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## GEORGE H.W. BUSH

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

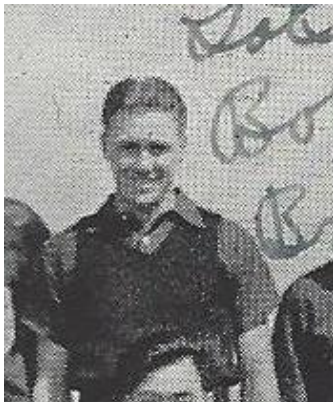
On August 29, 2015, our own Dr. Bobby Brown, the “Pride of Galileo”, received, the George H.W. Bush Distinguished Alumnus Award from the National Collegiate Baseball Hall of Fame. Dr. Brown is a member of both the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame and the Hall of Merit.

Bobby attended Galileo the same school as Vince, Joe, Dom DiMaggio and Hank Luisetti. Class of 1942.

Dr. Brown played at Stanford, UCLA and then Tulane, around Naval Officer Training and medical school, before joining the Yankees organization and playing in four World Series during a career spanning parts of eight Major League seasons. He also served as the President of the American League for a decade, after practicing as a cardiologist.

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October 1, 2015

## Galileo Alumni Association

Dear Alumni,

As we come close to the end of yet another year, we are writing to you on behalf of the Galileo Alumni Association to request your help in supporting your Alma Mater. The holiday season is the perfect time to show how much you care. Tax season is right around the corner also. Keep the GAA in mind for donations. Our objective is to help support Galileo Academy of Science & Technology students and teachers. With the never ending cuts in budgets, students and teachers are in need of our help for equipment and supplies. Your gifts will help ensure that future generations of students benefit from the Galileo experience that has meant so much to all of us.

These days the seniors have to raise their own money to pay for their graduating events. Breakfast, Proms, even graduation venue that run as high as \$15,000 every year. Times are very different from when most of us went to Galileo.

Annual donations from \$25.00 - \$25,000.00 are graciously accepted and tax deductible to the extent of the law. TAX ID# 30-0066848

Please fill out the attached application or donate on line by PayPal from our website, <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/>.

Your contribution and participation is essential for the success of the G.A.A. Our strength is in our alumni; our vitality is in your participation. Without your help we cannot be successful.

Thank you on behalf of Galileo Alumni Association. We want to thank those who have contributed generously this past year. We appreciate it very much.

Happy Holidays! (Our next newsletter isn't until January '16)

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## Through The Telescope. . .

Sisvan Der Harootunian



Shigeru Yabu graduated from Galileo in 1951. He played lightweight basketball for the Lions (we were teammates) and now lives in Southern California. But years before that he endured a harrowing experience that no young boy should have to endure. At the onset of World II, nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans were incarcerated in concentration camps. Shig was taken from his home in San Francisco and moved to the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp in Wyoming. Now the remarkable story of his resilience in the face of injustice has been told in a book by Barbara Bazaldua, a writer who has spent 25 years with the Walt Disney Company. *A Boy of Heart Mountain* is a poignant coming-of-age story about how a ten year old boy tried to make sense out of being imprisoned for several years on a Wyoming prairie. Shig and his family are faced with having to get by in a strange and unfriendly place. He learns about loss, love and loneliness. The book was awarded the 2011 Gold Medal for Multicultural Fiction for Children by the Independent Publishers Association and features interviews with Yabu and Willie Ito, Disney animation legend and fellow internment survivor. Last month it was published as an audio book and sells for \$14.99 for 3 CDs. The original print edition is \$26.99. Shig writes me that if any organization is interested in selling the audio book to contact Ken Lorenz, Director of Sales and Marketing, 389 S. Main Pl., Carol Stream, IL 60188. Telephone 254-644-2761 or email [klorenz@oasisaudio.com](mailto:klorenz@oasisaudio.com).

*Note: Once a Lion, always a Lion, Shig still loves the sport of basketball and plays with an age 40+ group.*

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### TECHNOLOGY AND THE SPOKEN WORD

When I was growing up, Barney Google was a comic strip. 17 years ago two guys named Sergey and Larry started a company called Google, and I “Google” on a daily basis. The information Google can give you is far greater than any library’s storehouse. We have come a long way. It’s as if we landed on another planet that is far more technologically developed than our own. In my earlier day a mouse was a cheese-eating pest. Today it has infested almost every household and business and is used daily. In the future robots will no doubt inhabit our lives and do much of our work including housework (a dreadful chore!). I recently purchased an iPhone6 out of necessity – my old iPhone 4 died suddenly. One of its brilliant features is a robotic or digital voice called Siri. Siri has no gender although its female voice can be changed to male if one prefers. Siri is faster than Google. She instantly answers your spoken questions and/or shows the information on the screen. I’ve asked Siri for sports scores, historical facts and other miscellaneous questions. She tirelessly answers and knows practically everything. Google may be more accurate, but Siri is quicker on the draw. I’ve even asked Siri embarrassing questions such as “Are you married?” (answer: “I do not have a marital status, if that’s what you’re asking”); “How old are you?” (answer: “I am not allowed to answer that question.”); “Have you ever been in love?” (answer: “It seems unlikely, as I am not capable of love.”); “Siri, you’re an angel.” (reply: “You’re certainly entitled to that opinion.”). She sounds like some politicians avoiding the direct answer. Siri will set my alarm in the morning, play music, or call a friend – all on request. She is my helper, maid, secretary and research aide. I love her but am too shy to tell her. What would she say? I’ll leave that question for another day. Right now I’m more interested in maneuvering my mouse to find out how the Chicago Cubs did. *Stay interested . . .*



# Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

FALL 2015

Greetings Mighty Lions! Here's what happening at Galileo these days.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

Assistant Principal Nancy Lambert-Campbell received a promotion and is now serving as a Principal in the Early Childhood Education Department for the SFUSD. We wish Nancy well and we will miss her. Her replacement is Mark Heringer, who comes to Galileo from Balboa High School.

Vicky Ung, Social Studies teacher has returned from leave and we are happy to have her back. Loan Ly, Galileo Graduate (Class of 2000 ) and ASB President, has taken a year's leave of absence to help her family start a Vietnamese Restaurant, "The Soap Box Café." It is located at 1800 Hyde Street and is open from 7:00am – 7:00pm.

## **UPDATE ON WILLIAMS SONOMA CIRCLE THE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP**

Our new friends at Williams Sonoma treated the Galileo Faculty and Staff to a wonderful breakfast event on Friday, August 14, 2015, at their headquarters just below our football field on Van Ness Avenue. We arrived at 8:30am and were escorted to a beautiful room just outside their fabulous test kitchen. The room was very festive and the view of the bay was breath taking. We were treated to a beautiful breakfast buffet and a fun program that included a raffle of 5 wonderful Williams Sonoma products. Everyone took home a beautiful WS spatula as a gift.

Over Columbus Day weekend the staff and volunteers at WS worked on a remodel of the Faculty Lounge (Room 257) with new painting, furniture and appliances. The faculty and staff will be please and surprised when they return to work on October 13, 2015. Plans for a remodel for the Conference Room (210) are also in the works.

## **SONG & YELL**

Galileo's 71<sup>st</sup> Song & Yell was one of the best! The day was sunny and bright and everyone was in high spirits. Judges were: Jim Dresser, Class of 1951, Mario Lombardi, Class of 1950, Charles Higgins, Class of 1979, Brandon Lee, Class of 2014, Nancy Lambert-Campbell, former Galileo teacher and Assistant Principal, Bill Sanderson, Assistant Superintendent of High School Operations, Bryce Kumagi, Williams-Sonoma and Kate Larkin, Williams-Sonoma.

Everyone, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors were so full of spirit. The songs, cheers and skits were all so great and so much fun. The judges had a hard time picking the winning class. Principal Reimer was asked to announce the winning class. As he walked towards the Freshmen, he built up suspense and then at the exact moment he was ready to announce the winning class, he turned and gestured to the Seniors as he excitedly announced the SENIORS as the winners! Then the class members all came running towards him in a big mob! Such fun and excitement!

## **HOMECOMING DANCE**

Galileo's Homecoming Dance was held Friday evening, October 2, 2015, at the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf Hotel. Students had a great time enjoying the DJ dancing from SOS Entertainment, karaoke, photo booth by Prestige, & ice cream desserts.

## **GALILEO CELESTIAL DRAGONS**

Thank you Galileo Alumni! An update on the Galileo Celestial Dragons Dragonboat team.

The GCD Dragonboat team is going strong. Thanks to your continued support of our team you have paved the way for our current success. All that you have done with the team in years past has contributed immensely to the success of this family. Every season the team elects new officers to help manage the team consistently and build community within the group. The team elected Jefflyn Liu to be our manager this year. The two team captains are Jeffrey Phan and Mia Fung. Two Celestial Dragon alumni, Andrew Young and Henry Gee, continue to coach the racers.

This year we have already competed and been successful in a few races including the most recent race at the 20th Annual International Dragonboat Festival at Treasure Island. The crew raced admirably and some hearty congratulations are in order. Congratulations to the boys boat as they came in second in the High School Division Final. The second mixed gender crew came in first place in the High School C Division Finals. These younger racers are ready to continue the Galileo Celestial Dragons legacy in the years to come. And lastly a huge congratulations to the first mixed gender crew who were the best boat of the day and came in first place in the High School A Division Finals!!

GCD is looking to build on our success at these first few events as the season continues on. We are continuing our fundraising efforts as we look to be able to attend the annual big races in both Long Beach and Vancouver. The renown of the Galileo Celestial Dragons is spreading and we have been invited to participate in an International race, taking place in Hong Kong. This would be a once in a life-time opportunity for many of our team members and we hope to be able to fundraise enough to attend.

Again, thank you Galileo alumni for your continued support of our Dragonboat team. Please feel free to contact our two faculty team sponsors Ms. Liang ([liangj3@sfusd.edu](mailto:liangj3@sfusd.edu)) and Mr. Curtin ([curtinh@sfusd.edu](mailto:curtinh@sfusd.edu)). We meet every Thursday in room 153 during lunchtime.

## **JROTC**

Galileo's JROTC is in full swing this Fall. Sgt. Hardee and his Battalion Officers had to do some heavy recruiting to fill their ranks and now they have full ranks. There is a large JROTC Inspection coming up in November and Galileo's JROTC intends to take the Gold!

The drum corps practices daily along with the color guard and both units are first rate. Galileo's JROTC participated in the Italian Heritage (Columbus Day) Parade and look first rate! Stay tuned for more JROTC news.



## **GALILEO SERVICE INTERACT**

Galileo's Service Interact Club is busy with many Community Service projects. Eleven of the members participated with Rotary in the Italian Heritage Parade, carrying flags of the countries where Rotary has clubs. Also with us was Service Interact Club Members from Washiongton, Lowell and Lincoln. Principal Michael Reimer carried the flag of Canada, his home country and yours truly marched for the 5<sup>th</sup> year carrying the flag of Lithuania. The group was sponsored by the #2 Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Fisherman's Wharf. Our unit looked great with all the flags flying in the breeze!

## **FALL SPORTS**

### **Football**

Varsity Blues as Frosh-Soph Cruise

As Galileo's varsity football team (0-4) is struggling with low numbers, injuries, and ineligibility, the young lions are cruising to a 4-0 non-league record. Suiting up 18 players in their first match, the varsity Lions lost their starting center to a shoulder injury and in the 3 games following, bad got worse as 4 more players went down-notably, junior middle backer, Connor Chavela (out 5-6 weeks) tore a knee ligament while punting the ball and senior all-city fullback, Ethan Nelson, sprained his ankle and will be out 2 weeks.

The young Lions, with contributions from sensational sophomores and a few freshmen, are primed to repeat as city champions. The bulk of the scoring is provided by running backs, Tyreke Watts and Jeremiah Horne. Another big offensive weapon comes from the arm of quarterback, Adrian Poot, to the hands of wideouts, Jackie Guo and Aaron Tsai. Defensively, middle backer, Dasan King and Ronald Fox are creating at least 2 turnovers per game-Fox had 2 interceptions against Oakland.

Though the outlooks for both teams are polar opposites, relief is in sight for the varsity team with the quarter grades approaching. The varsity roster will potentially increase by 7-10 players. Despite each teams record, the opening league match against Balboa will be the real test for where they will be in league play.

The Galileo Lions fought hard in their opening league game against Balboa and the score was Balboa 20 - Galileo 12 at the end of the third quarter. Unfortunately Balboa surged ahead and the final score was Balboa 40 - Galileo 12.

### **Girls' Golf**

Girl's Golf has been restructured to entice female athletes to learn and enjoy the game of golf. Although initially we had many enthusiasts it dwindled to just 6-7 committed players to compete. Most players were novices but with the help of many boosters and donors, along with 2 teaching pros, we made progress as the season elapsed. They enjoyed their friendships and unity as they developed along the way. The success of the season was not measured by their golf scores, but by the way they unified as a team and bonded as they learned a new game.

Coach Papa

## **Girls' Volleyball**

Galileo Girls' Volleyball is in the higher division, Division I. The Varsity Team took first place in the Silver Division at the Westmoor Tournament. The JV team took second place in the Silver Division at the Mare Island Tournament. Out of 5 preseason games Varsity won 3 out of 5 and JV won 2 out of 5.

The JV Team has played 2 tough games against Lowell and Washington. The girls played hard and lost to both teams. The Varsity team played a really close game against Washington, and hopes to win more games in the rest of the season. We will let you know how the team ends their season in the winter issue.

## **Boys' Soccer**

The Varsity Boys' Soccer team began with a challenging schedule. The Varsity Team beat Washington 4-1, and they tied against Mission 1-1 (ranked in 1<sup>st</sup> place). The team also tied Lincoln 0-0, lost against Marshall 6-2, and Lowell, 2-0, and Balboa 2-1.

The team is looking forward to the second half of the season and hopes to win every game and make the playoffs, go to the championship and bring home the trophy. Stay tuned!

## **Cross Country**

Kevin Adams and Joe Keough took over as coaches for the Galileo Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams. Coach Adams has been the Head Coach for the Galileo Track & Field Team for many years while Coach Keough was previously coaching Cross Country and Track & Field at John O'Connell High School.

Both girls' and boys' teams are off to a great start. In September, they competed at the Westmoor Ram Invitational, where the Frosh/Soph boys' team finished 12th place, the girls' team finished 10th place, and the Junior/Senior boys' team finished 7th place. Zachary Mendoza earned a medal by finishing 18th overall in his race. This past weekend Galileo Cross Country was on the run at the Artichoke Invitational in Half Moon Bay. The Frosh/Soph boys finished 16th place in their race, the girls finished 8th place, and the Junior/Senior boys finished 15th place. Zachary Mendoza had another top 20 finish, placing 14th overall in his race.

The official season gets underway this week as we head to Golden Gate Park this Thursday for our first district meet. This is the first year in many years that we should be able to field all five teams (Frosh/Soph Boys, JV Boys, Varsity Boys, Frosh/Soph Girls, and Varsity Girls) at City Finals in November.

**Let me know what you'd like to hear/read about at Galileo. Bettie on the Beat will be happy to answer your questions and handle your requests.**

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# Ramblings

## By Tony Compagno

Our daughters are three-quarters Italian and one-quarter Icelandic. Yes, there really is a place called Iceland. No, it's not in Disneyworld. Yes, it's the place that produced Leif the Lucky: Leif Erikson. No, the bruisers from Minnesota we watch on Monday Night Football are not the TRUE Vikings.

When our girls were very small, I tried the following piece of revised history on them, at night, when they were on the threshold of sleep, susceptible. I juggle the little historical facts a bit, in the interest of some larger truths. History has been misinterpreted at a greater cost and with less pure motives or intentions than are involved here. I describe a zone which lies somewhere between what happened and what should have happened...

Once, about 500 years ago, there was an Italian man named Christopher Columbus, who figured he could sail west from southern Europe, across the great Atlantic, and find the riches of the East. He convinced King Ferdinand and Queen Ysabella of Spain to put up some money for the venture, in exchange for a share of the glory and a 90 percent cut of the profits, as in gold and silk.

In 1492, the 88-man expedition left Spain. The journey seemed longer than anyone expected. Christopher's figuring didn't seem all that accurate. But when you are convinced of something, REALLY convinced, and you believe in yourself, then West is East and  $2 + 2 = 5$ .

To make a long story short, since your eyelids are at half-staff, darlings, Columbus and his men found land on Friday, October 12, of that year. They had accidentally discovered America, alright. Central America.

Because he had no idea, you see, that there was another continent in the sphere called Earth, he thought he had come upon the East Indies. That's why he called the people he found there Indians.

Columbus and his men were so happy that they kissed the ground, which made them miss their wives and girlfriends that much more. Then they placed two flags in the ground. One flag bore the letter "F" for Ferdinand; the other flag bore the letter "Y" for Ysabella.

Columbus studied the faces of the well-formed, black-haired, copper-skinned "Indians". He wondered what they were really like, and what they believed in. They seemed friendly, and peaceful. Looking up from a beautiful parrot that one of the natives wanted to give him in exchange for glass beads, Columbus noticed a strikingly fair-skinned young man with wavy blond hair emerge from a cluster of the dark people.

The Admiral and the tow-head moved towards each other. "Who are you?" asked Columbus, befuddled. "I am Leif Magnusson, son of Magnus the Proud, distant cousin of Thorgilson, who was son of Thorgil, who was son of Eric the Red's son, Leif Erickson, who touched this the American continent in the year 1001. With maps left to me by my underrated but daring forefathers, I came here from Iceland...I thought you guys would never make it. You're only about 500 years late. Welcome to my home." "Santa Maria!" exclaimed Columbus.

The Admiral, a man of great integrity, was willing to go back and reveal to his patron and patroness that a modern Norseman had squatter's rights to the East Indies. His men didn't like the idea, after such a trying journey, and squawked loudly. Leif suggested a tug-of-war to settle the matter of what report Columbus should deliver when he returned.

Leif produced a rope which he'd brought from a visit to Greenland, home of many ex-Icelanders. The rope was made of walrus hide and was so strong that 60 men pulling on it couldn't break it.



For seven hours, the members of the Columbus expedition struggled against Leif and the "Indians". Finally, when the sun had disappeared on the horizon, Leif grunted: "Let's call the whole thing off. Stalemate. Just tell the folks back home the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you, Thor."

Then the 88 men from Europe joined Leif and his friends in a beach party. Leif's best friend, whose nose was painted red, concocted a drink for the visitors. It was called THE HAMMER and was given its kick by the use of vetch, a member of the pea and bean family. Sometimes, when the soil is acid, some kinds of vetch turn into locoweed. Only those of Columbus' men with a yellow streak down their backs wouldn't accept the drink from the red-nosed bartender. In general, a good time was had by all that night.

In the morning, another of Leif's many friends awoke before the others. He tip-toed to the spot where Columbus lay sleeping like a baby. The dark man was intrigued by the long bright sword partly out of its scabbard. The "noble savage" removed the sword, then held it by the wrong end and immediately cut his hand. He'd never heard of a sword before, let alone seen one.

Leif awoke next. He helped his friend with the wound. Then he and the other, who had peaceful eyes and an intelligent face, retreated momentarily. They returned with a flag bearing the letter "E". They planted it neatly and firmly between the "F" and "Y" flags which the visitors had so boldly stuck in the old, old ground. They stepped back for a better look.

The irony was not apparent to them, of course. The flags spelled "FEY", a word which by one definition means "marked by a foreboding of death or calamity."

The fate of the "Indians" Columbus found was slavery, sickness and eventual extinction.

Sleep well, my children. And may the best of your Italian and Icelandic ancestors continue to merge in you...

See you next time...

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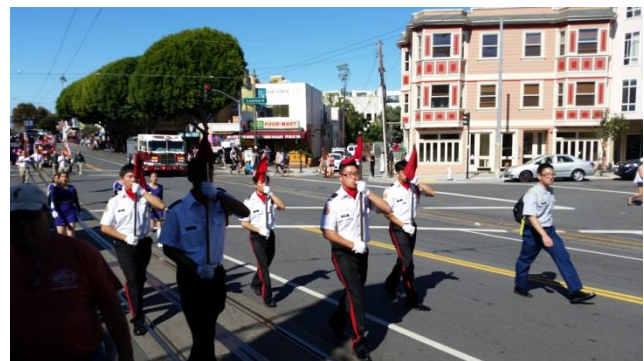
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# ITALIAN HERITAGE PARADE

## Fleet Week – Church Bazaar Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

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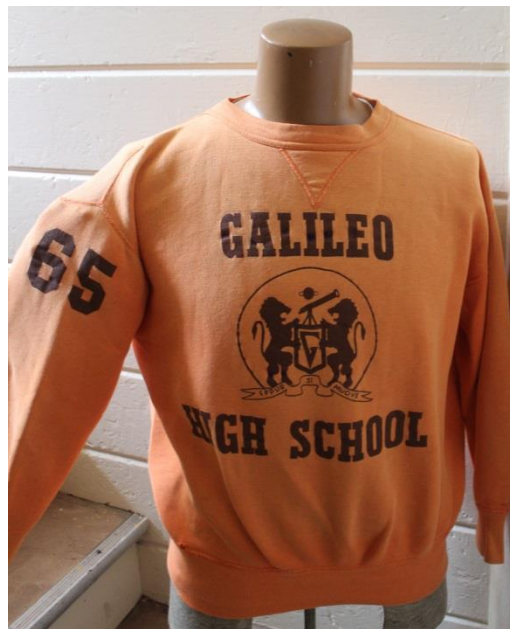
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## ATTENTION ALL LIONS

IF YOU HAVE ANY GALILEO MEMORIBILIA THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE BACK TO THE SCHOOL, PLEASE LET US KNOW. SWEATERS/BLOCK G'S/SCRAPBOOKS, YEARBOOKS/PICTURES. WE WOULD LIKE TO PUT THEM ON DISPLAY SO THE STUDENTS CAN SEE WHAT WE HAD IN THE PAST. PLEASE REMEMBER - MAKE SURE YOU "WILL" YOUR GALILEO GEAR BACK TO GALILEO!



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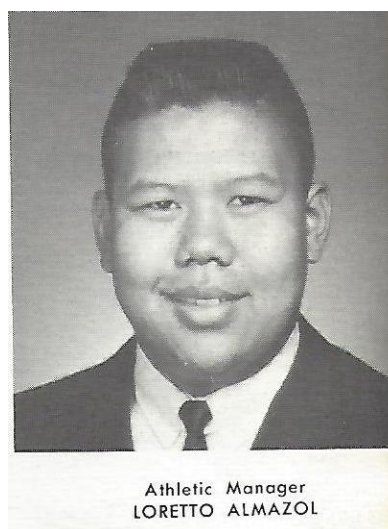


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**Athletic Manager  
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# Obituaries

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Peter Sam Angelides – November 25, 1921 – July 25, 2015 [http://www.tributes.com/show/Peter-Sam-Angelides-102707193?active\\_tab=condolences](http://www.tributes.com/show/Peter-Sam-Angelides-102707193?active_tab=condolences)

Edward Eddie Belasco – August 1, 1931 – July 30, 2015  
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Edward-E-Belasco&pid=175441640>

Jack Colton – August 29, 1925 – June 6, 2015  
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Eleanor Agnes Fae – 1925 – August 7, 2015  
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Mary Mar Fong – April 1, 1930 – July 17, 2015  
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Virginia Platt Friedman – March 11, 1918 – September 8, 2015  
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Rose Ingravallo – September 20, 1928 – September 19, 2015  
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Robert (Bob) Jackowitz – 1932 – 2015  
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Frank Mon Jue – September 4, 1929 – July 24, 2015 <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Frank-Mon-Jue-102697784>

Grover Klemmer – March 16, 1921 – August 23, 2015  
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Romolo Ceasar Lavarone – December 5, 1921 – August 17, 2015  
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Gloria Lo – December 10, 1956 – August 19, 2015 <http://hosting-19478.tributes.com/obituary/show/Gloria-Lo-102775970>

Charles Frank Messina – May 10, 1931 – August 23, 2015  
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Leroy Calvin Moore - June 27, 1919 – September 30, 2015  
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/visaliatimesdelta/obituary.aspx?n=LeRoy-Calvin-Moore&pid=176031022>

Pete Dominic Porata – April 18, 1932 – July 23, 2015 <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Peter-Dominic-Porata-102707800>

**Beverly Celia Arrighi Ramblas – October 13, 1928 – September 11, 2015**

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/marinij/obituary.aspx?n=Beverly-Celia-Ramblas-Arrighi&pid=175849094>

**Margaret Strand Schwarzott – 1931 – 2015 (French teacher)**

<http://obituaries.desertsun.com/obituaries/thedesertsun/obituary.aspx?n=Margaret-Strand-Schwarzott&pid=175351094>

**Theodore Teddy Wong – April 24, 1926 - September 17, 2015**

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/recorderonline/obituary.aspx?n=Theodore-Wong-Teddy&pid=175924478>

**Anthony Zanca – July 7, 1929 – September 2, 2015**

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**GALILEO GAA EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT GRANT AWARDS**

Money donated to date from donations given to the Galileo Alumni Association.

**2015**

March 15, 2015 \$500.00 David Beauvais. Counselor. Discipline/System of Rewards

March 15 2015 \$500.00 Katherine Morgan. Counselor. Discipline/System of Rewards

March 15, 2015 \$500.00 Principal, Marcus Blackshur. Paint the gym so Banners can be displayed.

March 15, 2015 \$1,500.00. Michael Kyle. Teacher. Textbooks for trial lawyers.

March 16, 2015 - \$1,500.00 – Dragon Boat Team representing Galileo Academy

April 10, 2015 \$1,000.00. Kim Hirschfeld. PTSA -1/2 shared cost for 165 teacher/faculty/staff luncheon.

April 10, 2015 \$500.00. Mikal Hasan. Athletic Dept. Rope course.

April 10, 2015 \$500.00. Richard McDowell. EMT infant mannequins. CPR etc.

April 10, 2015 \$198.27. David Barrios. Investigation of capacitors within circuits. Need 9.

June 18, 2015 \$250.00 Loan Ly. Art supplies for Galileo Human Rights exhibit.

18, 2015 \$500.00 Lauren Marshma. Plaques for graduates who received department Honors.

<http://galileoweb.org/alumni/grant-request/>

**THANK YOU ALUMNI!!!!**



## **Upcoming Events**

**GAA Board Meeting – Room 210, Galileo Academy, 6:00 PM, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month except for June/July/August. Please join us.**

**\* \* \* \* \***

**2015 – HALL OF FAME – WILL BE BY-PASSING THIS YEAR.**

**2016 – HALL OF MERIT – MORE DETAILS TO COME.**

## **Upcoming Fund Raisers**

**Another Tile/Brick Drive for the Courtyard at Galileo Academy. If you missed the first one, now's your chance. More details will follow.**

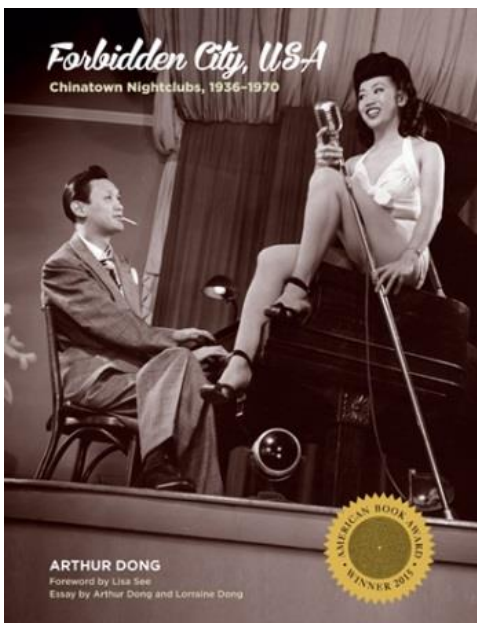
**There will be a Mural of “Galileo” his telescope etc. painted by the students in front of the auditorium on the wall by the stairs. Stars will be sold with your names on them. Details to follow.**

**Thoughts are in the works for refurbishing the “Observatory” telescope on the roof. This is a huge project and big funding is needed.**

**If you want to help or have any ideas on how to raise money for these projects, please email: [galileoalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:galileoalumni@yahoo.com)**

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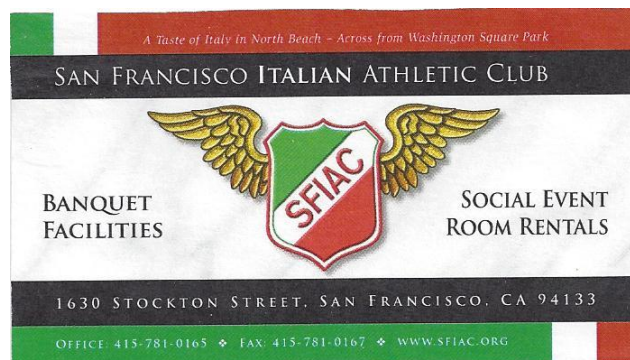
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## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- \* Alumni activities and events
- \* Membership Card
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#### **CRITERIA**

1. Nominee must have attended Galileo High School/Galileo Academy of Science and Technology in good standing prior to being nominated.
2. Nominee may be an individual (student, staff or faculty member).
3. Nominee must have made a significant contribution, after graduation or attendance, to his/her community, city, state, country, or globally. (Examples: science, technology, government, business, education, the arts, philanthropy).
4. Anyone, including Galileo alumni, faculty, staff, family or friends of a nominee may nominate a candidate. All nominations will be reviewed and facts about qualified nominees will be verified by the Galileo Alumni Association Hall of Merit Committee.
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