

# Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco, Inc.

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## Club News

At the Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, 52 members attended. The President welcomed everyone, and after a short prayer a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mr. Joe Grech, and Mr. Joe Vella (Mgarr). The President informed everyone present that just a few minutes before the meeting started, he received the sad news that Mr. Vella had passed on to Eternal Life. Mr. Vella was a member that volunteered a lot of his time and skills to make the Club a better place for everyone. We would also like to thank Carmen Micallef for volunteering to replace Joe Vella on the Grievance Committee.

The President informed the members that the property behind the Club had been sold to a developer. When asked if the Club was for sale, the President assured everyone that the Club is NOT for sale. On Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> the Maltese Heritage Association and a good number of Maltese took part in the Italian Pride Parade formerly known as the Columbus Day Parade. A Cable Car was rented for the occasion and the participants had a lot of fun. Great thanks go to Mrs. Pauline Henderson, President for the Maltese Heritage Association, Mrs. Josie Ghiglieri and all others who worked hard to make this event possible, and to all those who participated. Thank you to Mary Smith, Betty DeBattista, Danny Catania and their committee for a job well done on the Pasta-Bingo. It was a great success.

On Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> a Halloween Party was held at the Club. In spite of the fact that the San Francisco Giants were playing the Kansas City Royals in the World Series, a good number of adults and children attended a nice lasagna dinner. Quite a good number of adults attended in costumes, as well. A pumpkin carving contest was held and the winners received a prize. A big applause goes out to the organizers and helpers that made this event a fun one.

The next General Membership Meeting, to be held on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to all the Maltese Service Members that served in the American, British and Maltese Armed Forces during their lives. It is also the meeting where the floor would be opened for nominations for the Board of Directors that will run the operations of our Club in 2015. The President encouraged all the members to attend this meeting.

Unfortunately, the Casino bus trip that was to be held on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled. On Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, the Children's Christmas Party will be held. This year, grandparents who bring their grandchildren to the party will have to pay \$20 instead of \$15 for each child. The increase in the price is owed to the fact that it is very hard to buy a decent gift at \$15. Children of members are still free.

One of the most important General Membership Meetings will be held on Dec. 28th. At this meeting the election for the Board of Directors for 2015 will be held. An election will only be held if more than one contestant will be running for the same office.

On New Years Eve, a dinner/dance will be held. Fliers for the events are attached with this newsletter. Please send in your reservations as early as possible, so that the proper preparations will be made.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members, your families and friends a very Happy Thanksgiving. We should all be thankful to God for all the Blessings that we receive, each and every day. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Brian Ciappara  
Vice President: Joseph Tanti  
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

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"Whatever you want to  
do, do it now! There  
are only so many  
tomorrows."

- Author Pope Paul VI

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# Message from the Consul General

## 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

## Library

Library hours are  
Sundays 10:00 am  
to 12:00 Noon.

Mona Vella-Nicholas,  
Librarian, can be  
reached at  
info@Maltese-  
AmericanSCSF.org.

Today, the only topic I am going to talk about is "Malta Day 2014." The event and the celebrations on Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> were nothing short of spectacular. Your participation and the participation of so many of your families, friends and acquaintances are a true testimony that the flame in the heart of every Maltese in California and beyond, is still burning hot and bright. Soon after Malta Day, I spent a couple of weeks in Malta and through the magic of social media, such as e-mail, facebook and other means of communications, many people from many different parts of the world approached me to tell me how impressed they were with the Maltese Community in greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Thank you especially to every member of the Malta Day Event Planning Team. What a wonderful, hard-working, and enthusiastic group of people and what a joy it was to work with every one of you and with all those who in some way gave a helping hand.

Congratulations to the leadership of all the Maltese organizations with special mention to the President, and the entire Board of Directors of the Maltese American Social Club of San Francisco, on the occasion of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thank you to everyone who attended and celebrated this fantastic event. Your participation is what made the event so special. This was truly a Maltese Community Event and by far one of the best and most successful MALTA DAY celebrations in as many years as we can remember. I am very proud to have been part of it. Thank you!

## This Month in Maltese History

*By: Mona Vella-Nicholas*

### October 26, 1957

An automatic telephone system is installed throughout the islands.

### October 26, 1978

Twenty-two people are injured when a bus carrying tourists jumps over a seawall in Sliema. One of the passengers, a woman, later dies.

## MALTESE LAST NAMES

Is your last name **ABELA**? If so, then you might be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **ABELA** is of Jewish origin. It is the feminine form of the name Abel. In Hebrew, the name means "vigor" or "breath." It can also mean "son" in Sumerian and Akkadian. **ABELA** is a very old Maltese name, dating back to at least 1390 on the islands.

*Note: This is the first in a series of entries on Maltese last names. Each month we will be highlighting a different last name, based on our list of members and progressing in alphabetical order.*

## 2014 Calendar of Events

- 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  
Carmen Micallef  
Manuel Micallef  
Delores Reinke

## 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.

## Women's Social Committee

*By: Ninfa Pace and Jane Healey*

At the last meeting, the ladies had a delicious chicken and beef enchiladas, rice, beans and salad provided by Barbara Fenech, Margie Belluomini and Mary Jane Bragnolo.

At the next meeting November 11<sup>th</sup>, the ladies will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Party which they will be enjoyed by all in San Rafael.

All ladies are welcome to attend the Women's Social Committee Meetings.

## Knitting Group

*By: Marlene Ebejer*

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

## Election for 2015 Board of Directors

The names of the candidates that were nominated by the Nominating Committee for the board and officers for 2015 are as follows:

President: Mr. Brian Ciappara  
Vice President: Mr. Joe Tanti  
Secretary: Miss Lisa Ghiglieri  
Assistant Secretary: Ms. Ann Azzopardi  
Treasurer: Mr. Joe Vella (Burlingame)  
Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Ninfa Pace  
Parliamentarian: Ms. Mary Anne Fassler  
Auditors: Ms. Mona Vella-Nicholas and Louis Vella  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Mr. George Borg

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

## Hall Rental

The Hall is available for rental to members only. Contact Joe Tanti (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.