



# THE GALILEO OBSERVER

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Galileo Alumni Association



**"To make GAA great... communicate and participate"**

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## Editor's Note

*In this issue we introduce yet another new feature, a guest column, if you will, dealing with opinion. Alumni, faculty, staff, students – any and all are invited to write an editorial or a commentary on topics dealing with Galileo Academy of Science & Technology, the alumni, student activities, etc. This is especially a good opportunity for journalism students and Pendulum staff members and for alumni with the writing bug to express their opinions on a topic of their choice. So sharpen those pencils or turn on your computer and start writing.*

*We are calling the column, Shooting from the Hip, but it does not imply that the opinions expressed are reckless, inconsiderate, or impulsive. Rather they are statements made from the gut and thereby invite responses from readers. The first entry is a letter from alumnus George Paxson (1959). George's comments can be seen further down in this newsletter.*

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## Galileo Sports Hall of Fame

### INDUCTEE DINNER

Date: May 6, 2006  
Location: Elk's Club

**920 Stonegate Drive  
South San Francisco, CA**

**Time:** No-Host Cocktails – 6:00PM  
Dinner – 7:30PM

**Price:** \$47.00 per person – tax, tip included

**Purpose:** This is a Fund Raising Event  
For the Galileo Athletic Dept.  
(and is tax deductible).

**Dinner:** New York Steak or Chicken  
Wine Included

**Reservation Deadline:** May 1, 2006

**Make checks payable to:** Galileo Alumni Assoc.

**Send check to:** Galileo High School  
1150 Francisco Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

**Attention:** Galileo Sports Hall of Fame

**Our Galileo High School Sports Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the South San Francisco Elks Club. Although previous dinners held at the Italian Athletic Club were relatively successful, the committee decided to make the move for the following advantageous reasons:**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Plenty of free parking**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Plenty of room - accommodations will seat over 300 people comfortably**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Our dinner will be catered by Dick DeGrande's (Class of 1949--deceased) grandson, Chris DeGrande. The service and meals promise to be efficient and deliciously superb.**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Our no host reception 6:00pm - 7:30pm will be held in an adjacent cocktail lounge. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.**

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Wine selection – One bottle of red and white per table of eight. Additional bottles will be available for \$10.00.**

## AND SOMETHING NEW ...

Since the Sports Hall of Fame dinner is an event to raise funds to support the Galileo High School Athletic program, a special raffle will be held.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Tickets \$1.00 each – 6 for \$5.00  
<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Additional prizes will be included

### THIS YEAR'S HONOREES:

Kevin Adams (Coach)

George Alvarado (1939)

John Bologna (1949)

Gene DeMartini (1947)

Sisvan Der Harootunian (1951)

Lawrence Kane (Coach)

Vince LaRocca (1950)

Fred O'Donnell (1950)

Bob Randall (1932) (posthumously)

Fred Tooker (1951)

Joanne Alioto Wiltshire (1953)

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## “GREASE” FUNDRAISER

Plan to join Galileo alumni and friends at the Belasco Theater Company's production of “Grease” on June 3, 2006, for the matinee. The show is a wonderful opportunity to take a trip back in time.

Ed Belasco (1949), the producer/director of the show, works with some of the best youth talent in the area, and it's always a treat to watch these young people perform.

The show is presented at the Del Valle Theater in Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under the age of 16.

To order, please complete the form below, make checks payable to GAA, and mail to:

**Tickets  
Galileo Alumni Association  
1150 Francisco Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109**

If you have any questions, contact Janet Neilsen: [janneilsen@juno.com](mailto:janneilsen@juno.com) or 925-837-8664

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**ORDER FORM:**

**Belasco Theater Production of "Grease", June 3, 2006**

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail tickets to me at this address:

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**Published for the School Community of Galileo  
Academy**

Issue #2

[www.galileosf.net/www.galileoweb.org](http://www.galileosf.net/www.galileoweb.org)

Spring, 2006  
Principal's Message

Happy New Year!

Galileo is very fortunate to have many dedicated teachers, and we are equally fortunate to have a PTSA that supports what teachers do to improve learning for our students. Parents are our most important partners in education. We thank the Galileo PTSA for awarding a total of \$1,316 Education Enrichment grants to help four teachers with their instructional and support programs for students. We encourage all parents to contribute to the Galileo Education Fund set up by the PTSA to support the school. Checks can be made payable to Galileo Academy PTSA.

We also want to thank our alumni for keeping Galileo in their hearts. Over the past five years, the Galileo Alumni Association (GAA) has established itself as a strong organization with a focus on building connections amongst Galileo alumni and supporting their alma mater. Most recently, Mr. Dick Bechelli (Class of 1950) has donated \$1,000 to the Galileo Athletic Department and his donation has been matched by GAA. Another alumnus, Mr. Jerome Solari, (Class of 1946) has set up a \$15,000 endowment fund for the school. We appreciate their ongoing care and contributions to keep Galileo an excellent school in San Francisco.

May the Year of the Dog be a healthy, happy, and peaceful year for all! Gung Hay Fat Choy!

*Margaret Chiu, Principal*

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## Galileo Seeking Judges

Galileo Academy is seeking alumni to judge the 62<sup>nd</sup> Homecoming Song and Yell Contest on Friday, October 20, 2006. The event will take place from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The football game is Galileo vs. Lowell. Please notify Mr. Wing ([ishiwing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ishiwing@sbcglobal.net)), ASB Advisor, of your interest by August 31, 2006.

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## A Dinner with Friends

A “Dinner with Friends” is being hosted by the Galileo classes of January 1953, June 1953, and January 1954. The date is May 13, 2006, and will be held at Nick’s in Rockaway Beach, Pacifica. The cost is \$30 and will include salad, entrée, dessert, coffee, and wine. There will be dancing to live music and hotel accommodations within walking distance. A visit to Galileo Academy on Friday, May 12, can be planned for those people indicating an interest. We hope you will save the date and join us. All alumni are welcome. You may contact the following people for more information.

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## Joan Lucchesi Ertola Scholarship Fund

In December 2004, through the generosity of the Ron Ertola family, the Joan Lucchesi Ertola Scholarship Fund was established. In June 2005, three scholarship awards of \$1,000 were presented to students who met the following criteria:

1. Earn all high school credits at Galileo Academy of Science and Technology.
2. Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
3. Show outstanding commitment to the school, student activities, and the community.
4. Graduate in June of the calendar year.
5. Continue on to a community college or four-year college.

Scholarships will be awarded again in June 2006. You are invited to contribute to the scholarship fund by mailing a tax-deductible donation to Galileo Alumni Association, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please make checks payable to Joan Lucchesi Ertola Scholarship Fund.

**About Joan Lucchesi Ertola:** She was Girls Student Body Vice President at Marina Junior High School. At Galileo she was a very popular student and always had a cheerful disposition. She held the following offices: Low Senior Girls Class Vice President; High Senior Girls Student Body Vice President; Galileo Delegate to Girls State, Sacramento, and San Francisco City government. She worked at the Emporium department store in the fashion department. Joan was the starting shortstop for the Funston playground in the San Francisco Girls Softball League. She graduated from Galileo as an academic honor student in 1951 and married Ron Ertola (1949). She was a fantastic mother of two sons and a grandmother of 5 grandchildren. Joan passed away in 2001.

## Through The Telescope. . .



SPRING is here and with it daylight savings time. With all the short days and early nights, why don't we have DST year round? We wouldn't have to move clocks forward and back and we could enjoy longer days. Springtime calls to mind Paris, parasols and walks by the river. Although I've never been to the City of Lights (perhaps next year), I do watch movies. Spring also is when flowers bloom and vines start to grow fruit. It is the prelude for June "bustin' out all over". This is our second quarterly issue of 2006, and apropos of the season, "it might as well be Spring." And, according to my Chinese astrological chart, Spring is my lucky season. Rain, rain, go away.

How did (do) you like (or dislike) the past (present) rainy season? Seems like we got (are getting) a lot more rain than usual in the Bay Area. We're used to drizzle and mist in San Francisco, but when there is a light but steady rain, it just seems wetter. I prefer heavy large drops of rain that you can dodge. And then there was snow, the third time I've seen it here in my lifetime.

Galileo Principal Margaret Chiu likes to refer to Galileo as "the home of the mighty Lions". The lion is, after all, the king of the beasts. Did you know that Giuseppe Verdi (Joe Green), the famous Italian composer of operas such as *Aida*, *Rigoletto*, and *La Traviata*, was known as The Lion of Opera? There is a statue of Verdi in Golden Gate Park.

Googly-goo: Surfing the popular search engine, there is a "copy" of our Golden Gate Bridge in Lisbon, Portugal, built some 30 years after ours. To see photos of it, go to [www.luso.u-net.com/bridges.htm](http://www.luso.u-net.com/bridges.htm). You'll be amazed at the likeness.

Have you seen the development going on in SOMA? The only way I can describe it is **EXCITING!**

Postscript: In Mexico, “the whole nine yards” is “the whole enchilada”. Chevy’s uses it in its ad campaign.

Good wishes to Mario Lombardi, recovering from surgery. Patience, Mario, a drink (on the house) is waiting for you at the bar.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vince LaRocca and the LaRocca family for the recent loss of his father, Leo. For many years, Leo ran LaRocca’s Corner on Columbus Avenue, where his late son, Jack, used to play the accordion while Vince played the piano. I had the honor of playing basketball with both brothers at Galileo.

Tom King, where are you? My neighbor on Vallejo Street, a classmate, he was a pitcher for Galileo and for many years and managed the Sapunar Realty baseball team.

Did you know . . . every car made after 1996 carries a black box (similar to aircraft) that tells how fast you were going and other information. It can be recovered after an accident. (This according to Brian Cooley, KGO Radio’s computer guru).

OBSERVations: A lion’s head door knocker greets you when you enter O’Reilly’s Holy Grail on Polk Street.

For once, it didn’t rain on the Chinese New Year’s parade.

In Mexico, dessert (cake, pie) is served with a spoon, not a fork. In Chinese restaurants, Chinese diners wipe the utensils and teacups with a napkin. To many, sniffing and swishing wine in a glass before drinking may seem strange, too. In Latin America, one calls for a check by pursing the lips and making a kissing sound or waving the hand in a signing motion. In Brazil, the amount of booze used in a bottle is measured with a ruler. In many Latin countries, one answers the phone by saying *Hola* (Hello), but in Mexico one answers with *Bueno* (Good), and in Puerto Rico with *Digame* (Tell me, or Speak).

Suggestion for movie directories in newspapers: Why don’t they list in parentheses the length of the film so that you know when it will end and can plan things ahead?

Jim Dresser, gourmand/wine connoisseur, and President of GAA, is a foodie and a winie. He has put me on to restaurants such as A16, Isa, La Suite, Q, and others, as well as Sea Smoke Pinot Noir. This plug should alleviate the teasing I get when he reminds me of a basketball pass I never made to him 55 years ago when we played for the Lions.

For all you foodies who dine out often (I’m one of them), join [OpenTable.com](http://OpenTable.com) to make instant guaranteed reservations in most U. S. cities. I’ve been using this free service for several years.

I recently ate my first pomelo. The fruit, thought to be the ancestor of the grapefruit, grows abundantly in Malaysia and is cultivated in California and Israel. It is slightly sweeter than



a grapefruit. The word grapefruit, incidentally, first appeared in 1814. It was named as such because it grows in bunches as grapes do.

Long before nose rings and earrings became popular with some men, Mr. Clean wore an earring on his left ear.

If you want a quick fix on nostalgia of the 50s, just go to any Mel's restaurant (formerly known as Mel's Drive-In) in San Francisco and look at the photos on the walls. They are of George Lucas' ground-breaking film, *American Graffiti*, which, I'm sure, most of you have seen.

And how about that party Eddie DeBartolo threw for some 600 49er players, personnel and friends at Las Vegas' Paris Hotel? Some reunion!

Reminder: April 18 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906. "The ground rose and fell like an ocean. . ." and "the pavement pulsed like a living thing," wrote the *Examiner*. As I ride the cable car daily through the area, I think of all those who survived . . . and those who didn't.

Sweet Tooth: My love affair with Almond Joy and Mounds candy bars started when I was 12 years old. Our church bishop who gave me Armenian lessons, received boxes of the candy from Peter Paul (an Armenian) and I was the happy recipient of some of them. Peter Paul died, and his company was recently bought by Hershey's. In high school, I ate a candy bar a day. Another treat of those days was Hostess cupcakes. Today *Pinguinos* in Mexico are almost as good, if not better, and one-third the price of the American product.

Pet Peeves: (1) Long recorded telephone messages by companies and the inability to get a live operator. (2) Customer service calls re-directed to a foreign country and answered by persons who do not speak English well.

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, in Plaza Mexico, the largest bullring in the world, a bull jumped the wall and went into the stands. My Mexican correspondent writes: "It was amazing what the bull *Pajarito* did last Sunday. I saw it on TV. Imagine a 505 kg. bull flying. *Pajarito* hit an empty seat located in the second row and only managed to gore an old lady who is OK by now. *Pajarito*, as you know means little bird, so it is perfectly natural he wanted to fly and he did! This sort of accident happened for the very first time in the 60 year history of Plaza Mexico." Ole!

Thought for the day: Don't let your ego get in the way of an apology.

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# Galileo History

On December 10, 1920, Major Joseph P Nourse, who had been actively engaged in educational work in the city for many years, became the first principal of Galileo High School. Throughout the summer, carpenters were busy converting the Red Cross Building, located on Fulton Street near the Civic Center. On August 1, 1921, Galileo High School welcomed its student body into the remodeled facilities. The ceremony of "breaking ground" for the new building occurred on November 4, 1921 ' Dedication of the Van Ness Building took place on March 30, 1924. At the same time, plans were underway for a new wing which would double the capacity of the school.

Back in the 1920's, the Galileo High School building was considered an outstanding example of modern architecture. Planned with the idea of housing one of the best educational institutions in the country, it was equipped to offer the highest type of academic curriculum in addition to training in commercial and technical branches.

Since school year 1995-96, Galileo has transformed itself to the Galileo Academy of Science and Technology. The new program provides students with five career pathways in biological science, environmental science, space science/aeronautics, computer science/engineering technology, and creative media technology.

## Galileo Alumni College Panel Spring Break 2006

As many of you may remember, in the past two years many Galileo graduates returned to our alma mater to host college preparatory workshops over their Spring Break vacations. The Galileo Alumni College Panel was created in 2004 under the leadership of several students from the class of 2001. With the participation of many other former Galileo Alumni from various

colleges and universities, students at Galileo had the opportunity to speak with the graduates and listen to first-hand college experiences. The workshops were held in Galileo's library the first year and expanded to the cafeteria last year.

The Galileo Alumni College Panel is looking for panelists for the third year of this event. We welcome all of you to join us in making these workshops possible. Not only will it be a great opportunity for you to share your college experiences, but it will also be a great way to give back to the Galileo community. You can even take this opportunity to visit your former teachers and see the changes that have taken place. Galileo's academic performance now ranks as one of the top high schools in the City and was awarded the California Distinguish School Award in 2005.

Therefore, please consider becoming a panelist for the workshops. The workshops are scheduled to take place during the last week of March and the beginning of April. We are also looking for new leadership to make this event possible, so if you are interested in participating in the preparatory stages, please contact us. ([mandymliu@gmail.com](mailto:mandymliu@gmail.com)).

(from [www.galileoweb.org/cpga/](http://www.galileoweb.org/cpga/))

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## **PTSA IN ACCORD WITH GAA**

**PTSA and GAA have agreed to cooperate in the following functions benefiting Galileo Academy.**

- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Galileo PTSA will publicize GAA's Sports Hall of Fame (on May 6) and the Belasco Theatre performance (on June 3) by including the info & GAA's link on PTSA's web site.**
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **GAA will include PTSA's flyer on the 2 upcoming fundraising/activity events in the newsletter mailing before April 4.**
- <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **PTSA will collaborate with GAA on the Oct. 28, 2006 Dinner-Dance fundraiser. PTSA would like to organize a silent auction at this event with assistance from GAA. Likewise, PTSA can help GAA, e.g., get volunteers, publicity, etc.**

Linda Lau is the fundraising chair and PTSA Vice President.

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## "Hot Education Tips"

Want to DOUBLE YOUR MONEY and SUPPORT EDUCATION? You can by supporting teachers' projects on Donors Choose. May 2006 is the San Francisco's Challenge, in which Donors Choose partners will match individual donations to eligible projects (request under \$400) during May in honor of Teacher Appreciation month.

To get started or get more details, go to: [www.DonorsChoose.org](http://www.DonorsChoose.org)  
Please consider supporting Galileo Academy's teachers! At Donors Choose web site, under Quick Search, type keyword "Galileo Academy". It will bring you to projects that are submitted by Galileo teachers. Of course, there are plenty of other educational projects to choose from. Have fun doubling your money for education!

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### **Galileo Class of 1986 Reunion**

**When: Saturday, Oct. 21, 2006.**

**Where: Atrium Restaurant in San Francisco**

**Contact: Leilani Spencer - [Gal1986@aol.com](mailto:Gal1986@aol.com)**

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### ***Shooting From The Hip***

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30 January 2006

Ms. Margaret Chiu, Principal Galileo Academy of Science and Technology  
Mr. Jim Dresser, President, Galileo Alumni Association  
Ms. Diane Wall Cowart, Membership Chair, Galileo, Alumni Association

Dear Ladies and Gentleman,

I have just received your information packet on new goals and objectives of GAA, newsletter, and activities planned for 2006. I was greatly enlightened and delighted to see all of the activities in which the GAA has provided support to the school and likewise the support provided by the school to the association. Mutual support is the catalyst to success.

It is important to all of us that we maintain an openness of discussion and exchange of information on our Alma Maters activities and events. While many of us may not reside in the Bay Area we still have a concerted interest in "our" school, which was a major influence in our young lives. We certainly cannot go back or live in the past; but it is nice to reminisce occasionally in the hallowed halls of "Gal".

You each are to be commended for the new direction and renewed efforts to strengthen the association and camaraderie among us Lions. I for one look forward to GAA's continued success and new beginning. Well done! "Hail Galileo, Hail"

Respectfully,

George D. Paxson  
Class of '59

"Like a fine wine, the Class of 59 gets better with time"

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**What Happens In Vegas . . .**  
by Renee Mau Wade (1951)

The Mayor is an ex- Mafia attorney that swears by the gin martini, and shopping and dining brings in more money than gambling. With thousands moving to Vegas every month a condo in a high rise starts at \$1,000,000, but in 1999 the cost started at \$300,000. The values are still better than the Bay Area, but the good prices of six years ago are memories. Here are a few tips from the locals that know their way around town.

**Shows:** The best old Vegas type show is the “Follies” at Bally’s. The hot ticket shows are “Danny Gans”, “O”, “Mystere”, “Celine Dion” and “Elton John”. These are always sold out, but sometimes you can wait in line at the hotel for “no shows” or house seats not used in the hours before the shows. If you have to see a show, book weeks before you go either on line or through the hotel’s concierge. Really big spenders are guests of the hotel. There are always the ticket outlets next to the M&M store on Las Vegas Blvd. That sells unsold then discounted tickets the days of the shows.

**Must see:** The best show is free and that is the Bellagio fountains, but be sure to be able to hear the music to appreciate the majestic ballet of water going up 240 feet in the air. Another Bellagio must see is the lobby with the Chihuly glass flower sculptures on the ceiling and the huge atrium just off the lobby. The atrium is breathtaking with beautiful fresh flowers constantly being refreshed. Be sure to take your camera.

The really hot spots are off the Strip and are “The Palms” and the “Hard Rock”. If you are a celebrity watcher those are the places to hang out, especially the “Ghost Bar” at the “Palms”.

**Food:** Fine dining has become an art form in Vegas. The restaurants are so beautiful and the presentation fantastic from the “Rum Jungle” waterfalls to the “Picasso” with real Picasso paintings. Be sure to make reservations. The buffets at the Rio are considered the best.

**Shopping:** The fabulous Caesar’s Forum is the most profitable shopping center in the US. Down the street and across from the new Wynn resort is the Fashion Mall with big stores like Bloomies and Saks. My favorite is the Outlet Mall, which is south of the Strip with the Off Fifth Ave and Bose stores. The “Bootlegger” restaurant across the street is an old Italian Restaurant where the local musicians hang out after their shows. Great place to have lunch when shopping.

**Gambling:** If you are a serious gambler, get off the strip. The best odds are at the new casinos and the latest to open on 4/18/06 is the Red Rock

Casino, which is near the Western hills and is a half-hour from town just off the beltway. There are two other casinos for the locals nearby, but I would highly recommend the elegant JW Marriott, which has a fantastic spa, beautiful large rooms, huge bathrooms and great restaurants. They do provide transportation to and from the Strip. There is also a beautiful shopping area with great restaurants close to the hotel. Two champion TPC golf courses are also nearby.

**Medical:** Don't get sick in Vegas. The hospitals are full with beds in the halls, long waits in the ER and at least a three-week wait to see your doctor. There are good doctors in Vegas but hard to get to.

**Weather:** The summer is hot all the time but cools down to 90 degrees at night. The winter is cold, and there is even a ski resort up in the mountains.

Take the time to look at the mountains as they really do change colors during the day depending how the sun hits them. If you haven't been to Vegas in a few years be prepared to be surprised. Concert dates are advertised along with coupons and lots more information at [www.LasVegas.com](http://www.LasVegas.com). Good luck!

*Renee Mau Wade formerly lived in Las Vegas, then moved to the Bay Area, and now lives outside Houston, TX. She is a regular contributor to the Observer and wrote last January's excellent article on Hurricane Rita.*

*Ed. Note: The latest luxury hotel to open in Las Vegas is the Wynn, and I spent a part of 3 consecutive days in the hotel and on the grounds. It is without doubt the premier destination hotel in Vegas. From its lavish Saturday/Sunday champagne/Bloody Mary brunch with a block long buffet table and food stations of every imaginable cuisine to its waterfalls and exclusive shops, it continues to fascinate. Expensive and eye-filling, it demands attention, especially the four original paintings (Picasso and Renoir) hanging behind the reception desks.*

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*I am a lover of deviled eggs, and so I came up with my version of a deviled egg gorgonzola sandwich that can enhance your breakfast or brunch. Cholesterol aside, it is a delicious example of comfort food, at least for me. I share the recipe with you.*

## **DEVILED EGG GORGONZOLA SANDWICH<sub>tm</sub>**

(Quantities/measures to taste)

2 hard boiled eggs peeled

mayonnaise (hollandaise sauce may be substituted)

**mustard (optional)**

**dried basil**

**parsley flakes**

**freshly-ground pepper**

**red pepper flakes (optional)**

**paprika (optional)**

**crumbled gorgonzola or other crumbly cheese, preferably of the blue variety**

**Options: omit gorgonzola, add crisp bacon bits, onion flakes, other herbs**

**Slice eggs into small pieces (not fine). Add mayonnaise to desired consistency (mixture should be chunky, not like a mousse) and mix well. Mix dry ingredients together and add to mixture and mix well. Add gorgonzola and incorporate into mixture without mixing too much in order to maintain the chunkiness of the spread. Spread mixture on a toasted bagel or English muffin or other bread. Refrigerate remaining portion. Makes approximately 2 sandwiches. Enjoy for breakfast, on a picnic, or any other time.**

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<b>Greetings!</b>	<b>Calling all Native San Franciscans!</b>	
Greetings! Welcome to another issue of the San Francisco Native an ezine for people who were born or raised in San Francisco. We are bringing San Francisco Natives together with two exciting events this year. We want to share these dates with you so you can reserve them in your calendars and start spreading the news. Enjoy our ezine,		
		<b>Quick Links...</b>



and feel free to forward it to friends who may be also interested.

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### Pre- Jamboree San Francisco Native Social at Jillian's at the Metreon



Come out for a FUN evening of billiards, appetizers, and connecting with other

native San Franciscans at an informal pre-Jamboree event on Friday, April 7, 2006 between the hours of 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Non- hosted bar. We've planned the party around the centennial of the 1906 earthquake so you may share your families' memories or earthquake stories with one another remembering this day in our history. It's also a time just to enjoy being around other fun loving Native San Franciscans who share your passion about the City. Registration Fee: \$25.00 until

[San Francisco Native Jamboree](#)

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April 5, 2006. (Check must be postmarked by April 5) Registration Fee: \$35.00 after April 5, 2006 and onsite If you would like to attend, please download and fill out the flyer (see link below) and mail a check made payable to San Francisco Generations, Inc. to: Linda Mansouria, CMP, CMM 2269 Chestnut St., #498 San Francisco, CA 94123 We will not mail out tickets to the event. Your name will be on a list at the door. Hope to see you there! For questions or to receive a flyer for the event, email [Linda@sfnativejamboree.com](mailto:Linda@sfnativejamboree.com)

[View and Download the Jillian's Event Flyer!](#)

**Save the Date: Friday, September 15, 2006**



The Third Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree will be here before we know it! Once again it's a chance for us "rare" San Francisco Natives to get together, hook up with old friends and meet new ones! Enjoy a non-hosted cocktail reception, a delicious sit down dinner, entertainment and music for your dancing and listening pleasure. This year's event will be held at The Patio Espanol from 5:45 to 11 p.m. on Friday, September 15th. This year's theme is "School Days". We've chosen this theme because of the enthusiasm shown at last year's event by the school alumni

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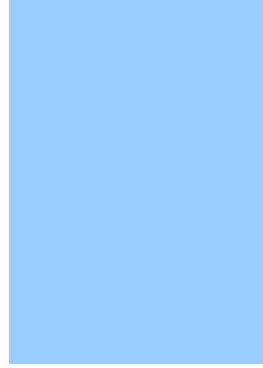
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**We need your nominees for this  
year's Jamboree Awards!**



We



would like your help in choosing two of our three award recipients this year. The "Hall of Fame" Award will be presented to a San Franciscan who has made a difference in our community by either improving the quality of life in the city, or bringing national or world attention to the City of San Francisco. If you would like to nominate a candidate email the name to [debra@sfnativejamboree.com](mailto:debra@sfnativejamboree.com). Last year's Hall of Fame award was posthumously awarded to Herb Caen. The "San Francisco Classic" Award will go to an outstanding newly designed or renovated San Francisco Architectural landmark. This year's nominees are The Asian Art Museum, City Hall and The Ferry Building. Last year's recipient was SBC Park. Note: You will have the opportunity to vote on the the SF Classic award when you register for the event by August 1, 2006. The third award will tie into this year's School Day's theme. The largest alumni group of Jamboree attendees will receive a gift for their school.

**Jamboree Organizers met with  
Alumni Association  
Representatives April 3, 2006**

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order to better serve the needs of the alumni groups, we've spoken with many alumni representatives and various school directors of development. We learned from the experts about their constituents' needs and got some great ideas too! (Pictured here L to R, Kathryn Frazier, Town School for Boys, Tammy Aramian, George Washington Alumni Association Secretary and Newsletter editor, Linda Molinari Mansouria and Jim Dresser, Galileo Alumni Association President.)

### **Spotlight on One of our Supporting Alumni Associations and it's President, Jim Dresser**

Unlike many other schools, Galileo's alumni group was dormant for awhile but has had a recent resurgence, putting on several fun



events. Currently, the association has approximately 285 active members. Last year's highlights were an outing to see "The Wiz", presented by the youth theater company of Ed Belasco (1949), and a dinner to induct honorees into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame. Jim Dresser has been President of the Galileo Alumni Association for the past 4 years. At Galileo, Jim Dresser (1951) participated in football, basketball, and track, winning a Block G with 2 stars. He enjoyed singing and playing the ukulele in a quartet called "The Four Meatballs." He values many continuing friendships from his high school days. If you are Galileo alumni and want to know about this year's upcoming events and reunions, see

<http://galileoalumni.org/homehtml>. On the website, you also can sign up to receive the quarterly newsletter, The Galileo Observer, learn more about GAA, and join the Association. (Pictures left to right: Jim Dresser, Debra Mugnani Monroe, Tammy Aramian, George Washington High School Alumni Association, Secretary and Editor of the Alumni Newsletter Alumni Association and Kathryn Frazier, Associate Director, Annual Giving and Alumni, Town School for Boys.)

### **Our silent auction will support The San Francisco Conservation Corp**



All of the silent auction proceeds and a portion of our proceeds will benefit the San

Francisco Conservation Corps. The Corps is a non-profit organization providing academic and job training opportunities to youth ages 11-26 for the past 20 years. The Corps members develop their leadership and job skills while participating in community outreach projects and beautifying the city.

### **[More about the Corp](#)**

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# **San Francisco Native Jamboree**

The Third Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree will be held at the The Patio Espanol, 2850 Alemany Boulevard, San Francisco, CA 94112 on Friday, September 15, 2006, from 5:45 pm to 11 pm. The day has been proclaimed Native San Francisco Day by the Mayor's office.

What is the San Francisco Native Jamboree? It's a fabulous party to bring together native San Franciscans who share a common bond of being born or raised in the most beautiful city in the world! There are many San Francisco celebrations, but no other devoted to those born or raised in the City by the Bay.

" We are building on the successes of the previous two years' Jamborees and moving to an even larger venue as we expect the attendance to double again this year," stated second generation San Franciscan, Linda Molinari Mansouria. "This year's party theme is School Days. We decided to expand on the enthusiasm expressed by the alumni groups who attended last year's celebration. We will be awarding the school with the most attendees at the event this year with a gift for their alma mater."

To support our community, the San Francisco Native Jamboree endorses The San Francisco Conservation Corps. Their mission is to help San Francisco's young people by providing education, training, and marketable job skills while addressing community needs through service work. The proceeds of a silent auction and a portion of the net profit will be donated to this deserving organization.

There will be a no-host cocktail reception and a delicious sit down dinner, along with dancing, photos sponsored by Doorstep Photography, and surprise entertainment throughout the evening. The price is \$55.00 for advanced tickets. For more information, visit our Website at [www.sfnativejamboree.com](http://www.sfnativejamboree.com).

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## **A Remarkable Collection of *Angels***

by Tony Compagno

Tony Compagno, a Galileo alumnus, has written a book about San Francisco. Born and raised in the City, Tony is a former English teacher who has written steadily and passionately through several career changes. He has penned a book of poems called *A Slow Amassing Light*, edited an informal history of the Cow Palace, a West Coast landmark, and published many humor pieces. He currently resides in San Mateo with his wife Kathy. They have two grown daughters and a granddaughter.

In what should be called a fictional reminiscence, *A Remarkable Collection of Angels* takes as its subject the year 1954 in San Francisco. The action and characters, emanating from the intersection of Fillmore and Filbert Streets in the city's Marina District, point backward to the beginning and forward to the conclusion of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, serving in that respect as a microcosmic history of the United States in that period, treated with humor and humanity. Some have called it a year in which nothing happened. Indeed, it was itself an intersection at which the past was colliding with the future in terms of politics, religion, art, popular culture, and civil rights in America. The twelve months chronicled in the novel reflect the age-old cyclical struggles within a society as the narrator describes, from the point of view of the ten-year-old he once was, a critical year for him as well as his nation, a year in which something clearly happened.

The book is available through Borders and amazon.com for \$19.95. It is 169 pages in paperback.

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## **The Hart of the Matter**

### **Planes, Trains, and Ships**

I love to travel. Driving is OK, but what turns me on is train travel. While planes are practical and timesaving, the exhilaration of being above the clouds and



seeing nothing but blue sky does not especially appeal to me. On the other hand, there has always been something sentimental and romantic about train travel. From the many movies watching trains depart from a station and a girl running to see the last glimpse of her man to the actual anticipation and sound of a train arriving are really what get me excited. It is sad and nostalgic when you have to watch a loved one depart on a train, and you watch it until it is out of sight (what a way to end a movie!). I have always believed that the one departing has it easier than the one remaining. This goes back to the forties when relatives would visit, and I would feel empty and lonely when they left. Train travel in those days was the primary way to travel. My favorite was the Santa Fe Super Chief. The red, orange and yellow engine was a machine of beauty, and I think there is one on display in the Sacramento Train Museum.

With train travel one enjoys the going as much as, if not more than, the destination. Whether you choose a coach or a private sleeper, you can enjoy the constantly changing panorama from your seat or from the observation car, enjoy a meal in the dining car, or just walk through the train. On some routes of Amtrak you get lectures about the area through which you are passing.

There are, of course, some legendary trains throughout the world. The Orient Express, the Blue Train of South Africa, and the Canadian Rocky Mountaineer come to mind. For trips on these and other famous trains, contact The Society of International Railway Travelers at 800-478-4881 or go online ([www.irtsociety.com](http://www.irtsociety.com)).

I have not yet taken a cruise other than short ferryboat rides. Some that appeal to me are the Delta paddle wheelers that go up and down the Mississippi and the big cruise ships. Popular cruises seem to be to Mexico, the Caribbean, Alaska and the Greek Isles. Wherever there is water there are boats and ships. On cruise ships the going becomes the highlight of the trip. Although one visits several ports, the activity on the ship takes center stage. There are exquisite meals, entertainment, lectures, beauty treatments, casinos, movies, games, and all sorts of other amenities. People who cruise swear by it. I plan to take my first cruise this year, probably to the Eastern Caribbean. In Antigua, there is a most beautiful port on the east side of the island called English Harbour and Nelson's Dockyard. Nearby is the exclusive St. James Club. I spent a day at English Harbour in the early 70s, and it was very scenic, a sight to capture the imagination. The Antiguans play a game there where one tries to swing a brass ring tied to a rope onto a hook, much like playing horseshoes. I want to go back to play that game.

In 2009 the world's largest cruise ship, the *Genesis* (Royal Caribbean) will be launched. It will hold 6,400 passengers and cost \$1.24 billion. Would that I will be able to take that cruise!

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**LETTERS**

*Shigeru Yabu (1951) writes from Camarillo:*

Any person 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, 65 to 69, 70 to 74, 75 to 79, 80 plus may participate in various sports such as: Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Billiards, Bowling, Cycling, Dance sport, 5K Intergenerational fun walk, Golf, Horseshoes, Inline Skating, Lawn Bowling, Power Lifting, Race Walk, Racquetball, Road Race, Rope Climb, Shuffleboard, Soccer, Softball, Softball, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Track & Field (9 Events), and Volleyball.

California Senior Games Championships 2006, Hosted by the Pasadena Senior Center. Pasadena Senior Center, 85 East Holly Street, Pasadena, CA 91103. June 3 - 17, 2006, date is depended on your sport.

E-mail: [CynthiaR@pasadenaseniorcenter.org](mailto:CynthiaR@pasadenaseniorcenter.org), Web Site: [www.californiaseniorgames.com](http://www.californiaseniorgames.com).

(626) 685-6754 - Hotline FAX: 626 577-4235

Entry Deadlines: May 24, 2006 for all Team Sports

Shig Yabu is interested in basketball as I have participated in the past National Senior Olympic Tournaments at: Tucson, Arizona, Disneyworld, Orlando, Florida, LSU, Louisiana, Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Events: 3-on-3 Half Court,

Date: (Men) Saturday - Sunday, June 3 - 4

Location: Pasadena City College

Team Fee: \$125.00 for 3 on 3

3-on3 Half Court Competition: Round Robin Tournament. Play on Saturday, June 3 will be determined by the number of teams entered in each age division. Maximum of 10 and minimum of 3 players per team including non-playing coaches, captains and bench personnel. Athletes may play on only one team and teams must be of the same gender. Out-state players: 50-69: 1 70 and older: 3. Men's teams will play in age waves and the schedule will be mailed to the Team Captain one (1) week prior to the tournament. Tournament format will be determined by the number of entries per age division. Officials will be provided. Locker room facilities are available (Men only). Please have Team Captain complete Team Roster Form and return with entry fee. The final Roster may be signed prior to the start of the first game. Division is determined by the age of the youngest player as of December 31, 2006.

National Qualifying. Top two (2) finishing California teams in each age division. If there are insufficient California teams in each age division 50+ 75+, the CSGC will qualify out-of state teams. All teams in the 80+division will qualify

Note: If by chance you do not qualify in California, you can qualify in another State.

A brief description how the game is played: There are two halves and each team will have an opportunity to take out the ball at the beginning while the other team will take it out at half. The ball is taken out at the 3 point line, and the defense cannot cross the 3 point line until the team taking the ball out touches the ball. 3 points from behind the 3 point line, 2 points inside the 3 point line, and 1 point for free throws. The offensive team makes a basket, then the defensive team takes the ball out without the referees touching the ball.

This makes the game extremely fast both on offense and defense. Official rules will be handed out before the tournament, and I just gave a brief description.

I was hoping to find several interested basketball players 70 years and over. I had once attended the Galileo Reunion with hopes of finding a couple of ball players. Both Don Bragg and Jerry Tamalier had passed away. I found Ron Sligar who played in one tournament, but I cannot locate him.

I remember playing with you in the 10's, 20's and 30's.

Please contact Shig Yabu at:  
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(805) 482-3545  
E-mail [shigyabu@aol.com](mailto:shigyabu@aol.com)

*Ed. Note: I played on 20s and 30s, missed making the 10s by a few exponents.*

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**GALILEO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
**Quarterly Financial Statement**  
**January 1, 2006 – March 31, 2006**

**BALANCE FORWARD      \$9,651.99**

**INCOME**

Membership donations (New members)	<b>\$ 685.00</b>
Membership donations (Renewals)	<b>2,050.00</b>
Donation drive/Athletic Dept. (Bechelli)	<b>1,000.00</b>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$3,735.00**

**EXPENSES**

Membership Cards	<b>\$185.40</b>
Filing Fee	<b>25.00</b>
Postage	<b>357.13</b>
Donation (Galileo Dragon Boat Team)	<b>500.00</b>
Donation (Matching funds/Galileo Athletic Dept.)	<b>2,040.00</b>
Deposit (I.A.S.C.) Fall Dinner Dance	<b>500.00</b>

<b>Deposit (D.J.) Fall Dinner Dance</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$3,707.53</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$9,679.46</b>

#### **SOLARI ENDOWMENT FUND (BANC OF AMERICA)**

<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>January 1, 2006</b>	<b>\$15,133.76</b>
<b>Interest</b>		<b>113.07</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>March, 2006</b>	<b>\$15,246.83</b>

Submitted by:  
Joe Scafidi  
Treasurer, GAA

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#### **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

(Additional information on these and other events above and at  
[www.galileoalumni.org](http://www.galileoalumni.org).)

**April 21 – Galileo Karaoke Night, Galileo Auditorium, 5:30 – 9 PM (see above website for details)**

**May 6 -- Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, Elks Club, South San Francisco**

**May 13 – A Dinner with Friends, Nick's, Rockaway Beach**

**May 16 – Open House Multicultural Night, Galileo Auditorium (see above website for details)**

**June 3 – Belasco Show Fundraiser – “Grease”**

**June 8 – GAA Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Room 210, Galileo Academy**

**September 15 – S. F. Native Jamboree**

**October 28 – PTSA Joint Fundraiser – SF Italian Social Club**

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## Volunteer Help Wanted: Web Designer

The Galileo Alumni Association webmaster has big plans for the website <http://galileoalumni.org/> and needs help. The webmaster, [Vaughn Spurlin](#), is a highly experienced software engineer, with basic web design skills. As anyone can see, the GAA site could be lots snappier. But Vaughn's goals go way beyond that, towards an open source project that would look great on anyone's resume. Look around at other nonprofit websites, and you'll see a real need for better site building tools. Let's build up the GAA site, and use the experience to create a high quality package that can serve all the needs of small nonprofit organizations anywhere on the planet.

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17 Web page templates
- 35  
17 Information architecture framework
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17 Content management, so nontechnical team members can publish web updates
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17 Membership database, available for remote updates by organization officers
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17 more ...

To explore this opportunity further, email the [Webmaster](#) and we'll talk about it.

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### FROM THE EDITOR AND THE WEBMASTER

AOL is no longer blocking receipt of *The Observer*. In a survey of readers, all replied that they were receiving the newsletter. Therefore, we do not recommend changing from AOL to another provider.

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### WRITERS/REPORTERS WANTED!

For articles and stories on alumni, events, whereabouts of graduates for this newsletter. No mastery of English required,

just your willingness to communicate and participate. Contact the Editor.

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If you would like to promote your Galileo event on the GAA website <http://www.galileoalumni.org/>, please send information to [galileoobserver@aol.com](mailto:galileoobserver@aol.com) and/or [webmaster@galileoalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@galileoalumni.org).

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