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GREETINGS FELLOW LIONS

The ides of March are upon us. The holidays have past and the celebrations are behind us. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get back to the work of supporting and assisting our Alma Mater.

Your G.A.A. Board of Directors already has had three meetings in this young year. Much has been proposed and discussed and much is in the works. We have an ambitious agenda and a rejuvenation that will show many accomplishments as 2011 progresses. The Second Annual GAA Spring Fling is in full swing. It will be held on April 30th at The Italian Athletic Club in The City. Those who attended last year's event will most likely return this year, and we expect many more for our reprise get together. For reservations and details click link to view [Reservation Form](#)“>

Discussions have been under way to institute a \$1,000 GAA scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior in spring of 2012. A committee of eminent alumni has been selected to assist in establishing the criteria for which this scholarship will be awarded.

Also on future agenda will be the restructuring of the Sports Hall of Fame Committee to possibly include other prominent alumni that have excelled in and have been successful in their own fields of endeavor.

Lastly, there will be a major project that includes a joint effort of the GAA, the PTSA and Galileo Academy's ASB. The San Francisco Unified School District has also pledged support on this joint project. Keep your eyes on this website as more information unfolds. More exclusive GAA events have been placed on the calendar and will be considered at future meetings.

Your alumni association, as it is today, is only around eight years old. We are newcomers in the scheme of things. We rely on the dedication and perseverance of our members. Your directors are volunteers whose mission is to support the school that gave us our lead in life. This mission can most effectively be carried out when the alumni of Galileo share this dedication. Your 2011 donation and your participation are expressly welcome. May I look for your donation today?

GO LIONS !

Respectfully,
Dennis Eleen
President



2ND ANNUAL GALILEO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FAMILY & FRIENDS “SPRING FLING”

On April 30, 2011 the Galileo Alumni Association will be holding their “ANNUAL SPRING FLING” social event for the Alumni, their Family and Friends at the Italian Athletic Club, 1630 Stockton St., San Francisco. Please join us for an evening of socializing, no host cocktails, dinner, raffle, silent auction and dancing. Tickets are \$45.00 each. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner includes: Salad, Antipasti, Penne Bolognese, Rosemary Roasted Half Chicken, Dessert and wine. For vegetarians Eggplant Parmigiana will be available. (Napoleon of Eggplant, Fontina Cheese, Basil, Tomatoes).

Order your tickets early as they will go fast. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Tables of 10 can be reserved.

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, 2011

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Complete this form and mail to address below. Make check payable to Galileo Alumni Association.
Charlene Mori, Attn: Spring Fling, 808 Greenwich Street, San Francisco, CA. 94133. You can also pay on-line at <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/>.

APRIL 30, 2011
No host Cocktails at 6:00 – Dinner 7:30
Italian Athletic Club
1630 Stockton Street
San Francisco CA 94133

Name: _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$45.00 per ticket = Total \$ _____ Chicken ____ Eggplant ____

Print name of guest

Print name of guest

All tickets will be held at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Fachner Mori at 415.297.4280 or email at galileoalumni@yahoo.com. GAA Web Page: <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/>

Through The Telescope. . .

Sisvan Der Harootunian



Spring is here (*Rodgers & Hart*). March went out like a lion (*Rodgers & Hammerstein*). April showers are coming (*Al Jolson*). When will the sun shine through? (*5th Dimension*).

Those were the days . . . San Francisco is a great walking city. Next to walking the best way to see the city is on a cable car.

In the 50s the cable car lines ran much longer than they do today. It was fun to take the California Street cable car all the way out to Presidio Avenue, halfway across town. Now it ends at Van Ness Avenue. Riding out past Fillmore, the car went slowly through quiet neighborhoods where one could appreciate a leisurely journey to the southern edge of Pacific Heights. As I recall it had gone ever farther out to the edge of Sea Cliff. The Jackson Street cable car, on the other hand, went out Jackson Street past the Spreckels mansion where author Danielle Steel now lives, to Steiner where it turned around and came back via Washington Street. Far more locals rode the cable cars in those days than they do today when most of the passengers are tourists. I rode the Hyde Street cable car to Galileo daily when I didn't walk to school.

Golden Gate Park is the largest city park in the U. S. The Park's Band Shell was dedicated on September 9, 1900, a gift of Clavis Spreckels. My Dad used to take me there on Sundays to hear the band play. Once, in recent years, when the annual Opera in the Park took place at the Band Shell, Luciano Pavarotti was to sing, but he was taken ill and could not appear. The locale has since moved to Sharon Meadow where there are no trees to obstruct the view of the stage.

When Gino Cimoli passed away recently, I recalled that basketball coach Tom DeNike said he was the best player he coached. Although Gino went on to play professional baseball for the then Brooklyn Dodgers, at Galileo he was equally proficient in basketball, perhaps more so than in baseball, and he had all the right moves. He was inducted into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame in 1975 along with the great Angelo "Hank" Luisetti, Ras Johnson, Frank Lucchesi, Henry Luke, Fred Scolari, and Richard Tong, making the Hall of Fame Class of 1975 one of the most illustrious.

The recent violence in Egypt, Libya, Syria and elsewhere, recalls four separate potentially dangerous situations in which I found myself, all in the service of TIME magazine between 1970 and 1975: 1) In Port-au-Prince, Haiti, while riding to the airport in a taxi, the driver stopped and got out of the car to check a riot that was brewing up ahead. I called him back and we proceeded to the airport safely; 2) Arriving at the airport in Montevideo, Uruguay, the taxi driver decided to take a different route into town, and we were stopped by carbine-bearing guerillas who made us open our luggage and let us go; 3) When Fidel Castro was visiting Chile during Salvador Allende's regime, there was tear gas in the streets of Santiago, and we had to run to escape it; 4) In Bogota, Colombia, a quiet Sunday was interrupted by the sound and sight of armored tanks on the main street.

OPINION: Lowell High School's announcement that it will offer freshmen a career-planning course while dropping history is absurd. We learn from the past. Our future is shaped largely by what has gone on in the past, in short, our history. Eliminating this course from the curriculum robs students of a knowledge of the world's past events. Freshmen students have plenty of time to prepare for college (indeed many students aren't even thinking about college when they are freshmen), and the career-planning course can be offered during their senior year. Perhaps Lowell can compromise by keeping history and increasing student counseling services.

Hashbrown Hill – that’s the name of a breakfast dish at the newly opened Toast Restaurant on Polk Street. This delicious combination has a large patty of soft hashbrowns on a plate topped with melted cheddar cheese, a sliced avocado and sour cream, a creation of the Yucatecan cooks.

Art Leones’(’51) recent passing leaves only two members of the 1950s Four Meatballs -- Jim Dresser (’51), former GAA President, and Paul Lamphere (’51). Ben Dito (’51), the other member, passed away earlier. Jim remembers “in 1948, Art worked at his uncle’s theater on Green Street in North Beach. The show “The Drunkard” had been playing there for a long time with great reviews. About 5 minutes after the stage play started, Art would let his friends and their dates in for free. Then he would sneak us a free bag of popcorn. The Meat Balls and his other friends took advantage of this several times with various young ladies. It made for a cheap date and impressed the girls. Art’s number one customer was Ben Dito!” Paul adds that “he was very kind hearted and outgoing . . . a very friendly and warm person whom I will greatly miss.”

Look-alikes (you’ve got to think about these): Robin Williams and George Bush, Sr. Regis Philbin and John Calipari (Kentucky Wildcats basketball coach). GAA President Dennis Elen and federal judge Vaughn Walker.

“The beauty of learning is that you can do it all your life.” ---SDH

Until next time, the observatory is closed.

Tony Compagno’s

Ramblings

Impressions of Italy, Fall 2010

Rome, 1st Day. We got settled in our room after driving from the Ciampino Airport to the Mediterraneo Hotel. Before meeting with the Tour Director and the others in the group, Kathy and I roamed the streets a bit, soaking up the ancient city. I don’t have all the impressions in order yet, but I like Rome so far, even better than Paris, and I liked Paris. The images right now are swirling like leaves in a windstorm; they have to do with ruins and gelato shops, majestic churches and pizza joints, beggars or indigents descended from those types depicted in MGM period pieces in which the poor souls are bent over grotesquely with their begging cups scraping the pavement, beautiful women working as retail clerks at the *supermercato*, Sophia Loren look-alikes bagging cans of minestrone. I’m sorting it all out.

2nd Day. We took a tour of the Coliseum and the Vatican. They’re both overwhelming, historically fascinating and oppressive all at the same time. As for the Coliseum, the stories of brutality, whimsical decisions concerning life and death on the part of arrogant, egocentric emperors, animals starved for days until they became ravenous for a tasty Christian, gladiators dedicating their lives to the empire and its ruler, patrons dumping their chamber pots on the heads of other patrons, and on and on, stir the imagination and/or move one to tears. The magnitude of the place, the antiquity, the voices and sounds and almost palpable presence of the long-dead Romans moved me to reflect quietly on what’s important, what’s not. A friend told us that the trip would be a life-altering one: I understand. As for the Vatican: principally, we saw the Sistine Chapel, a marvel. (Pretty neat how I just reduced that splendid, divinely inspired, almost unimaginable work of powerful art to one meager word: too neat, maybe.)

The Church of St. Peter and the Pieta stand out for me. Our local tour guide for the day, Alberto, made a touching observation: Mother Mary looks at her dead son and her face is tranquil as she communicates a kind of acceptance and forbearance with a gesture of her left hand, a delicate and feminine and almost imperceptible gesture that says simply: "What can one do? My son is crucified. I must continue and carry on." We spent a great evening tonight, the highlight being: a walk around the area of the Trevi Fountain of "Three Coins in the Fountain" fame. (Remember Clifton Webb, you old Lions?) The fountain impressed me more than I expected because it's somewhat of a visual cliché in movies filmed in Italy. I was taken not merely by the fountain itself, which is beautiful in its statuary and its flow of water, but by its setting in an intimate square with the usual gelato shops (gelato, gelato everywhere), restaurants and assorted businesses all looking out at a mass of people of all races, shapes, nationalities elbow to elbow near the water waiting to toss a coin into the drink for the promise of a dream or wish fulfilled and/or a return visit to Roma. It's a magical little corner of the world, believe me. Guide Alberto said goodbye in Piazza Navona. I slipped him five Euros and told him, quite sincerely, that his presentation that day in Rome had instilled in me a whole renewed pride in being of Italian heritage. Again, a "life-changing adventure."

3rd Day: Siena. You begin by going through these gigantic doors. Doors are symbolic in general, and these massive doors held all the symbolism I could invest them with. Up a grade through relatively narrow Medieval-style streets that wind up to a point from which you eye the *campo*, and you know this is where that famous horse race is run regularly, pitting one group of the city against another for the honor of holding the amateurishly made champion's banner until the next contest. "*Contrati*" is what I think our guide Brad called the factions within the bounds of this charming town in the Tuscan area. The winning horse may or may not cross the finish line with his jockey on board. No matter. It's the horse that counts. It's a wonder more riders don't fall off: they wear silks on an unsaddled horse that runs a very unconventional and challenging course that features one 90 degree turn. *Buona fortuna*, jockeys of Siena! Kathy and I sat at a table looking out at the *campo*, restaurants encircling the part-time racetrack. We had a local *zuppo*, or soup, a minestrone with bread in it. I felt very contented soaking in the sun, watching the people from all across the globe, and sipping a chilled white wine. Can it get any better?

I recently heard about the passing of Joe Clima of the wonderful Clima family that I remember from my days growing up in the Marina. In my memory, Joe was a very decent, warm and kind human being who crossed my path so very briefly when we were kids in that God-kissed community at the edge of The City. I believe that the Clima clan lived on Greenwich Street just east of my grammar school, Yerba Buena. I remember Joe's older brother who delivered mail, and a younger sister. I was told in later years that the Climas were related to the DiMaggios and that the Yankee Clipper was one of Joey's cousins. I picture Joe Clima at Funston Playground playing touch football, or basketball in the gym, and his eyeglasses that always rested precariously at the end of his nose. He was a multi-tasker: keeping his glasses up and making the big plays at the same time. He was a good kid who became a good man, a loveable guy, and I wish I had gotten to know him better through the winding years, but life took us separate ways. My sympathies to the entire Clima family. So we've lost yet another really good one here...



Between the Lions

By Bettie Grinnell



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

NEWS ABOUT OUR PRINCIPALS:

Vicki Pesek, Galileo's current principal (#16), will retire at the end of this school year. Ms. Pesek came to Galileo in 1996 from southern California. She spent 10 years as the Assistant Principal of Pupil Services in the Counseling Office. In 2006 she was appointed Principal of Galileo, following Principal Margaret Chiu. Ms. Pesek feels that Galileo has made tremendous gains over the last few years and is moving in a good direction. She will stay on after her retirement to be Principal of Galileo Summer School, a job she really loves. She is happy to help provide a program for those students who need a little extra help and credits to graduate. Vicki says she is looking forward to her retirement and plans to do some type of volunteer work. She also will be available to be a substitute principal in the San Francisco Unified School District, if the need should arise. Her travel plans include a wish to visit New Orleans. The search is now underway for a new principal for Galileo. Stanton Tong, Galileo's 8th principal, passed away on March 10, 2011, after a short illness. Mr. Tong was principal from 1973 – 1978. Mr. Tong came to Galileo in 1963 as a math teacher. In 1969 he became a counselor and then was promoted to Assistant Principal in 1970. He was promoted to Principal in 1973. Stanton Tong coached both one of the basketball teams and the swim team during his days at Galileo. Mr. Tong was part of "Galileo's Five□Day Invasion of Hawaii" when 400 students and their supporters traveled to Honolulu to visit McKinley High School. Gal's football team and volleyball team competed against McKinley's teams. The ROTC drill team performed. Galileo's band gave a concert, the cheerleaders cheered and many felt it was the "trip of a lifetime." Assistant Principal Stanton Tong accompanied Principal James Kearney on this trip. Fred Setting, Galileo alumnus and retired Galileo PE teacher, and I attended the very moving memorial service for Stan on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. We heard many wonderful things about Stan from his siblings, his children and his grandchildren—some things we knew and some things we heard for the first time that day. His wife, his 6 children and his 11 grandchildren survive Mr. Tong. Principal Tong lived by the words he often said and were inscribed in the 1976 Telescope: "Time waits for no one; therefore, you must make the most of your years all through life." Many of us have fond memories of Stan Tong and we will miss him.

MAJOR KURT LEE VISITS GALILEO:

On Thursday, February 10, 2011, Major Kurt Lee visited Galileo JROTC, and gave the students a lesson on the Korean War. Major Lee served in both the Korea War and in Vietnam. He is the first Asian officer in the United States Marine Corps and was awarded the Navy Cross for his heroism on November 2 and 3, 1950, at the historic Battle of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He is credited with saving up to 8,000 lives. Major Lee was born in San Francisco, raised in Sacramento and now resides in Virginia. Just recently he was nominated as a candidate for the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was very well received by our students and they enjoyed hearing of his experiences.

A SAD LOSS FOR GALILEO:

On February 28, 2011, our beloved math teacher and Galileo Alumnus, LiYi Li passed away after a short illness. Ms. Li was born in China and came to San Francisco with her family in 1991. She attended Galileo and graduated in 1993. She completed her Bachelor's Degree in 4 years and then returned to Galileo as a math teacher in 1999. She was known by her students as a very kind, patient and caring teacher. Ms. Li is survived by her husband, her parents and her 4 young children. All of the Galileo community miss her very much.

ACCREDITATION:

Our accreditation visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) occurred from March 13-16, 2011. The school prepared for this visit by completing our Self-Study from the time of our last accreditation review until now. The administration, teachers and staff feel that the 7-member WASC team was very impressed with Galileo and the programs we offer. The team also had some good suggestions for our school. We feel confident we will get a full 6-year accreditation term. We should know by the end of school or early summer.

GALILEO TURNS 90!

In September Galileo will turn 90 years old and we plan to ring in Galileo's 90th anniversary on September 24, 2011. One of the highlights of the day will be the unveiling and dedication of display cases in the main hallway of the school. These cases will contain the name of all of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Members and in a new category, the Galileo Hall of Merit. The Hall of Merit will contain the names of those former students who have made significant contributions to San Francisco (Walter Haas, Sr., Former Police Chief Fred Lau, and Senator Milton Marks, to name a few.)

There will be a pre-season football game and at half time the Sports Hall of Fame members will be introduced. The day will include a tour of the school, a BBQ lunch and the football game. Everyone is welcome and details will be forthcoming as final plans are made.

THANKS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO GALILEO:

The Galileo Community wishes to thank the families of Gino Cimoli and Stanton Tong for requesting donations to Galileo in memory of their lost loved-ones. To date contributions in memory of Gino Cimoli total over \$1,000 for Galileo Athletics. Contributions in memory of Stanton Tong are coming in daily. We thank the families for suggesting these contributions and we thank everyone who has made a donation in their memory.

SPRING SPORTS

Galileo Swim Team 2011

The Galileo swim team is off to an excellent start, with the new head coach Pat Lem, and assistant coach Bill Hoffland. The team has a new spirit with mostly new freshmen having fun and willing to work hard. Our JV boys' team looks good again this year, and should take some medals in all city. We have freshmen boys with club experience, and even some open water swimmers. One swimmer has completed the Alcatraz to Aquatic Park swim. Our JV girls are making excellent strides, improving daily and learning new strokes. One of the standouts is freshman Milagro Escobar in the 500 free. We have a small boys Varsity team with senior Jon Lu who is expected to again dominate in the breast stroke, and his younger brother, freshman Josh Lu is already on Varsity and has the skills to be one of the best all around swimmers in the AAA. Sophomore Gordon Huang returns this year, and has the skill to swim all strokes, and is willing to do whatever it takes to help the team. With no girls who meet the eligibility times for Varsity, we do not have a Varsity girls team this year. Things look good for the future of Galileo swimming if the current group of freshmen continue swimming for Galileo, and continue their hard work.

Baseball

As of March 17, the baseball team has played only 3 games, due to rain. In league play we beat June Jordan 19-5, and are leading Mission 9-0 in the bottom of the second inning. Lots of rainouts, with more to come. Our schedule is backed up. We have 2 freshmen and 2 sophomores starting and making an impact for the AAA defending champions, but to repeat will take maximum effort. Freshman Kyle Nelson was named Male Athlete of the Month by "The Pendulum." His pitching is outstanding and Coach Papa attributes this to Kyle's everyday commitment to doing his best at practice. Kyle trained with his brother Dylan, a 2010 Galileo graduate who was AAA player of the year for football, as quarterback, and AAA player of the year varsity baseball pitcher in 2010. Coach Don Papa feels our hopes will greatly depend on 4th year starter and pitcher and All-City senior

Dustin Andrick. If other players improve we have a chance to repeat. The JV's seem to have a solid team also, and the future looks very good.

Badminton

A new CIFSF ruling this year now allows boys to be members of the Badminton teams. In the past this has been a girls only team. Competition to be on the team is stiff. There are 5 spots for boys and 5 spots for girls. The team is composed of Girls and Boys single, two Girls and Boys Double and a Mixed Doubles with one guy and one girl.

Coach Melissa Salazar reports that our team is currently 4/0, we have won all tournaments thus far with Washington High School being our closest score yet 4/3. The team is working hard on their way play the next most competitive team on Tues March 22 Lowell. So we'll see how it goes.

Fencing

Galileo's fencing team has 19 members. Enthusiasm ran high among 50 hopeful students who wanted to join the team. The team is in need of equipment—they have enough foils but not enough white masks and fencing jackets, so half the team practices with the equipment while the other half work on their patience for their turn with the equipment. Coach Sandor Mandoki feels this year's fencing team has what the talent to reach the top three all city teams.

Boys Golf

Coach Christopher Sklarz has just 2 experienced golfers on the team this season. Senior Ken Pholsith and Junior John Kim lead the team with their experience. Thirteen other players on the team are freshmen and sophomores. The team goal is to make the playoffs, but even if they don't, Coach Sklarz feels that there is a good chance that some of the team members will represent Galileo in the All-City finals.

Girls Soccer

The Girls Varsity Soccer team has a good chance to make the playoffs. Under Coach Rafael Mejia, the team is considerably larger than last year. Co-Captains, Junior Kaitlyn Nelson and Sophomore Alejandra Hildago, lead the team and participate in strong communication and cohesiveness among all the players. All team members are working hard on their grades to stay eligible. Kaitlyn Nelson has been named Female Athlete of the Month by "The Pendulum" for her leadership on the team as Co-Captain and for her outstanding playing on the field.

Girls Softball

This year's softball team has young players—16 of them are underclassmen. Coach Joe Ting is confident the girls will work hard, learn how to be good players and enjoy being on the team. They all look forward to a successful season.

Boys Volleyball

This year's Boys Volleyball team has a majority of returning veterans. Last year the team made the playoffs but lost the Championship to Lincoln. To date the team won the Oak Grove Invitational Tournament (5-0) and received a gold placing on March 12, 2011. They went undefeated throughout the whole tournament and won the gold bracket.

Track and Field

Galileo's Track and Field team is led by two coaches—Seasoned Head Coach Kevin Adams and Coach Pete Richardson. Coach Adams is working with the sprinters and Coach Richardson will bring his expertise to the distance runners. More than half of the team members are veteran runners who have been on the team in prior years. The coaches report the team members are dedicated and hard working. The team could use more student athletes for hurdle, field and distance runners.

GRADUATION

This years graduates will number somewhere between 370 and 400.

Graduation for the Galileo Class of 2011 will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 1:00pm at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Galileo will host the 2011 Summer School for Graduating Seniors. Summer school is a five - week program culminating in a moving Graduation Ceremony in the beautiful Galileo Auditorium for those students who successfully meet the graduation requirements. The PTSA hosts a lovely reception for the students and their family in our courtyard immediately following the ceremony. This year's Summer School Graduation will be held on Friday, July 15, 2011.

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.

NOTE: Vince Gomez' column, MEZ SEZ, will resume in the July issue.

John Zuffo is 2011 Salesian Man of the Year

John Zuffo ('50) was honored as the Salesian Boys' & Girls' Club Man of the Year for 2011 at a black tie (optional) dinner on Saturday, April 10th at the St. Francis Hotel. It was a marvelous and elegant evening with two dance bands and joyous interaction with friends, old and new. Joe Martino ('50), who won the award last year, arranged a Galileo table replete with purple and orange balloons.

London Breed – A Story of Success

London Breed is Executive Director of the African American Art & Culture Complex. Under her leadership, the AAACC has become one of the most renowned and progressive institutions of African-centered cultural expression in the Bay Area. Breed is a San Francisco Fire Department Commissioner, and previously served on the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commission. She is an Emerge California 2008 graduate, served as an Obama Delegate in 2008 for the Democratic National Convention, and currently serves as a delegate and Women's Caucus Legislative and Policy Issues Chair for the California Democratic Party. Breed, a native San Franciscan, received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California at Davis and is currently pursuing her Masters in Public Administration at the University of San Francisco.

In August 2002, former San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., appointed London Breed, as the Executive Director of the African American Art & Culture Complex (AAACC). The AAACC, situated in one of San Francisco's most socio-economically challenged community's, the Western Addition, was in desperate need of innovation, change and direction. Under the leadership of Ms. Breed, the African American Art & Culture Complex has become one of the most renowned and progressive institutions of African centered cultural expression in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Ms. Breed, as a lifelong member of the Western Addition, has witnessed the tremendous changes that have taken place within the confines of her community, yet perils associated with economic stagnation, unemployment and underemployment, crime and violence, unfortunately continue to plague the Western Addition and obstruct its socio-economic development. Ms. Breed firmly believes that the AAACC should reflect the needs of the community for which it serves; therefore she has made extensive changes in order to ensure the productive capacity and efficiency of the organization.

During her short tenure as Executive Director, Ms. Breed has invariably strengthened economic capacity, increased fiscal austerity and fundraising capabilities, established an after school arts and cultural program for youth in the community, secured funding to build a recording studio, renovated the interior and exterior of the building and transformed the organization into an independent non-profit organization. Ms. Breed, as a staunch community activist, has dedicated her life to empowering and improving the plight of her neighborhood and believes the AAACC can serve as a vehicle for emotional and social change.

London was born in San Francisco, California and raised with two of her siblings by her grandmother, Ms. Comelia Brown. She is the second oldest of six children. London, a graduate of Galileo High School, in San Francisco, was one of the few African Americans to attend and graduate from college. London attended the University of California, Davis and was awarded numerous scholarships for academic performance during her tenure there. While she began her collegiate career majoring in chemistry, the discourse of political science proved to be much more attractive to her ultimate goal of community activism and development. While at the University, Ms. Breed served as an intern for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and returned to San Francisco to intern with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services during the first term of Willie L. Brown Jr.'s administration.

Ms. Breed graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science-Public Service and a minor in African American Studies and immediately returned to San Francisco to work for Mayor Willie Brown, Jr., as a Development Specialist for the Treasure Island Development Authority before becoming Executive Director of AAACC.

As a community activist, Ms. Breed has been affiliated with a number of different civil society organizations including the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, National Women's Political Caucus, Emerge, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the San Francisco Young Democrats, San Francisco African American Democratic Club, San Francisco Mayor's Summit for Women Steering Committee Member, San Francisco Juneteenth Festival Committee, A. Phillip Randolph Institute Voter Registration Volunteer, Black Leadership Forum, Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Breakfast Committee and San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Citizens Advisory Committee for the Western Addition A-2 area, the San Francisco Community Challenge Grant Committee, the San Francisco African American Task Force and the San Francisco Telecommunications Task Force.

On April 26, 2005, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed Ms. Breed to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commission. At the age of 30, she was the youngest commissioner ever appointed to this commission.

On January 14th, 2007, Ms. Breed was elected to serve as a delegate for the California State Democratic Central Committee.

Finally, for her hard work and commitment to the AAACC and her community, Ms. Breed has received numerous awards including the Heart to Heart Award given by the Schools of Sacred Heart in San Francisco, California in January 2005, she was honored by the Commission on the Status of Women and San Francisco Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco in March 2005, she received the Ronald DeVoyce Blackburn Talented Tenth Award in May 2005, the Martin

Luther King, Jr. Civic Committee Annual Community Service Award in January 2006, and the African American Historical and Cultural Society award in October 2006. On March 20, 2006, Ms. Breed was chosen as California State Senator Carole Migden's "Woman of the Year" and was honored at the California State Capital. On February 22, 2007, Ms. Breed was awarded the Geraldine Johnson Community Advocate Award given by the San Francisco housing Development Corporation. Finally, on May 12th, 2007, Ms. Breed was honored by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, San Francisco Chapter for her contribution to the Arts.

Gone but not forgotten

JOHN (JACK) MCCAFFREY - GALILEO TEACHER

Born January 26, 1929, San Francisco, CA. Died February 24, 2011, San Rafael, CA. Jack McCaffrey passed on the afternoon of February 24th after living a full 82 years. For 38 years, he was a teacher at Galileo High School in San Francisco. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=john-mccaffrey&pid=148888479>

LIYI LI - GALILEO TEACHER

LiYi Li ('93) was a graduate of Galileo and a math teacher. See Bettie Grinnell's tribute above.

STANTON TONG - GALILEO PRINCIPAL

Served as Principal from 1973 to 1978. See Bettie Grinnell's extensive remembrance above.

GINO CIMOLI

Gino Cimoli, former major league baseball outfielder, passed away in Roseville, CA. on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, following a lengthy illness. He was 81. A native San Franciscan who grew up in North Beach, Gino was a naturally gifted athlete and he excelled in basketball and baseball at Galileo High School. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=gino-cimoli&pid=148648481&fhid=2318>

JOSEPH CLIMA JR.

At rest January 23, 2011 at the age of 71. Dearly beloved husband of Georgia Clima, loving father of Joseph (Stacey), Robert (Georgia), Christopher (Debbie), Stephen and Jessica. Adored grandfather of Nikole, Karlie, Dominic, and Lucy. Joe graduated from Galileo in 1957. He was the cousin of Frank Clima ('51), recently deceased. See Tony Compagno's remembrance above. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-r-clima&pid=148111762>

CHUCK CHIAPELLONE

At the age of 82, Chuck passed away peacefully on February 23, 2011 after a long illness. Chuck was born in San Francisco and attended Marina Junior High, Galileo High School, and UC Berkeley. He joined the U. S. Army in 1950. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/marinij/obituary.aspx?n=chuck-chiapellone&pid=149019298>

ROSARIO J. CHIARENZA

Rosario Chiarenza died at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco after a short illness on February 14, at the age of 81. He was a native San Franciscan, born on September 21, 1929. He graduated from Galileo High School and like many young men of his generation was drafted into the U. S. Army. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=rosario-chiarenza&pid=148675745>

ART LEONES

A 1951 graduate of Galileo, Art was a devoted Galilean. He passed away earlier this year after a long illness. See Jim Dresser's and Paul Lamphere's comments in Through the Telescope above.

CAROLINE MARKS

Carolene Marks, the widow of State Senator Milton Marks, a Galileo graduate, died February 14 after suffering from several illnesses. She was 89. Mrs. Marks was an avid supporter of The Galileo Observer and once wrote us, stating how much she enjoyed reading it.
<http://www.ebar.com/news/article.php?sec=news&article=5503>

FRED GASKELL

Devoted husband of Joanna Woeber Gaskell ('51), Fred passed away earlier this year.
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=fred-r-gaskell&pid=148888484&fhid=2275>

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