



THE GALILEO OBSERVER

The Official Newsletter of the
Galileo Alumni Association



“Communicate and Participate”

Vol. VII, No. 4

October 2009

President’s Letter

Hello Fellow Lions:

November is election time. Candidates will be elected to serve as members of the G.A.A. Board of Directors at our scheduled November 19, 2009 meeting. This is an important meeting, perhaps the most important meeting in quite a while. I urge all G.A.A. members to attend and participate in this election. It appears that we will have a full board of 15 directors for 2010 as we will have three incumbent directors returning for another term as well as three members appointed as directors to fill vacancies to be confirmed for 2010 and four G.A.A. members who have chosen to “throw their hat in the ring”. These candidates are listed on our website and in this issue of the Observer.

I have to admit that I am disappointed by my performance and our lack of progress in 2009, but after a summer of much communication with fellow board members, an informal, non-

agenda brainstorming meeting in September and the result of our regular September 10, 2009 meeting, I see new enthusiasm and some forward thinking. I see the 2010 board of directors with that essential blend of charter board members and new energetic alumni working together to contribute to the school that contributed to us as young students. We will be innovative and not afraid to take risks while wisely planning our projects and commitments.

The month of November is also time to be thinking of renewing your G.A.A. membership and recruiting other alumni to join us. January 2010 is officially renewal time, but early renewal is appreciated. There are no dues or fees, but any tax deductible donation is graciously accepted. Remember, the G.A.A. is the only official alumni association of Galileo Academy of Science and Technology.

Dennis Eleen

Editorial

Exciting Times Ahead for Alumni

As the waning months of 2009 are upon us, the Galileo Alumni Association has renewed its commitment to its members and the entire alumni community by its most recent developments. A host of new fresh ideas has been generated by the GAA Board and its new directors. Additional directors will be voted into office next month. Exciting events are on the horizon: fundraisers, social events, outings, and the upcoming Columbus Day parade, in which your Association will take part (come out and enjoy the fun on Sunday, October 11th!). In the coming year, we plan to honor illustrious Galileo graduates, people who have distinguished themselves in the fields of science, politics, entertainment, etc. The word “communicate” will take on its true meaning when the recently migrated Galileo web site introduces a new

feature in the near future. The influx of ideas from “new blood” will ensure that the “new” GAA will move forward to accomplish its goals with greater speed.

Four times a year we publish this newsletter. Four times a year we ask for your contributions, not only for your generous donations, but for your letters, articles and stories, including memories of your time at Galileo. As 2010 approaches, we hope all of you will take an active role in your alumni association. GAA will do its part to make it easy for you to get involved. We truly want to make GAA a family of alumni. Any time you have a question or concern, let us know. Our Board is ready to help you. Keep the Galileo spirit alive! _

* * * * *

GEORGE WHITE FIELD DEDICATION

by Bettie Grinnell and Jan Baumel

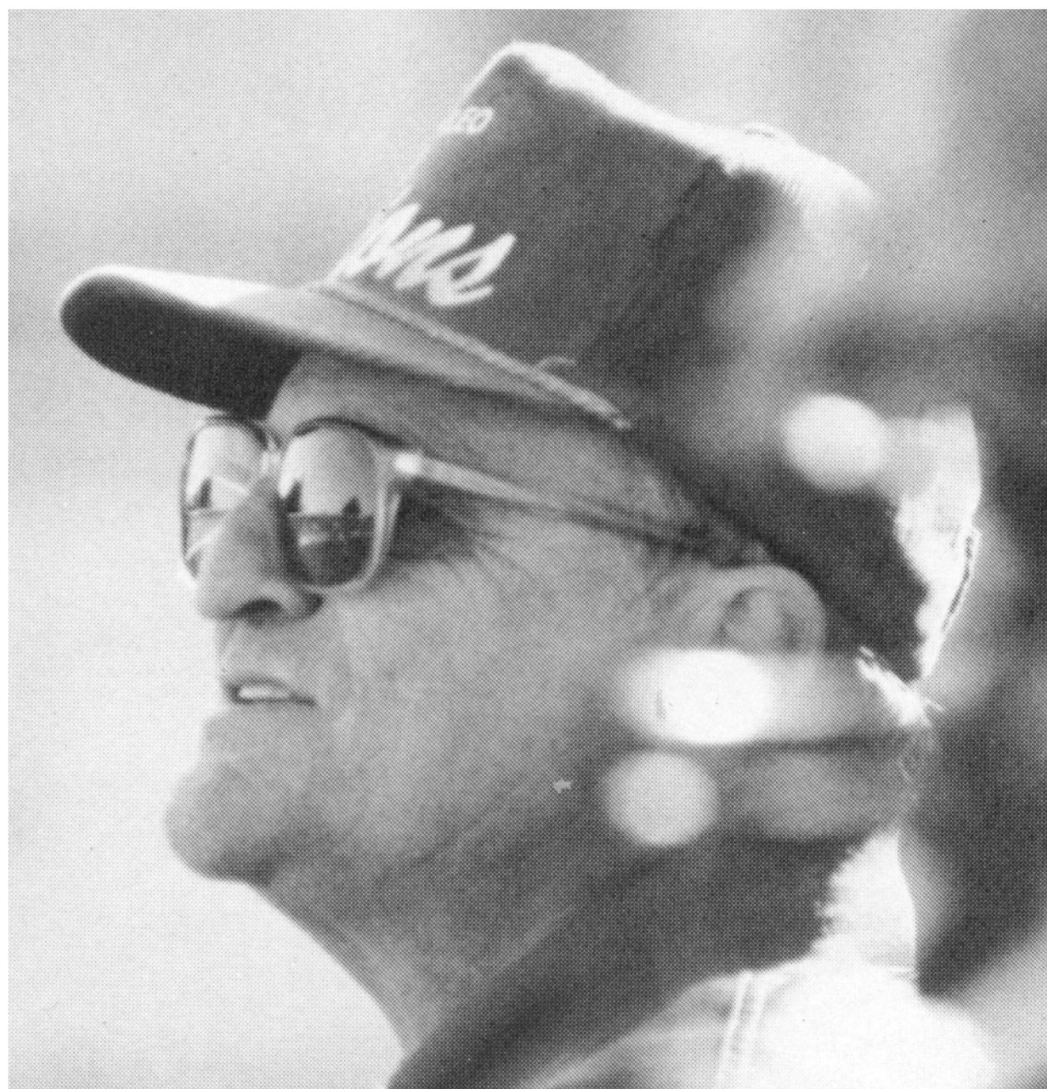
The new Galileo football field will be dedicated as the George White Field at the 65th Song and Yell Contest on Friday, October 9, 2009 from 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM. The entire school – students and staff - will be on hand. Also expected to attend are members of the 49'ers football team since the franchise contributed \$200,000 towards the new field.

The field is renamed in honor of George White, a wonderful coach with a 3-peat championship to his credit. Although Coach White is deceased, members of his family will attend the dedication ceremony.

The homecoming game against Thurgood Marshall is scheduled for 2:30 PM the following day, October 10. A tailgate barbecue, a senior, junior, and sophomore class fundraiser, will precede the game. Students will serve food in the school parking lot.

Alumni are invited to all homecoming events. Sports Hall of Fame members are encouraged to attend the dedication on Friday, as well as the opening home game on Saturday.

Since school funds to purchase a plaque commemorating the dedication are limited, the GAA Board voted to donate \$500. In addition, the Sports Hall of Fame Committee pledged an additional \$500. The remaining cost of the plaque will be funded through the Solari Endowment Fund which is used at the discretion of the principal.



"COACH" GEORGE WHITE

GALILEO 1973 - 1996

DISTINGUISHED FOOTBALL COACH,
TRACK AND FIELD COACH,
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND COUNSELOR

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
COACH OF THE YEAR 1974

Ed. Note: For more information about the Solari Endowment Fund, see articles in January 2006 *Observer*: <http://galileoalumni.org/news/news200601.doc>. For more on Galileo football, check: <http://galileofootball.com/>.

Candidates Announced for November Election

As we go to press, the list of candidates for GAA Board Directors has been announced, qualifications have been checked, and we await the election on November 19th. All members in good standing who are present at the meeting will be eligible to vote by paper ballot. The candidates are:

Augie Venezia ('53)
Sisvan Der Harootunian ('51)
Monica Kirkland ('53)
Charlene Fachner Mori ('66)
Jesse Figueroa ('60)
Lance Hughston ('66)
Mario Lechuga ('50)
Lenore Fachner LaRocca ('64)
Sandy Bernadoni ('62)
Barbara Fachner LaRocca ('69)

Through The Telescope. . .



by Sisvan Der Harootunian

Monica Kirkland reports there is an article on Galileo Galilei in the August 2009 issue of Smithsonian Magazine. Check it out on pages 58-63.

Memories of Galileo: Learning to drive, my teacher was Mr. Mills. The route was inside the Presidio with its many curves. When we drove to Powell and Market, I was terrified of the traffic. "Move slowly into the intersection," he said. And so I did.

Memory Moment: In the early 40s, the NBC Building at Taylor and O'Farrell was inaugurated with the Jack Benny Program. I remember standing in line around the corner waiting to get in to see and hear live on radio the cast that included Mary Livingston, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Don Wilson, Dennis Day and Phil Harris. The beautiful multicolored mosaic is still on the building's façade.

Snickers, I'm told, is the Number 1 selling candy bar in America. But do you remember way back when the popular movie theater candies were Charleston Chew, Dots, Jujubes, Raisinets, and Milk Duds? All of these can be bought today at Walgreens, 3 for \$3.

Q. Why are all alien creatures pictured as being less attractive than humans? A. Ah, but beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.

John Steinbeck said that there was so much beauty around him in San Francisco that he couldn't write. So he moved to Salinas. Isn't the Monterey Peninsula as beautiful as San Francisco?

Radio and TV game show host ("People Are Funny") Art Linkletter is alive and well at age 97.

Several of you have been to the restaurant, A16, in the Marina. The former chef-partner, Nate Appleman, who left the restaurant in July, is in New York City and this month competes on the Food Network to become the next Iron Chef. He previously beat the Iron Chef when he appeared as a challenger. Also competing is Dominique Crenn of Luce in San Francisco. Flash: Both Chefs Appleman and Crenn survived the first round, with Appleman winning the test.

Speaking of restaurants, Maye's, the second oldest restaurant in San Francisco, is coming back. At its original location on Polk Street between Bush and Sutter, sign intact, it will be a welcome addition to the dining scene in this neighborhood. An advance peek at the menu reveals the old seafood staples - chunky Boston clam chowder, crab and seafood louies, oysters, and 7 oz. martinis - will be available as well as some new dishes. It is scheduled to open this month. We can't wait.

My latest addiction: Dreyer's French Silk ice cream. Creamy, like a chocolate and vanilla mousse.

Did you know in 2007, Costco sold 75.6 million hotdogs nationwide @ \$1.50 each plus a refillable soft drink? And they're better than what you get at the ballpark.

MARTA, Atlanta's light rail system, could very well be the best in the country. The train cars are equipped with television monitors, there is no graffiti whatsoever, and a janitor comes aboard and sweeps up trash at one of the stations. Nathaniel Ford, Sr., San Francisco MUNI's Executive Director/CEO, was MARTA's former director. Hey, Nat, how about improving MUNI?

Sad Note: Frank Clima, Galileo graduate of the Class of 1951, a founding member and former board director of the Galileo Alumni Association and the S. F. Italian Athletic Club's 2009 Man of the Year, passed away on September 9th. His love of food and travel could easily have led to a separate career. His dining recommendations made my first trip to Italy all the more enjoyable. The large turnout (estimated 350) at the funeral at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church and the following luncheon at the SFIAC were a fitting tribute to a beloved friend and classmate. Our condolences go out to his widow Nina and the Clima family. For the obituary, go to <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/09/12/MNCLIMAFRA2.DTL>

When opposites nearly mean the same: HOT and COOL.

Suggestion: People who fish should use the correct bait.

That's it for now . . . until next time, the observatory is closed.

~~~~~

## Galileo Class of June 1942 Benches Restored

by Bruce Eng, Galileo PTSA

During the extensive renovation work of the Galileo campus from 2006 to 2008, the Class of June 1942 stone benches were disassembled and moved numerous times during construction. The benches were damaged (chipped) by the moving from place-to-place. Luckily all the bench parts (minus some of the chips) were stored by Bettie Grinnell and custodian James in various parts of Galileo.

Once the new Galileo courtyard and the main Francisco gate entrance construction was completed, the Galileo PTSA undertook the project to carefully repair and reassemble the benches. Chips that were retained were reattached and many measurements/photographs were taken to match all the pieces before reassembly with modern super construction adhesive. The reassembly was completed in September, 2009. Now the benches and the spirit of the Class of June 1942 once again proudly stand guard at the Galileo Francisco gate. Students and faculty use the benches every day.

Benches after reassembly – September 2009:





---

## **GALILEO PTSA TILE PROJECT COMPLETED**

**by Bruce Eng**  
**PTSA Tile Project Manager**

The final phase 3 of the Galileo Tile fundraising project was completed on August 15-16 2009, with the essential help of the Galileo Service Interact Club student volunteers, Kendrick Chow (Class of 2009) and PTSA parent & Vice President Gayline Tom. A special treat occurred when Class of 1956 alumni Vince Villanueva and Roger Vento visited the courtyard to see the installation of their tile, view other tiles, look at the new Galileo football field and fondly remember their youthful days at Galileo.

Thanks to the GAA and numerous alumni for strongly supporting this fundraiser from the beginning, ordering GAA Tile # 1 and a multitude of other tiles. A total of 295 custom engraved tiles were installed for the project; the tiles should endure for decades to come for all to see and enjoy. All tile donations benefit the Galileo students/staff.

***TILE PROJECT TIMELINE (many planning/review/installation hours-weekends over a 2 year period):***

***2007 August – Permission granted by Galileo administration and prime contractor to reserve approximately 300 blank tile spaces in the center of the new Galileo courtyard for commemorative tiles. Study/learn tile installation techniques by tile contractors and researched custom tile engravers.***

***2007 Fall – Phase 1 of tile project announced and orders received.***



*Winter recess 2007 - Install Phase 1 of tiles in harsh winter weather (cold, rain, wind and short daylight hours).*

*March 2008 – Tile project dedication ceremony on a glorious sunny day with numerous Galileo alumni, former principals, staff, students and dignitaries.*

*Spring-Summer recess 2008 – Phase 2 of tile project announced and orders received, installed.*

*Spring-Summer recess 2009 – Phase 3 of tile project announced and orders received, installed. 295 custom engraved tiles for entire project.*

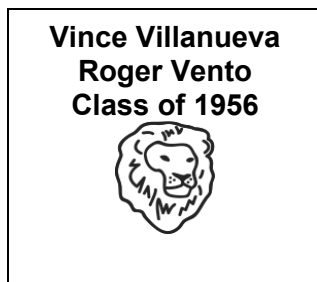
---

Sincere thanks to PTSA parent/President Stella Leung for handling Order Management and to all others that helped throughout the tile project. Some of the many parents/students with amazing tile installation skills: James Wong, William Joe, Terry Tom, Gary/Lila Gee, Annie Toy and Kevin Eng '08, Kevin Hom/Terence Leung '09. Without the sustained and dedicated help of student and parent/adult installation volunteers, the tile project could not have been done. The Galileo Service Interact club (Presidents - Dominic Tsang, Bonita Kam) is commended for its numerous student volunteers for all 3 phases of the Tile installation.

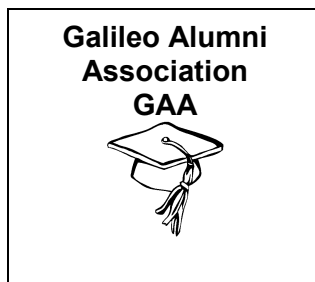
On a personal note, some of the most satisfying moments of the Tile project were: 1. Meeting, talking and communicating with various decades of Galileo alumni, including 99 year old Effie Swain Garvin, graduate of the class of Fall 1927 – she vividly described her time at Galileo and driving her Chevrolet to school (when Gal was only one building on Van Ness Ave); 2. Teaching the student volunteers how to tile/work with their hands/use tools; 3. People viewing the tiles and reminiscing.



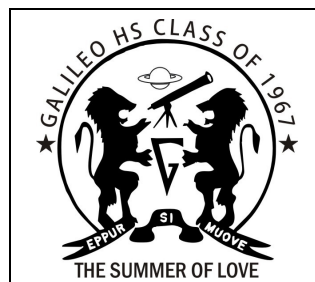
**Vince Villanueva and Roger Vento '56 watching their Galileo tile installed by Galileo students**



Tile # 257



Tile # 1



## *Announcements/Notices*

### ☐ Galileo Alumni Association website migrating to Galileo Academy website

The Galileo Alumni Association is migrating its website to a **new location**. Like the PTSA and other organizations closely associated with the school, the new GAA web home will be a branch of the **Galileo Academy of Science and Technology** website. While the migration progresses, you may continue viewing GAA web pages at their original location, **original location**.

*You can help!* Contact the **GAA webmaster** to help. You'll get valuable experience working with **Wordpress**, and will know you're helping GAA serve it's mission.

\*\*\*\*\*

Hi everyone!

If you haven't yet, vote for Galileo!! We have a chance of winning \$20,000!!

Here is the link:

<http://www.care2.com/schoolcontest/606369?refer=12762.08.1253480052.149892>

It's simple and fast! All you have to do is enter your name and e-mail. You can list yourself as anonymous and they won't send you junk mail!

Thank you,

Kristie Pan  
Galileo Academy  
ASB President 09-10

\*\*\*\*\*

If you buy something at OFFICE DEPOT remember you can get a free 5% donation of the purchase price that will automatically go to Galileo. Just mention the Galileo OFFICE

---

DEPOT school # 7001-4009. Certain items may be excluded, but there is no effort you need to make. It's that easy!

Bruce Eng  
Galileo PTSA

---

## PLANNING A REUNION?

If you're planning a class reunion, let us know. We'd like to announce your event on the website <http://www.galileoalumni.org/> and in the quarterly *Observer*. If you're a member of GAA, we'll send you a list of members and their contact information for the specific classes you're targeting. Send information to webmaster at <http://galileoalumni.org/contact.html> and/or [galileoobserver@aol.com](mailto:galileoobserver@aol.com).

---

## Biography

# STANTON H. TONG

*by Bettie Grinnell*

Galileo High School's eighth principal was Stanton H. Tong. He served as principal from 1973 – 1978. Mr. Tong began at Galileo in 1963 as a math teacher. In preparation for his career in education, Stanton Tong attended San Francisco State College (now San Francisco State University) and the University of San Francisco.

In addition to teaching in the classroom, Mr. Tong also was the coach of the swimming team. Coach Tong started with an inexperienced team, with few returning veterans. He did a fine job of working the team with hard, fast workouts to build good condition and endurance in all the team members. The swimmers won many meets, in part due to Coach Tong's demanding and rigorous training. For the following season, Coach Tong increased the size of the swim team and divided the team into two squads—the varsity squad and the lightweight squad. The team was known as the Galileo Sea Lions that season. The team continued to grow and during Coach Tong's third season two of his swimmers made All City.

During the 1969-70 school year Mr. Tong joined the staff of the Galileo High School Counseling Department as the L-10 counselor. In September 1970 Stanton Tong was promoted to Assistant Principal at Galileo High School.

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.

Stan Tong was promoted to Principal of Galileo High School in September 1973. The faculty and the students were very happy to have Mr. Tong as their new principal. Everyone knew that Mr. Tong had already served Galileo well and were happy that he was

chosen as principal to replace Principal James Kearney. During some of his years as Assistant Principal and Principal, Galileo High School was in the midst of the Field Act construction to retrofit the Galileo buildings in case of an earthquake. As parts of the school were closed for the retrofit, temporary classrooms were used at Ft. Mason, known then as the West Campus. There were additional challenges with the two parts of the campus separated by 3 blocks, as students had to travel back and forth between the two locations. The school was on double sessions throughout the construction, so the day was very long for the principal. In 1976 the construction was completed and all classes were again held in the Galileo High School buildings.

Some of the major current events that occurred during Stan's time as Principal of Galileo High School include the 100th anniversary of the Cable Cars, the opening of the BART system, the kidnapping of Patty Hearst, women started wearing pant suits, and women were admitted to the California Highway Patrol. A local issue Principal Tong had to deal with was a proposal in 1975 for major cutbacks in sports, arts and music. During the 1978 teachers' strike the district needed Mr. Tong's expertise at one of the middle schools in the San Francisco. After that he served in the district's Chinese Bilingual Department.

Stan Tong retired from the San Francisco Unified School District in 1980. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with his wife and is surrounded by his 6 children and 11 grand children. 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."*

---

## **How One Mom Transformed Her School**

*Getting Involved: Anna-Marie Booth founded the Parent Teacher Student Association and raised money to support programs at school.*

Anna-Marie Booth is the mother of two sons. Her older son, Joe, was a freshman at the Galileo Academy of Science and Technology when she helped found the Galileo Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). Anna-Marie has worked as an attorney, a corporate lobbyist, and the executive director of a social justice organization. She is currently a real estate broker and substitute teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District.

### **The Problem:**

When her son enrolled at Galileo High School in the fall of 2003, Anna-Marie signed up to be in the Galileo Parent Club. She soon discovered that although a sign-up sheet had come home, there was no active parent club. Months went by and there was no meeting. As far as Anna-Marie could see, there was no organized way for parents to become involved at the school.



### **Making a Change:**

The parent liaison at Galileo was also concerned about the lack of parent involvement.

In November, she called the few parents who had expressed interest in getting involved and held a meeting. Four parents showed up. Anna-Marie was extremely disappointed that a school of almost 2000 students lacked something as basic as an active parent organization. She had been active in the PTSA at her sons' middle school and had attended PTA training conferences. She decided to put her knowledge and experience to work, and start a PTSA at Galileo.

She preferred to establish a PTSA, which is a local unit of the National Parent Teacher Association, instead of a different type of parent organization because she was familiar with the procedures and the structure. It was also important to Anna-Marie that the PTA provided role models, history and procedure. The other parents agreed that a PTSA unit was a good choice and they got started.

Anna-Marie said that the initial set-up process went fairly smoothly. She had the experience to draft the by-laws, the tax paperwork and other administrative tasks. There were only about five parents involved at the very beginning; but Anna-Marie persuaded one of them to be the membership chair and help with recruiting other parents. She also recruited members. "My philosophy is to be inclusive and include everyone. I wanted to bring everyone who is alive into this!" she said.

Anna-Marie did a lot of the initial work herself, but she was also careful to be sure others had important roles to play. She noted that one of her biggest jobs as the founding president of the PTSA was to encourage and support others and urge them to follow through with their tasks.

By the spring of 2004 Galileo had a functioning PTSA with 33 founding members. One of the first activities the PTSA planned for the school was bringing the San Francisco Assistant District Attorney to speak on "Teens and the Law" to the students at an assembly. Since then, the PTSA has raised funds to benefit the school. It sponsors many programs for the school and contributes grants to individual teachers, who apply by describing how their project will enhance education and how many students will be impacted by it. There are now about 30 PTSA members who are active on committees or involved with fundraising, and 170 individuals have officially joined the Galileo PTSA. Anna-Marie's goal for the future is for every family to participate in some way.

### **Getting Other Parents Involved:**

Anna-Marie reached out to involve parents from every ethnic group represented at Galileo. What was her strategy? "I spoke with them and asked them to help! Often people only try to recruit other people who are like them. I tried to be inclusive of

everyone." Although she admits to sometimes begging other parents to participate, Anna-Marie also understood when parents said they did not have time. When parent volunteers became overwhelmed by the tasks they had taken on, Anna-Marie would both pitch in to help and remind the parents that they are volunteers and should not feel so much pressure.

### **Working with the School:**

The Galileo parent liaison was instrumental in helping to organize the early planning meetings for the PTSA and has been an important resource throughout the process, according to Anna-Marie. The principal has also been very supportive. She attends the PTSA meetings and has invited the involved parents to speak with school visitors. "I think she is just thrilled by what has been happening," said Anna-Marie. She noted that Galileo's teachers have been less involved with the PTSA, perhaps because they are unaccustomed to parent involvement. The PTSA strives to support students and teachers through grants for which teachers may apply and a Teacher Appreciation Week.

### **Major Challenges:**

For Anna-Marie, the biggest challenge in establishing and building the PTSA has been getting other parent volunteers to follow through with their commitments. She said there have been times when someone has taken on a task, but either did not complete it or did not do it well. In that situation it was difficult to keep the person involved while still making sure the final product was good. Anna-Marie tried to be diplomatic, noting that everyone is busy and finds it hard to give the amount of time necessary to do all that a project might entail. This acknowledgment made it easier for others to pitch in and help without any uncomfortable feelings.

### **How the School Has Benefited:**

The parents at Galileo now have a way to tap into school and become more involved with their teens' lives. This has helped make the school more desirable to families. Galileo has also benefited from the PTSA's fundraising through grants and other programs. Teachers have received grants to pay for materials for classes, self-defense training for girls, a school-wide cultural assembly presented by the Black Student Union and more. This year the PTSA will provide SAT workshops for students, and it is working with the principal to decide how to best support education at Galileo with the money from this year's fundraising. "It is just fantastic, phenomenal, what has happened!" Anna-Marie said.

### **Tips for Other Parents:**

Anna-Marie recommends that parents have a clear vision about what they want to accomplish, "and just get it done!" She stresses the importance of recruiting others to participate and then supporting them. "You need to respond quickly when people

call or email and coach them if they need it. Make them feel good about what they're doing. Share the glory! Share the joy!"

---

## LETTERS

*I noticed another mention of my latest book SEASONING in the July newsletter. I really appreciate this support. I truly enjoy the newsletter. I was amazed at how many names I recognized on the list of Sports Hall of Famers. It reminded me of how blessedly connected I am to generations that preceded my own "special" cast of contemporaries in the Marina and North Beach areas. Keep up the great work with the newsletter. Hope to see a work of nostalgic fiction from you on the bestseller lists. Tony Compagno, Class of '61.*

\*\*\*\*\*

*August 5, 2009*

*Mr. Eleen and the Alumni Association,*

*The Galileo Celestial Dragons have returned from the last race of the summer season. I wanted to keep you all updated with our races. Here we go!*

*Macau (5/25-6/2):*

*We were very excited to have the opportunity to travel to Macau for the second year in a row. This year, we teamed up with Lowell High School to make a whole new team. We named ourselves Galilowell. Our crew was extremely strong, and it was a new experience having to combine and strategize racing with two teams of such different techniques. In the end, we raced our best and missed the finals by a very small margin. However, we put up a good fight and enjoyed the dragon boat spirit. It was overall an amazing experience.*

*Vancouver (6/18-6/23):*

*This was GCD's first time racing in Vancouver! In the first race, we blew everyone away and got first. My coaches on the sidelines said everyone was asking about us. The two day race just got more and more exciting, as our focus sharpened and our drive to win became even greater. We ended up in the top High School division. It was an extremely tight race, as the second, third and fourth place all finished within 1.5 seconds of each other. Unfortunately, we got 4<sup>th</sup> place, but we're still happy we were able to compete in such a tight race and with such great competition and spirit. We made so many new friends there, too!*

*Fremont Sprints (7/12):*

We were able to bring three crews (60 people) to this race. For many of our members, it was their first race. This is a unique race, as we compete at 250 meters, half of the usual race length. Our girls' crew qualified for finals and got 3<sup>rd</sup> place! Our team was chosen to race in the college/high school race as well, where we placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> crew also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in F division and our 1st boat (most competitive crew) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in B division.

Long Beach (7/31-8/4):

I believe I speak for the team when I say that this race was truly phenomenal. We brought two crews down and raced in the High School division and the Mixed division. The Mixed division consists of over 100 crews ranging from youth to college to adult and from the West coast to East coast to international. Our team won the A and B High School divisions, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in both. Also, our 1<sup>st</sup> boat placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Grand Championships, or Division 1A, for the Mixed division, meaning we ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of all the teams in the competition. We still stand as the only youth team to have made it into the Grand Championships. This was an unbelievable accomplishment that really brought our team together. We thank our 5-days-a-week practices and the immense support and encouragement from our coaching staff.

Long Beach has marked the end for the class of 2009 paddlers, as well as my term as president. Next year's president is Henry Gee. I hope you will be able to meet him and the rest of the incoming officers very soon.

Thanks for all the support the Association has showered our team with in the past years! I can't be any more grateful.

--Samantha Lee, president 2008-2009

---

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

65<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Song & Yell Contest – 10:15 AM, Galileo Academy, Friday,  
October 9, 2009

Galileo Homecoming Football Game – 2:30 PM, Saturday, October 10, 2009

GAA Board Meeting - Room 210, Galileo Academy, 6:30 PM, Thursday, November  
19, 2009

\*\*\*\*\*

When checking for upcoming events between issues of the *Observer*, please visit the web site <http://galileoalumni.org/home.html> for the most up-to-date listings.

---



## Contributors

Jan Baumel  
Bruce Eng  
Bettie Grinnell

## The OBSERVER Is For All

Galileo alumni, family, friends, students, faculty . . . anybody and everybody, the *Observer* is for you. If you haven't already done so, send in the email addresses of anyone who would like to receive a FREE emailed newsletter to <http://galileoalumni.org/contact.html>. We'd like to reach as wide a range of readers as possible.

---

**BACK ISSUES OF THE GALILEO OBSERVER CAN BE VIEWED AT**  
**<http://galileoalumni.org/news/newsletters.html>**

For all EDITORIALY-RELATED comments or suggestions, please address your emails to [galileoobserver@aol.com](mailto:galileoobserver@aol.com).

For all TECHNICAL problems (non-receipt of newsletter, etc.), address your emails to <http://galileoalumni.org/contact.html>.

\*

\*

\*

\*

The Galileo Observer invites your articles, letters, memories, inquiries and suggestions. All submissions are subject to editing. Deadlines for submissions are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. Send them by email (preferable) to [galileoobserver@aol.com](mailto:galileoobserver@aol.com), or by postal mail to: Galileo Observer, c/o Galileo Alumni Association, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109.

---

**GAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, &**  
**COMMITTEE CHAIRS ARE LISTED AT**  
**<http://galileoalumni.org/committee.html>**

The Galileo Observer is issued quarterly during the months of January, April, July and October by the Galileo Alumni Association, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Views expressed are strictly those of the Association and in no way reflect those of the Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, its students or faculty. Dennis Eleen, President; Sisvan Der Harootunian, Editor; Vaughn Spurlin, Production Manager/Website Director. Copyright 2009, Galileo Alumni Association.

*Last updated October 2009 © 2002-2009 Galileo Academy of Science and Technology Alumni Association of San Francisco. No part of this publication may be reprinted or reproduced in any form without the permission of The Galileo Observer and/or The Galileo Alumni Association.*

