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...Today's Students are Tomorrow's Alumni...

Editorial

There are many ways to help Galileo Academy. One, of course, is donating money. Joining GAA and making a yearly donation is another. But today I want to discuss another way: buying GAA logo merchandise. Currently we have T-shirts and mugs, and our newest item, baseball caps. Done in a bright orange color with a Block G on the front, it is an attractive addition to your casual wardrobe. Only \$20 (\$18 for students), the cap can be ordered through our web site or by using Pay Pal. Remember, when you buy alumni merchandise, you help the GAA which in turn helps Galileo Academy. Ultimately the students benefit from your purchases. Thank you in advance.

RON QUAN, GALILEO'S THOMAS EDISON

Ron Quan (Class of 1972) is a genius when it comes to electronics. He worked on one of the first HDTV video recorders in the early 1980s. He has a patent on HDTV technology as well as 80 others in various fields of electronics. While at Galileo, Ron was a student of math teachers William K. Schwarze and Robert F. McMains in the early 1970s. Recently he helped improve the G-House TV system. All Galileans, past and present, should be very proud of one of our successful alumni.

Victor Lim Speaks at Chinese Seminar

Victor Lim (Class of 2003) spoke about the development of early southern Chinese culture on March 1st at the Him Mark Lai (Class of 1943) Learning Center of the Chinese Culture Center. Lim is a graduate of UC Berkeley with degrees in Asian Studies and Asian American Studies and currently serves as a legislative aide to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.



Congratulations to Mr. Eugene Wing, Galileo Director of Activities, who recently received the Bob Burton Award of the California Association of Directors of Activities.



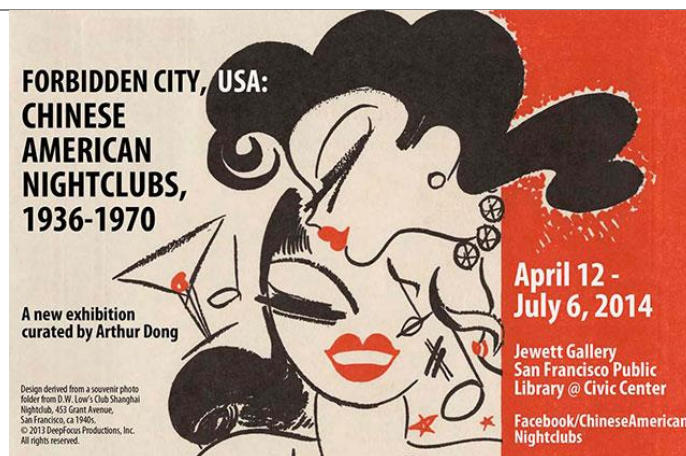
Forbidden City, USA Book Now Available!

“Put on some music from the 1930s and 1940s, start turning the pages of this remarkable volume, and step into the intoxicating and magical world of the Chinese American nightclub scene. Enjoy!”

From the forward by

LISA SEE, bestselling author of *China Dolls* and *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*

For more info: ForbiddenCityBook.com



Exhibition Opens this Weekend

This ground-breaking exhibition showcases a treasure trove of memorabilia chronicling the magic and glamour of San Francisco's internationally celebrated Chinese American nightclub scene and its performers. The April 13 program includes performances, special appearances by the stars of yesteryear, and a book signing by curator/writer Arthur Dong.

More info here: <http://deepfocusproductionsinc.createand1.com/t/y-l-iltrlkk-chhltadt-d/>

NOTE: ARTHUR DONG GRADUATED FROM GALILEO IN 1971.

DIM SUM AT THE HOUSE OF BANQUET

A group of F65 guys got together on February 11, 2014 at the House of Banquet.

Ronald Jung, Bill Leu, Gary Yung (back) Leonard Sam (back), Ernest June (tie & sports jacket) Benson Louie, Alfred Louie, Dr. Sherman Wong (dvm)

Anyone remember these guys. Looks like a fun time.



A DAY AT THE RACES

Galileo will have a day at Golden Gate Fields on June 8th. Bring your family & friends. One of the races will be named for the Galileo Alumni Association, and a raffle will be held to see which 6 lucky winners will visit the Winner's Circle to have a picture taken with the winning jockey. Included in the \$40 admission fee is free parking, an official program and a delicious buffet lunch in the Turf Club. Bring your handicapping skills or just come out to enjoy an afternoon with your fellow alumni or students. Gates open 11:00 a.m. (first race starts at 1:15 PM). Get your group together & join us!

See the enclosed flyer for additional details.

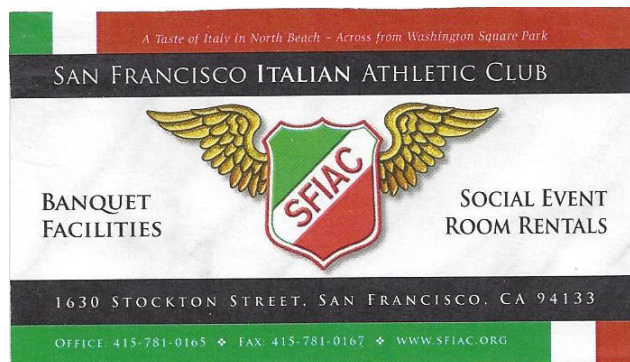
“SEE YOU AT THE RACES!”

GAA DONATES \$1,000 TO SPORTS DEPARTMENT

The Galileo Alumni Association has donated \$1,000 to the Sports Department. GAA Treasurer Joe Scafidi presented a check to Athletic Director Ethan Winterling.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER SET FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

The Sports Hall of Fame Committee has announced its annual induction dinner sponsored by the GAA, will be held once again at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club on November 22nd. This year's class will include former athletes in a variety of sports who have excelled while at Galileo. Flyers will be on our website, in the "Observer" or in your email in the near future with all the details including the names of the inductees.



Through The Telescope. . .

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The science of Astronomy is one of the most fascinating subjects in our educational system. Pity more students don't pursue it. Recently, the Fox channel launched a weekly Sunday night series, *Cosmos*, hosted by Dr. Neil Degrasse Tyson, a friend of the late Dr. Carl Sagan, upon whose research and studies, the program is based. I highly recommend it.

I have a friend who lives in Phoenix. His name is Milton.* A transplanted New Yorker, he is enjoying his retirement. He stays young by going to the gym 5 days a week, sharing his home with a wife 40 years younger than he, and keeping his mind occupied by writing witty sonnets with sexual overtones, clever little pieces that never fail to amuse. He plays the organ and drives his own car. He talks up a storm, in person and on the phone. Milton celebrated a birthday last month. The YMCA gave him a cake and good wishes. Milton is 99 years young. His doctor says to keep on doing what he is doing. The day after his birthday, Milton was back in the gym, jogging in the water. * *His real name has not been used to protect privacy.*

In my last column I mentioned I was listening to the piano music of Ernesto Cortazar. Through the miracle of technology and the internet, I learned he had recently passed. I remember him as a modest man, enjoying playing the piano as much as his audience enjoyed listening. I only saw Ernesto once, at the Bistro Garden in Southern California, but the memory of his piano playing has lasted. Also through the convenience of iTunes hundreds of his songs that he composed and played are available for free. I think of him often and his artistry and what a good friend he could have been.

The day I met Robin Williams in Oakville, he had gone into the Oakville Grocery for a beverage after a hot day of bike riding in Napa Valley. I instinctively went to my car and brought out a copy of the book *Seabiscuit* which I was going to give to my best friend, Ben Dito (1951) who was gravely ill in the hospital. Robin graciously autographed the book and wrote a line something like "Keep on running." It was meant for Ben. I wonder if he read the book before he left us.

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month, the GAA holds meetings in Room 210 at Galileo. I always sat next to Augie Venezia (1952), VP of GAA. I told him about my first trip to Italy, where he had been many times. Augie passed not too long ago. I miss him, too, as do the other members of the Board who listened to his wise, measured suggestions.

Snoopy always wanted to write The Great American Novel. So did I. Miss Dorothy Hill, public speaking teacher at Galileo in the 40s and 50s, wrote in my yearbook: ". . . maybe a book some day?" No book. Not yet anyhow. But when it's written it will undoubtedly be The Not So Great American Novel because The Great American Novel has already been written . . . by Ernest Hemingway.

In the Lowell Alumni Association's newsletter, I read that former New York Yankees second baseman Jerry Coleman, a native of San Jose and Lowell alum (1942), died on January 5th at 89. He was a good friend and teammate of Galileo's Dr. Bobby Brown who was honored in 2012 by induction into the Hall of Merit.

Ramblings

By Tony Compagno

(The following piece appeared in the San Mateo Times a good number of years ago, and appears as Chapter Nine in my book called SEASONING.)

The night before Easter.

10:00 p.m. I hid the chocolate eggs all around the house, in places not so obscure that a veteran archeologist would have trouble uncovering them, nor so obvious that my seven-year-old would remind me that she graduated from Romper Room a long time ago.

Easter Sunday.

5:30 a.m. I heard movement in the living room. It was either a burglar or a very large mouse, I first speculated. Or it was Lisa, her fiendish imagination whirring so early in the day, hiding chocolate eggs for dad to go crazy trying to find. I accepted the last possibility as the most feasible. I was tired. The bed was warm. I had a major archeological expedition ahead.

9:30 a.m. I turned on the TV to catch an Italian version of The Gospel According to Luke. I recognized some of the faces from La Dolce Vita. A versatile actor has to run the gamut if he wants to leave the cheap store-bought sauce for the real gravy.

My wife was in the kitchen carefully shaping her croissants for the company we were expecting for dinner. I was carefully shaping the word "croissants" as I came into the kitchen during a lengthy commercial break from my Italian film. I was trying to sound like Charles Boyer. It wasn't easy. I was so accustomed to saying "Sara Lee Pound Cake" – so Anglo-Saxon, so simple...so inexpensive...so time-saving: time my wife would have been able to use for chores I was elected to do. As usual, I rose from the ashes of my complacency to help out, forsaking my movie, and expected the usual lavish praise for my Christian attitude.

1:15 p.m. I jumped up in the middle of a Hallmark commercial to dash to any store I could find open on a holiday. I was motivated more by doubt as to which holidays required that I buy a card for my partner, and which holidays didn't. Rather than a clear, conscious and genuine expression of love, the card I finally found at a Hindu Delicatessen and Laundromat was merely a safeguard and an appeasement. Maybe a "good" move, as preventive medicine goes...but bad karma. Perhaps I'll do better next time. I'd gone through all the holidays, and could only come up with a handful that called for no cards. Like the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Or Eli Whitney's birthday; (well, this one's iffy.)

2:00 p.m. I took a ride to the cemetery to place some flowers in the vases on a loved one's tomb. When I took the vases to the Flower Room to discard the dead flowers and replace them with fresh, two tiny fledglings fell onto the metal counter and floundered there, confounded, helpless, wondering what had happened. I returned them to the little nest that was still intact in one of the vases, and decided not to speak of this, for few find room for metaphor in their lives, and I would be accused of forcing poetry and significance onto something that meant nothing beyond itself. Keep a low profile, kook.

3:00 p.m. I celebrated spring and the whole glorious rotation of the seasons, by way of a ritualistic search...for my favorite decongestant that promised relief from my hay fever.

4:00 p.m. It seemed a good time, as we waited for the tardy guests, to conduct an inventory of the marshmallow chicks and chocolate eggs and figures and bunnies Lisa had received so far from well-meaning friends and relatives who'd dropped by briefly. A good time to scrutinize the largesse. The freezer was already chock-full. Goodies enough to take her through her 32nd year. Indeed, there was something of a backlog of bunnies, et cetera. To give you a clear picture, there were still the head and shoulders of a pre-political Sonny Bono chocolate figure propped up against a package of waffles in a rear corner of the freezer; Sonny Bunny had been waiting there, with icy stoicism, for a couple of years now, biding his time until Cher could feel her lips again and join him after cosmetic surgery. I knew it was time for a moratorium on chocolates.

8:00 p.m. We all sat down to watch Charlton Heston part the Red Sea. I couldn't resist beating Moses to his next line: "Hey, what the heck's this? I just wanted to take a dip!" (Thank you, Red Buttons.)

11:30 p.m. I couldn't fall asleep right away. In the quiet and dark, I reflected on winter and spring, decay and rebirth, life and death, and many serious and mysterious matters that the frivolous side of Easter couldn't evoke. I felt good for the meditation, and fell asleep feeling on intimate terms with the moon and stars I could see from the bedroom window.

May 2.

7:00 a.m. I found two more chocolate eggs that had been planted by the Little Princess of Obscure Places. Maybe I'll find the rest before next Easter, I thought. Well...she says I haven't.

Present time:

I recently dropped in on Gal graduate Gus Gerald at his Fishermen's Grotto #9 at The Wharf. Wearing an appropriately salmon-colored polo shirt, Gus greeted me warmly, recognizing this old face under a baseball cap, and I introduced him to my younger daughter, Melanie, twenty-nine, who loves The City, especially the Marina and North Beach, nearly as much as I. I've systematically and lovingly brainwashed her through the years, regaling her and her older sister with my own Tales of the City, move over Maupin.

Gus seated us at a nice table by the window, looking at the fishing boats bobbing in the old water at the end of the special town. Mel and I both ordered skewered halibut with rice and veggies. Delicious with the very respectable house Chardonnay and the famous sourdough bread. The staff couldn't have been more pleasant, and Gus...well...the smooth-as-silk shortstop to this mediocre second-baseman in the old days at Funston Field was as gracious as could be, joining us a couple of times to talk, reminisce, catch up, report on recent visits from old mutual friends and teammates, and generally celebrating anew the bond with which we Galileo Lions of the early '60s are blessed.

Names came up that I hadn't thought of for years. Ronnie Buoncristiani, Butch Bussanick, Freddie Bernardini. I asked about Mickey Gerald, Gus's cousin, who was a star basketballer at Gal and went on to a career as a San Francisco policeman; Mickey's having some medical problems, Gus said, and I thought of what a friend repeated recently about getting older not being for sissies, and so we send out a hello to Mickey.

It was so good to see Gus, a soft-spoken, good-natured man whose family made their mark long before the many imitators impinged on that glorious acreage so near our alma mater.

Over coffee at the Puccini Café on Columbus, Melanie told me how much she wants to "do" the Grotto again. The past has a chance...

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WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO WATCH A GOLF TOURNAMENT?

Paul Lamphere (1951) asked me once why I would want to watch a golf tournament in person. I answered that it was The Masters, one of the hardest tickets to get in sports. It was 2012 and I had won a lottery ticket to a Monday practice round. When I checked the lack of attractions around Augusta, Georgia, and the difficulty of getting there directly by plane, I decided to put my ticket for sale on StubHub. It sold in less than 24 hours to a resident of Augusta.

Paul played a lot of golf on the Arnold Palmer course when he had his condo in Palm Desert. He also caddied for John Herrington, former U. S. Secretary of Energy in the Reagan administration, at the Bob Hope Desert Classic. What Paul meant by his question was that it is better to play golf than to watch it.

I've seen some pretty good golfers in my time: Sam Snead at Harding Park, Tony Lema and Tom Watson at Pebble Beach, Fuzzy Zoeller at the Holiday Inn in Bel Air, Gardner Dickinson practicing at Harding, Arnold Palmer, Julius Boros and Billy Casper at Harding as well as Tom Kite, my favorite.

Oh, and Jack Nicklaus at the Super Bowl in Pasadena. Washington beat Miami in the Rose Bowl, and three of us fans went down without tickets. As we roamed around the stadium hoping to get lucky, ten minutes before kickoff, a Miami team-related person approached us with tickets at face value (\$40). It turned out that I sat in the best seat at any sporting event in my life – on the 50 yard line, give an inch or two!

But, back to golf, there are three main places you can watch a golf tournament: at the first tee, where all golfers tee off, along the fairway at a particular hole, or at the 18th hole where all golfers finish. The 18th is probably the most popular place, but some people prefer to follow a particular golfer from tee to tee, hole to hole, as he navigates the course. Of course, one can always watch on TV and get the benefits of commentary and replays. I've been at all positions, and I like a combination of following a particular golfer from the first tee, then falling back and seeing a few more golfers come through, and finally ending up at the 18th hole to watch the leaders come through. This way I have covered the entire course and seen a variety of tees, holes and golfers.

So my answer to Paul Lamphere would be that I like precision, accuracy, and skill which golf is, and watching a golf tournament in person gives me the added advantage of fresh air and an appreciation of Nature.

In the end, playing golf is better, but watching it in person isn't too shabby, either. -----
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Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

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

GALILEO ELECTRONIC MARQUEE

The long awaited electronic marquee is closer to being a reality. Thanks to the latest two donations from the GAA installation will now begin. These donations were in the amount of \$5,000 from the Solari Endowment Fund and \$1,000 from alumnus Steve Bokura through the GAA. The marquee will be installed at the corner of Bay and Van Ness on the Bay Street side at the north end by the gym and will display all the events and happenings at Galileo. We are all anxious to see this project proudly displaying all of Galileo's news and events.

GALILEO SPORTS HALL OF FAME SHOW CASES UPDATE

Work is underway to update the list of Galileo Sports Hall of Fame members in the showcases outside the Main Office. Paul Giambra is on the committee and he has removed all of the nameplates. The plan is to rearrange the names from alphabetical order to year of induction, which will help with the listing of future inductees. Paul removed the nameplates and told me of the plans to put a black background in the cases and arrange the names by the year of induction. The first induction of Galileo athletes into the Sports Hall of Fame was 1975. I know it will be beautiful when it is completed. Many alumni and interested visitors to Galileo spend time in front of the cases talking about the inductees they know or have heard of. Of course there is much talk about Joe and Dominic DiMaggio!

CHINESE KARAOKE CONTEST

The 10th annual Chinese Karaoke Contest, also known as Kcon, will be held on April 11th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm in the Galileo Auditorium. The event features students from schools all over the school district performing at Galileo. Ten years ago the Chinese Karaoke Contest started when a group of Galileo students with a passion for singing Chinese songs decided to make it an event. Singers perform in both Cantonese and Mandarin. Last year's theme was "Harlem Shake," and this year's theme is "Friendship." This year's contest will differ slightly from those in the past, as finalists will have the opportunity to invite a friend to sing along with the contestant on stage.

The event is a fundraiser and the club will donate what they earn to the senior class for graduation and other senior events at Galileo. This year's judges are Jimmy, Gary and Ellen, who are professional singers. There will be prizes and trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and an additional trophy for the singer voted "the most popular" by the audience.

IRON CHEF COMPETITION

Galileo Health Academy students along with students from Concord's Mt. Diablo High School participated in the Teens Cook with Heart Bay Bridge Challenge. There were 4 teams and each team had students from both high schools as players. The students had been cooking prior to the contest, which was held on March 17, 2014 at the Ferry Building. The goal for the 32 students was to produce a healthy meal in 60 minutes with donated produce and meat using no recipes but with some mentoring from well-known chefs. The purpose behind the contest was to show teens how easy it is to cook and eat healthy.

Each team was given bags of groceries donated from Whole Foods. There were four teams— Team Tofu, Team Pork, Team Chicken and Team Salmon. Other ingredients in their creations were fresh vegetables, whole grains and fresh fruits.

In the end, all the teams were winners. Team Chicken got the award for best tasting, Team Tofu most creative, best presentation went to Team Salmon, and teamwork went to Team Pork.

GALILEO'S YEARBOOK, THE TELESCOPE, GOES DIGITAL

This year there are two advisors for Galileo's yearbook— Ms. Karen Field and Ms. Loan Ly. Loan Ly is a Galileo graduate (Class of 2000) and former ASB President. The new yearbook vendor is "TreeRing," which allowed for changes to the traditional style yearbook. Students who purchase the yearbook receive two free custom pages. There is also a digital archive, which means yearbooks from 2014 can be purchased in the future. The cost of this year's yearbook will be about half of the prices charged in the last few years. And "TreeRing" will plant a tree for each yearbook that is printed.

GALILEO STAFF PASSINGS

In March 2014 former longtime Security Aide **Titus Dickens** passed away. Titus had been retired for a number of years. A number of his friends from Galileo attended his service.

On March 30, 2014, former Galileo English teacher **Jane Kennedy** passed away. Jane was 75. Jane spent the majority of her teaching career at Galileo. She was a graduate of Mills College and received her teaching credential from The University of San Francisco. The year she retired she volunteered to go "one throw" on the Dunk Tank at the Aloha Spring Festival. I will never forget how elegant she looked up on the platform in all of her wool finery. Fortunately for her, the thrower missed and she left the platform still dry! A private memorial was held in her honor.

WINTER SPORTS REVIEW

Wrestling

The wrestling team fell just short of repeating as All-City champions, coming in second place overall in the All-City Tournament, losing to Lowell, 158.5 - 162. In the regular season the team won five matches and lost two. Wrestling Coach Allen Loretz said, "This season went really well."

Girls' Varsity Basketball

The Girls' Varsity Basketball Team returned to the championship game this season, but once again lost a close game to Lowell, 50-44. The team finished with an overall regular season record of 9-1 and reached the Northern California State Tournament. Coach Jeremy Lee had nothing but positive things to say when asked how the girls' basketball team did this season. "We had a really good season, but came up just short of winning the city championship."

Boys' Varsity Basketball

The Boys' Varsity Basketball Team had an up and down season, eventually losing in the playoffs to Mission, 48-59. The team finished in 7th place out of 15 teams in their league with a final record of 8 wins and 6 losses for the season. Coach Timothy Won said, "This year's team was young and inexperienced. There were only 3 players out of 12 with varsity experience. We had a challenging preseason losing a few close games by a couple of points. However the players put in the necessary work to improve throughout the course of the season."

SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

Badminton

Having a majority of their experienced starting players graduate last year, the Galileo badminton team is now struggling to find experienced players to make up the spots of the graduates. Because so many players are first year players, the team is concentrating on gaining more experience, improving their skills and playing to the best of their abilities.

Baseball

With half the team made up of freshmen and sophomores, Head Coach Don Papa is using a different lineup for every game in order to have each player become more versatile, playing up to 3 to 4 positions. With the best player in the city, pitcher Kyle Nelson, leading the team along with utility players Josh Lu and Chris Chan, the young Lions hope to make the championship this season.

Boys' Volleyball

With plans to make the AAA Championship again for the fourth straight year, the team faces some obstacles. Despite having a completely new team, with only one returning starter and a new head coach, Anthony Lam, Galileo alumnus who graduated in 2012, the team is confident they can reach their goals this year with the help of a four-year starter and the best hitter in the city, David Peng.

Softball

The Galileo softball team says they are still working on their team chemistry and they believe they can work together and end up competing for the championship. They will rely on their solid defense to keep them in the ball games and will continue to improve their hitting to become a better team. Go Lady Lions!

Swimming

The Galileo Swim Team hopes to use a new rule, which will bump many senior swimmers who have been on the junior varsity team in the past up to varsity, to compete more proficiently against other schools. Because the majority of the Galileo team is on the JV, the varsity team will now gain more points because of the amount of swimmers they will have on their roster. This rule could be used to their advantage, based on the fact that all schools must abide by this as well.

Track and Field

After nearly sweeping the freshmen/sophomore division in long jump last year, many young Galileo athletes have returned to join the varsity level field team in hopes to finally defeat Lowell in the city finals. A lot of emphasis for Track and Field is put into field events because that's where most of the points are earned, but lack of participants limits their number of entries in each event, which decreases the amount of total possible points the Track and Field Team can earn. The coaches hope to recruit more members for the team and are looking for team members to participate in the pole vault, a new event for Galileo.

Let me know what you'd like to hear/read about at Galileo. Bettie on the Beat will be happy to answer your questions and handle your requests.

RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS

Galileo Academy of Science and Technology, 1150 Francisco Street, is collecting old electronics for recycling. Please drop off your used gadgets into the collection bins located by the football field's parking lot on the Polk Street side.

The event will be held on May 3rd, 10am-2pm at Galileo Academy of Science and Technology. We are raising money for the Class of 2017. GreenCitizen is the sponsor. Thanks so much!

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***GAA Board Meeting – Room 210, Galileo Academy, 6:00 PM, held the 2nd Wednesday of the month except for July/August. Our next meeting is June 11, 2014. Please join us.**

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June 8, 2014 - Day at the Races, Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA

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August 9th 2014 - 50th reunion class of 1964. Pass the word, see who's going and all the details at <https://sites.google.com/site/llenore46/>

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DAY AT THE RACES 2014



GOLDEN GATE FIELDS – TURF CLUB



**Golden Gate Fields
1100 Eastshore Highway
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**Sunday June 8, 2014
Gates Open - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Post Time – 1:15 p.m.**

**\$40.00 Includes:
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Buffet Lunch
Official Program**

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Turf Club Buffet Menu GAA Day at the Races 2014

SALADS

Spring Greens

With mushrooms, shredded carrots, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, cheddar cheese

Cole Slaw

With shredded carrots, green and red cabbage

“Mom’s” Macaroni Salad

With dill relish, diced onions, celery and a light lemony dressing

Spinach Salad

With local driscoll strawberries, creamy goat cheese, red onion rings and almond slivers

Kale and White Bean Salad

With sun dried tomatoes, grilled leeks, shallots and a light citrus vinaigrette

Fresh Fruit Salad

With watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, red grapes, and pineapple

ENTREES AND SIDES

Soup Du Jour

Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal Steamed Vegetables

Penne Arrabiata

With peppers, onions, Kalamata olives and a spicy marinara sauce

Chicken Picatta

With capers, artichokes and a lemon-cream sauce

Tilapia Limon

Costa rican style tilapia with grilled pineapple, cilantro, scallions and a citrus cream sauce

Golden Gate Fields “Signature” Fried Chicken

CARVING

Slow-Roasted Prime Rib

Served with au jus and creamy horseradish sauce

Roasted Turkey

Served with cranberry sauce and turkey gravy

DESSERTS

Assorted petite French pastries, pies, cakes,

Puddings and house-made warm apple cobbler

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