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GALILEO ALUMNI ATHLETES HONORED AT HALL OF FAME DINNER

A full house of alumni and friends greeted the nine former Galileo athletes who were inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at the dinner on May 8th at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. Receiving medals were Hilary Byrde (1991, Track and Field, Basketball), Ed DeMartini (1952, Football, Track and Field), Jim Dresser (1951, Football, Basketball, Track and Field), Carla Fischer Harris (1952, Diving), Ralph Lomele (1950, Soccer, Track and Field), James McClanahan (1982, Track), Al Massucco (1950, Soccer, Track and Field), Lorin Scola (1951, Soccer, Baseball), and Bernard Valdez (1949, Baseball). Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson Ron Ertola did the honors assisted by Committee Member Mario Lombardi. Galileo Principal Margaret Chiu addressed the audience and commented on the present increased enrollment and success of the high school program.

There was much picture-taking (go to www.galileoalumni.org for photos taken at the dinner) and friends greeted ex-classmates they hadn't seen in many years. The dinner itself was delicious with excellent service by the Club's staff. Kudos to the Hall of Fame committee for reviving this Galileo tradition and for its tireless efforts to make the dinner and presentations a reality. Special thanks to Barbara Lombardi who prepared the name tags for all who attended the dinner.

Note: A complete list of Sports Hall of Fame members can be found in the January and February, 2004, issues of The Observer (go to www.galileoalumni.org and click on newsletter/archives).

FUNDRAISING \$ IN ACTION!

GAA Contributes to Worthy Causes

Since November, 2003, GAA has contributed the following sums to help various school activities: Dragon Boat Race - \$500; The Pendulum - \$600 (to publish one issue); Galileo Academy - \$350 (to help with the cost of graduation of the class of 2004). Fundraising dollars are being used to help the school achieve its goals. Future contributions will be reported in this newsletter.

From: Margaret Chiu [mailto:mchiu@muse.sfusd.edu]

Sent: Monday, December 15, 2003 6:58 PM

To: Jim Dresser

Cc: Galileo Academy; jaynry.mak@sfgov.org

Subject: Re: Galileo Dragon Boat Race

Jim,

Thanks so much for your support of the Dragon Boat Team. The team will benefit greatly from the

Alumni Association's generosity. \$500 is a lot of money for them. It's a very young team but has great potential. They did so well in their first year. We appreciate the Alumni Association's continuing support of our school. Bettie will follow up with a formal thank-you to you.

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50s Reunion to Repeat

The very successful 50s Reunion that took place in Reno in 2000 will be repeated during the first week of May, 2005, it was announced. The reunion committee recently met to draft preliminary plans for the event. Final details regarding hotel rooms, cocktail party and banquet will be forthcoming soon and we will announce them here. The 2005 event will include the classes of 1950 through 1959.

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Galileo Alumni Plan Social in September

The first Galileo Alumni Association Social will take place on Saturday, September 25th, at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club in San Francisco. All alumni are invited to attend the event that will feature cocktails and hors d'ouvres beginning at 5:30 pm. Details will follow.

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Everybody Wins at the Galileo Alumni Golf & Dinner Raffle

If last year is any indication, this year's Galileo Alumni Golf & Dinner Raffle should be bigger and better. This annual event, organized by Mel Chiarenza (Class of 1952-53), directly benefits the Galileo Golf Program. It will take place, as usual, at the Sharp Park Golf Course and Clubhouse on Friday, October 22nd. Golfers are urged to sign up (women are encouraged to participate). The highlight of the day is the dinner and raffle. Cocktails start at 5:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. After the golf prizes are awarded, the raffle begins and goes on and on. Everybody wins something, many win a dozen or more prizes. Last year's dinner was outstanding with prime rib prepared by the clubhouse chef. This is one event you should mark in your calendar to attend. . .and bring your friends, it is not just for alumni. And you don't have to play golf to attend the dinner. Full details of the golf tournament and dinner-raffle will be published in this newsletter in an upcoming issue. Meanwhile if you want to know more about the event, contact Mel at 888-253-8687 or at rsctt@cmc.net.

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GAA NEEDS YOU! (Yes, YOU!)

(an editorial)

For over two years, ever since the Galileo Alumni Association was re-organized and revitalized, its Board of Directors has been asking and inviting ALL alumni to join to help in its fundraising efforts to support the school. To date the response has been dismal. As stated previously in past issues of this

newsletter, all graduates regardless of their age, race, color, creed, grade point average, popularity while in school, success or failure after graduation, computer-literate or not are welcome to join. The Board's meetings the second Thursday of each month are open to you to come and see for yourself what is going on and how you can help. The Principal and her staff know how GAA is helping the school to achieve its goals and lending support to its worthy causes. It's now up to you, the silent alumni who read this newsletter but do not respond, to do something about it. Join the GAA. Come to the meetings if you can. Nominate officers. Be nominated yourself. Write letters to the Editor. Carry on the tradition of the Mighty Lions! We would love to have you join us. How about it?

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Teachers

(an editorial)

Recently the nation celebrated National Teachers Week. It brings to mind the tremendous contribution teachers have made to American life. During the early part of our lives when we are growing up amid all the confusion, choices, influences that we are faced with, especially in these troubling times, teachers become even more important. Teachers and coaches build strong character. They impart skills and knowledge and show by example. They are second only to parents in the way they cultivate a growing youngster's personality and values. They often serve as surrogate parents. Kids frequently trust their teachers more than their own parents. Teachers are true life guides. So remember your teachers. They molded you into what you are today. They encouraged you to go the extra mile and to outdo yourselves. If true value were placed on contributions to society, then teaching would be the highest paid occupation. We salute our teachers now and always.

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Through The Telescope. . .



When I was a young boy growing up on Russian Hill, I used to play on the empty rocky lot at the corner of Jones and Green Streets. Russian Hill was my "beat", and hide-and-seek and exploring were my activities. I used to gain entrance to a high-rise apartment house and take the elevator to the roof and look out upon my City. My two favorite buildings were the Clay-Jones Apartments and the white apartment building on the southwestern corner of Green and Leavenworth. They both afforded the best views of the Bay, Treasure Island and the East Bay, the Golden Gate, Alcatraz and Marin. Tom King lived nearby on Vallejo Street, Carol Jahn on Broadway, Jimmy Harper (now married to Grace Espana, a Galileo classmate of his and now living in North Carolina) on Vallejo near Hyde, and Frank Pavich at Hyde and Vallejo. There were also the Moresi's (Pete and Marie) and the Marinello's (Naitius and Emil) living on my same block on Hyde Street.

It's strange how one travels the whole world (or at least a good part of it as I have done) and comes to spend time daily, as I am now doing, in a five block radius of where I grew up. That magic circle encloses the above-mentioned buildings plus Spring Valley School and Helen Wills Playground. San Francisco is truly a microcosm of the world.

Speaking of playgrounds, Nina Pattini Clima (1951) reports that North Beach Playground, like Helen Wills, is undergoing complete renovation.

A Slice of Life: Would you trade 3 hours of your life for a slice of pizza? Most of us wouldn't. A dieter who is also a vegetarian says he lost 50 pounds over a 6 month period by reducing his total daily caloric intake from 3,000 calories to 1,900. He says that each time you eat a slice of pizza you shorten your life by 3 hours.

Remember taking the "F" line to Galileo? It used to run on Northpoint by the football field. We used to hitch free rides on the "cow-catcher" on the back of the streetcar, a little

dangerous, you might say. Today the revived "F" runs on Market Street along with other vintage streetcars from San Francisco and other cities.

Back in the early 40s, radio station KSFO, then a popular music station, ran a contest asking its audience who was the "greater" singer, Bing Crosby or Frank Sinatra. I thought Crosby was since he had a longer established history of singing, though I preferred newcomer Sinatra. Can't recall who won the contest. Can you?

My favorite author in those days was Howard Pease who wrote *Foghorns*, *The Tattooed Man*, *Wind in the Rigging*, *Thunderbolt House*, and *The Heart of Danger*, among other adventure novels for teenagers. I enjoyed reading about the adventures of Captain Tom Jarvis, Todhunter Moran, and Swede Jorgensen. Pease was a local resident, and his books are still available at the San Francisco Public Library, albeit for reference only.

Where do they bury elephants? Maybelle, the 43 year old elephant at the San Francisco Zoo, died recently. Where does one go to pay his/her respects?

When I was in the U. S. Army stationed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the early 60s, Lt. Robert Boylan introduced me to McDonald's hamburgers. There was a McDonald's fast food outlet in town that sold them for 19 cents.

Melodies in my Mind: Do you ever wonder why certain melodies keep running in your mind and you are silently humming them? Recently the following array of melodies ran through my mind for no explicable reason: *O Sole Mio*, *Fools Rush In*, *the Immolation Scene* from *Wagner's Gotterdammerung*, and *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*. The only explanation I have is for the last song: it must be from the bloody nose I got when I fell down in the street recently. There is no connection between these melodies that range from Italian folk to popular to opera to Christmas. But one thing is certain, one had to have heard the melody before at some point in time whether 5 minutes ago or 5 years ago unless he or she is a composer and has melodies running through their minds all the time. So much for analysis. The May 19-25 issue of SF Weekly (free at your favorite street corner) has a list of the "best" food places in various categories. Many of them I have never heard of, but the old standbys like Mel's Drive-Ins, Fleur de Lys, Swensen's, House of Prime Rib, Buena Vista Café, the Pork Store, R & G Lounge are there. But the exciting thing is to check out the new ones; there are enough to go around for several weeks and months.

I have my own "best" list, strictly based on personal experience. Here they are:

The Best Egg Breakfast

A restaurant on the main street of Steamboat Springs, Colorado

(I can still taste the buttery softness of the eggs sunny side up)

The Best Bloody Mary

The Sea Ranch bar in Bodega Bay

The Best Sunset

The "painted sky", driving west from Santa Fe to Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Best Book

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Note: If you have some favorites (restaurants, books, films, views, cities, etc.), send them in and we'll list them in the next issue.

In the current NBA playoffs the crucial fouls that are often committed remind me of the only time I fouled out of a basketball game. Galileo's 120s were playing Commerce at the opponent's gym. A guard, one of twin brothers, kept driving toward the basket and I was standing my ground (no faking it then). It should have been a charging foul, but instead it was called on me. I was charged with 5 fouls in the first half. I showered and dressed and was sitting on the bench next to Coach Tom DeNike and the first half wasn't over yet. That same year, the varsity, led by Don Bragg, Mario Lombardi, Nick Valeri, Jerry Tamelier and Pete Pompei beat Commerce (with K. C. Jones, no less) to backdoor into the playoffs and eventually defeat Lincoln for the city championship. For details of that game, talk to Nick Valeri.

Thought for the Month: *Manage your own money; otherwise, you'll never know where it went.*

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There Was a Time. . .

When children stood up for seniors . . . Men opened doors for women out of respect . . . Men wore hats and women wore dresses when going downtown . . . The Emporium was THE store

and it's Santa Claus was the most likable . . . Ice trucks from City Ice Company delivered blocks of ice to homes and flats that had ice boxes . . . Licorice whips were one penny . . . You could get into the Saturday afternoon movie for a dime . . . The T-Bird was a snazzy car . . . Walnut Creek was in the boondocks . . . The western third of The City was sand dunes . . . The President of the United State could only be heard on the radio . . . A run around Marina Junior High School and Funston Field was called a marathon . . . Train travel was the only way to go . . . Drive-in restaurants were the places where high school students hung out . . . Bobby sox and rolled up Levis were the fashion . . . Hollywood stars would appear in person at the Warfield Theater . . . The Fox was THE movie house . . . You could jump on and off a cable car in mid-block with confidence . . . Galileo won all four basketball championships in a single season . . . The Cliff House was a weekend destination . . . There was no major league baseball team in San Francisco . . . all San Franciscans were natives . . . The 49ers played at Kezar Stadium . . . An Eskimo Pie was the best chocolate-covered ice cream . . . Cokes came in real glass bottles . . . Wine was drunk only in Italian and French homes . . . The word "gay" meant merry, cheerful and light-hearted . . . Ah, yes, those were the days.

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BIOGRAPHY

The Lombardis of Galileo

Over the years there have been several families where multiple offspring have attended Galileo High School. One of these is the Lombardi Family.

John Lombardi (Class of 1947)

While attending Galileo, John worked at Rex Market and was President of the Bruins Club. He is still friendly with members today, seeing them socially and at various activities. After graduating he pursued a career in retail with The Emporium department store. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War and served for four years. He returned to The Emporium where, in 1957, he met and married Laurel Hildebrand, who was originally from Carmel. They had two daughters and moved to Arcadia, California, where John went to work as a sales representative in the men's apparel industry. Soon after they had a third daughter. Returning to the Bay area in 1970, they settled in Millbrae until the girls finished college and went on to their own careers, then moved to San Carlos. Laurel passed away in the early '90s. John's family grew and he now has three lovely grandchildren who live nearby.

John married Charleen Kanelopoulos six years ago, has a large extended family and is semi-retired. He can be found most weekends barbecuing, rain or shine, for his kids, her kids and the kid's kids. John keeps in close contact with friends he made at Galileo and while in the Navy.

Mario Lombardi (Class of 1950)

Mario was an active student at Galileo, serving as Student Body President, Senior Class President, Vice President of the Block "G" Society, King of the Spring Festival, and a member of many school activity clubs. Besides enjoying all his personal relationships, he loved playing basketball.

He is very proud of making the 30s and Varsity All City basketball teams, especially being a member of the 1950 championship team and being selected for the California High School All Stars which toured Canada. Upon graduation, he enrolled at San Francisco City College where he continued playing ball. The team took the championship and Mario was voted team MVP and selected for the All Conference Team.

Mario then joined the U. S. Marine Corps. He was sent to Korea where he was severely wounded in combat, received the Purple Heart and spent the next two years in Naval hospitals. After being surveyed out of the Marines, he continued his education at San Francisco State University where he met his wife Barbara Strand, a graduate of Balboa High School.

Receiving his B. A. degree and teaching credential, Mario's first teaching assignment was in an elementary school in Daly City, where the couple lived at the time. While teaching he attended the University of San Francisco and received his Master's Degree in Counseling. After ten years of teaching in Daly City, he was hired as a counselor at the new Skyline College in San Bruno, which opened in 1969. Barbara and Mario by this time had moved to Millbrae where they still live, along with many other Galileo alumni.

At Skyline he held such positions as Financial Aid Officer, Professor of Counseling, Supervisor of Counseling and Acting Dean of Counseling. He enjoyed his job and loved working with the students. Many were the sons and daughters of the friends he made while at Galileo. After 37 years, Mario retired from education.

Mario has received special honor awards: San Francisco City College Sports Hall of Fame for individual

basketball accomplishments; Skyline College Sports Hall of Fame for Athletic Counselor Acknowledgement; and the North Beach-Marina Hall of Fame for basketball athletic excellence. But the one he is most proud of is the Galileo High School Sports Hall of Fame Award.

Today Mario is still very busy with many social activities relating to his high school days, his time spent in education, and his many wonderful experiences in sports. He has always enjoyed being and working with people. The friendships he made at Galileo still exist today and are very important to him. Mario is happiest with his wife Barbara by his side, a glass of wine in his hand, sitting on the deck of a cruise ship surrounded by family and friends.

Carmela Lombardi Hoffman (Class of 1951)

Carmela is not only proud of her brothers, but also to have followed in their footsteps through Spring Valley Grammar School, Marina Junior High, and Galileo. While in high school she belonged to several clubs and was Secretary of the Student Body when Mario was President, then Vice President when her good friend Don Bragg was President.

After graduation from Galileo, Carmela went to work for the Internal Revenue Service. She married Oddie Hoffmann who was a graduate of Lincoln High School, settled in South San Francisco and had two children. After ten years with the IRS she left to raise her son and daughter. She was active in Brownies, Girl and Boy Scouts, dance lessons, sporting events and served as Room Mom and School Sponsor. When the children finished school Carmela decided to go back to work and got a job with the South San Francisco Unified School District in the high school's attendance office. Twenty years later she retired and is now enjoying her free time with family and friends. She is a member of the Italian American Women's Guild and takes her exercise classes seriously. Today she says, "I'm the bragging Grammie of the cutest three year old granddaughter ever!" Special to Carmela of the years at Galileo are the friends she made and still has to this day. That is what she cherishes the most.

Editor's Note: *And we cherish the 3 Lombardis who are the finest examples of Galileo alumni.*

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THE GAME OF THE NAME™

Here's a little game I created to flex your brain cells. Create a first and a last name that together form another word or phrase; for example, Holly Wood or Mel Low. I have come up with some below as a guide. There are no firm rules; be flexible and you can create some that stretch the imagination as I have done. Send in your names and we'll publish them in the next issue.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another great Observer. Smiling throughout the read. Thanks soooo much. Joan Lucchesi Ertola and I were best friends at Gal and continued to be until her death. It seems to me that you would remember Joan. She was a remarkable girl/woman. ---Doris Repetto DeRoss (1951).

Ed. Note: Doris, we also remember Joan who was a friend and one of the most popular students at Galileo. If you send me your remembrances of her, I shall be glad to publish them. I'll go one step further and suggest to Principal Margaret Chiu that a special annual award be established called The Joan Lucchesi Ertola Award to be given to that female student who exemplifies the spirit, participation and all-around personality of Joan.

Did The Observer ever do a survey to see where we have spread and what we have accomplished? As a Galilean, it interests me to find out what areas we have influenced. Many of us became involved in the North Beach and Haight-Ashbury movements in my day and now are all over the country and have had positive influence in various capacities around the world – politics, religion and morality, to cite a few. Others have achieved a different kind of notoriety. My classmates would be shocked to know I am a retired school teacher (not my image at Galileo). I am sure there are other surprising

things that our classmates have done. ---John L. Barker

Ed. Note: *John, it would help to know your year of graduation. Re: accomplishments of Galileo alumni, there have been many and in many different areas and we occasionally see them in the media, especially in the area of sports. Perhaps the GAA can look into researching this, resulting in a publication of some sort.*

Thanks for a great and informative newsletter. I wish I lived on the West Coast once again to take advantage of the many gatherings and special events sponsored by and for fellow Galileans. Keep up the great work in keeping Galileo spirit alive and well. It would be most welcome if you could publish anything concerning the illustrious careers of James Kearny and George Poppin. Perhaps they were not at Galileo when you were, but for the Classes of '57, '58 and '59 and beyond they were hallmarks in our then, very young lives and taught the true meaning of integrity, leadership, personal values and "the human element". Stay well and regards to all, particularly the Class of 1959. ---George Paxson (Class of 1959)

Ed. Note: *James Kearny has been mentioned before, but lamentably we did not know him personally. We'll work on future bios of him and George Poppin.*

The following letter is from Manny Interiano and was directed to Diane Wall Cowart (Class of 1965), Chairperson of the Membership Committee. I went to the website listed below and it is a treasure trove of vintage photos going back to the days of the KPIX Dance Party. I highly recommend all nostalgia buffs to visit it.

I am trying to locate former dancers from the KPIX Dance Party – Dick Stewart Show that ran from 1959 through 1963 on Channel 5. Since the station was located only a few blocks from the KPIX studios at that time, many of the dancers came from Galileo High School.

We are having our second reunion on Saturday, July 31, 2004, in San Francisco. Please visit our website at <http://www.kpixdanceparty.org> to find out more about the reunion and the show. If you can find any of the people who were on the show, please have them contact me as soon as possible. ---Manny Interiano

Ed. Note: *Manny's email address is SalemRep@earthlink.net.*

In my years at Galileo I had the happy experience of having a grizzled old Irishman as my bandmaster. Tom Kennedy used to boast that he was from the days of wooden ships and iron men. I was given reason to believe him. Tom was all of 5'3", but built like an anvil. His rugged features were topped with short-cropped white hair. He must have been in his 70's at the time.

The first occasion when I approached him to enter the school band, Tom asked me to cross my index finger to touch the pinky of the same hand. That I was able to do so gained me his approval to become a band member. That was it!

So I tooted on my little curved soprano saxophone and watched as Tom played his trumpet along with the band, one cheek swollen with air and his face turning florid with the effort. Tom had lost much of his hearing, but he could still feel a note that arrived off key. And he could pinpoint the player responsible for it.

He had an Irishman's temper, too -- quick to rise and almost as quick to evaporate. He once told a classmate to get out and not come back. Two days later, he asked me where my classmate was and why wasn't he attending. But while his temper was in full force, he could be formidable.

A band member with apparent aspirations to be a tough guy once attempted to bully Tom. Big mistake. Tom stomped on the very tall kid's instep, and as the tough bent over in pain, Tom brought his head up under the kid's jaw and sent him spinning across the band room. I think that band room became the safest place in school.

For some reason, he took a liking to me and he became a close friend. We had occasion to see each other from time to time when I started college. The sudden and unexpected death of my father brought him to our door which, by now, was in Redwood City. He comforted my mother and me, asked if we needed anything. He visited often, encouraging me to continue my schooling. He invited both of us to attend his daughter's wedding reception which was held at the Marina Yacht Club.

It was not uncommon for him on a visit to make me go to my piano, pick a piece for me to play, and coach me in the way he felt the piece should be played. And he was usually right.

He was a fabulous character, a dedicated teacher and a tough old salt with a great heart. ---Harvey Tepfer (Class of '46)

Greetings,

I'm trying to find out who to contact for information concerning Harland Eastwood, who attended Galileo in 1928. My wife and I were caregivers to his wife after he died and she developed Alzheimer's. My wife became good friends with Harland at Mt. Rainier Natl. Park, one of the many places in Washington State where he worked in the mountains. Harland was a legendary character in the Wash. Forest Service, and has even appeared in several books by local historians. We've inherited some of his wife Esther's belongings among which is Harland's Galileo letterman's sweater and cap. He had lost an arm in an accident, and went on to become a football quarterback (just the beginning of his many accomplishments). The arm of the sweater is sewn up tight to the body. The cap has "Dec. 1928" on it. We are trying to decide the disposition of this sweater and wonder if it could be of interest to anyone connected with the school. I would very much appreciate hearing from you in this regard.

Thanks,

Mike Saunders

Ed. Note: We are looking into the possibility of having the sweater enshrined in a showcase of Galileo athletic memorabilia. Could you give us more details of his athletic career at Galileo?

After graduating from Galileo I attended art school in San Francisco for two years. I felt an inner conviction about entering the Presbyterian

ministry. I quit art school and entered San Francisco State College and earned my degree so I could go on to a Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. Sally Young and I were married in June of 1951.

After graduating from seminary I pastored a small country Presbyterian church near Pittsburgh, PA. for 6 years. I then moved to Lancaster, PA. and pastored another small church for 3 yrs. My third Presbyterian church was in the City of Philadelphia for 20 years. During our three ministries Sally blessed our family with 5 children...three girls and two boys. In 1985 I resigned from my church and began working for a research organization called the ASSOCIATES FOR BIBLICAL RESEARCH which is digging for the lost city of AI, mentioned in the book of Joshua chapters 7 and 8 in the Old Testament. I produce a pen and ink sketch of all the significant pottery, or any other object we dig up in Israel. My art classes at Galileo and State College have made it possible for me to follow up serving the Lord after I spent 30 years in the pulpit ministry. I'm still living in the state of Pennsylvania.

How well I remember my days at Galileo, playing varsity football and throwing the shot put and discus on the track team. I still keep in touch with Eugene De Martini, Karla (Halas) Zimmerman, Ken Lang & Everett Farey, through E-Mail, all from the 47, 48 graduating class.

My last encounter with some of the students of the past was when I attended the 50th. Anniversary of Galileo in 1997... I would love to know what happened to 6 different friends. Someone please help me...Their names are ORIN KNOWLTON class of 45. He introduced me to Sally Young on the Hyde Street cable car in 1944. Today Sally is my wife. I'd like to thank him. Then there is GLORIA GARAVENTA class of 47 I think. We were in many classes together. Also BOB TENNYSON with whom I attended 6th grade in Adams Grammar School. Then there was RUTH MINOR class ??? maybe 45 or 46. Both FRANCES CATTON & JACKIE LANTIARIA class of 47. I dated both of these charming young ladies. PEDRO JIMINEZ and I threw the shot put on the track team...class of 47 Also GLORIA GINNINIA class of 47. Please send me their E-Mail address or send them mine...GFACKLER@JUNO.COM. I'm living in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. ---Gene Fackler (Class of 1947)

My classmates and I are class of 1964. We were looking for a 40th class reunion perhaps taking place this year. Could you direct me to someone who could provide alumni info for our class of 1964?

I have lost contact with all classmates except one and the two of us are researching to find out more alumni info about our class. Could you help?

Joann Yamagata (Class of 1964)

Ed. Note: Joann can be reached at infinet2000@comcast.net.

NOTE: Some letters are edited for length, spelling, grammar, and content.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through June 6 – Ed Belasco’s production of “How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying”. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm. Del Valley Theatre, Walnut Creek.

June 25 – Reunion, Classes of 1940 and January 1941, Alioto’s #8 Fisherman’s Wharf. No host bar at 12:30 pm, Luncheon at 2:00 pm. Cost \$35 per person.

July – GAA Board of Directors Meeting, Room 210, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology.

July 31 – KPIX Dance Party Reunion.

September 11 – 10 Year Reunion, Class of 1994, Galileo High School, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. \$25 per adult, \$5 per child.

September 18 – Rich Baptista Dinner, San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

September 25 – GAA Social, San Francisco Italian Athletic Club.

October 22 – Galileo Alumni Golf & Dinner Raffle. Events all day and evening.

(Additional information on these and other events at www.galileoalumni.org.)

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