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...The Students of today are the Alumni of tomorrow...

National Endowment for the Humanities announces \$14.6 million in awards



WASHINGTON (December 2, 2013) – The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced \$14.6 million in award offers for 202 humanities projects, including \$475,840 in production funds for Arthur Dong's "The Killing Fields of Dr. Haing S. Ngor," a full-length documentary covering the periods before, during, and after the Khmer Rouge's tyrannical rule over Cambodia as seen through the eyes of Dr. Haing S. Ngor.

The Cambodian physician escaped to America and recreated his experiences in *The Killing Fields*, winning an Oscar® for his first film. He became the de facto worldwide ambassador for truth and justice in his homeland, only to be gunned down in Chinatown Los Angeles – a case still muddled with transnational conspiracy theories. The film will be produced and directed by Arthur Dong and is based on Ngor's autobiography, "Survival in the Killing Fields," written by Haing S. Ngor with Roger Warner.

"The National Endowment for the Humanities is proud to fund the nation's finest humanities projects," said NEH Deputy Chairman Carole Watson. Dong added, "This award, along with previous support, allows us to tell Dr. Ngor's story, a chapter of contemporary history that still affects citizens of the world today. The NEH grant will bring our documentary to completion – we plan to finish up by the end of 2014!"

NEH funds for "The Killing Fields of Dr. Haing S. Ngor" was awarded under the Bridging Cultures Through Film Grants initiative, which supports the development and production of documentary films that examine international and transnational themes in the humanities. The project has also received funding from Cal Humanities, the Sundance Institute Documentary Film Program and Fund/John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Initiative, the Center for Cultural Innovation Investing in Artist Grant, and a

previous NEH Bridging Cultures through Film research and development grant. Additional support has been provided by sponsors the Center for Asian American Media and The Dr. Haing S. Ngor Foundation.

For more on "The Killing Fields of Dr. Haing S. Ngor," please visit:

<http://haingngorfilm.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HaingNgorDocumentary>

NEH press release: <http://www.neh.gov/news/press-release/2013-12-02>

[Complete state-by-state listings of grants are available here \(45-page PDF\)](#)

Ed. Note: Arthur Dong graduated from Galileo in 1971. He was student body Vice President.

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NOTABLE GALILEO ALUMNI

- [Joe DiMaggio](#), baseball player (dropped out in 1930)
- [Dario Lodigiani](#) baseball player, class of 1934
- [Hank Luisetti](#), basketball player, class of 1934
- [Milton Marks](#), state senator, class of 1937
- [Richard Goldman](#), philanthropist, class of 1938
- [Him Mark Lai](#), historian, class of 1942
- [Bobby Brown](#), baseball player, doctor, class of 1942
- [Arthur Sheehan](#), baseball player, class of 1943
- [Gino Cimoli](#), baseball player, class of 1947
- [Pat Sheehan](#), actress and Playboy Playmate of October 1958, class of 1949
- [Barbara Bouchet](#), actress, class of 1962
- [Leland Yee](#), politician, class of 1967
- [Norman Fong](#), pastor, class of 1969
- [Arthur Dong](#), filmmaker, class of 1971
- [Bill Lee](#), author, class of 1972
- [Andre Nickatina](#), rapper, class of 1992
- [Bobby Shaw](#), football player, class of 1993
- [Danny Wright](#), radio personality, class of 1996
- [Lenny Walls](#), football player, class of 1997

Note: The above is by no means a complete list of notable alumni.

Through The Telescope. . .

Sisvan Der Harootunian



While I was listening to the intoxicating piano music of Ernesto Cortazar and his mellifluous sounds of “Yesterday”, I was reminded by the numerous television and radio programs that it is the 50th anniversary of the Beatles’ arrival in the United States. In 1964 I was standing in the doorway of a Woolworth’s store on Broadway in Manhattan when 4 young boys with strange haircuts ran by me down the street in single file. I found out very soon that they were the Beatles who were to appear on the Ed Sullivan Show. Since then the Beatles have crossed my path vicariously in several ways. The late Ben Dito first introduced me to the music of the Beatles. He was a big fan. He threw parties that featured music of the Beatles. It took me a while, but I became a fan, too, especially of their later music. Such classics as Norwegian Wood, Penny Lane, Michelle, The Long and Winding Road, Let It Be, A Day in the Life, Something, Imagine, and Yesterday. These songs cannot be defined as hard rock. They are, instead, timeless pieces of music that will last for generations to come.

In Mexico City there was a radio station that played Beatles music 24 hours a day every day. In the barber shop where I got my haircuts there was a mural hidden behind a curtain. When I entered they pulled the curtain so I could look at John, Paul, George and Ringo on the wall. A Mexican friend of mine collects Beatles mementos. I shuffled around the dance floor at Armando’s disco in Acapulco to “Hey Jude” . In the Copacabana area of Rio de Janeiro, the restaurant/bar Zepellin used to play “Imagine” continuously while we feasted on filet mignon bites. So the Beatles are as international as Coca Cola. And we add our own salute to the many they will receive during this 50th anniversary.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GALILEO FOOTBALL TEAM THAT WON THE CITY
CHAMPIONSHIP ON THANKSGIVING DAY, SETTING A RECORD OF MOST TITLES WON
(17).

The Rest of the Story

At the 2012 Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, Joe Martino introduced special Hall of Merit honoree and Hall of Fame member, Dr. Bobby Brown, with the following words: *“If you were a ball player at Galileo in the late 40s/early 50s it is likely that Bobby Brown was one of your heroes. He certainly was mine. But hero often means different things to different people; for some pitching a no hitter or hitting a walk off homer does not a hero make! But Coast Guard Radioman Henry Kind will tell you that Bobby Brown is a hero by any definition. In 1943 a Coast Guard plane piloted by Lt. Dale Burroughs with Radioman Kind on board lost power while on a routine anti-submarine mission and crashed into the Pacific some 400 yards off the beach where Brown and other fellow Stanford students happened to be. Without hesitation Brown and a colleague swam out*

and pulled Henry Kind from the wreckage and brought him to safety. Unfortunately, Lt. Burroughs was killed in the crash. Dr. Brown was awarded the Coast Guard silver life saving medal.

Now here's the rest of the story:

Over the years Dr. Brown and Henry Kind have kept in touch. Dr. Brown is a regular reader of the Galileo Observer and in the October 2013 issue he spotted the obituary notice of Henry Kind. Clicking on the link to read the entire obituary, Dr. Brown learned that Henry Kind had attended Galileo High School. In his instinctive and unhesitating decision to jump into the ocean and rescue a human being and during the 70 years following that heroic event, Dr. Brown had no idea that the man he saved was a fellow Galilean.

And now you know the rest of the story.

Thank you to Joe Martino for providing the details of this story.

Ramblings

By Tony Compagno

The following is from my collection of reflections called SEASONING, published in 2009. This particular piece deals with New Year's resolutions. The book is made up of thirty-two reflections that first appeared as newspaper articles from the late '70s to the early '90s:

After a difficult process of elimination, I have narrowed the scope of my New Year's resolutions to the following list:

1. I will buy my younger daughter a puppy, since she's gotten into the habit of placing her stuffed animals over bowls of water at strategic spots around the house. You can lead a stuffed horse to water, etcetera.
2. I will buy those elevator shoes that I'd nearly convinced myself I don't need, since people on the street have been commenting to my wife on what a cute little boy she has, and has he always sported a mustache?
3. I will get my TV fixed, since the truncated bodies walking across the screen call to mind a mass audition for the lead role in a new film biography of Toulouse-Lautrec.
4. I will try a new dandruff shampoo, since my daughter, noticing the flakes on my sweater, asked if she could go outside and build a snowman - right here at sea level in San Mateo, California, yet.

5. I will take down the Christmas tree earlier this season, or it'll take less time for twelve fat rich men on twelve corpulent camels to pass through the eye of a needle than it will take to pick up every needle that's fallen from the sad old pine.
6. I will try to be more active and less contemplative, since pondering the greenness of the grass isn't cutting it.
7. I will learn more practical things, compromise my pursuit of beauty and truth long enough to learn how to change the oil in my car, or at least place my car keys in the same spot two days running.
8. I will keep up with the times, keep abreast of the news, since a friend corrected me the other day, surprising me with the information that Adlai Stevenson has no intention of making another run for the White House.
9. I will contribute a sum of money to PBS, since I'm tired of feeling like The Invisible Man shoplifting at Tiffany's.
10. I will carry more money on me at all times, since I'm still recovering from a recent humiliating experience. Picture it. A man dressed in an expensive suit and Gucci shoes steps into a mom-and-pop store and, as suavely and aloofly as possible, requests a Snickers bar, his favorite secret vice. The girl behind the counter produces it and asks for a couple of quarters. While two young customers look on, the man in fancy duds reaches into his pocket and discovers that he's short on funds. "I'll hold the goods while you go home and ask your Mom for more change," says the Americanized daughter of the Old World proprietors as she returns her eyes to her paperback copy of Proust, Looking down and saying, "Shoes, do your stuff," the man flees, unable to afford the Snickers.

Rounding out the list are the usual resolutions to exercise regularly, be kinder to animals, human or otherwise, be more helpful to my wife, learn to play "Stompin' at the Savoy" on the bagpipes, capture a unicorn, end poverty in the U.S. by Spring, and in the world by Fall.

On a more serious note: I finally got around to seeing the heart-warming documentary about Eddie Belasco, Jr. and his mother Josephine, the pair's special relationship captured by skilled film-maker Jenna Rosher.

Many of you old-timers perhaps know Eddie and walked the streets of North Beach with him back in the day when he was a flamboyant and bold young guy who craved participation in the world of entertainment. But it's safe to say that fewer of you knew his mother in any more than a casual way, if at all. I, for one, never met the subjects of the documentary but came away from Ms. Rosher's work feeling that I'd known this mother and son for years. It's remarkable how quickly a good film-maker can draw you into the world of two characters and make you care about them intensely. This is not reality TV. It's not melodrama. It's a slice of real life, a beautiful and touching, pulsating, non-scripted drama of two people trying to cope with change and fear and disappointment; we suffer with them, ultimately triumph with them, although some will perhaps miss the "positive" message I insist on taking from the film. Love and courage are, in my mind, the weapons we can choose to use against the absurdity of much of life.

My intention here is not to go through every detail of the film. My hope is that you go online and watch the film, which was released in August 2013 on Video on Demand to Netflix and other sites.

For someone like myself who grew up in the same section of San Francisco under the loving guidance of an Italian-American mother who doted on me, the piece hits home. The love that the rough-around-the-edges Eddie has for his mama, and the reciprocal love the nearly century-old Josephine feels for Junior...well, it's very touching, informing every frame of the film. Josephine's a sweetheart. You fall in love with her immediately as she asks for paper-thin scallopini at a local butcher's, then turns and leaves when she sees him pounding the hell out of the meat; or when she gently chides her son about how he's combed his hair and he answers, "What hair?"; and when she talks about her girlhood and pathetically tells the old, old story of an Italian girl in America squandering her talents, foregoing opportunities, squashing dreams in dutifulness to expectations of her; and then there's the push to get her diploma from Galileo High, which she attended initially when the school was practically brand new; and then there's the realization of the goal and subsequent brief celebrity, Eddie's struggles with his glaucoma and his frustration as a producer/promoter of young people's theatre serving as a counterpoint.

I remember years ago being moved by performances in films such as MARTY and FATSO, the title characters both Italian-American men facing obstacles and seeking strength and solace from a female family member. But JUNIOR...well, this is something else: this is the real thing, that which art can only imitate, and I find it a little gem.

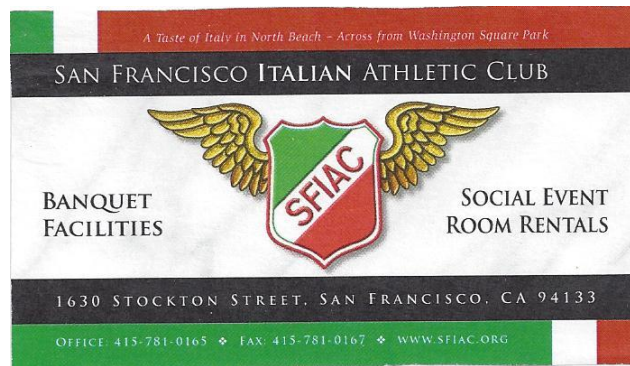
Editor's Note: This film was originally shown at the Roxie Theatre in San Francisco in a special presentation attended by numerous Galileo alumni and faculty. Ed Belasco and filmmaker Jenna Rosher were present and answered questions from the audience.

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Tacolicious tacos supports *Galileo* *during February*

The new North Beach Tacolicious will donate 15 % profit to Galileo during the month of February on Mondays - Feb. 3, 10, 17. & 24, 2014. ASB & Senior Class are sponsoring this fundraiser to pay for the Bill Graham Auditorium rental and student activities (spirit week, pep rallies, assembly programs, food festival & past expenses for the recent Winter Ball). You need to go to the North Beach Tacolicious at 1548 Stockton St. (between Columbus & Green St.). It opens at 11:30 AM and closes around 9:00 PM. You need no coupons, flyers, cards, etc. OK to thank them for supporting Galileo. Open the attachment. Can you forward this info and attachment via facebook, twitters, emails, or any social media to your families & friends. . Thank you & Go Lions.

UPDATE: Does everyone know that Galileo will receive \$558 from the 15% profit on Monday, Feb. 3? Ask friends to go to North Beach Tacolicious on the Presidents' holiday, Feb. 17.
Go lions!



SPORTS HALL OF FAME DINNER A SUCCESS

The annual Sports Hall of Fame awards were presented at a dinner in October at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Nine former athletes and one coach were presented with medallions and inducted into the Hall. The Galileo ROTC presented the colors and sang the National Anthem. Prizes were raffled including a San Francisco Giants jersey signed by Manager Bruce Bochy.

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Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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

TURKEY DAY FUN!

As most of you know by now, Galileo was victorious against Lincoln in the Thanksgiving Day Championship Football Game at Kezar Stadium. It was a warm and sunny day as the crowds gathered to watch the Galileo Lions face off again against the Lincoln Mustangs. There was much excitement in the air and anticipation of a big win by both teams. Galileo had the shady side of the stadium and Lincoln had the sunny side. Our stands were packed. It was such fun to see so many of the Galileo alumni come to the game with their young children in tow. My husband and I went to our first Turkey Day and had great seats on the 50-yard line. (We celebrated Thanksgiving with our family earlier in the week.) Of course we were wearing Galileo clothing and waving our pompoms high in the air with each exciting play. The game was exciting, the teams were well matched in talent and each play brought loud roars from the crowd. The finish was exceptional with an intercepted pass by Galileo and a wait to run the clock out. The final score was Galileo 34, Lincoln 30.

The football game was exciting from the very start to the end of the game! All the football players gave their best performances and we were all on the edge of our seats with each play! And leading the spirited fans were our fantastic Galileo cheerleaders. Their uniforms were beautiful, the purple pompoms were awesome and those girls did not give up their almost constant cheering! When the team went down field, the cheerleaders went along as well. When they were not cheering, they faced the field and had their pompoms behind their back in a solid stance.

After the game many of the fans stayed in the stadium to celebrate and catch up with their classmates. Go Lions!

GALILEO HISTORY WALL PROJECT

A new project at Galileo is the design and construction of a Galileo History Wall in the hallway outside the auditorium. A member of the Galileo School Site Council and the parent of one of our students suggested that we have a display about Galileo Galilei, the mathematician and scientists our school was named after. Galileo Galilei is well known for his construction of a telescope and his support of the Copernican theory, which supports a sun-centered solar system. Plans are for this new display to include information about Galileo Galilei.

Another component of the display will be about the history of Galileo High School, now Galileo Academy of Science & Technology. Founded in 1921, Galileo is now in its 92nd year. Initial funding for this project is coming from the Kris Winery Art of Education Program. The wife of one of our teachers is involved with this program, and she works for Winebow, an Italian wine importer, a firm that represents Kris winery from the region of Alto Adige. The winemaker of Kris winery is a reputable artist in Italy who strives to support Art education in public high schools. He developed the Kris Art of Education Program, which donates \$25,000 annually to public schools. Galileo's art department received a \$1,000 grant from this organization in 2013 and these funds will be used to begin this display. Our art teacher and head football coach, Mark Huynh is leading the design of the display.

Beginning plans include major events of each decade, principals and their histories (17 to date), historic events, architecture through the years and other significant events in Galileo's history. If you have any ideas that you would like us to consider, please email me at: grinnellb1@galileoweb.org, call me at: 415-749-3430, ext. 3225, or send me a note: Bettie Grinnell, Galileo Academy, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. We welcome your input.

FUTURAMA

Futurama is the name of the organization that runs Galileo's after school programs. The Futurama After-School Program at Galileo Academy provides a variety of free, on-campus academic and enrichment activities. Programs occur daily, from Monday-Friday, during after school hours.

The Academic program consists of Drop-in Tutoring, which includes Math, Science, English, and Social Studies to online credit recovery for students who are falling behind.

The Enrichment program includes dance classes, which vary from Hip Hop and Break Dancing to Samba, as well as a Mural Art course. Futurama also offers Making the Band, an opportunity for students to create and perform, and DJ classes. The program has a local chef on site, who provides culinary lessons that focus on technique, recipes, and preparation. And Futurama is also designing new classes. Once again, all programs are free of cost and open to all students. Teachers lead most of the academic programs while professional instructors facilitate the others. All activities take place on-campus under adult supervision.

Futurama also provides information on summer job opportunities for high school students. The staff has information on available jobs for youths and provides help with resumes and interview skills.

Galileo lost funding for Futurama last year, as the number of students who turned in Free and Reduced Lunch Forms dropped. There was a big push to get all students to turn in the forms, whether they qualified for the free or reduced meals this year and funding was restored.

WINTER SPORTS

WRESTLING

The Galileo Lions wrestling team is half way through the 2013-2104 wrestling season. After winning the All-City Championships last year, the team had high expectations for this year. So far the team has a dual meet record of 3 wins 1 loss, and has done very well in many of the tournaments around the San Francisco Bay Area. Last week the Lions took down Balboa High School, 63-15. Leading the team this year are captains Swain Wong at the 122 pound weight class, Yan Hakobyan at the 140 pound weight class, and Jeremy Chen at the 145 pound weight class. Swain has a record of 21 wins and 6 losses, and is currently undefeated in league. Swain has two 3rd place medals, and a 4th place medal so far this year in some of the toughest tournaments in the area. Yan has a record of 17-7, and has a 4th place, and two 5th place medals so far this year. Both wrestlers were all-city champions last year, and are favored to defend their titles this year.

Some other notable performances by Lion wrestlers are freshman Kyle Paisanasiri, and Vinh Huong. Kyle is currently undefeated in league at the 106-pound weight class, and has taken 2nd place at two Junior Varsity tournaments, and one 3rd place. Vinh has 2 wins and 1 loss in league competition, and has taken 2nd place twice, and 3rd place twice at junior varsity tournaments. Both wrestlers are proving to be fierce competitors, and could upset some of the upper classmen in the city at the All-City Tournament this year.

Junior David Ta is currently undefeated at the 113-pound weight class, and took 1st place at the Terra Linda JV Tournament. Sophomore Max Hirschfield is currently undefeated in league, and has an overall record of 16 wins and 4 losses. He has taken two 1st place medals, and one 2nd place medal. Sophomore Alessandro Szabo also has two 1st place medals this year.

There are four league matches left, and two more tournaments, before the All-City Championship Tournament on February 22nd. The team is looking great, and can't wait to win the city championships for a second year straight.

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Galileo's Varsity Boys Basketball team enjoyed much success last year. They finished the regular season as the top seed heading into the playoffs. Unfortunately their inspiring run ended with a semi-final loss to the eventual champions, Mission High School. Despite the playoff loss, the Galileo Lions had a very strong showing and really raised the bar for future Galileo teams.

With the loss of 8 seniors, this year's team is young and somewhat inexperienced. The team is made up of 6 seniors, 4 juniors, and 2 sophomores. Out of the 12 players, only three have any varsity experience. In addition, Coach Timothy Won has taken over the Varsity program after having coached the Freshmen/Sophomore team last year. Nevertheless, with all the changes the team is looking to build on the success of previous season. The team goal for this year is to make a return trip to the playoffs.

The team is led by Senior Co-Captain Isaac Armstrong. He is the team's current leader in points, rebounds, and block shots per game. Isaac joined the team midway through the preseason because of his participation on the City Champion Galileo football team, in which he also was a captain and all-city player. In addition to being the team's stats leader, Isaac's leadership and energy has been his biggest contribution.

Galileo's current overall record is 7-13 and 3-4 in league play. In spite of the losing record, the team has gradually improved over the course of the season and has won three of the last four games. During this stretch, the only loss was a two point nail bitter against a very good Lowell team. With another month left in the 2013-14 season, the Lions are playing better, building momentum and looking forward to making a playoff push.

BOYS' F/S BASKETBALL

The FS team started league with a 0-3 record and 2-12 overall. The losses stem from a collection of young and raw talent without experience on the hardwood. This 15-man squad features 6 sophomores of which only 1 had any significant playing time from last season and 9 freshmen with basketball skills but slight in build. With 6 games remaining, the coaching staff is confident that this young team can compete to win a few games.

Sophomore center, Jaspal Dhother, at 6 feet, is the squad's anchor at center. Dhother can also handle the ball and make the right passes. Sophomore guards, Michael Liang and Raymond Cheung bring a physical toughness that the frosh players can strive to equal. The frosh sensations include Francis Gonzales, Rory Jones, and Kobe Lee-a trio of guards who can handle the ball and score from long range.

GIRLS' F/S BASKETBALL

Coach Greg Espy reports that the Galileo Girls' JV basketball team is facing a very promising 2014 season. This team has 15 girls that are very hard workers on the court and in the classroom, with a team GPA over 3.0. Most of the team members are freshmen with only three returning players from last season. The team has been competing with some of the best basketball teams in the Bay Area, and they have done very well. We are 3-1 in the AAA and 5-4 over all. Galileo Girls' F/S Basketball team has made the play offs for the last two years and we expect to finish in the top 3 this year. The coach reports the team is a great group of kids who are having fun learning about basketball, sportsmanship and life. Coach Espy says this is one of his best seasons in his 24 years of coaching in the AAA because of the character of the girls. He says, "We're excited about what were are doing here at the G-House; we have a great chance of beating Washington and we hope to face Lowell in the championship and continue the spectacular year of winning championships at Galileo. "

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team is following last year's very successful season, in which they went to the championship game, with a very strong start this season. During the preseason (Nov & Dec) the team went 12-

3, while winning third place, consolation championship & championship in 3 different tournament they attended around the Bay Area. Since entering league play in January, the team has continued their strong play, going 3-0.

The team's success can be greatly attributed to the experience of the girls as all the starters from last year's team returned this year. Of the 5 starters, 4 of them made the all-league team last year.

The team's ultimate goal is to make it back to the championship game this year, and win a city title. Standing in their way however, is a Lowell HS team that has won 4 championships in a row. The Galileo girls believe that with the experience they gained from last year's championship run, and the determination and talent they possess, they are in prime position to capture a title for Galileo.

JROTC

Since the beginning of this school year, Galileo's JROTC has had a tremendous amount of successes and struggles alike. This was the first year that Fall Competition consisted of all drill teams- Color Guard, Squad Drill, Guidon, and Drill Platoon. The Spring Competition consisted of all special drill teams- Drum Corps, Girls Drill Team, and Silent Drill Team.

In the recent Fall Competition, Galileo received Third Place Overall, ending the semester strong and motivated. In the recent Individual Drill Down (IDD) Competition, our cadets did extremely well and placed in multiple individual categories. The spirit and determination we brought to the field made even a strict drill competition an enjoyable opportunity to showcase the talents in Galileo and bond as a brigade.

Even with all our success, finding an appropriate place to practice has always been a struggle, but cadets this year are more motivated and spirited than ever to compete and do well. The amount of motivation and spirit we have this year is very inspiring to both our own cadets and the students of the school. All special and off-season teams are working and practicing really hard in preparation for the upcoming Spring Competition. All in all, Galileo's Battalion is blessed with motivated and dedicated cadets ready to bring pride and spirit to Galileo.

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.

Westlake Joe's Closes and Giovanna di Tano Sings

On January 26th Joe's of Westlake closed for good. Two nights before, a group of Galileo alumni gathered at the restaurant to enjoy a final meal and hear Giovanna di Tano (Jowanna Woeber '51) sing. The evening was filled with memories and friends meeting friends. After a wonderful dinner from the restaurant's menu, alumni moved to the bar to hear Giovanna sing some favorite light classical songs, including "Bill" from Showboat, dedicated to her late husband Bill Novales. Among those present at the dinner were Barbara and Mario Lombardi, Jan and Jim Dresser, Pete Pompei, Jackie and Bernard Valdez, Ron Ertola and Marilyn Van Tralen, Paul Lamphere and Dee Morgan, Beverly and Mike Thomey, Laverne LaRocca, Bill Dito, Sisvan Der Harootunian and Giovanna Gaskell.

Click on link to view pictures: <https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos>

The restaurant has been purchased by Original Joe's which will open in about a year.

Obituaries

Frank Alioto '53. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=frank-alioto&pid=169407577&fhid=24175>

Mark Bell <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=mark-bell&pid=168881420>

Walter Biondi <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=walter-biondi&pid=168461077&fhid=26211>

John Bonjean <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=john-bonjean&pid=167924064&fhid=2170>

Joe DiMaggio '49. Member of GAA and the Sports Hall of Fame. Private Services.

Maria Virginia Anguiano Ferrer '72 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=maria-virginia-anguiano-ferrer&pid=168440506&fhid=26211>

Albert Gori '37 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=albert-gori&pid=167791690>

Ernestine Hall <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=ernestine-hall&pid=167805198&fhid=2353>

Jane Lew <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=jane-lew&pid=169146949&fhid=2318>

Andrew Pilara <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=andrew-pilara&pid=169382751&fhid=2515>

Clara Rovens <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=clara-rovens&pid=167708575>

Gilbert Solomon <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=gilbert-solomon&pid=168975090&fhid=2515>

Olga Thomas <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=olga-thomas&pid=168210860&fhid=2515>

Augie Venezia '52 GAA VICE PRESIDENT -
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Alan Wiel OLDEST GRADUATE (Age 101)
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Annual Financial Statement
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

BALANCE FORWARD	\$28,420.07
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Membership Donations (New)	\$ 150.00
Membership Donations (Renewals)	1,320.00
Donations (Miscellaneous)	1,645.00
Bank Interest	.07
Picnic	690.00
Donations (Merchandise)	311.50
Donations (GAP)	985.00
SHOF Dinner	5,950.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$11,051.57
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EXPENSES

Bank Fees	\$ 36.00
PayPal	16.66
SHOF Dinner	5,100.31
Supplies (Miscellaneous)	1,423.32
Picnic	542.77
Web Site	125.51
Columbus Day	147.81
Merchandise	1,516.75
Donation (Physics Dept.)	1,286.80
Donation (Science Dept.)	150.00
Donation (Athletic Dept.)	1,500.00
Donation (ROTC)	2,446.88
Donation (Dragon Boat)	1,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,292.81
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BALANCE as of 12/31/13	\$24,178.83
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Endowment Balance as of 1/03/14	\$16,495.33
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Submitted by:

Joe Scafidi, Treasurer, GAA



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Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Galileo-Alumni-Association-San-Francisco/278283128875474>

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Upcoming Events

***GAA Board Meeting – Room 210, Galileo Academy, 6:00 PM, held the 2nd Wednesday of the month except for June/July/August. Our next meeting is February 12, 2014. Please join us.**

***Keep your ears/eyes open for the 50th reunion class of 1964 this year! Pass the word. Contact Lenore LaRocca at Llenore46@gmail.com**

***Sports Hall of Fame Awards Dinner – October, 2014**

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Galileo Girls Basketball Fundraiser

This year the team is trying to pay for new uniforms through a fundraising activity by selling discount cards. They need your help!

These cards offer a discount at a number of restaurants/fast food places around the city. The front of the card has our school name as well as a Galileo logo. The back of the card has the list of vendors as well as the discounts you can receive.

You can use the card as many times as you want between now and the end of 2014, so purchasing a card would not only help the girls basketball team, you'd get a discount at places you might eat at as well.

The cards are \$20 each and can be used at all the vendors below.

Here's a list of vendors and the location the discount applies:

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Mrs. Fields (Stonestown Mall) FREE COOKIE W/ PUR. OF 3

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