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**THE NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 19TH
at
10:30 a.m.**

NOVEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends, at the October 29th General Membership Meeting, forty-seven (47) members were present. A moment of silence was held in memory of our long-time member John Muscat of Clayton and for Edward Hoiko brother of Jane Scerri. May they rest in peace.

It was nice to see Joey Brenner and his wife A.J. Magri who attended the meeting for the first time. They joined our organization in April 2017. I'm very glad to say that in these last two months six (6) new members have joined our club. They are, John, Cynthia and Tatum Wheeler, Carmen Martinez, Alex Attard and Lina Agius. We hope to see them at our meetings and at the social functions.

In compliance with our bylaws, the secretary has received a letter from the Nominating Committee containing the names of the members who were nominated by them and accepted the nomination. They are, for President, Brian Ciappara, for Vice President, Joe DeBattista, for Secretary, Mary Vella Gomes, for Assistant Secretary, Carmen Micallef, for Treasurer, Joe Vella (Burlingame), for Assistant Treasurer, Ninfa Pace and for Parliamentarian, Celina Gomes Sutton. George Borg accepted the nomination for Sergeant-at-Arms, Mona Vella Nicholas and Louis Vella accepted nomination for Auditors. I would like to thank the Nominating Committee Members Joe Caruana, Dan Catania, Mary Vella Gomes, Carmen Micallef and Peter Xuereb for diligently completing the task assigned to them in a timely manner. Thank you.

The Family Bingo Night that was held on October 7th was very well attended. The food was delicious, a lot of prizes were raffled, and everyone had a great time. Big thanks go to Karen Borg and all those who cooked and served the food, called the Bingo, sold tickets, donated prizes and in many other ways helped to make this event so much fun and successful.

Rest In Peace

*Our deepest sympathy to
the family of
John Muscat*



*Eternal rest grant unto
him O' Lord and may
perpetual light shine
upon him. May he rest
in peace.*

Upcoming Maltese Community Events

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FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

NOVEMBER 5TH

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CASINO DAY TRIP

NOVEMBER 11TH

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MALTESE CROSS FOUNDATION'S "REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES"

NOVEMBER 12TH

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 16TH

Happy Thanksgiving

There is
much to be
THANKFUL
for, if you
take the
time to look.



Congratulations to the Maltese Heritage Association for winning 3rd. prize for their float at the Italian Heritage Pride Parade that took place in San Francisco on October 8th. Thanks to all the Maltese that participated in that event.

This coming Sunday, November 5th at 5:00 p.m., the Club will be holding another Family Bowling Evening at Sea Bowl, 4625 Coast Highway, Pacifica. The flyer was attached in the last newsletter.

On Saturday, November 11th, the Club is organizing a Casino Day Trip to Graton Casino. The bus leaves the Club at 8:00 a.m. sharp, so please don't be late, unless you want to get a bunch of dirty looks from all those who would be eager to lay their hands on the first slot machine or Black Jack table! The flyer is attached.

On Sunday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m., the Maltese Cross Foundation will be holding "Remembering Our Loved Ones" at St. Dunstan's Church in Millbrae. After the Mass, there will be a cultural program at the parish hall. Please remember that the mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 16th. in the afternoon. The flier for this event is also attached.

Don't forget to mark your calendars to come and join us and say goodbye to 2017 and welcome in 2018 at the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance to be held at the Club. A flier will be included in the next newsletter.

Please note that the November General Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th at 10:30 a.m. and not on November 26th. The reason that the meeting was moved is that the last Sunday of the month falls on the Thanksgiving weekend and a lot of members will be out of town celebrating with their families.

Attending the November meeting is very important because the floor will be open for nominations. This will give you a chance to nominate members in good standing that you would like to see on the Board of Directors for 2018.

Sahha
Brian

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 Micalef
Ninfa Pace
Rose Vassallo
Laurie Scribner
Mary Anne Fassler

*Thank you to the
many members who
volunteer their time
and talents so that 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 greeted everyone present on his return from his latest trip to Malta. While in Malta, HCG Vella had occasions to meet with the President of Malta, the Prime Minister and he participated also in meetings with the Minister of Foreign Affairs. During these meetings, many topics of interest to Maltese Living Abroad were discussed.

HCG Vella began his report by reminding everyone that the month of November is an important month in the calendar of the Maltese Community and the Club. A few years back the membership of the Club approved a motion to dedicate the month of November to our Veterans including, and especially, Maltese veterans who at some time were active members of a branch of the United States or Maltese military. In the past, we have honored Maltese veterans of World War II and a few years ago we honored Maltese veterans of the Korean War. Now we are actively seeking Maltese veterans of the Vietnam War. In November we also celebrate Veterans Day and we participate in the "Remembering Our Loved Ones" ceremony at St. Dunstan Church and Hall on November 12th. The month of November also marks the anniversary of the formation of the Maltese Club. The Club was incorporated in November 1929 and we are slowly but surely approaching the 90th Anniversary since the Maltese-American Social Club of San Francisco was formed.

At our most recent general membership meeting in September, we were all busy putting the last preparations and the final touches to the MALTA DAY celebration. This grand event continues to be the largest Maltese celebration of the year thanks mainly to everyone who was involved in the organization of the event and to all those who supported Malta Day 2017. In the words of those who attended, Malta Day 2017, it was one of the best in recent years.

In order to continue to have an active and engaged Maltese community, we need to pay attention, extend our invitations, and nurture the participation of Maltese people of the 2nd and 3rd generations and beyond. These young members of our community are very eager to be part of the Maltese Community if we give them the chance. They may not know much about Malta but when asked they will immediately say they are Maltese even though they are, of course, first and foremost Americans. Like many other ethnic groups who are proud of the country where their parents, grandparents or great

Club Hours

Sunday and Holidays

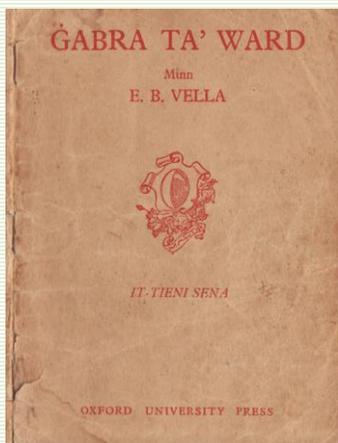
9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

**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.

grandparents came from, our Maltese younger community are equally as proud of their Maltese ancestry.

MALTESE PASSPORTS: On Saturday Nov 18th and Monday Nov 20th, a representative from the Embassy of Malta in Washington DC will be at HCG's 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 getting an appointment. If interested or if you have any questions feel free to contact the office of the Hon Consul of Malta at malteseconsulate@yahoo.com or 650-631-8200.

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



THIS MONTH IN MALTESE HISTORY

by Mona Vella-Nicholas

OCTOBER IN MALTESE HISTORY

October 30, 1948 --- Due to rough seas, the Gozo ferry cancels a scheduled 4:30 p.m. trip from Marfa in Malta to Mgarr in Gozo. Two owners of a fishing boat (luzzu) agree to take the 27 stranded passengers to Mgarr. About 150 feet away from the Mgarr shore, the overcrowded boat capsizes. Four men make it to shore by swimming, while twenty-three people drown.

October 13, 2012 --- Valletta is chosen European Capital of Culture 2018. The award places Malta on a European level for its culture and heritage, alongside such iconic cities as London, Paris, and Rome.

Origin of Maltese Last Names

Ebejer

Is your last name Ebejer? If so, you may be interested in knowing where your name comes from. **Ebejer** comes from the word **I-Aba'ir** in Arabic. It refers to a one-year-old goat or sheep. If your last name is **Ebejer**, therefore, you had an ancestor who was a goatherd

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



Entertainment Committee

Unfortunately, the Halloween Party had to be cancelled due to lack of participation. Our 2nd Bowling night will be on November 5th at Sea Bowl. Graton Casino Trip is November 11th. On December 16th, we will have the Children's Christmas Party and our last function for 2017 is the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance.

Women's Social Committee

The women had fun carving pumpkins at the October meeting. A Movie and dessert is planned for November.

Welcome to the newest members of the club:

Jessica Danelon, Tatum Wheeler, John Wheeler, Cynthia Wheeler, Carmen Martinez, Alex Attard and Lina Agius!

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.

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