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MOVING ON.....

For 13 years Sisvan Der Harootunian has given his best to keep us all informed with the “Observer” our beloved Galileo Alumni Newsletter. We thank him for giving his heart & soul to the Observer. Sisvan will continue to work with the GAA and also Galileo. He has much on his plate as he is the Chair for the Sports Hall of Fame and the Sports Hall of Merit. We appreciate all you have done Sisvan and wish you nothing but luck going forward with what you love doing, supporting Galileo. Please see his letter of resignation below.

Hello All,

I am resigning my position as Editor of the Observer. Thirteen years is a long time, and I had originally intended to resign after 10 years, but there was a risk of not having an alumni newsletter so I decided to stay on.

The past 13 years have been a labor of love, and I am thankful to GAA for giving me the opportunity to indulge my passion for writing and editing and to serve the Galileo alumni community by reporting the news.

It is time to move on. I have several ideas on how to continue helping my alma mater, and I shall present them directly to the Academy when the proper time comes.

If the new editor of the Observer wants me to continue writing my column, Through the Telescope, I shall be glad to do so.

Go Lions!

Respectfully,

Sisvan Der Harootunian

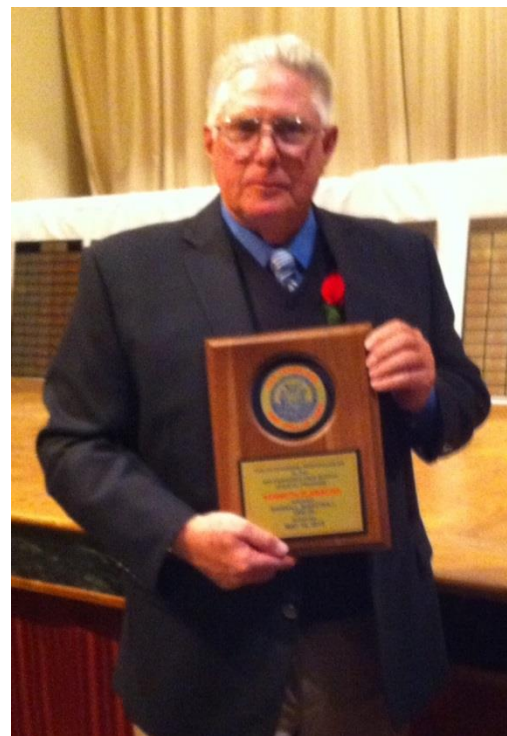
Through The Telescope. . . Sisvan Der Harootunian



We have written several times in this space about the need for the Galileo observatory to be made operational again after a long period of non-use. It is good to see that GAA along with the Galileo staff will be taking steps to finally bring this about. First step is to raise money for the many renovations that have to be made. Let's all support this project.

Want a book to read? Did you know alumni can check out books from the Galileo library? According to school librarian Alan Phelps, you just have to establish a contact. 415-749-3430 ext. 3356

In May, Ken Flanagan ('56 – '59) was inducted in the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame. Among the many attendees at the Patio Espanol were Coach Don Papa, Tony Compagno and myself. At least 12 noteworthy ex-Galileo athletes are missing from this Hall, notably Roy Barni and Helen Wills Moody, among others. I understand Barni is being considered for next year. Angelo "Hank" Luisetti, who is in the Hall of Fame, still holds the record for most points scored in a single game at Stanford (50).



Stephen Curry of the NBA champion Golden State Warriors (yea!) has a ritual he goes through when shooting free throws and during timeouts – he dangles his plastic mouth guard and chews on it. The late UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian sucked on a wet towel on the bench. When I was playing basketball for Galileo, I pulled up my socks during the game, usually after every possession. I asked several of our Hall of Famers what their ritual was. Jim Dresser ('51) said: "For good luck, before each kickoff at football games, I rubbed the top of Fred Tooker's ('51) head before we put our helmets on." What about the rest of you? Send in your ritual and we'll publish it in the October issue.

My Dad used to say, "Instead of watching sports, play them." He was not a fan of spectator sports, but a fan of participation. Nowadays, with technology you can watch any sport on TV or listen on the radio. You can even watch on your mobile device while attending another sporting event.

Capp's Corner closed in April. Joe Capp, the original owner, used to smoke a cigar and wear a hat. The place served hearty Italian family style dinners. Chronicle columnist Charles McCabe was a regular.

Back in 1950, the Pendulum was typeset (there were no computers). Roger Holmes Wood was the advisor who later became a top NY Life insurance salesman. On my staff were Joan Harriss (who later married Kingston Trio member Nick Reynolds), Vince Gomez (Sports Editor), Cordelia Porter (now Surdyka), Palmira Pattini (now Nina Clima) and Bob Fajardo.

Some inspirational quotations from Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great American essayist: "Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail."

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." STAY INTERESTED . . .



Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

SUMMER 2015

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

GALILEO HAS A NEW PRINCIPAL

Marcus Blacksher, Galileo's 17th principal has moved on to a new position. He is sad to leave Galileo but very excited about his new job as Athletic Commissioner for the Pittsburg, California School District. We will miss him and wish him well in his new position.

Michael Reimer, Ed.D. will assume the job of Principal of Galileo (as our 18th principal) on August 3, 2015. He was selected by the San Francisco Unified School District to lead Galileo. Dr. Reimer hails from Winnipeg, Canada. Prior to his appointment as Galileo's Principal, Dr. Reimer served as principal of Roosevelt Middle School for the last six years. Early in his career as an educator he taught mathematics and science to high school and middle school students in Japan, Canada and the United States. Before he came to SFUSD as an administrator in 2005 he taught mathematics at Santa Rosa High School. While he was principal at Roosevelt Middle School, the school was recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2009 and a Title I Academic Achievement Award winning school in 2010 and 2011. He was recognized as the Mayor's Principal of the Year in 2014 and the Association of Administrators Region 5 Middle School Principal of the Year in 2012. We welcome Dr. Reimer to the Galileo Community and look forward to his leadership of our wonderful school and community.

4 GALILEO TEACHERS RETIRE IN 2015

Kevin Brooks (Social Studies), Roger Kavalier (English and ELD), Mark Meeks (Math) and a teacher new to Galileo this year, Victor Soberanis (Spanish) retired at the end of the Spring 2015 semester. We celebrated their retirements on Tuesday, May 26th at a fun party at Capurro's restaurant. We will miss them all!

HALL OF MERIT DISPLAY CASES

The Galileo Hall of Merit Display Cases are on the walls adjacent to the Sports Hall of Fame Display Cases across the hall from the Main Office. On display now, while we are waiting for the engraved name-plates, are photos and information on the new members of the Galileo Hall of Merit, as well as a very interesting and thorough article on Dr. Bobby Brown inducted in 2013. There are photos of him as a medical doctor and information on his crusade to eliminate tobacco products from all baseball dugouts. He played for the New York Yankees as a third baseman for a number of seasons and was President of the American League for 10 years. Check them out when you come by Galileo.

ELECTRONIC SIGN UPDTE

Galileo's new electronic sign has been updated so that it is working fine and displaying news of the school, sports, important dates, as well as the date, time and temperature. We have been forced by the City of San Francisco to turn the sign off at night. One neighbor at the corner of Van Ness and Bay complained to Supervisor Mark Ferrell. The information was presented to the school along with the city ordinances that require the sign to be off at night. We are also restricted with the way the information can come up on the screen and the minimum amount of time for each screen is 8 seconds. At this point we must obey the rules.

JROTC

Galileo's JROTC won the district-wide Spring Competition! The Girls' Drill Team took first place; the Silent Drill Team took first place and the Drum Corps took second place. Galileo won the Overall 1st Place!

WRESTLING UPDATE

Galileo Varsity Wrestling Team took the All-City title and the following 3 will be competing in the State competition: Alessandro Szabo, Patricio Israel, and Lavelle Johnson. All-City Results were Galileo 181.5 over Washington at 143. Go Lions!

SPRING SPORTS

Galileo Girls Softball:

The Galileo Girls' Softball team made the playoffs with a season of 11 wins and 5 losses. They lost in the playoff game to Lowell 12 - 2. Earlier in the season the coach reported:

"Galileo softball is off to a strong start in the 2015 season. They are currently 6-2 after winning 4 games in a row and are in a battle for their first playoff spot in 3 years. Isabel Saylor, their junior pitcher has been extremely valuable. In the last 3 games she has pitched 3 no hitters and one perfect game. The Lions have outscored their opponents 51-0 during this stretch. Besides Isabel, the Lady Lions are anchored by seniors, Jessica Khuc, Kimi Matsuda, Jaime Gumar, Vivian Nguyen and Teresa Lam. Most home games are played Tuesdays at Moscone Field."

Varsity Baseball

The Galileo Varsity Baseball Team finished the season with 8 wins and 7 losses. The team qualified for the playoffs, but lost to Washington with a score of Washington 6, Galileo 4. Earlier in the season Coach Papa said:

"Galileo Varsity Baseball Team is currently in second place. "We are trying to finish in the top 2 to get a bye in the play-offs, which we hope to make. We are a young team that has a chance to play for the AAA City Championship at A.T.& T. Park on May 6. Led by Larry Fonseca-pitcher, short stop, and catcher, he is a definite all-City candidate. We start 2 freshmen, 2 sophomores, 3 juniors, and 2 seniors. We have a chance to win it all."

JV Baseball on the Verge

Galileo's JV Baseball Team finished the season with 5 wins and 5 losses, good enough to make the playoffs. They lost to Washington with a score of 12-5. Earlier in the season the coach said:

"After three winless seasons the JV baseball team finally broke through and won their first game last year. This year JV baseball is on the verge of making the playoffs with a 3-4 record. The team is young, mostly freshmen, and dedicated to learning the game and improving their skills. The JV Lions have their final three games at Moscone Field and need two wins to make the playoffs. The young Lions are ready to roar and determined to bring Galileo their first ever JV baseball championship."

Galileo Boys Golf

Galileo Boys Golf presently has a 2-2 record in San Francisco AAA play, and is gaining momentum towards another playoff run. The team is led by future All-City golfers, Ivan Wong, Nick Foster and Uu Vuong. Also contributing to the Boys Golf Team this year are Matthew Fronda, Gary Zhao, Nichols Lee and Tony Huang. All matches are played at Lincoln Park Golf Course and all matches consist of a nine-hole play. They ended the season with 1 win and 5 losses in league play and did not make the playoffs. Next year!

Track & Field

The mighty Lions are looking good starting this year's track and field season. The Lions are 65 strong young ladies and guys. Early season veterans have posted some very impressive marks. Lawrence Wong ran the 400 meter dash in 49.83 seconds and the 200 meter dash in 22.52 seconds. Both of these runs reached the "Top Ten" in the Bay Area. Rodney Morgan hit 6 feet 6 inches in the high jump and tied for 12th place in the state. Morgan reached 21 feet 1 ½ inches in the long jump, leading all contenders in San Francisco.

Freshman Girl Parker Jones tied the 9th grade record set by Lisha Yao (13.24 seconds in her first meet in the 100 meter dash). Tracy Tam, another 9th grader started her high school career with a sub-6:00 minute metric mile, running the 1600 meter in 5:57, only 10 seconds from the Varsity Girls school record.

The outlook is bright and full of promise for 2015. The coaches are Kevin Adams (33 seasons), Pete Richardson and Greg Espy, who will be guiding this year's Mighty Lions to an All City and the California State Meet. Three members of the Galileo Track Team went to the State Meet.

Girls Soccer

The Galileo girl soccer team made it to semi finals, facing Washington High School and the final score was 3-2 in Washington's favor. "The game was tied 2-2, so we went into over time. Washington scored in the last few minutes. It was an overall great season; we finished in 3rd place. Parker Jones had a total of 36 goals, which is a new record for most goals scored. Seniors Rosa Galera, and Jasmine Ramirez having a terrific season along with Angela Gomez (sophomore). It was an amazing season and cannot wait until the next one." Words from player Parker Jones.

Swimming

The Galileo Boys Varsity Swim Team finished the season with a disappointing 0 wins and 6 losses. The Galileo Girls Varsity Swim Team finished the season with 3 wins and 4 losses. The Boys JV Swim Team finished the season with 4 wins and 2 losses. The Galileo Girls JV Swim Team finished the season with 4 wins and 3 losses. As the season progressed we talked with the coach.

Coach Hasan reports about the Swim Team: "Even though we got off to a choppy start, the waters are starting to calm. These last few weeks in swimming have been exciting, frustrating and everything in between. We went from starting the season two weeks late, to being in second place in our division, pushing ourselves and surpassing expectations all along the way. We started with a group of 23 students, and in this group 6 could not dive and 2 could barely swim. Now we are a team of 30 confident swimmers, all ready to compete and take on whatever challenges come our way. Although the season is winding down the Galileo Swim Team is heating up, firing all cylinders and getting ready for the All City Finals (April 24th & 25th at CCSF). We look forward to picking up the pace even more and representing our school proudly (in and out of the pool!)."

Flag Football

Flag Football is a new varsity sport added to the spring sports collection at Galileo academy. In our three years representing Galileo the Lioness has been a force to be reckoned, with 3 playoff and 2 championship appearances (one more soon to come by 4/18/15 provided we continue to play at the level we have been all season long) with a total 16-5 record in the three years. 95% of the team prior to joining the team had 0 football experience but through tons of hard work and the heart of a lion all have grown tremendously to proudly represent Galileo. Our team's culture is forged by our core values 'Passion, Power and Persistence' with a closely-knit family style vibe. By using tons of team building exercises paired with total mind and body challenging workouts each student is reborn a Lioness ready to take on any obstacle or opponent.

Galileo's Flag Football Team ended the season with 8 wins and 2 losses and qualified for the playoffs. On 4/15/15 the beat Lincoln 6 - 0. Unfortunately Galileo lost to Balboa 26 - 6 in the Championship Game on 4/18/15. Great job Galileo Female Lions!

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

On May 16 of this year, Galileo High School shared a good portion of the limelight at the San Francisco Prep Sports Hall of Fame Dinner at the Patio Espanol Restaurant at the southern edge of The City.

Ken Flanagan, class of '59, was inducted into the prestigious "club" by virtue of his extraordinary ability on the baseball field and basketball court as a purple-and-orange-clad representative of Galileo High.

That same night, Sam Goldman, who'd taught at Galileo for a spell starting in the late '50s, was selected to the group for his outstanding and relentless media work as an advocate and promoter of high-school athletics.

It was an especially gratifying night for me because I'd nominated my old childhood friend and teammate Ken for the Hall, and I also fondly remembered Sam as a down-to-earth and very effective teacher - his glasses at the end of his nose and his pants a little baggy - who made a lasting impression on me, contributing to my eventual but brief tenure as a teacher at Marina Junior High.

Ken's acceptance speech was humble, enthusiastic, warm, gracious, and entertaining. He made it a point to thank people who'd helped him get to that podium that evening, although it was his own ability and discipline and self-confidence that earned him the prize. Ken talked about the "old days" at Funston Playground, the influence of director/coach Joe Ardanaz, the priceless personality of gardener/umpire/sage Joe Gaggero, the unique camaraderie among the kids that converged on the diamonds in the '50s and '60s. Of course, every band of brothers that formed on the fields across San Francisco considered itself unique, and understandably so. What an era! What a generation! Ken celebrated the time and place by acknowledging old friends and teammates who now 50 or 60 years later were assembled there out on Alemany to remember what it used to be like in the "heyday of the blood," as someone once wrote.

Ken's wonderful family was there, including his brother Bill, a terrific pitcher on a Galileo championship team before Ken arrived on the scene. Some of the old Lions who attended were Dave Barni, Mike Bellanca, Jim Guerrero, Bob Leipsic, Lou Muzio, and George Sibbett.

I'm toying with the idea of nominating other Galileo sports greats. Roy Barni? Bill Flanagan? Ray Bower? Bob Leipsic? Maybe someone, as I write, has already jumped on it...hint, hint, hint.

Here, in the middle of yet another baseball season, I offer an excerpt from a book of mine that came out ten years ago this year. I offer an excerpt about those old and venerable days spent under the blue skies in the corner of Heaven we referred to, simply, as Funston. This is the beginning of Chapter 11 of, A Remarkable Collection of Angels:

August started with a bang when Joe Adcock of the National League's Milwaukee Braves connected for four homeruns and eighteen total bases against the Brooklyn Dodgers. This is a feat that I ranked up there with the Twelve Labors of Hercules. Adcock reached Olympus that day.

Hollywood came to the Marina that August. Line-Up, a TV series filmed on location in San Francisco and starring B-movie stalwarts Tom Tully and Warner Anderson, set up the cameras in Pixley Alley one hot summer afternoon. They used some of the locals in the background. Nonna Spingola, who had lived in the same little flat in the alley for forty years, was chosen to speak a line. We watched her practice on the sidewalk in front of old Mateo LaRocca's garage, where he'd once made legendary grappa, a strong homemade wine. Nonna Spingola was as excited and honored as a schoolgirl selected valedictorian of the graduating class. She repeated her line again and again as she waited for the director's signal, perhaps allowing herself to imagine that she was Gloria Swanson nearly ready for her close-up. "I'm'a no see nothing at all, I tell'a you," she expanded her line a little. "Listen'a mister, I'm'a no see nothing, I tell'a you. Non capisce?" Maybe she thought she was getting paid by the word. The director cautioned her to speak just the words given her, and she acquiesced, but her moment on film ended up on the cutting room floor, and a career was crushed, like the grapes LaRocca once had used to make his grappa.....

Baseball was central to our summer vacation in those days. If we weren't actually playing, we were watching others play, whether it be the semi-pro teams made up of guys on their way up or on their way down, or the Seals out at 16th and Bryant in the Mission, or an occasional televised major league game from exotic far-away places like Cincinnati or New York or Baltimore. If we weren't playing or watching, we were buying, trading, studying bubblegum cards, sometimes competing for them by seeing who could toss the cards nearest the wall of the candy shop at Filbert and Steiner. Some kids threw the gum away; I chewed large quantities at a time, and I'd spit into the street like my Nellie shooting tobacco juice from his bulging cheek into the dirt at Comiskey Park's second sack. On the field at Funston, we sang "Hernando's Hideaway" as we scooped up ground balls, and practiced the sacrifice bunt crooning the Georgia Gibbs hit, "Dance With Me, Henry." It was all a dance, in fact, and Crow Malatesta was the unwitting (and witless, according to some) director of the company, a kind of Paleolithic Gower Champion.....

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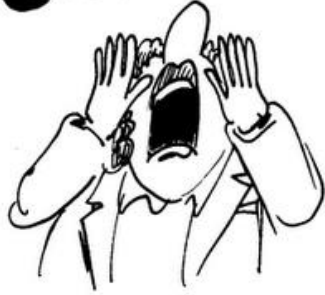
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DAY AT THE RACES 2015

We had our second annual Day at the Races for Alumni/Friends and Family on April 26th. Everyone had a great time. We will be doing this again soon. Hope you can join us next time.



View all our pictures at:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0Bx6ThyJf8MeUfkF3S0hkX3FfV3dKZC1WY3VTZE1nOFFaNFBDZ2p1Wnd6YUFkS2ppY1RzeEk&usp=sharing>

or go to our website - <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/events/archive-of-past-events/>

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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David Edward Clark – May 5, 1923 – June 7, 2015
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Joseph Louis Casalnuovo – January 8, 1927 – May 4, 2015
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Thelma Damele – April 12, 1926 – June 16, 2015
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Raymond Devincenzi – April 23, 1934 – May 3, 2015
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Barbara Paganelli Donohue – May 30, 1947 – May 21, 2015 -
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Barbara-Donohue&pid=174923622>

George Fay – April 20, 1924 – May 2, 2015 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=George-Fay&pid=174873593>

Irwin Gibbs – March 21, 1925 – June 5, 2015 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Irwin-Gibbs&pid=175049632>

Ann Corsini Hughes – March 3, 1920 – May 17, 2015
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Ann-M-Corsini-Hughes&pid=174891865>

George Lavezzoli – 1925 – April 30, 2015 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=George-Lavezzoli&pid=174782423>

Mary Cresci Lavin - February 9, 1924 – May 21, 2015
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Mary-Lavin&pid=174923630>

Augusta Jeung Li – August 13, 1924 – June 22, 2015
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Augusta-Jeung-Li&pid=175168113>

Eddie Lodigiani – October 7, 1920 – April 2, 2015
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Eddie-Lodigiani&pid=174661619>

John Queiser – September 27, 1923 – March 16, 2015
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=John-Queiser&pid=174595418>

Josephine Samson – August 15, 1921 – January 24, 2015
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Josephine-Samson&pid=173968419>

Armond Suacci - September 17, 1922 – June 16, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Armond-Suacci&pid=175122118>

Anthony Tornay – October 6, 1929 – June 22, 2015

<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Anthony-Tornay&lc=9559&pid=175149079&uuid=efe69966-f2d0-4bfd-94af-b1b1d21e1a16>

Gustave Villalta - December 27, 1916 – May 26, 2015 Age 98 years old.

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

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

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

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

Athletic Dept.

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

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

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

Dragon Boat Team

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Example of the Galileo Mural (Bill Weber)

THE GALILEO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IS PLANNING TO CREATE A MURAL PROJECT FOR THE SCHOOL

THERE ARE 3 PARTS TO THE GALILEO PROJECT

1. CREATE A COLLAGE **MURAL DESCRIBING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF GALILEO GALILEI**, THE NAMESAKE OF OUR SCHOOL TO INSPIRE THE TEACHERS, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL. THIS MURAL IS PLANNED FOR THE SOUTH WALL OF THE MAIN GALILEO LOBBY, IN FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM.
2. CREATE A COLLAGE MURAL **DESCRIBING THE WORK OF STUDENTS** AT THE GALILEO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, INSPIRED BY GALILEO. THIS GALILEO ACADEMY MURAL IS PLANNED FOR THE NORTH WALL OF THE LOBBY.
3. CREATE THE **“GALILEO STARS” FUNDRAISER PROJECT**, BASED ON THE GALILEO QUOTE. **“I HAVE LOVED THE STARS TOO FONDLY TO BE FEARFUL OF THE NIGHT”**. “GALILEO STARS” WILL COVER THE CEILING OF THE MAIN GALILEO LOBBY AND CONNECT THE SKY PORTIONS OF THE TWO WALL MURALS. “STARS” WILL BE SOLD TO FUND THE TEACHING PROGRAMS OF THE GALILEO ACADEMY. FOR EXAMPLE, “SILVER STARS” COULD BE SOLD TO FUND ONE YEAR OF PROGRAMS, BASED ON “WISHES UPON A STAR” BY THE TEACHERS. “GOLD STARS” COULD BE SOLD TO FUND SPECIFIC PROGRAMS FOR MULTIPLE YEARS. A “STAR CHART” WILL BE CREATED TO SHOW THE DONORS FOR THE PROGRAMS.

Upcoming Events

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

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2015 PICNIC AUGUST 29TH, 2015 – SEE ATTACHED FORM.

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2015 – HALL OF FAME – MORE DETAILS TO COME.

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2016 – HALL OF MERIT – MORE DETAILS TO COME.

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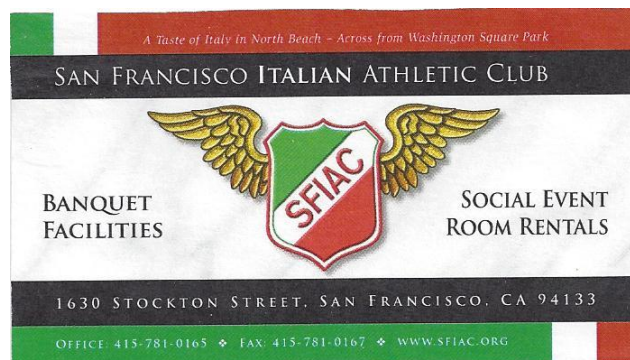
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