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Joint GAA/PTSA 2nd Annual Dinner-Dance Gala

November 9, 2007

Join us for a special *fun* evening on Friday, NOVEMBER 9, 2007 from 5 - 10:30 pm
Join us for a special tribute to former Superintendent Gwen Chan and
presentation of Galileo's 1982 Time Capsule.

Enjoy an 8-course Chinese banquet, live entertainment and dancing after dinner.

Have fun bidding on various auction gift baskets, and MORE!

See flyer below for ticket reservation form and more information,
or see the [Galileo Alumni Association website](#).

All proceeds to support educational & enrichment activities, benefiting all Galileo
students.

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You are invited to

Galileo's 2nd Annual Dinner-Dance Gala Sponsored by Galileo PTSA and Alumni Association

Friday, November 9, 2007

Location

Far East Cafe, 631 Grant Avenue, SF, CA 94108

Parking available at St. Mary's Garage &
Portsmouth Square Garage or street parking

Time

5:00 pm: No host cocktail bar, social hour, & auction

6:30 pm: Tribute to Former Superintendent Gwen Chan &
Presentation of Galileo's 1982 Time Capsule

6:40 pm: 8 course Chinese banquet, live entertainment,
& raffle drawing

8:30 - 10:30 pm: Dancing to the music of the 1950s - 2000s

Attire

Dressy casual

Optional: Galileo attire - dust off your

Block G sweaters/lettermens, caps, cheerleading outfits

Honorary Committee

Norman Yee, VP Board of Education

Carlos Garcia, Superintendent, SFUSD

Margaret Chiu, Asst. Superintendent, High Schools, SFUSD

Vicki Pesek, Principal, Galileo

Leland Yee, Senator, California State Senate

Tickets

Advance reservation \$35/person by Oct 26th,

\$40 after Oct. 26th, RSVP by Nov 2, 2007

Individual/Corporate Table Sponsors (\$350 and up for table of 10)

will be acknowledged accordingly during the evening,

Event Program and the Galileo PTSA website.

Silent Auction/Raffle

Theme Gift baskets & More!

Cash contribution \$ _____  Table sponsor: #Tables _____ x \$ _____ = Total
\$ _____

Individual tickets: #Tickets _____ x \$35 by Oct. 26, or \$40 after Oct. 26 = Total
\$ _____

For table sponsors, please acknowledge me as follows:

Ticket info: Your name(s) & guests':

Email address/phone contact for ticket confirmation:

All tickets will be held at the door.

For detach and return form:

Please make check payable to Galileo Academy

PTSA and mail the bottom form with payment to:

Galileo Academy PTSA

1150 Francisco Street, Room #206

San Francisco CA 94109

Attn: Karin Lau/Gala Tickets

****All donations are tax deductible to the extent
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To download form, updates & more information on the
auction/raffle, visit: www.galileoweb.org/ptsa**

August 28, 2007

**Galileo Second
Annual Dinner-
Dance Honorary
Committee**

Galileo Community Supporter,

Galileo Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and Galileo Alumni Association will be sponsoring our Annual Dinner-Dance Gala on **Friday, November 9, 2007 from 5 to 10:30 pm** at Far East Café, located at 1000 Avenue in San Francisco. We invite you to be a sponsor at this fun and exciting community event. **Your sponsorship can be demonstrated by being a table sponsor or raffle/auction donor.** All proceeds will be used to support all students at Galileo, especially those from low income families.

As you may know, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology has been honored with 3 prestigious awards to recognize its academic excellence and achievements:

2005 California Distinguished School Award

2005 California Exemplary Career Technical Education Award (1 of 12 in the state)

Recognized as a model school by the International Center for Leadership in Education in 2006

Unfortunately, this school year will be especially challenging since **our school received a \$152,000 budget cut, which translates to reduced classroom equipment, materials and supplies, and student enrichment activities.** This budget cut will be additionally difficult on our low income families. This event helps the PTSA raise much needed funds to support our school. All proceeds will be used to help ensure that Galileo can continue to offer quality programs for our students. *We would greatly appreciate your support in our Second Annual Dinner-Dance Gala.* Guests will enjoy a gourmet 8-course Chinese dinner, live entertainment, a chance to win great raffle prizes and bid on silent auction items. Attached is the sponsor form with more information about this event.

Galileo Academy and the Alumni Association together will conservatively reach over 10,000 people from diverse backgrounds. We look forward to your support in Galileo's Second Annual Dinner-Dance. All sponsors will be prominently recognized at the event, on our web site and at Galileo Academy. Galileo PTSA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your generous donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please join us in being a vital part of the Galileo community! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Loreen Jung
Donation Coordinator
(415) 596-3665
Email: lseidjung@yahoo.com

Galileo's 2nd Annual Dinner-Dance Gala Sponsor Form

Event Date: Friday, November 9, 2007, 5:00 – 10:30 pm
Location: Far East Café at 631 Grant Ave. San Francisco, CA 94108
What: 8-course gourmet Chinese banquet, live entertainment, raffle prizes, silent auction and dance to music from 1950s to 2000s

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Table Sponsor (with dinner for 10 people):

- **Platinum:** \$5,000+
- **Diamond:** \$2,000 - 4,999

- **Gold:** \$ 1,000 – 1,999
- **Silver:** \$ 500
- **Bronze:** \$ 350

Donation Requests:

- **Cash contributions**
- **Raffle prizes** for drawing on November 9, 2007
- **Auction:** Basket theme or package of your choice for Auction on November 9, 2007

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RECOGNITION FOR ALL SPONSORS/DONORS:

- On event program & Galileo Academy via newsletters, G-House TV (weekly TV broadcast to all Galileo students and staff), and **Online** via web sites:

www.galileoweb.org/ptsa and www.galileoalumni.org

- Ad space on program for sponsors/donors at the following levels:

\$500 – 999:	1.75" H x 2.5" W (business card size)	\$2000 - \$4999	3.5" H x 4.75" W (1/4 letter size)
\$1000 -1999	2.5" H x 3.5" W (1/8 letter size)	\$5000 & up	7.5" H x 5.0" W (1/2 letter size)

RESPONSE DEADLINE: October 15, 2007. Please email ad materials/information for the event program to Loreen Jung, Donation Coordinator at: lseidjung@yahoo.com

TICKETS FOR TABLE SPONSORS: Will be held at the door under Sponsor's name.

Thank you for your support!

=====PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN SECTION
BELOW=====

Galileo Second Annual Dinner-Dance Gala Sponsor Form

By Mail to: Galileo PTSA, Room 206, Attn: Fundraising Committee
1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

Please make check payable to ***"Galileo PTSA"***

We would like to support quality education at Galileo Academy:

[] Cash contribution \$____ [] Table sponsor: #Tables ____ x \$____ = Total
\$_____

[] Enclosed gift certificate(s), products for Dinner-Dance Auction or Raffle Drawing

Please include information about the items or services you are donating so that we can appropriately acknowledge and publicize it.

Company/Donor: _____

Address: _____

Web Site: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Donated Item(s)
and Value \$: _____

Auction Basket or
Package Theme: _____

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Proceeds will be used to support critical Galileo educational needs identified by Galileo staff and teachers.

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PHONE and EMAIL: _____

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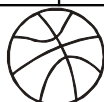
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San Francisco Citywide Public High Schools Class Reunion

Friday, November 2, 2007

WHO: All former public high school students, current and former employees, current and former Board of Education members and former Superintendents of the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) classes of 1950-2006

WHAT: San Francisco Citywide Public High Schools Class Reunion with Dinner, Dancing, and Entertainment

WHEN: Friday, November 2, 2007
6:30 PM - 11:30 PM

WHERE: Patio Espanol – Salon Picasso Room
2850 Alemany Boulevard
San Francisco, CA 94112

TICKETS: \$65.00 per person

ATTIRE: After Five

ENTERTAINMENT: AZ Productions

The following invitees, slated for special recognition, plan to attend:

James Dierke (Lincoln), United Administrators of SF, President

Espanola Jackson (Girls High), Community Activist

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Rev. Calvin Jones (Balboa), Former Pro Football Player-Denver Broncos

William Poy Lee (Galileo), Author (The Eighth Promise)

Hydra Mendoza (Washington), SF School Board Member

Lee Meriwether (Washington), Miss America 1955/Actress

Leland Yee (Mission), California State Senator

Special Awards will be presented to Gwen Chan, Former Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District; Burl Toler, former Teacher, Dean and Principal of Ben Franklin Junior High School; and Lion Maxine Frazier, District Governor, 4-C4.

Send reservations and checks to: SFCPHSCR, P. O. BOX 24589, San Francisco, CA 94124. For additional information, call Dr. James M. Calloway, co-chair, at 415-240-6086.

The schools with the highest number of participating classmates will receive funds for materials and equipment for their alma maters. Let's have a good turn-out of Lions so we can acquire those funds for Galileo!!

Honorary Class Reunion Planning Committee: Dr. James M Calloway '62 (Galileo), Carolyn Duty '62 (Galileo), Eli Horn '85 (Lowell), Suncerray Hudson '77 (McAteer), and Kristal Smith '88 (Wallenberg)

40th Reunion for Classes of 1965, '66, '67, '68, and '69

By Diane Wall-Cowart '65

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We finally have a date, **October 18, 2008**, at the Empress of China Restaurant. I will post more information as we continue to finalize the plans. We are looking into having a block of rooms at one of the hotels close to the restaurant, hopefully at a discounted rate. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions I may be able to answer, please email me - DJCowart@aol.com. Put "**Reunion**" on the subject line so I don't delete it as unknown.

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If you would like to promote your Galileo reunion
or event, please send information to
galileoobserver@aol.com and/or
webmaster@galileoalumni.org.

1982 Class Time Capsule Unveiled

On Thursday afternoon, September 25th, a group of Galileo and SFUSD dignitaries gathered in the school cafeteria to unveil a time capsule that was placed in the courtyard ground by the Class of 1982. The capsule was discovered by construction workers when they dug in the courtyard. The capsule looked like a giant purple cake, and according to Bettie Grinnell, it took a construction worker all of 45 minutes to pry open the steel mesh covering it. Several items were uncovered: a copy of the Pendulum, a plaque, items of clothing, etc. John Mahoney, who created the capsule, spoke briefly, as did several dignitaries, including Carlos Garcia, Schools Superintendent, Gwen Chan, former Interim Superintendent and Class of 1982 Sponsor, and Vicki Pesek, Principal. Jerry Courtney, Assistant Principal, directed the proceedings. Also present were Margaret Chiu, Assistant Superintendent and former Galileo Principal, Eugene Wing, ASB Advisor, alumni members of the Class of 1982, teachers and students. Light refreshments and cookies were served. The capsule will be available for viewing again on November 9th at the 2nd annual PTSA/GAA Dinner-Dance at the Far East Café, ceremony to begin at 6:30 PM (see the lead item in this issue).

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Dragon Boat Teams Finish Big!

By Eugene Wing, ASB Advisor

I attended the International Dragon Boat Race at Long Beach on July 28 - 29 (over 5000 people were there). The cost for the 2 teams to enter was \$1,000 which was raised entirely through donations and fundraisers. Only 6 high school teams qualified for the finals. Galileo's performance was indeed impressive - the equivalent of a football or basketball team making it to the state championship! In the final round of the high school division, Galileo Dragon Boat Team A came in 2nd and Galileo Dragon Boat Team B came in 4th. Thanks again to GAA for its financial contribution to the team.

GAA BOARD NEEDS YOU!!!

GAA is looking for interested alumni to join the Board of Directors. All alumni are welcome. Board meetings are held 5 times a year at Galileo, usually at 6:30 PM. Please consider volunteering your time and energy to benefit other alumni and Galileo Academy.

If you'd like to join the Board of Directors, know of someone who might be interested, or have any questions about what is involved, please email any Board Member or Officer <http://galileoalumni.org/committee.html> or write GAA, 1150 Francisco St., San Francisco, CA 94109.

BECHELLI CHALLENGE FOR ATHLETICS

Dick Bechelli '51 again has offered to match up to \$1,000 to benefit Galileo's Athletic Department. He has challenged alumni and friends to donate whatever amount they can to make it possible for Galileo to purchase needed athletic equipment and uniforms for men's and women's sports.

Thanks to Dick's generous donation and contributions from others, a check for \$2,040 was presented to Galileo last year. Any amount you can afford will help

us meet and surpass Dick's current challenge. Galileo faces a budget cut of \$152,000 this school year, so the Athletic Department, often one of the first programs to be cut, needs your help.

There's still time to make your tax-deductible donation. Mail it to Galileo Alumni Association, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Checks should be made payable to GAA. Please note that the money is to be used for "athletics".

Through The Telescope. . .



Idol Fever: Anyone who was lucky enough to have a ticket to attend the sold out performances of the "North Beach Idol" on September 7th and 8th witnessed a thrilling, exciting evening of entertainment, North Beach style. The brainchild of producers Tina Canepa, Bill Lazzaretti and Laura Azzolino, this musical extravaganza, a first for the S. F. Italian Athletic Club, did not disappoint. It lasted well into the night, as several talented performers from North Beach wowed the audience with their songs and dances. It was a takeoff of "American Idol," right down to M.C. Ryan Seabasso and judges Paulina Abdul, Simino Cowell and Ranaldi Jackson. After a tasty family style dinner, the show began with 7 performances followed by 4 Elvis impersonators. In the end, Mike Granelli won for the special acts and Randy DeMartini for the Elvis acts on Friday night. On Saturday night, the winners were Michael Nastari and John Pesenti, respectively. Our own Galileo alumni were represented by Nina Clima and John Zuffo who placed in the top 3 on Friday night. Dancing rounded out an unforgettable evening. We look forward to the 2nd "North Beach Idol" next year.

Makeover: Galileo Field has a temporary new look – 3 portable classrooms on the east end. Since the main building is being renovated to accommodate the handicapped, one floor at a time is being shut down and classes moved to the temporary buildings. Meanwhile the courtyard is torn up to install handicapped access. Commemorative tiles will be placed at the perimeter of the courtyard (see story in this issue). Football games will be played at Kezar during the construction. When all the work is completed, everything will return to normal.

Sentimental Me: The Royal Theater on Polk Street, one of the two neighborhood theaters I used to go to, is no more. In its place is a building of condos, but they have installed a *faux* façade of the old movie house.

All-Star Frenzy: The recent Major League Baseball All-Star game in San Francisco underscored the outrageous prices that were charged for seats. I heard the best seat at field level was going for \$4,500. eBay and StubHub were filled with offers of tickets. This game as well as the World Series, Super Bowl, NBA finals, and Masters golf tournament are some of the hottest tickets to get and unaffordable for the average fan. Corporate types, managers, coaches, and players occupy most of the seats at these major events. About the best bargain in sports is college basketball's Final Four. You have to apply a year in advance, and winners are chosen by lottery. A ticket for a weekend of 3 games (2 semi-final games and the championship game) is around \$75. And you get to see the four top teams in the tournament.

Go Figure: 3 years ago, a mechanic told me I needed to change my car's battery. Some 10,000 miles later, I am still driving with the same battery.

Isn't it nice that medical science is touting dark chocolate (in moderation) as being beneficial to health? Then there are red wine and coffee, too. Yippee!

Geography Lesson: I am often asked about the geography of the Bay Area by visitors. The easiest way to describe the Bay Area without using a map is to take your outstretched hands and place them with the index fingers touching with the left finger above the right finger, leaving a space between the two thumbs (this represents the Golden Gate). The space surrounded by your index fingers and thumbs is San Francisco Bay. Your right thumbnail is the City of San Francisco with the edge of your fingernail representing the Marina and Fisherman's Wharf; the rest of the right thumb is the Peninsula at the bottom of which is San Jose. The right index finger represents the East Bay from Fremont all the way up to Vallejo. The left thumb is Marin County, and you can pinpoint Tiburon. Sorry, there is no Angel Island or Alcatraz—you have to imagine them.

Pet Peeve: "Your call is important to us. . ." Yes, but it's more important to the caller!

Romance of the Rails

By Renee Mau Wade

“I hate to fly” was the usual response from passengers on Amtrak when asked why they were taking the train. One passenger, a captain of a major airline for 15 years, always takes the train when on vacation, “I feel like I am driving a bus in the air but on the train I get a new perspective. “

In July I traveled from Denver to San Francisco to Chicago to Houston on Amtrak on the California Zephyr and Texas Eagle. I hate to fly and love trains and wanted to see the middle of the U.S. The Western Sierra mountains and lakes take one’s breath away. It was inspiring going through the Rockies and colorful Colorado. I was amazed by the turrets and watchtowers created from the stratum of rocks and wind for hundreds of miles. The mountains looked like ruins of an ancient civilization. Going through Utah I saw beautiful red billows of clouds over the mountains that turned out to be a horrible fire. On the way back you could see hundreds of miles of blackened sagebrush right up to the train tracks. The tracks acted as a firebreak, but the trains were not allowed to go through there until it was safe.

Traveling across the thousands of acres of U.S. desert plains was a good time to catch up with the books I had brought. There were hundreds of miles of wind blocks in areas where the wind can get so bad it can blow a train car over. What a great place to put windmills. I watched a heavy freight train full of coal pass over the serpentine tracks and was surprised to see the tracks dancing on the ground. When the heat in the desert is over 100 degrees the train does not go over 50 MPH to be safe. The regular speed is about 79 MPH. The only time the train is on time is when it starts from its initial station. Freight trains will side track the passenger trains, even though fined, to slow Amtrak down. It is very difficult to make connections at your destinations so it is good to add a few hours to the destination time.

The train follows many rivers as it races across the U.S. The Truckee and the Colorado Rivers appeared to be over their banks this year. River rafters were in great abundance and waved as the train raced by. The train slowed down to a crawl when crossing bridges. We crossed the Mississippi River and other rivers very slowly, and I couldn’t help wonder how the train affected those rusty metal bridges.

The sound of the train is a romance to my ears with its “ding ding” and whistles sounding the coming of the train at crossings. At night the red lights at the crossings look like a huge winking giant’s eyes blinking their warning.

One of the best parts of a long train ride is the people you meet. I met a lot of teachers, a school principal and a psychologist traveling with their

families. There was a pastor studying for his Ph.D. on translations of the Bible and was full of interesting stories. There were three couples from New Zealand that were so much fun to be around and that loved to take their vacations in the U.S.

The dining car fare is fairly good on the train and is almost the same menu in all Amtrak trains. There is a snack bar, which includes drinks in the lounge car. The lounge car has large viewing windows and is a great place to meet other passengers. There are different ways to travel. Coach is the least expensive and the chairs are large and comfortable. The sleeping car is divided into sections. The upper part has small rooms with a shower, sink and toilet. The other upper half has tiny rooms that will accommodate two people and you can lock yourself in. Downstairs there is a large family sleeping room, a room for the disabled, a shower and airline type toilets. The prices are not cheap, but you do get your meals included in the fare when in a sleeping car.

There is one attendant for each sleeping car who travels with you for the entire route. The attendant provides extra towels, makes up the beds and makes sure you're comfortable and usually has a great sense of humor even with putting in very long hours.

To check prices, accommodations and routes you can go to www.Amtrak.com. I would suggest calling Amtrak at 1-800-872-7245 and asking for an agent to book your trip. It is truly an amazing experience to really see the U.S. from the comfort of a train.

Renee Mau Wade, Class of 1951, lives in Texas and is a frequent contributor to the Observer.

Restaurant Reviews

A French Gem in the Richmond

You can drive or walk past Chapeau!, the French restaurant in the Richmond and not know it's there. It has a hand scrawled sign in the window of a former coffee shop. But once you step inside, you are in another world, the world of an intimate Paris bistro. The owners have made the most of the space, charming and delightful, and the chef prepares excellent food. The restaurant seats at the most 50 – 60 people, but 40 would be better by removing the tables in the middle of the room. The bathrooms definitely need upgrading; they look like they were left over from the coffee shop.

A 3-course early bird dinner is served on weekdays between 5 and 6 PM for a bargain \$25. I had gravlax to start with capers and egg bits, then a sliced duck breast and chicken thigh with soft polenta and tasty vegetables. My meal ended with profiteroles – 3 delicious ice cream filled éclairs. It was just the right amount of food and satisfying. I accompanied the meal with 3 half glasses of wine, all French and all good – a crisp white, a dry red and a syrah/cabernet blend. Wines are available in half glasses, full glasses, half bottles and full bottles. One can sample several wines in the course of the entire meal. All in all, Chapeau! is a delightful surprise in a neighborhood setting. And they bring you the check in . . . what else, a chapeau!

Chapeau!, 1408 Clement Street at 15th Avenue, Tel. 415-750-9787. Philippe & Ellen Gardelle, Proprietors.

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You Can Bank on this Restaurant

The bank at the corner of Divisadero and Hayes is now NOPA, a hip restaurant that is packed most nights. NOPA stands for North of the Panhandle. They call this a neighborhood restaurant, but don't you believe it; it is a destination restaurant. On a recent Friday night the earliest available table was at 10:30 PM. Not wanting to wait that long, I wandered into the restaurant at 6:00 PM and went to the bar. Having a Chimay ale, I watched the staff preparing the food in the open kitchen for sampling by the employees prior to serving the diners. Lawrence, the chef, gave me a slice of a pork chop that literally melted in my mouth. By 7:00 PM I was seated downstairs (there are tables on a loft as well) and had a cheddar cheese burger accompanied by a Froghollow Shandy, an iced tea concoction. I ordered a chocolate mousse that came with bits of lavender. I accompanied it with a Kenya coffee from Blue Bottle served in a French Press. The noise level is very high, and at 7:00 o'clock, the sun shines through the windows so take your sunglasses just in case. I like NOPA. It serves until 1:00 AM.

NOPA, 560 Divisadero Street at Hayes. Tel. 415-864-8643.

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Restaurant Update: Little Joe's, the ever-popular Italian restaurant, has relocated from Van Ness & Filbert to Fifth & Mission in the Pickwick Hotel. The food is great as usual. I predict a long and profitable future for Franco Montarello at this hot corner. Only shortcomings I saw on two visits were a very short wine list (3 bottles each of red and white) and the absence of an open kitchen, their long-standing trademark. Corkage is only \$10 so take your own wine. Franco no longer cooks but greets customers.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

63rd Homecoming Song & Yell Contest, Galileo Field, October 12, 2007

Amichi Vecchi, Caesar's Restaurant, October 20, 2007

**Citywide Public High Schools Class Reunion, Patio Espanol,
November 2, 2007**

**2nd Annual PTSA/GAA Dinner/Dance, Far East Café, November 9,
2007**

Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, Elks Club, So. S. F., April 26, 2008

40th Reunion Classes 1965 through 1969, October 18, 2008

(Additional information on these and other events at
<http://galileoalumni.org/home.html>.)

More events will be listed as they become known.

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The Galileo Alumni Association webmaster has big plans for the website <http://galileoalumni.org/> and needs help. The webmaster, Vaughn Spurlin, is a highly experienced software engineer, with basic web design skills. As anyone can see, the GAA site could be lots snappier. But Vaughn's goals go way beyond that, towards an open source project that would look great on anyone's resume. Look around at other nonprofit websites, and you'll see a real need for better site building tools. Let's build up the GAA site, and use the experience to create a high quality package that can serve all the needs of small nonprofit organizations anywhere on the planet.

- Web page templates
- Information architecture framework
- Content management, so nontechnical team members can publish web updates
- Membership database, available for remote updates by organization officers
- more ...

To explore this opportunity further, email the Webmaster and we'll talk about it.

WRITERS/REPORTERS WANTED!

For articles and stories on alumni, events, whereabouts of graduates for this newsletter. No mastery of English required, just your willingness to communicate and participate. Contact the Editor.

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If you would like to promote your Galileo event on the GAA website <http://www.galileoalumni.org/>, please send information to galileoobserver@aol.com and/or webmaster@galileoalumni.org.

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