consul General of Malta will be participating in the annual Italian Heritage Parade along the streets of North Beach in San Francisco on Sunday, October 8th. All Maltese-Americans and all Maltese organizations are welcome to join in. Supporting and participating in activities organized by the Maltese Club and by the various Maltese organizations is crucial to the preservation of our Maltese Culture and Identity.

Always remember that, *it is not what we take but what we give that make us rich.*

Entertainment Committee

There was a good turnout at The Santa Maria Dinner on August 12th and everyone enjoyed themselves listening to the music and watching the children process with the Madonna. Our next event is the Pasta Bingo Night on October 7th. Donations can be dropped off at the Club and placed in the bin in the bar area on Thursday - Friday from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 - 2:30 p.m. Please contact Rose Borg at 650-873-3187 for donations that need to be picked up. Cash and gift cards accepted; no soiled items please. Halloween party on October 21st.

Women's Social Committee

A Barbecue dinner is planned for the September meeting. The October meeting will have a Halloween theme.

Support Our Advertisers

Please be sure to check the advertising pages and remember to mention the Club when you patronize these businesses



Visit Us Online

www.maltese-americanSCSF.org

*Welcome to our
newest members:
Maria Chetcuti and
Jessica Danelon*



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

THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by Mona Vella-Nicholas

AUGUST IN MALTESE HISTORY

August 21, 1568 --- Grand Master Jean Parisot de Valette dies after suffering a stroke a month earlier. His death comes exactly eleven years to the day after his election as Grand Master of the Knights of Malta.

August, 1940 --- Two months after the first air raids on Malta, the island's Gladiator biplanes are reinforced by twelve Hawker Hurricanes.

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Demanuele

Is your last name **Demanuele**? If so, you may be interested in knowing where your last name comes from. **Demanuele** is originally of Italian origin, but the Maltese branch of the family originated in Spain. The family then moved to Sicily and from there to Malta in the 1300s or early 1400s. The name comes from the word "Emmanuel", the Hebrew name which means "God is with us."

Correspondence

Except for payment of functions and/or dues, please remember that all correspondence must be addressed to the attention of the secretary, Mary Vella Gomes. Payment for all functions must be made by check (No Cash) and sent to the attention of Ninfa Pace. If paying for more than one function, please provide separate checks. 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 of the or their property in any matters pertaining to said activities.

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