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Editor's Note

The publication of this issue was delayed because of computer technical problems. We apologize for any inconvenience caused to our readers.

Reservation Deadline Extended to 9/19!

Celebrate 90 Years at Galileo Homecoming All Decades Class Reunion

- Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2011
Purpose: To meet old friends, to unveil the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame showcase, and to initiate a showcase for Galileo Hall of Merit
Click & view our school website photos/decades >
<http://galileoweb.org/asb/2011/05/29/galileo-academys-90th-anniversary/>
- Where:** Galileo Academy of Science and Technology
1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109
- Schedule:**
- 11:30 AM Reception in the Courtyard
 - 12:00 PM Unveiling ceremony in Auditorium
 - 12:30 PM BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs, & chicken sold by Galileo Athletic Department (fundraiser for sports teams)
 - 1:00 PM Galileo vs Berean Christian HS football game School Tours
 - 2:30 PM Introduction of Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Members (halftime)
 - 4:00 PM Football game ends
 - 5:30 PM No host cocktails at Hyatt Hotel Fisherman's Wharf 555 North Point St., SF 94133
 - 6:00 PM Light Buffet Dinner
- Dress:** Hawaiian or Galileo Theme
- 6:30 PM DJ Music of popular songs 50's to 90's
Raffle drawing for Galileo Letterman Jacket & Class Ring
Live and Silent Auctions (tentative)
Karaoke dj, other entertainments
- 10:00 PM Event ends. Tentative discount rate if you wish to reserve room at the Hyatt Hotel (phone hotel first).
- Tickets:** Early reservation (before September 19) \$50 per person
Late reservation (after September 19) \$60 per person
Free parking available at Fort Mason
Questions > winge@Galileoweb.org

Please detach form and mail

Money goes to pay for dinner, dj, expenses for showcases, and donation to Galileo athletic sports teams, JROTC, Band and Associated Student Body (ASB).

Make check payable to Galileo Academy PTSA. Mail this reservation form & check to:

Galileo Academy

Attn: Mr. Wing, Galileo Celebrating 90 Years 1921 - 2011

1150 Francisco St. San Francisco, CA 94109

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Year Graduated _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$50 per ticket = Total \$ _____ Late @\$60 _____ (does not include cost of admission to football game and BBQ)

All tickets will be held at the door of Hyatt Hotel.

Print name of guest(s)

I cannot attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____

Dennis Eleen Resigns as GAA President

Dennis Eleen has resigned as President of GAA and member of the Board of Directors, citing “personal reasons.” There is no early indication of who will replace him.

Sports Hall of Fame Committee Meets

The new Sports Hall of Fame committee has met twice and plans to meet again soon. Guidelines were established and there was discussion on scheduling, nomination and selection criteria and an induction dinner to be held sometime in 2012.

Annual Spring Fling a Huge Success

The Galileo Alumni Association (GAA) 2nd Annual Spring Fling for Alumni, Family & Friends was once again a big hit. Many new face's this year and many old. Very sad that Mr. McCaffrey has passed on, he always enjoyed attending our events. He will be missed dearly. The auctions and door prizes were in abundance, many winners and happy folks. Looking forward to many more. Please view the pictures at:

<http://galileoweb.org/alumni/2011/02/08/2nd-gaa-annual-family-friends-spring-fling-april-30-2011/>

Let the Stars Shine on Galileo

Twice before in this newsletter I have suggested that Galileo take steps to restore the operation of its long dormant observatory, one of only three in the City. When one possesses a gift and lets it go to waste, it is a shame. A functioning observatory would enable students to study astronomy and observe the heavens. It would add prestige to the school and attract scientifically-minded individuals. It would enhance the school's own science department and program. When I attended Galileo in the late 40s and early 50s, Mr. Campbell, our science teacher, would take our class up to the observatory to use the telescope. It was an unforgettable experience.

If money is the problem, there are ways to raise the funds necessary to return this unique facility to functional status. The Galileo Alumni Association is one source of funds. Private donations are another. Charging outsiders to use the observatory would be a source of revenue once it becomes operational.

I am asking Galileo Academy officials to consider this proposal. If there are still questions to be answered and obstacles to overcome, then by all means why not hold discussions. Galileo is missing the boat by sitting on a valuable asset and doing nothing about it.

Through The Telescope. . .

Sisvan Der Harootunian



Summer has come and is almost gone and the tourists are in town. I see them on the cable cars every day . . . and now they pay \$6 to ride through the overcast, foggy city. This has truly been a “Mark Twain Summer.”

In June, Annette “Cuddles” Farrell put on a terrific North Beach/Marina get together luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center. There were friends, old and new, prime rib, salmon, and dancing to the music of the 50s and 60s. Galileo alumni dominated the attendance. Some of the ex-Lions seen were Jowanna Woeber Gaskell, Bill Dito, Bill Paganini, Joe Scafidi, Harriet Storti, Nina Clima, John Zuffo, Fred Setting, Ray Foppiano, Ron Mirkovich, Larry Lawson (St. Ignatius), Mario Lombardi, John Lombardi, Ron Ertola, Bernard Valdez, Pete Pompei, Cordy Surdyka, Loana Daini, John DiBasilio, and LaVerne LaRocca.

Earlier, the second annual Spring Fling, an event sponsored by the GAA, was a huge success in April.

Did you catch it? San Francisco was rated the Number 2 city in the U. S. for walkability. We've known this for a long time. New York City was first by a slight margin, and Oakland was tenth.

Public Figures: Jowanna Woeber ('51), AKA Giovanna diTano, sings on Thursday and Saturday nights at Westlake Joe's in Daly City. Bill Dito ('50) and I recently dined there and met Jimmy Williams, Galileo alum and brother of Dolly Williams ('51), who also sang. The group that used to play at Paoli's restaurant is the resident musical group at Joe's.

If, while watching a S. F. Giants baseball home game you see a familiar face, it might be Vince Gomez ('52). Vince, along with Harry Holsworth ('52), is a Giants ball dude. His next duty is on September 13th during Filipino Heritage Night. A new ball dude is Joe Martino ('50) who will work on Italian Heritage Night.

It's not too late to catch the Picasso exhibit at de Young Museum. It runs through October 9th. It's a once-in-a-lifetime event. If you go, be sure to read Picasso's quotations high up on the wall in each of the nine rooms.

OBSERVation: In April, one week before the tax deadline, the waiting room of the IRS in the Federal Building had dozens of people waiting to be heard while the Franchise Tax Board's office at 121 Spear Street had no one, not one person! Reason? Probably because nobody could find its obscure location on the fourth floor above the Cosmopolitan.

The spot that was originally Fior d'Italia at Union and Stockton, that became Joe DiMaggio's, will now be Original Joe's, formerly located on Taylor Street before it had a fire and closed. Although we are sad to see Joltin' Joe go, we welcome another Joe.

Voted for having the best burger in the Bay Area is Pearl's Deluxe Burgers at 708 Post Street in the City. There are other locations in Mill Valley and Alameda. The burgers are juicy-licious, messy and quite good.

The late Art Leones ('51) enjoyed using the word *indubitably*. Today we use the word *absolutely* instead. By the way, *Leones* in Spanish means Lions. He was a true Galileo Lion and a gentle man . . . indubitably.

Before he passed away, Art, Paul Lamphere ('51) and I had lunch one Saturday at Johnny Garlic's in Windsor, TV Celebrity Chef and Game Show Host Guy Fieri's first restaurant. On the menu was wild game, which changes every week. Buffalo, elk, wild boar, rabbit, pheasant, quail – you name it, they've got it. Also available are American Kobe beef and a dynamite Lava Shrimp appetizer, a ceviche-like concoction of myriad flavors that tantalize your taste buds. This item was featured on Fieri's Big Bite series. Corkage fee for your favorite bottle of wine is only \$10. There are Johnny Garlic's in Santa Rosa and Rocklin as well, and a newly-opened Dublin location and soon-to-open San Jose (near the Arena). Fieri, whom I met briefly last year at Disneyland, is on the move. He's even got a barbecue sauce on the market.

Good summer (or anytime) reading: Tony Compagno's new book, *Discovery Day: Ten Stories*.

The Curious Observer: Why are Hershey's Kisses called that? They look more like teardrops.

The City View Restaurant on Commercial Street has no view.

Hidden Fact: Diane Cowart writes that there is a winery on Treasure Island. The San Francisco Winery operates as a tasting room.

"Wine is sunlight held together by water." – Galileo Galilei

Until next time, the observatory is closed.

Ramblings

Among the many plain and colorless days we spend, there comes along occasionally one which seems to hold all the good and important things at once. April 30 of this year was one of those days. It began with welcomed sunshine and an abatement of the cold wind that had menaced us for a few days.

The small pleasures: sunshine, warmth, stillness, signs of spring, smiles of relief and hope after yet another winter. The ride north on 280, towards Sloat Boulevard, then west towards the ocean.

The family of Galileo alumnus Jimmy Wooley had arranged a luncheon in honor and remembrance of the very likeable former Lion whose courage in the face of cancer was attested to by everyone I talked with. I had played youth baseball with Jim in the '50s and '60s. He was part of a group of kids whose passion for sports, an innocence not yet stripped away by the thousand disappointments awaiting us, natural youthful exuberance and optimism, and a delicious camaraderie would create a bond that would laugh at the threat of anything or anyone breaking it.

This bond, this unconquerable sense of solidarity, was visible at the Irish Cultural Center out on Sloat and 45th Avenue across the street from the Zoo. The photographs mounted on a couple of boards were filled with faces from our shared past: obligatory smiles to please the guy from the camera shop. Baseball, after all, was serious business, and a bubble-gum-card glare looked a lot cooler than a smile.

Next to the pictures was a baseball glove, in its pocket a familiar red-stitched baseball coming apart at the seams, probably from one too many extra-base hits off Jimmy Wooley's bat. We stood in groups and reminisced warmly. Guys with names like Barni, Rossi, Apostoli, Bellanca, Violante, Lofrano, (and Sugrue thrown in to appease the non-Italians), clustered and gushed about the old days and who threw rockets from third to first base, and has anyone heard from so-and-so since he moved to Palm Springs, and didn't what's-his-name have "a cup'a coffee" in the minor leagues, and can any of your grandkids hit a curve, and were we lucky to grow up when we did, and, damn it, why did Jimmy have to leave us now? "But he's still here," said one of Wooley's best friends and teammates, Mike Dunne, through tears. And Mike announced that Jim had asked that his ashes be scattered at the field where Wooley had spent some of the most glorious days of his life, the hallowed ground of our shared childhood. So, some of us drove from the Avenues to what we consider the heart of The City, the country, the cosmos. There was a game going on, highschoolers playing earnestly, it seemed, but with a little less - (or was I imagining?) - sense of commitment to the game at hand. And some of the parents and guardians watching tots on the swings and slides close by looked at our group, wondering what the hell we were up to. But nobody said anything as we proceeded to carry out

Jimmy Wooley's wishes on that perfect, still, sunny day. Some of us had not been on this very turf at the very same time for what seemed an eternity; it was bitter-sweet, but it was good, very good.

I looked over at the highschoolers' game momentarily and commented that there were only a few people in the stands. Then I recalled that in our day there weren't more than a handful of guys, mostly old-timers swapping tall tales, watching us play. But it never mattered. WE were there: everyone who counted was there, everything else dropping away, and that's the spiritual truth we recognize in each other's eyes whenever we meet at a wedding, or a reunion, or the memorial luncheon for a dear old Lion. Bless you, Jimmy Wooley, and rest well after a game well-played, a life well-lived.....

And bless you, Jack McCaffrey, teacher and coach at Galileo for many years, who also recently died. Just some impressions of Jack. I remember how Jack, on the few occasions I ran into him years out of school, would light up as he made it a point to remind me how much he admired a cousin of mine (whose name I share, but not his athletic talent) who played football at St. Mary's in the '40s, then the Pittsburgh Steelers Jack, an alumnus of the school in Moraga, loved St. Mary's, Tony, and the good old days when college football would fill old Kezar Stadium on a Saturday afternoon. The mention of my cousin and the Gaels brought back so many good memories and such joy to you, Jack: I'm happy that I served as an instrument in that. As that same cousin of mine said days before he died: "We'll get 'em in the second half..."

Just a last note. Two recent e-mails I received made me think of something. I got one message about Galileo celebrating a 90th anniversary and hosting an event in September with all alumni invited to the school for a day of visiting, watching some football, then going to a dinner in the evening. A second message was from an old friend and Gal alumnus, Dennis Cardellini. Dennis has been instrumental in spearheading several Gal reunions over the years. It's so easy to let other people handle all the arrangements for these things and not fully appreciate their efforts. I'm one of the guilty ones that way. But I hereby recognize and praise the efforts of Dennis and all those people who actually make these things happen. Dennis and a core group are working on yet another reunion as I write this, for the classes of '61/'62. So many of us are like The Invisible Man shoplifting at Tiffany's, you know what I mean, you old Lions, don't you?



Between the Lions



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

MEET GALILEO'S NEW PRINCIPAL:

Galileo's 17th principal, Marcus D. Blacksher, will begin his duties in July 2011. He calls himself "a local boy," a product of the San Francisco Unified School District. He attended elementary school at Commodore Stockton (now Gordon J. Lau), and in 3rd grade participated in the Chinese Immersion Program. He attended Woodrow Wilson High School, graduating in 1988. During his 4 years at Wilson, he played Football (Receiver and Safety), Track and Wrestling.

He attended St. Mary's College from 1988 – 1992. He spent his junior year at Morehouse College in Atlanta Georgia. He began his teaching career in the African American Scholastic Program, a program shared by City College and Balboa High School. He taught English at Balboa, followed by 4 years teaching English at Thurgood Marshall. Mr. Blacksher then spent two years at Mission High School as Dean. He was promoted to Assistant Principal at Mission and after two years he was promoted to Principal at Enola Maxwell Middle School. Then he served as Principal at Gloria R. Davis Middle School for a year. His last stop before coming to Galileo was as an Assistant Principal for 4 years at Thurgood Marshall High School. One of his favorite activities outside of his administrative duties was coaching high school football at Balboa, Thurgood Marshall, and Mission High School.

Marcus is married and has four children. His oldest, a son, born in 1993, just graduated from Thurgood Marshall and is on his way to San Jose State. His eleven-year old daughter, born in 1999, is a student at Rooftop School and he and his wife are the proud parents of 2-month old fraternal twins—a boy and a girl.

His hobbies include cooking, sports, and turtles. He got his first turtle when he was three years old and named him Charlie. Charlie was the start of a lifetime of turtles. He now has three and they are in his office at Galileo. When you come to meet our new principal you can check out the turtles! We welcome Marcus Blacksher to the Galileo Community.

SUMMER SCHOOL:

Galileo hosted the Graduation Summer School Program. Summer School Graduation was held in our auditorium, with students from all of the high schools in the district participating in the ceremony. The ceremony was on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 11:00am. The PTSA hosted a reception for the graduates and their families and guests in the Courtyard immediately after the ceremony. This graduation was very touching and uplifting as we watched those students who needed a little extra push and help receive their diplomas.

GREEN SCHOOL YARDS GRANT:

Galileo applied for and received one of the Green School Yard Grants in the school district. The grant will provide for an outdoor classroom in the Courtyard, some planter boxes and other areas for the Environmental Science Classes, along with beautification of the perimeters of the school. An irrigation system will be included in this green project.

JROTC:

Congratulations Galileo Battalion 2010-2011! Galileo's JROTC earned the Gold Star and took 1st Place overall in both the Fall and Spring Competitions. All of the members of JROTC are very proud of their accomplishments and so happy that the program will continue for the next two years. In the Fall, in addition to winning 1st Place Overall, the Drill Squad took 1st Place, the Color Guard took 1st Place, the Drum Corps took 1st Place, and Guidon took 3rd Place. In the Spring Competition the Silent Drill Team took 1st Place, the Drill Platoon took 2nd Place and the Girls' Drill Team took 3rd Place.

SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP:

Galileo Swim Team 2011

The Galileo Varsity Swim Team wound up in 4th place for the season and also during all city finals. Some of the veteran swimmers graduated this year, but the coach is optimistic for next year and hopes to recruit more talent for the team.

Baseball

The Varsity Baseball Team ended the season with a 7 – 7 record. The team did not make it to the city championships like last year. Next season will see the return of 7 veteran players as well as some talent coming up from the JV team.

The JV Baseball ended the season with a 4 – 4 record, finishing 2nd place in the district. The team is striving for the championship position for next season.

Fencing

Records: Boy's 4-4 Girl's 5-3 The Lion Fencers show great improvements this year and the team was large. The Lions were well represented in the All State Tournament. Over 10 veterans will be returning next year and the coach hopes to focus on more advanced techniques and conditioning.

Boy's Golf

The Boy's Golf Team finished in 5th place for the second straight season, missing the playoffs this season by 2 matches. One member of the team competed in the all-city match. All members of the team will be returning next year and the team has set its sights on making the playoffs.

Girl's Soccer

The Girl's Soccer team finished 4th in their division with a record of 8 wins, 7 losses and one tie. They improved greatly over last season and have their hopes for a better season next year. Eight players will be returning next season.

Badminton

The Galileo Lions Co-Ed Badminton team dominated the A Division this season with a record of 13 wins and 1 loss. They are the All-City Champions. Many players will be returning next season and the team hopes to rise to the top.

Track

Galileo Track had a new distance coach this season, Pete Richardson, who helped the distance runners improve their track times. The Galileo Lions track team will be a top competing group against the other track teams in the city next season.

Boy's Volleyball

The Boy's Varsity Volleyball Team won their first ever championship this year. In the regular season, they finished first with only one upset regular season loss to Lowell High School. But even with the one loss, the Galileo Lions were clearly the dominant team in this AAA season.

Softball

The Girl's Softball Team reached and surpassed their goals, making it to the playoffs, but losing in the semi-final game. The team was happy, as the previous season they did not make it to the playoffs. Six of the players graduated, but eleven players are returning for the next season.

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.

Obituaries

Rich Baptista ('46) Sports Hall of Fame member

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary-print.aspx?n=richard-baptista&pid=150234431>

Richard L. Baptista at peace in Windsor, CA on April 11, 2011 with his family at his side. Age 82. Survived by his loving wife Lorraine of 57 years. Rich graduated from Galileo High School and was a USF graduate. Rich was a teacher and a coach at Horace Mann and Everett Middle School for 30 years. He worked for the San Francisco Recreation Department and was director of Silver Tree Day Camp. He was inducted into the Galileo Hall of Fame and the USF Hall of Fame for soccer.

Joe Borg ('59) Sports Hall of Fame member and faithful/generous contributor to GAA

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-borg&pid=151133162&fhid=2299>

Joseph Philip Borg January 4, 1941 - May 14, 2011 At rest with our Lord at the age of 70, after suffering with Parkinson's Disease and other health ailments in recent years. Joe was a native San Franciscan, born and raised in the Mission by his parents, Emma and Carmelo Borg. He graduated from Galileo High in 1959, a proud member of the Mighty Lions football team. In his senior year, Joe was selected to the First Team, All-City football squad at the Guard position. At that time, San Francisco had four daily newspapers - Joe was the only player that year who was a First Team, All-City player selection by all four newspapers. After graduation from Galileo, Joe attended San Francisco State and is an honored inductee into the Galileo Hall of Fame 1992.

Ben F. Davis ('32) married for 73 years, passed away in 2009

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=ben-f-davis&pid=124134621>

Ben F. Davis in San Francisco on February 12, 2009. Survived by his beloved wife of 73 years, Arlene; loving father of Paul Davis, Patricia (Franklin) Amster, and Frank (Cheryl) Davis. Doting grandfather of Allie (Jennifer) Daneman; Michael, Elizabeth, Katherine and Thomas Davis. Fortunate great-grandfather of Ben, Toby and Jessica Daneman and uncle of Nancy (Roland) Finken. A native San Franciscan born on February 20, 1914, he passed away peacefully at home of Parkinson's disease one week before his 95th birthday. He attended Galileo High School, then established the Ben Davis Manufacturing Company in 1935.

Gary Ferrari ('61)

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/21/MNFERRARIG06214.DTL>

Gary Michael Ferrari April 23rd 1944 - May 23rd 2011 Resident of San Francisco Gary, a native of the city died unexpectedly in his sleep on the eve of May 23rd. Gary was a gifted athlete in his youth, graduated from Galileo High School 1961.. He now joins his mother, Elva Santori and father, Alfred "Babe" Ferrari who preceded him in death. Gary is survived by his son Kenneth Michael Ferrari.

Gordon Jones ('43) In a note sent with a donation to GAA by Dr. Bobby Brown (SHOF 1989), he informs of the death of Jones who was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 1994. "He was an outstanding baseball and basketball player. . .he also played professional baseball in the Western International League and was a business executive for McGraw Hill Publishing and the Hearst Publishing Co."

Nick Jordan ('45)

http://articles.sfgate.com/2011-07-20/bay-area/29793015_1_music-business-live-music-industry-bands

Nick Jordan, a spirited bandleader who entertained dozens of celebrities, politicians and royals, died June 27 at his home in San Francisco. He was 82. After graduating from Galileo High School in San Francisco, he studied music at San Francisco State University for two years before dropping out to play the drums in ship orchestras in 1947. Aboard these ships, Mr. Jordan met some of the musicians who would later play in his first bands.

Don Kane ('45), member of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=donald-kane&pid=152769104&fhid=2471>

Donald Emmanuel Kane 1926 -2011 Lived joyfully and died unexpectedly on July 24, 2011 from a ruptured

aortic aneurysm. Don was born and raised in San Francisco. He graduated from Galileo High School where he excelled in both academics and athletics, earning him a basketball scholarship to the University of Santa Clara. He graduated from Santa Clara with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Don was later inducted into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame. He was noted for his unbroken school record in the high hurdles and for never losing a race in four years of high school.

Grace Mendiara Magnaghi ('28)

<http://hosting-25009.tributes.com/show/Grace-H.-MAGNAGHI-91034341>

Grace Mendiara Magnaghi (1911-2011) a 1928 graduate of Galileo High School. was always very proud of her alma mater and the fact that her class was the first 4-year class to pass through the new school. The faculty at Galileo prepared her well in foreign languages (French, Italian and Spanish) and accounting/bookkeeping.

Richard Savelli ('38) W.W. II Medal of Honor recipient

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/05/23/MNSAVELLIR13.DTL>

Richard Savelli Age 93, passed away in the company of his children in Marin General Hospital on Wednesday, May 18. Returning from his time serving in the Second World War with a diploma from the Officer Candidate School, Richard married the beautiful love of his life, Patricia, and raised 7 children with her.

Jim Wooley ('64)

[http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/04/17/MNWOOLEYJI46.DTL#ixzz1JnzmC0rk)

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Jim Wooley Passed

on peacefully at the young age of 65 on April 7 after a long, courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving family, wife Cheryl, daughters Debbie Young (Curtis) and Rachelle Quevedo, son James, and sister Marsha Julian. Born July 27, 1945 in San Francisco, he attended Galileo High School. An avid sports enthusiast and cat lover, he had a true "love of the game" and could always be found watching one game or another with a cat cuddled on his lap.

Announcement

The tentative Class 1972 40th Galileo Reunion date is Saturday October 6, 2012. Please participate in a 40th Reunion Planning Survey by logging on to our official website address of www.GalileoClass72.org you can also view their Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/groups/166308560107344/>

LETTERS

From Howard Lee:

The 2011 is the 60th Anniversary for the Class of 1951! Members of this distinguished class include Sisvan Der Harootunian, Paul Lamphere, and Jim Dresser. Ladies include Renee Mau. Is there going to be a 60th Class Reunion? Howard Lee

Andrew Cafasso ('53) writes:

The year 2012 will mark the San Francisco Muni Railways 100 anniversary, I don't know how or if the city will show appreciation for the system. Each time I read the "Observer" I feel sorry reading of the passing of our classmates. The most recent, 2 boys of Cow Hollow, Arthur "Butch" Bruschera class of '59 and Carl Lou Chisholm class of '58. Those who knew them feel their loss. I feel we, those who attended Gal. were fortunate to be in S.F. and attend a school with so much history and teachers and students who went on to accomplish success in their chosen field. I was not able to purchase property in the neighborhood when I married in 1962. I had a 20% down payment and good paying job but did not qualify even thru a GI loan. Many who experienced the same situation purchased homes north of SF in San Anselmo and Fairfax. We were introduced to marvelous Marin when we went to Marin Town & Country Club. Many Gal grads took an exam and became City & County of SF employees. I met many when I became a "taxeater". Walt Marino & Pete Pompei were gardeners in Golden Gate Park, Joe Medina & Dominic Spinetta were in the fire dept. Milt & Bob Cirimele were automotive service men. George Dagnino and Gene Caputo were painters of fire equipment. Frank Mareno moved up to public school administration. When I asked "If he remembered me?" he replied "Yes and I still owed detention time when I graduated for the classes I cut". I cut my last period and would go to Marin Town & Country Club and then serve detention from 7-8 AM in his office. One of the oldest Gal grads I met was Ed Derlini, class of 1938, who with his brother operated The Deer Inn at 15th & Folsom. Eddy had stories of dating Ras Johson's daughter when they were both students. I became a San Francisco Muni employee and supervised the Kirkland bus yard at North Point & Powell. Click on SFCC history to learn how Freida Klussman saved the cable cars when Mayor Lapham wanted them taken out of service, Diane Feinstein got a grant from President Carter to overhaul the cable system in 1982 and now they will be there for all the world to ride.

CALENDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

GAA Board Meeting - Room 210, Galileo Academy, 6:30 PM, Thursday, September 8, 2011

Galileo's 90th Anniversary Celebration, 11:30 AM, Saturday, September 24, 2011

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.

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