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## THE GAA DOES IT AGAIN!

*It's that time of year when GAA presents the annual Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner and Ceremony. This year's event will be held at the SFIAC on October 25<sup>th</sup> and will honor 9 former athletes and one former coach. The inductees span 6 decades, and for the first time there will be 4 women honored. Come join the festivities (but hurry, tickets are going fast!) and enjoy a multi-course dinner with wine. Cocktails start at 5:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM. This is the GAA's largest fund-raising event of the year. Your attendance will preserve and foster the proud tradition of Galileo sports. Send in your reservation today! See below for more details and a reservation form.*

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## COLUMBUS DAY PARADE IN NORTH BEACH

It was a great time in North Beach for the Italian Heritage (Columbus Day) Parade. Folks lined up and down the streets, eating at restaurants with table & chairs on the sidewalks. Fun for all. The GAA had their float and the Galileo JROTC had their groups marching.

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Lots-of-amore-laughter-at-Italian-Heritage-Parade-4892749.php>





**The Benefits of Age:** With age comes wisdom. Youth is a time of discovery, experimentation, trial and error. Old age is a time of reflection, of enjoying your spoils and giving back. Many things get better with age – certain wines, for example. Paintings of the masters get better the more you view them; the same with music. Any great art form is worth experiencing over and over again – Beethoven’s symphonies, Shakespeare’s plays, daVinci’s paintings. I read Hemingway’s “The Old Man and the Sea” once every year. It renews my appreciation of good writing.

With age, the mind usually, but not always, gets sharper and more selective while the physical body wears down. It’s interesting how like a machine the human body is. When the heart (the engine of the body) wears out we get a transplant; same with the kidney (the oil filter of the body). When the spine (the chassis) gets out of line we get a re-alignment. And so on. Hips and knees are replaced. Eyesight falters, hearing declines.

Senior citizen status is something earned by living many years. A high school senior has pride in the approaching graduation. The senior citizen looks back and reminisces about the good old days. He/she has earned the perks – discounts on transportation, food, movies, preferred parking spaces, etc., etc.

I know someone who is 107 years old. I am rooting for her to break the Guinness Book of Records for longevity which is somewhere around 113. The key to her success in life is LOVE.

**The Magic of Rediscovery:** A Beethoven symphony, a master painting, a movie, a book, a road regularly traveled. Repeated and renewed experience rewards us with rediscovery. The discovery was the spark of enlightenment; the rediscovery is the binding together of the experience to last forever.

**Remember the Krispy Kreme Kraze?** Now there is a Cronut Craze, at least on the East Coast. What is a cronut? It is a combination of a croissant and a donut. So far as I know, they have not hit the West Coast yet.

Four days after it opened, I drove over the new Bay Bridge. It feels more like a highway than a bridge with its many lanes. You can bike it or walk it, too, but only to Yerba Buena Island.

I bumped into Dylan Nelson, recent Galileo all-star pitcher and quarterback, during the Cal-Ohio State football game in Berkeley. Dylan is pitching for Cal now. Next year he becomes eligible for induction into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame. His brother Kyle is the current star QB for Galileo.

Jowanna Woeber Gaskell announces that Will Marchetti (’51) is currently appearing in “The Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo”, a play at the SF Playhouse, 450 Post Street, through November 10. The show is dark on Mondays. For tickets call 415-677-9596.

This past baseball season Galileo alumni had 3 ball dudes at the Giants ballpark: Vince Gomez, Joe Martino and Harry Holsworth.



Ball dude Gomez.MOV

A good time was had by all at the Dinner with Friends at Nick’s Rockaway Beach on September 28<sup>th</sup>. About 45 alumni from the classes of 1953-54-55 attended the affair. The movers and shakers responsible for organizing the event were Monica Parenti Kirkland, Jane Sullivan Nielsen, Dee Falwell Morgan and Dave Negherbon. A delicious dinner was served and attendees mingled before and after. Several alumni from other classes also attended.

**Sign of the times:** In a restaurant, after finishing their meal, four people of differing ages, each pulled out their cell phones and began checking email. In the old days, they would have pulled out cigarettes. The silent smokeless cell phone has replaced the cigarette. On streetcars and buses, cell phones and tablets have replaced magazines and newspapers.

*June was bustin’ out all over, July came in like a butterfly, September was a month to remember, October is here as a reminder, That more days to remember will come in November and December.*

# ***Tony Compagno's Ramblings***

After re-watching Alex Haley's **ROOTS**, followed by the viewing of Lee Daniels' **THE BUTLER**, (this 2013 film sure to earn some Oscars), I offer some new ramblings: a whole hodgepodge of thoughts and feelings and images that I experienced immaculately from a safe distance during the tumultuous sixties and since.

Linking the Haley epic with the current movie starring Forest Whitaker, one is afforded, in turns painfully and joyfully, a history of African-Americans' struggle for equality over the last 200 years. From Kunta Kinte to Barack Obama: "quite a journey" is an anemic phrase, insulting the depth and breadth of the slow progression from lip-service regarding the idea of brotherly love to some tangible evidence of it in our time.

In those days when I sat in Millie Smith's History class, or Sam Goldman's Civics class, or Mr. Toto's Italian class, cozy in my ignorance, African-American classmates and teammates carried their ethnicity with grace and dignity the magnitude of which was at the time wasted on me - you, too, probably - during those formative years at Bay and Van Ness. I was thinking of these Lions as I watched **THE BUTLER**. I thought of guys like Walt (No-Neck) Williams, Roston Maxie, Dub Johnson, Guy Whitaker, Ed Parker, Coach Charlie Parrish, only the coach once in a while betraying just the slightest rough edge of an anger or frustration because he'd been suffering a lot longer than the young brothers. And there was Jerome King, Winston Johnson (Dub's younger brother), Johnny Daigle, Famous Holt, Ruckins McKinley, Wiley Price, just to name a few more. I remember these good athletes and good young men, polite, quiet, humble, humorous, patient, making the best of a terribly imperfect society.

A final rambling, along with everything else said here, will make a circle of my feelings on the subject. In my little fictional reminiscence called **A REMARKABLE COLLECTION OF ANGELS**, the narrator speaks of the family of an African-American friend who played baseball with the Caucasian boys at Funston Playground.

"All the Springfields seemed to bring a sense of pride and grace and order to the way they carried themselves and spoke and navigated through a world more difficult for them than I had any way to imagine." And I thought of the man behind the fictional Mr. Springfield as I watched the character played by skilled actor Whitaker.

All of you Lions reading this, regardless of year of graduation: what historic events we've witnessed and, in some cases, participated in. What a crucible we've been blessed to emerge from.

Man, do I miss those names: Winston, Ruckins, Famous, Wiley, and No-Neck...But, I miss as I yet see in my mind's eye the faces of those princes from that province called, somewhat dubiously, **The Good Old Days**, which some of us recall with a greater clarity and more accurate perspective than others.

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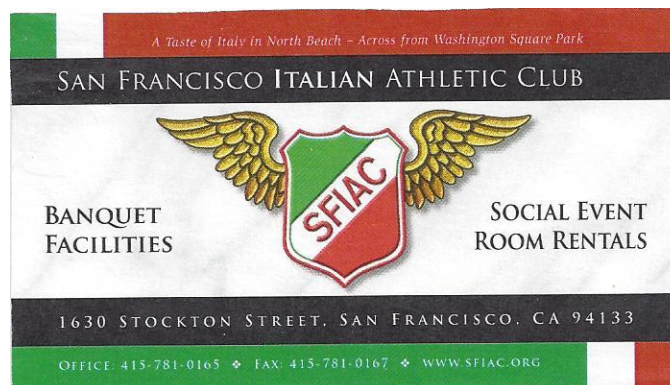
On the subject of movies, my wife and I, in Santa Barbara for some R&R recently, caught an afternoon screening of Woody Allen's BLUE JASMINE. I'm a big fan of Woody Allen's artistry. (An aside: I can't think of an Allen I didn't like: Steve Allen, Mel Allen, and for you really old Lions, Gracie Allen and Fred Allen.) Woody's the kind of guy whose work you either love or hate, his personal choices and behavior in life completely aside.

This newest Allen film, like THE BUTLER, will earn some recognition at Oscar time. Kate Blanchett's performance as a woman unraveling after making some questionable choices of her own and ending up gabbing with her demons on the streets of our beloved San Francisco is brilliant. Without going into great detail or pretentious plot and character analysis, let me just recommend the film as an engaging study of a woman whose self-centeredness catches a number of trusting, loving people in its ugly web. It's a genuinely sad tale and an effective piece of film-making. And there are great shots in and around San Francisco, besides...in color, unlike many Allen films. But if you really don't like Woody, don't spend your money at your local theatre, unless you especially like the popcorn there. (By the time this review gets to you, the film may be available only on DVD or paid TV, but it would work as well on the small screen.)

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On a lighter note, but lingering on the subject of movies set in or significantly showcasing San Francisco, how many of our readers out there, young and old or in between, can come up with at least five films from this category? Old-timer that I am, I can think of quite a few, but with classic movie channels and six trillion other cable sites, we've all been exposed to movies ancient and fresh into the can, (which could have a double meaning, depending on the merits of the film.)

I'm thinking, for example, of a certain Hitchcock movie in which the male star has a fear of heights, and a wild Chevy Chase movie in which a well-known San Franciscan, the late Cyril Magnin, plays the Pope, and some intense driving down the hills of North Beach, and a story of two very sad people played by Jack Lemon and Lee Remick. That's it for the clues. Play the memory game among yourselves and have some fun.





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## **2013 GAA ALL ALUMNI FRIENDS FAMILY PICNIC**

*Fun was had by all on September 29, 2013. Games, Volleyball, fishing, socializing.*





# Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

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

## **FALL SEMESTER BEGINS**

School began this year on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The first semester will end on December 20<sup>th</sup>, just before Winter Break.

## **69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SONG & YELL CONTEST**

Galileo students will participate in the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Song & Yell Contest on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. As you all remember, this is a very lively and spirited event and competition between the classes, Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. The classes compete in the following areas: class skits, fight song, LION'S WHISPER, THE BIG G, the sale of Student Body Cards and the sale of tickets to the Homecoming Dance.

## **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME & HOMECOMING DANCE**

The Galileo Mighty Lions will face the Abraham Lincoln Mustangs at 3:00pm on Friday, October 18, 2013. The 2013 Homecoming Dance will be held that evening in the school cafeteria from 7:00pm – 11:00pm. Go Lions!

## **TWO FORMER GALILEO FACULTY/STAFF PASSED AWAY**

Former Security Aide Willie Charles Edwards passed away on September 10, 2013. Charles spent many years serving at Galileo and finished up his career with the district at School of the Arts (SOTA). Many San Francisco School District personnel attended his Memorial Service on September 20, 2013. Charles was 57 years old.

Former Social Studies Teacher Donna Horn passed away on August 4, 2013.

## **"K.C.'S LETTERS" – A True Story Documentary About a Galileo Student From 1968.**

In August Principal Blacksher introduced us to a former Galileo student, Karen Canihan, who attended Galileo from 1967 – 1970. She was visiting Galileo with several people, including actress Rosie Hallett, who looked exactly like Karen when she was 16 and attending Galileo. Rosie was even wearing Karen's Galileo High School sweater. Karen and those with her that day were filming a documentary based on Karen's experiences in 1968.

In Karen's own words: "I attended Galileo High School from 1967 – 1970. I was very active in band (we started a marching band), cheerleading (varsity song girl for basketball & football and senior song girl), leadership girl in dance with Mrs. Mahy, and was voted Class Historian.

In 1968, I believe it was an English class, we were asked to write to an unknown soldier in Vietnam as part of a pen pal project. I did. For some reason, I was the only one from my group of friends to do so.

Jim Oberbeck, a Navy Corpsman attached to the Marines, selected my letter after having read several that his battalion surgeon gave him. He said he chose my letter because I said I had an interest in photography, was a 'good letter writer,' and had long brown hair. We wrote letters back and forth for almost a year. It took a long time to receive letters. Our worlds were very different. While I was cheerleading and going to the prom, he was fighting a war 9,000 miles away.

He never really told me the horror of what he experienced because he was afraid I would stop writing. He never sent me a photo of himself either. Jim said he was going to be discharged in November of 1968 and hoped we would be able to meet in San Francisco. The last letter I received from him was dated November 11<sup>th</sup>. He sounded very eager to meet me. I waited for him to call when he arrived but it didn't happen. I never knew what happened to him."

Karen's life after Galileo involved attending San Francisco State University for several years, marriage, two children, and teaching drama and musical theatre to youth for many years. She also is a freelance photographer specializing in family photography. Cont.....

Karen remarried in 2003, after the death of her first husband. Her second husband is a Professor of Technical Theatre at Notre Dame de Namur University. He encouraged her to write a play for adults (she often writes plays for her students).

"I told him that while I was cleaning out closets, a stack of old musty letters from Vietnam fell on my head. I remember stopping what I was doing and sitting down and reading them. Tears filled my eyes as I wondered what had happened to my pen pal, Jim Oberbeck." Karen wrote the play, Between Yesterday and Tomorrow: Correspondence with an American Soldier in Vietnam, 1968. The play is part fiction, part nonfiction, but was inspired by the letters Karen received from Jim.

"After having written the play, I thought I would try locating Jim Oberbeck to see if he was alive and to see if he would give me permission to perform the play. Jim is alive and lives in Kansas. I sent the play to him to read and he gave me permission to perform it. " He attended the second performance of the play at Hillbarn Theatre on May 16, 2011.

"I had a filmmaker, Jessica Wise, who was just graduating from the Art Academy film our meeting for the first time in 43 years at SFO. It was a very emotional experience. We went back to Potrero Hill where I grew up and I showed Jim where I wrote some of those letters. We later went to a North Beach restaurant and looked at old photographs. I brought his original letters and he brought two of mine, written on binder paper. The other letters had to be burned for security purposes. Before they were burned, he was able to share my letters with other soldiers who didn't receive any letters. I never knew that. That evening we attended a performance of my play. He was very emotional watching an actor play him. I did change the character's name from Jim to Tim as well as his residence. We also had a panel of Vietnam Vets who participated in the talk back about letter writing after the performance. Jim was a special guest. The audience didn't know they would be meeting the real soldier that night.

I later learned that Jim flew into Travis Air Force Base in November of 1968 and had intended to meet me in San Francisco, but was spit on and called names by war protestors and decided to go back home to Missouri.

Jim said to me, 'You were my sanity in an insane world of Vietnam and I can never thank you enough for what you did.' "

Karen is reworking the film version of her story and hopes to submit it to film festivals, including the Sundance Film Festival, when it is completed. Look for the documentary, "K.C.'s Letters," by Karen Canihan Byrnes.

Here are Karen's words about her feelings for Galileo High School: "Galileo High School really helped shape me—It gave me a nurturing environment where I was free to explore the arts. I believe that the arts are not only for self-expression but can also be used for social change."

## **"JUNIOR" Released in August on Video on Demand to Netflix and Other Sites**

The documentary, "Junior," about Josephine Belasco (Galileo's 98 year old graduate in 2006) and her son Eddie was featured in the San Francisco Chronicle on Saturday, September 21, 2013. Josephine Belasco's graduation from Galileo at the age of 98 was national news in June 2006. She was also featured on the "Jimmy Kimmel Live" show. Galileo's graduating seniors that day chanted "Josie, Josie, O Six! O Six!" How great it is that this heart-warming story is preserved and available for the world to experience!

## **FALL SPORTS**

### **Varsity Football**

The Galileo Lions varsity squad finished their pre-season with a 3-1 record after dropping their opener at Tamalpais High School, 48-36. The 36 points in the loss was only the beginning of an explosive offense led by senior quarterback, Kyle Nelson and senior running back, Ronzel Fox. In the 3 games after Tam, Galileo scored 42, 63, and 57 points. Nelson tallied an amazing 14 TD's and 1033 yards in 4 games with a 1-interception hiccup. Fox reached 553 yards on the ground with 9 touchdowns in 3 games. The defensive effort has been brilliant behind cornerback, Dontell Jackson (4 interceptions) and linebacker, Terrell Jeffery (3 interceptions). Galileo accumulated 11 interceptions as a team so far. Junior middle backer, Jamari Hilliard-Vasquez and senior, defensive end, Kris Balarezo lead in the tackles category with 54 and 43 apiece. This senior-heavy team is primed with a deep post-season run as they prepare for their first league game against Mission on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at Galileo.

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## **Girls' Varsity Volleyball**

This season's volleyball team is led by our senior captain, Joanne Kuang, (outstanding middle blocker), junior captains, Sabrina Lew, (rock solid libero), and Victoria Vuong, (exceptional outside hitter). Our captains will be leading our team into a season filled with challenges. The talent level within our team and our league varies between recreational abilities to die-hard high competition players.

We are about a month into our volleyball season and have seen some very good competition in our non-league matches. The team is playing well, and we are continuing to improve and are working on our weaknesses. We have participated in one tournament so far with mixed results and have another scheduled for October. Our regular season has just begun and we are off to a good start winning both matches. We have been learning from our defeats and growing with our wins. Come out and cheer our team on. The team can really use the positive energy.

Our players this season are comprised of a balanced mix of juniors and seniors with one sophomore, Courtney Pon, Setter. Our senior players are: Crystal Lui O/S, Katherine Liao O/S, Sally Li O/S, Estella Chow OP, Alyssa Chin Setter, Krista Lai MB, and Joanne Kuang MB. Our juniors are: Sabrina Lew Libero, Angel Gardner O/S, Wendy Liu MB, Marisa Louie OP, Rebecca Borja MB, and Victoria Vuong O/S. Our assistant coaches are Darion Lew and Anthony Lam. Our team Managers are David Peng, Sandon Tran, and Calvin Huang.

Our goal this season is to have fun while qualifying for the playoffs. Our Lions have not been in the playoff recently, and it would be great to have our team peak at the right time and make a push into the postseason. Regardless of the outcome, I want to thank all our players for coming out this season dedicating their time and energy for Galileo. I know it is tough enough for our students who are taking AP classes and SAT/ACT classes, along with daily homework, tests, and projects to stay focused. It takes a tremendous individual, along with family and school support to be successful in all these areas. Norman Lew is coach of the Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team.

## **Galileo Boys Varsity Soccer**

Coach Marieke Blazeski started coaching the Galileo boys and girls soccer teams two years ago. This is her second season with the boy's team. Last season the team came in 6th out of 13, and the year they finished 11th out of 13. This year we expect to finish in the top 4 if not the top 2. We have a very strong group of individuals this year as well, consisting of 3 seniors, 9 juniors, 5 sophomores, 5 freshman, and 7 alternates to replace any injuries or grade challenges that we might face through out season.

We are in our third week of the season now. We have played 4 games so far and have won all of them. (Marshal 3-1, O'connell 8-2, Leadership 6-1, and Washington 5-0) We are undefeated and currently tied for first place with Balboa HS. This week we play Academy High School at home, and Lincoln High School away. We expect our toughest games will be those against Lincoln HS, Lowell HS, Balboa HS, and Mission HS. Regardless, playoffs/ championships are definitely our priority and are fully within our grasp. We have core players with the knowledge, heart and skill to defeat everyone and plan to play our very best in every match. This year's Galileo boy's soccer team has great passion for soccer. These boys live and breath soccer, Coach Blazeski, says every minute with them a rewarding and fulfilling experience.

## **Girls Varsity Tennis**

2013 girl's tennis is promising. Led by stable Captain/Senior Wing Ung the girls press forward to improve and compete with consistency. Three other Seniors-Janice Ma, Annie Lei, and Amy Lee provide some stability also. With a load of underclassmen supporting the future promise more success. Junior Yohanna Nordstrom shows power in her game, along with junior Carmen Kong as our only lefty. Sophomores Joanne Louie, Damika Chieng, Suzy Kong, and Lina Kim are improving daily. In fact the team of Kim/Kong is 3-0 to date! Formidable name huh? Two athletic freshmen are starting singles players, Ava Van Atta and Katherine Kim. The team should finish 3rd or 4th and qualify for the playoffs. There are over 25 girls on the roster, with many as novices trying to learn the game. Don Papa is the coach.

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## **Girls Golf Team**

The Galileo Girls' Golf Team is in the midst of a rebuilding year as last year's team saw all ten members graduate. With a new team discovering the lifetime sport of golf the goals have been simple: to practice often, enthusiastically and show as much improvement as possible. So far the team has been living up to this ideal as they have lowered their scores with each match.

Unfortunately the team does not have regular access to a golf course so they have been learning this difficult sport at the Moscone Recreation area nets. This means that the team's only time spent on an actual golf course is during match play. Still, with a group of determined juniors and seniors they have been showing potential and achieving the goals they set at the start of the season.

**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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## **A Staff Biography**



### **Meet Galileo's Soccer Coach**

My name is Marieke Blazeski and I was born and raised here in San Francisco. I attended Live Oak elementary school, Everett Middle school, ISA high school for 3 years and transferred to MacAteer High School (Urban Pioneers) for my senior year, and graduated early in January of 2000. After high school I took one year off and worked as a bicycle mechanic at a local bike shop. I then attended SFSU for 5 years, and graduated with a BA in English, with an emphasis in creative writing. I enjoy riding bicycles, playing/coaching soccer, reading, writing, and playing pool competitively.

I started playing soccer at the age of 5 at the recreational level. I played in the local leagues, Vikings and Pal. At the age of 13 I was asked to try out and selected to play on a more competitive soccer team called the San Francisco Vikings Soccer Club. I played with them till the age of 18, and began training with the semi-professional team, the San Francisco Nighthawks. I played with the Nighthawks for several years in the summer time in between seasons at SFSU. I played for the SFSU women's soccer team from Spring 2001 through Fall 2004. I continued to play for the Nighthawks after college, but stopped playing at the semi-professional level in my late 20's. I was playing coed soccer and woman's premier level soccer until recently (May 2013), when I found out I was pregnant with my first child.

I have been coaching soccer since I was 15 years old. I have coached in the Vikings and Pal league and have coached for the San Francisco Vikings Club, and for a company called Soccerkids. I have my F, E, and E/D coaching licenses, and will continue to gain more. Cont.....

## Galileo boys varsity soccer team 2013:

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### *The Ladies Have a Lunch*



A wonderful lunch was given on September 12<sup>th</sup> for all ladies born in the year 1933 -- 80 years ago. Eighteen ladies, most of whom went to Galileo and others who are friends of the Galumni, attended. A lunch consisting of soup or salad, choice of chicken scallopini, petite filet mignon, crab or shrimp louie and ice cream and biscotti was served at Capurro's Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf. All attendees received a small decorated cake, a necklace that spelled out "Happy Birthday", and name tags that said 1933 Interesting @ 80 (instead of Interstate 80). No detail was overlooked by Pola Martino and Nina Clima, the organizers of the event. The buzz was that there will be a 90<sup>th</sup> party.

Ladies attending were: Pola Massoni Martino (6 children, 14 grandchildren); Nina Pattini Clima; Jowanna Woeber Gaskell (2 children, 2 grandchildren); Nancy Pevoto Allen (2 children, 3 great grandchildren – twin girls); Rosemarie Gervasi Moreno (2 children, twins); Joanne Gervasi Denike (4 sons); Dottie Tataro Daniele; Glorinda Spano Dobbelman; Dolores Rielli Enos; Ealena Mauro Granelli; Carmela Lombardi Hoffman; Dorothy Gelardi Hawkes; Ernestine Farrari Zuffo; Joyce Amenta Cozzarin; Barbara Scafidi; Pam Patania; Mary Louise Nella; and Rosemarie D'Amico Balestreri. Carmela Silvestri Gigliotti was unable to attend.

Note: Joanna Woeber Gaskell contributed heavily to this report.  
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# **Obituaries**

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**ROBERT APPLETON – May 31, 2013**

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**BURTON BERRY – July 18, 2013**

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**GORDON MILTON BINDER M.D. - May 2013**

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**GRACE BURKE – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

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**FRANK FRAGOMENI JR. – Aug. 6, 1934 – Oct 7, 2013**

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**ANN GIAMPAOLI -- Feb. 11, 1934 –Sept. 23, 2011**

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**GUIDA GONSALVES – September 17, 2013**

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**Henry Kind – September 7, 2013**

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**I have heard from several alumni that they receive the Lions Pride every Saturday morning via email, thinking the GAA publishes this newsletter. I would like to correct this immediately. The Lions Pride published by Phil Kaiser is in no way related to the Galileo Alumni Association's *Observer* newsletter or approved by the Board of Directors. It is also not endorsed by the Galileo Academy. We do not feel that Phil Kaiser's Lions Pride represents the best interests of the GAA.**

**We do not communicate with Mr. Kaiser or in any way support his criticism or negative writings. Our newsletter *The Observer* is published 4 times a year in January, April, July and October. I hope this clears the air for many of you and I hope Phil Kaiser will STOP harassing the GAA and put more energy in supporting Galileo.**

**It would be nice if Phil Kaiser would work with the GAA instead of against it. I don't understand why he has so much resentment, especially being an Alumni. I find it very sad.**

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**THE ALUMNI BOARD NEEDS YOU!**

**If you would like to work with current Directors to further the mission and goals of the GAA please contact Charlene Mori at 415-441-6445. We are searching for new Board Members, assistance with the newsletter "Observer" and someone to help maintain & build our web site. You can also email - <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/about/contact/>**

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*Although sad news, I greatly enjoyed Tony C's tribute to Rich Barni. I also spent a number of years playing with the Flanagan's, the Barni's and even Tony C. at Funston field back in the days. Eric "Swede" Soderstrom (Class of 1960).*

*Castagnola's has jazz (imagine that!) on Tuesday now. It used to be Wednesday/Thursday. But it was discontinued. At least they've brought it back... John Clark is the organizer of the music. There are some VERY good musicians involved in this. Charlie McCarthy is excellent and has been around for a very long time.*

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**\*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. Our next meeting is November 13, 2013. Please join us.**

**\*Sports Hall of Fame Awards Dinner – October 25, 2013**

**\*1973 Class Reunion Nov. 2, 2013**

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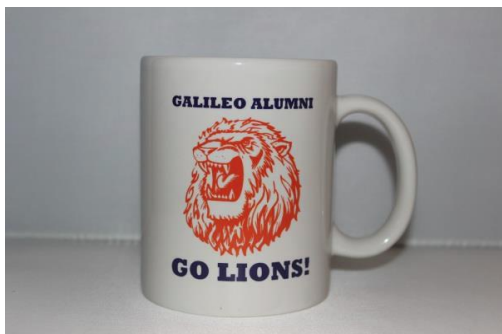
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# GALILEO SPORTS 2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER



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 Soccer), **Lyndi Ma '92** (Tennis), **Brice Peoples '88** (Football, Track/Field, Baseball), **Bessie Tam '92**  
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