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SPORTS HALL OF FAME DINNER SCORES HIGH

By Barbara Lombardi

Even the weather seemed perfect the evening the 2007 Honorees were inducted into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame at the South San Francisco Elks Lodge. Friends, family, and fans filed into the entry way that was decorated in Galileo's bright colors and colorful signs sporting happy Lions' heads designed by retired art teacher, **Tom Collins**. After picking up their nametags, guests proceeded into the cocktail lounge where things really got started.

Entering the lounge, you could hear **Vince Gomez '52*** (bass/vocals) and Dale Nesbitt (piano) playing tunes that got everyone into the spirit for the night to come. There were hors d'oeuvres in abundance. Mountains of prawns, a gift from Sea Port Products, Inc.; salami donated by Piazza Markets; pizza; and chicken legs were just starters. People moved around finding friends, and with the help of committee members **Jim Dresser '51*** and **Mario Lombardi '50***, met guests of the honorees. The room was soon filled not only with the sound of music, but also with laughter and good fun. The evening had officially begun.

Dinner was served and everyone continued to enjoy each other and their generously proportioned meals as the wine flowed freely. **Sisvan Der Harootunian '51***, the *Observer's* restaurant-roving reporter, commented what a nice job the chef did and was especially impressed with the cream puff dessert. The number of "people boxes" taken for home consumption confirmed that people were more than content with their meals.

Now it was time to give out the awards. The Honorees were already at the head table. Approaching the podium were Chairman, **Ron Ertola '49***, preparing to introduce the inductees and their accomplishments, along with committee members **Pete Pompei '51*** and **Bernard Valdez '49*** who would assist by presenting the Hall of Fame Certificates and Medallions.

The Chairman presented a check for \$2,000 from monies raised through Sports Hall of Fame event to **Vicki Pesek**, Galileo's Principal. She thanked the group with a speech that will probably go on record as the shortest speech ever given by an administrator at an awards banquet. That's the way to go, Vicki!

The first recipient, **Rudi Behar '86**, Baseball and Basketball, had drawn attention early in the evening by arriving in a limousine. After receiving his award, he enthusiastically waved it over his head, on and off, during the entire remaining presentations. His spirit spilled over to the whole room!

Next was **Larry Bravo '52**, Soccer and Swimming, who had the most guests with the same last name and is also known for the fantastic spaghetti and meatballs he serves annually at the Italian Festival in San Mateo. Friends and family cheered "Bravo!!!" for the first Bravo to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

A very proud father accompanied all around athlete, **Terrence Carter '98**, Wrestling, Baseball, Football, and Track. **Coach Larry Kane*** brought past and present student wrestlers to celebrate Terrence's induction. They saw the benefit of hard work, individual effort, and dedication that the honorees displayed during their high school experiences. Coach Kane is a shining example of a role model for these kids.

Brittany Clark '95, Softball and Soccer, threw the presenter a "curve ball" when she planted a kiss on him as he was presenting her award. The crowd roared and proud uncle, **Fred Setting '50***, snapped plenty of pictures.

Family came all the way from Alaska to see **George De Long '55**, Football and Baseball, be inducted. It was George's 70th birthday the next day, and the audience spontaneously sang "Happy Birthday" when they heard the news. His grandchildren were so excited with everything that happened that evening that they collected autographs to take back to Alaska with them. This was the best compliment the Honorees could have received!

Bettie Grinnell was awarded a Special Achievement Award for outstanding support services provided to Galileo since 1972. She is considered the 6th member of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Committee. She not only received a Medallion and Certificate, but a huge bouquet of flowers from fans. Students, faculty, friends, and family gave her a well-deserved round of applause as she accepted her reward for her hard work and dedication.

Tom King '51, Baseball, Basketball and Football, played with baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates and coached high school, college and youth groups after graduating from Galileo. His many accomplishments and contributions to sports are well known throughout San Francisco. He was very appreciative of being nominated, but the committee was thankful to have a candidate like Tom.

The next person, **Don Papa, Coach**, could be heard loud and clear stating that he would get "new bats" immediately after hearing the presentation of \$2,000 to the Athletic Department. Don should also get an award for having the most guests in attendance. His baseball team was headed for the playoffs the following week, and his excitement was showing along with many others in the crowd. With his personality and positive attitude, the students are already winners!

NFL's **Bobby Shaw '96**, Football, Basketball and Track, walked to the podium carrying his own trophy, 8 month old son, Bobby Shaw III. In his father's arms, he appeared content to listen as his father was introduced and Grandmother Ruby watched proudly. It was one of the many highlights of the evening.

A very appreciative **Don Tonge '44**, Track, Basketball and Football, should also be acknowledged for his World War II experience serving in the Navy on the USS Enterprise during the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Congratulations to a fine gentleman and a great athlete!

Ethan Winterling, Athletic Director, was not only elated for himself, but to be able to share the head table with Coach Papa. Previous inductees **Coach Kevin Adams*** and **Coach Larry Kane*** were also in attendance to support the Director of Galileo's successful Athletic Department.

Deceased Honorees **James "Slug" Ficken '32**, Football, Basketball and Baseball, and **Frank Pompei '38**, Basketball, were also honored. Ficken's award was accepted by his sister, **Grace Burke**, and Pompei's was accepted by his brother, **Pete Pompei '51***. Family and friends attended and were very proud, but it would have been so much nicer if these two wonderful men could have been there to know that they were being recognized for their athletic abilities. This should be a reminder to any of you who know someone who should be inducted. Don't wait! Get those names, along with addresses, in now!

With the ceremony completed, everyone was invited back to the cocktail lounge for more socializing and entertainment. **Vince LaRocca '50*** and **Fred Tooker '51*** took turns at the piano while people sang, danced, listened, or just worked the room. **John Bologna '50***, **Bill Flanagan '56***, **Ken Flanagan '56***, **Paul Giambra '65***, **Lorin Scola '51***, **Ron Sligar '52*** and **Nini Tornay '48*** were seen throughout the evening, all wearing their Medallions. Conversations probably centered on old sports stories and personal accomplishments, some understated and some most likely embellished, but certainly fun to relive. Just ask anyone!

The 2007 Sports Hall of Fame festivities will long be remembered as a wonderful night, not only for the Honorees, but also for the spirit and camaraderie shown between friends, family, alumni, and faculty. It is a tribute to Galileo's important place in the history of San Francisco's high school sports with proceeds benefiting the school's current athletics program. How great is that????

See you in 2008!!!

Ed. Note: *Denotes members of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame. Read the *San Francisco Chronicle's* article at: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/04/24/SPGD4PDV821.DTL>. For photos of the event, see: <http://galileoalumni.org/event-sportsHallDin-2007.html>

2007 GALILEO SPORTS HALL OF FAME HONOREES

RUDI BEHAR BASEBALL BASKETBALL 1986

Basketball 3 years: JV 2 years, Varsity 1 year. Baseball 4 years: Senior Year Team Captain - All City, Most Valuable Player. Member Block G; senior editor for school newspaper. Attended USF. Started Recreational Sports Company which "provides atmosphere of fun while promoting fitness and health, introducing and developing sports program opportunities for Bay Area's Youth." 2006 coached golf and tennis at Galileo.

LAWRENCE BRAVO SOCCER SWIMMING 1952

1950 Swimming: placed 2nd in finals for breast stroke. 1951 Soccer Team: won Galileo's 1st AAA City Championship, 1952 All City Soccer. Block G Society. Played pro soccer for El Salvador. Coached boys aged 12 – 14 for 3 years San Mateo. Volunteer of the Year Award from Peninsula Association for Retarded Children and Adults; active volunteer for 14 years.

TERRENCE CARTER BASEBALL FOOTBALL TRACK WRESTLING 1998

Baseball: 2 years. Football: 4 years - linebacker, full back, All City Junior and Senior year, Bay Area All Metro Team. Track: member of 4 X 4 relay team, won city championship. Wrestling: 4 years - All City 3 years in 160 lb. class, wrestling team was 1st to win City Championship in 20 years, placed 5th in State Championships, won Most Outstanding Wrestler Award, holds Galileo career record with 122 wins. Skyline College - 2 years; All Community College, 60 wins, 10 losses. Coach Kane says: "Most dominating San Francisco wrestler since 1970 and maybe ever."

BRITTANY CLARK SOFTBALL SOCCER 1995

Soccer: 1 year. All City Softball: 3 years. 1994 batted .675, no strikeouts; played shortstop, no errors. Her batting average is a city record. Returned to Galileo to teach special education for emotionally and physically disabled students; coached softball for Marshall High School.

GEORGE DE LONG FOOTBALL BASEBALL 1955

Football: 3 years, All City Junior and Senior years. Baseball: 3 years. Block G Society. Student Body Class President, low Senior and high Junior years. 1955 received Bank of America Achievement Award, Graduation speaker Class of 1955. Received 4-year University of California Alumni Scholarship Award. U.C. Rowing team: 4 years. Member of Sonoma Board of Supervisors 8 years, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, Bay Area Council and Commonwealth Club of California.

JAMES "SLUG" FICKEN (Deceased) FOOTBALL BASKETBALL BASEBALL 1932

Basketball: 3 years. Baseball: 3 years. Football: 3 years, All City Pulling Guard, 1st Galileo player to make All City in Football. Received scholarship to Santa Clara - played 4 years and was

selected as All American; 3 years football for Marine Corps in San Diego.

ELISABETH (BETTIE) GRINNELL

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Served at Galileo since November 16, 1972. Currently Secretary to the Principal, also served in the Budget Office, Curriculum Office and Dean's Office. Provides outstanding Secretarial Support to the Galileo Alumni Association and is the "6th member of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Committee". B.A and M.A from University of Maryland, Instructor for Dominican University of California, Columbia College Extended Studies Division, and Chapman University, teaching Speech and Rhetoric, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Business Communication, Organizational Communication and American Public Address.

TOM KING

BASEBALL BASKETBALL FOOTBALL

1951

Football: 1 year. Baseball and Basketball: 1949-50, All City in Baseball and Basketball. Block G Society. Signed Pro Baseball contract, played 8 years with Pittsburgh Pirates organization. Athletic Director at Mission Dolores, St. Celia and St. Andrews: 10 years. Coach for Serramonte High Basketball: 2 years, Saint Ignatius Pitching Coach: 18 years, Canada Jr. College Pitching Coach: 8 years, USF Pitching Coach: 2 years. San Francisco Sports CYO Board of Directors: 12 years, President: 2 years. Joe DiMaggio Baseball League: Coach 31 years with state title 6 years, President of league 28 years, State Board of Directors 15 years.

DON PAPA

COACH

Taught and coached for 30+ years. Galileo 1992 - Present. Coached football, baseball, girls' basketball, and golf. Football: 4 Championships- 1 at Oceana, 1 at Terra Nova and 2 JV's at Galileo - 1995 & 1999. Basketball: in playoffs each year. Baseball: playoffs 8 years in a row - 1999-2007. Started girls' golf team in 2004. Almost every team Don has coached in high school has made playoffs; presently coaches baseball. Teaches Honors and AP Economics, Government, Law and Psychology, US History. Played college basketball 2 years at U. of Portland, soccer and golf at St. Mary's College.

FRANK POMPEI (Deceased)

BASKETBALL

1938

Basketball: 20's, 30's and Varsity. 30's led the team in scoring, varsity made all city. 1st of 4 brothers to play first-string varsity basketball at Galileo. Avid handball player who won Dolphin Club Handball Championship. Established Pompei's Grotto Restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf in 1946. Past president of Fisherman's Wharf Association. 40 years ago, initiated the Galileo Stag Luncheon held each year in December.

BOBBY SHAW

FOOTBALL BASKETBALL TRACK

1996

Basketball: Point Guard 4 years, team captain, two championships, All City - 3 years. Track: relays, high jump, All City; placed in State finals -competed in hurdles, long jump and triple jump. Football: All City 2 years. Received football scholarship to University of California; at graduation held 8 receiving records. Drafted by Seattle Sea Hawks; played 7 years in NFL for Pittsburgh Steelers, Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills, and San Diego Chargers. Held league's highest average yards per catch record for 5 years; made longest reception in Pittsburgh Steelers' history

- a 90-yard touch down to clinch the 2001 AFC Division title.

DON TONGÉ

FOOTBALL TRACK BASKETBALL

1944

Track: low and high hurdles and high jump. Basketball: 30's – 1942, Varsity 1942 - 44. Football: '41 member of last Galileo JV team to win city championship, Varsity 1942, All City 1943. Attended Marin Jr. College; named to All Conference Football Team. Joined the Navy during WWII and served on USS Enterprise during battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

ETHAN WINTERLING

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Teacher and coach since 1984; Athletic Director at Galileo since 1994. Named San Francisco Athletic Director of the Year 2003. Championships as Athletic Director: Football 1998, 2001; Basketball 1998, 2005; Golf Individual Championship 1998; Fencing 2001, 2002. Coach: Boys' Varsity Basketball, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Golf. Assistant Coach: Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Football. Graduate of the University of Wyoming where he starred in basketball and baseball.

MATCHING FUNDS CHALLENGE

Dick Bechelli '51 again has offered to match up to \$1,000 to benefit Galileo's Athletic Department. He has challenged alumni and friends to donate whatever amount they can to assist a program that is often first to be cut due to budget constraints.

Tax-deductible donations should be mailed to Galileo Alumni Association, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Please make checks payable to GAA and note that it is for "athletics".

Last year, a check for \$2,040 was presented to Galileo, thanks to Dick's generous donation and contributions from alumni and friends. Any amount you can afford will help us meet, and hopefully surpass, Dick's current challenge. The students and staff at Galileo appreciate your support and generosity. Let's see if we can raise even more for them this year!

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NOMINATIONS FOR SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Do you know an outstanding athlete who should be considered for induction into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame in 2008? The criteria for nomination are listed on the form which you can download, complete, and mail in:

http://galileoalumni.org/GALILEO_HALL_OF_FAME_Nom_Form.doc

Make sure your favorite Galileo athlete is considered for this honor by nominating him or her today!

GALILEO ACADEMY UPDATE

By Eugene Wing, ASB Advisor

In April, Galileo's Associated Student Body elected Ms. Allison Heskin, English teacher, as "Teacher of the Year." She was presented with a gift certificate to Caesar's Italian Restaurant. "Staff Member of the Year" was school nurse, Ms. Deborah Bryant, who received a Todai Japanese Buffet dining certificate. GAA was recognized at the assembly, G-House TV, and bulletin notice for obtaining the donation from Caesar's.

At graduation on June 8, 2007, San Francisco District Attorney, Kamala Harris, was the guest speaker. Around 450 seniors, the largest class in over 30 years, graduated. Collectively, these seniors received approximately \$600,000 worth of scholarships.

In order to earn the title "Top Scholar", students must earn a grade point average of 4.0 or higher in four years at Galileo Academy. The highest GPA was earned by the class valedictorian - 4.69. Usually the school awards about 20 "Top Scholar" medallions. However, the Class of 2007 had 80 "Top Scholars", highest in Galileo's history!

Classes of 1974 and 1986 donated money from their class reunions for these scholarships: Joseph P. Nourse Award (Outstanding Senior Girl), George Robert Milliken Award (Outstanding Senior Boy), and John F. Kennedy Award (Outstanding Leadership and Dedication to the Class for 4 years). This is the beginning of a new tradition. If other classes wish to donate money towards these scholarships, they can contact me for more information: ishiwing@sbcglobal.net.

In my 37 years teaching at Galileo, I have always believed that students, teachers, administrators, parents, and alumni working together as a team, make Galileo a top school and MIGHTY LIONS!

DRAGON BOAT CLUB

By Jeffrey Kwong, Team Manager

This year was the first year Galileo had three Crews registered for the race and two men's crew registered to race. And our men's crew (GCD Meats 1) for the first time won an award for Third place. Our third boat, GCD3, won 2nd Place in Division C. Our second boat, GCD2, won 2nd Place in Division B which if I may add that our first boat had won that same place last year 2006 Youth race. Our first and fastest boat got 5th Place in A Division. This is the most awards

Galileo Celestial Dragons have ever won. Thank you again for your involvement in our team and your generous donation this year.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

June 28, 2007

Dear Galileo Alumni Association and Sports Hall of Fame [Committee](#).

On behalf of the administration, faculty, students and staff at Galileo, I would like to thank you for your generous donations to our school this year. I would specifically like to acknowledge GAA's gift of \$1,500 (proceeds from the GAA/PTSA fall dinner dance) to our newspaper, *The Pendulum*, and the Sports Hall of Fame gift of \$2,000 to our Athletic Department (proceeds from the 2007 Sports Hall of Fame dinner).

Through GAA's generosity, the *Pendulum* staff, under the leadership of faculty sponsor Jeremy Lee, was able to publish six issues of the newspaper this past school year. The entire Galileo school community really enjoyed all of the editions of the paper.

Ethan Winterling, Athletic Director, also has expressed his appreciation for the donation which benefitted the Athletic Department. Ethan was proud to be inducted into the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame, along with Coach Don Papa, and in a Special Category, Bettie Grinnell.

Thank you again for your generosity to Galileo. We are honored to have our alumni association so active and involved with our wonderful school.

Sincerely,

Vicki Pesek
Principal

Galileo Academy of Science and Technology

Through The Telescope. . .



WELCOME TO SUMMER . . . Fourth of July fireworks, for a change, were seen in San Francisco against clear night skies. There was a friendly community spirit on the Marina Green/Yacht Harbor where I witnessed the celebration of our independence. The 20 minute display was colorful, but not quite as spectacular as the Boston fireworks, the best in the country.

Baseball reigned supreme this month in San Francisco with nearly a week of Major League All-Star festivities, including the popular and fun Fan Fest at Moscone West. There were exhibits and baseball-related games and contests for kids as well as adults. And, as usual, the American League won. The local team isn't doing too well right now, but the City turned out its welcome mat and really impressed the visitors.

Tickets for the All-Star game were being offered for as much as \$4,500. The All-Star game joins the World Series, Super Bowl, NBA finals, and Masters golf tournament as the hottest tickets, unaffordable for most fans.

The Galileo Sports Hall of Fame dinner, as usual, was a resounding success as twelve former athletes and one honorary member were inducted. Amid cheers from attendees, the honorees received the beautiful medallions and certificates from committee chairman **Ron Ertola** '49, assisted by **Pete Pompei** '51 and **Bernard Valdez** '49. The ladies did a terrific job with registration.

A sure-fire future Sports Hall of Famer is Galileo's triple-sport athlete, **D'Eante Bernstine** '2007. (For more information see: http://www.examiner.com/a-671824~Galileo_s_Bernstine_Star_for_all_seasons.html)

Rumor has it that there will be an "Italian Idol" this summer at the Italian-American Athletic Club.

Save the dates: On October 20th, **Charley Faruggia's** Amichi Vecchi will have its umpteenth luncheon at Caesar's Restaurant. And on November 9th, the second annual GAA/PTSA dinner will take place at the Far East Café. Watch for upcoming details.

Since San Francisco is the only U. S. city chosen to participate in the Olympic torch relay, I wonder if **Ray Piccinini** (the Easter Bunny) will carry the torch as he did in 2004.

Back to work: **Jowanna Woerber Gaskell** '51 is working part-time at Ghirardelli Square. Could she be singing the information?

In the last issue, **Myra Jean Cafasso Fonseca** '50 proudly described her group's long time get-togethers. Going to my research file, I came up with other alumni and neighborhood functions, namely Pompei's luncheon in December, Charley Faruggia's twice-a-year Amichi Vecchi, the Bob Figone (Washington H. S.) Christmas luncheon at Caesar's that has several Galileans in attendance, the Red Hat ladies, the annual 4 Meatballs + dinner, and the regular Bocce Ball tournaments in Marin.

Chicago, the Windy City, has nothing on San Francisco. The past few months, the City by the Bay has experienced some very strong winds. Years ago, the windiest corner in the city was Geary and Taylor. Lately, the winds have been blowing as if in a tunnel along California, Pine and Bush Streets.

A Foodie's Diary: In recent months, I have dined in some pretty good restaurants and some not as good as I had expected. I share the list with our readers. Among the good ones: Hayes Street Grill (best fresh fish in town, a perennial favorite); Perbacco, a hot ticket right now (I was there twice and I highly recommend it); Emporio Rulli on Chestnut (every Tuesday, Angelo Ariana, the chef of Valentino in Santa Monica, flies up to cook a tasting menu and other specialties - don't miss it); A16, right across the street from Rulli, is crowded, specializes in Italian foods and pizzas and wines from Southern Italy; Pres a Vi, just inside the Presidio off Lyon, is the sister restaurant of Va de Vi in Walnut Creek (try their small plates and weekend brunch); Slanted Door, the Ferry Building's Vietnamese restaurant (try the imperial roll); El Raigon, the Argentine restaurant in North Beach that serves grass-fed beef from Uruguay; Acme Chophouse, in the space formerly occupied by 24 at AT&T Park; McCovey's in Walnut Creek, a great sports bar with lots of baseball and other sports memorabilia and good food, especially the ribs, a fun place for kids, too; Lark Creek Steak, serving one of my favorite soups, *gazpacho*; Espetus Churrascaria, a Brazilian barbeque restaurant; and Zuni Cafe, a consistent favorite.

Long Story Short: Bob's Donuts on Polk Street arguably makes the best donuts in the Bay Area. On Mondays, the baker who is new makes an extra large donut for the same 75 cents price. My favorite is the raised crumb.

Observation: 3 youths playing gin rummy standing up on a Muni train. One kid's palm served as the discard stack. He shuffled the deck in mid-air, dropping only one card.

More Baseball: **Vince Gomez '52** was a "ball dude" at the Giants vs. Toronto games on June 11th and 12th. The Giants won both games, and Vince made no errors. Mr. G. also attended Fan Fest and the futures game during All-Star week.

Nostalgia: General Douglas MacArthur stopped in San Francisco on his way to Washington after being relieved of his command by President Harry Truman. Galileo students attended his speech on the steps of City Hall. (I was within 15 feet of him.) The next day, he made his famous "Old soldiers never die. . ." speech in Congress, and we listened to it in Miss Keohan's class.

When I was growing up in the 40s, the maximum number of books you could check out from the public library was 4. What is it today? Would you believe 50? Yes, 50!

Proud Lion: **John Orofino**, a retired Galileo teacher, was awarded France's highest medal, the Legion of Honor, for his bravery during World War II. (For more, go to: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/04/07/BAG1OP4C3C12.DTL&hw=John+Orofino&sn=001&sc=1000>)

OBITS: Sadly we report the passing of Galileo alumni. . .

Bill Burke, a member of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame who played baseball and soccer and later taught at Galileo. (For more, see: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/12/03/MNBURKEWIL4.DTL&hw=William+Burke&sn=001&sc=460>)

Michael Smuin, the master of ballet, winner of Tony and Emmy awards for choreography, and Galileo graduate (For more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/04/24/MNGJGPE9Q11.DTL&hw=Michael+Smuin&sn=002&sc=1000>)

Alfred Torre, Jr., M.D., Galileo alumnus who practiced internal medicine in Fresno. (For more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/04/29/MNTORREALF47.DTL&hw=Alfred+Torre&sn=001&sc=1000>)

Al Scoma, proprietor of Scoma's Restaurant on the Wharf and in Sausalito. Al was a prince of a person and never forgot a friend. He hosted politicians and sports figures in his restaurant and had to be diplomatic, he once told me. (For more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/06/04/BAG67Q72JA1.DTL&hw=Al+Scoma&sn=003&sc=925>)

Josephine Belasco, 99, courageous and devoted mother of **Ed Belasco** '50 and longtime resident on Hyde Street, who received her Galileo High School diploma last year (reported in the July 2006 edition of the *Observer*). Our memory of Josephine is her dancing with Tom Johnson even after the music stopped at the anniversary celebration of Spring Valley Grammar School. (The school will celebrate its 150th anniversary this year. For information, contact Principal Lonnie Chin.) (For more about Josie, see: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/06/03/BAGSGQ6QV41.DTL&hw=Josephine+Belasco&sn=001&sc=1000>)

Pet Peeves: 1) The Muni. 2) Stickers on fresh fruit and vegetables (did I mention this before?)

Thoughts for the summer and beyond: "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." (Chinese fortune cookie)

"The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it." (William James)

Until next time...

GAA MEMBERSHIP

Several alumni have contacted Board members asking about membership donations for this year. Our annual drive was announced in the opening article of the January 2007 *Observer*, but if you missed it, check out <http://galileoalumni.org/news/news200701.doc>. Since GAA is a nonprofit organization, all donations are tax deductible. If you would like to donate, you'll find a form at <http://galileoalumni.org/membership.html>.

UPCOMING REUNIONS & EVENTS

GAA/PTSA FUNDRAISER

On Friday, November 9, 2007, GAA and PTSA will hold its second collaborative event. A Chinese banquet fundraiser to benefit Galileo will be held at the Far East Café. Please save the date. Details will follow.

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### **GALILEO H.S. REUNION PICNIC FOR CLASS OF 1982**

#### **CLASSES '80-'84 ALSO WELCOME**

**Date: Saturday, August 4, 2007**

**Time: 10:30am - 4:00pm**

**Place: San Mateo Central Park**

For more information see:

<http://www.freewebs.com/galileoreunion/index.htm>

or email: [galileo\\_classof82@yahoo.com](mailto:galileo_classof82@yahoo.com)

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FOURTH ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO NATIVE JAMBOREE

San Francisco Generations, Inc. produces the Fourth Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree to bring together people who were born or raised in San Francisco to celebrate their roots. The San Francisco Native Jamboree is a fabulous party bringing together native San Franciscans who share the common bond of being born or raised in the most beautiful city in the world! The event's theme is Streets of San Francisco and Masters of Ceremonies are television personalities Fred La Cosse and Terry Lowry (a San Francisco native).

To give back to the community, the San Francisco Native Jamboree supports 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 an exciting silent auction and a portion of the net profit will be donated to this deserving organization.

**Friday, September 21, 2007
Patio Espanol
2850 Alemany Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94112**

**6:00 – 7:00 PM - Cocktail Reception & non-hosted Bar
7:00 – 11:00 PM - Dinner, Music & Entertainment**

The San Francisco High School Alumni Association with the most attendees will win 4 tickets to Jamboree 2008.

For more information and to register online: <http://www.sfnativejamboree.com/>
Questions: contact Linda Molinari Mansouria at 415-928-5257.

SAN FRANCISCO CITYWIDE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS CLASS REUNION

WHO: All former public high school students, current and former employees, current and former Board of Education members and former Superintendents of the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) classes of 1950-2006

WHAT: San Francisco Citywide Public High Schools Class Reunion with Dinner, Dancing, and Entertainment

WHEN: Friday, November 2, 2007
6:30 -11:30 PM

WHERE: Patio Espanol – Salon Picasso Room
 2850 Alemany Boulevard
 San Francisco, CA 94112

TICKETS: \$65.00 per person

ATTIRE: After Five

The schools with the highest number of participating classmates will receive funds for materials and equipment for their alma maters. Let's have a good turn-out of Lions so we can acquire those funds for Galileo!!

Special Awards will be presented to Ms. Gwen Chan, Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District, and Mr. Burl Toler, former Teacher, Dean and Principal of Ben Franklin Junior High School.

Send reservations and checks to: P. O. BOX 24589, San Francisco, CA 94124. For additional information, contact **Dr. James M. Calloway '62**, co-chair, at 415-240-6086 or j.m.calloway@att.net.

Ed. Note: This reunion is planned by the San Francisco Alumni Association, a group that meets monthly at Bay Area restaurants. The goal is to recognize graduates of San Francisco public high schools who have become successful locally or nationally.

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## **40<sup>th</sup> Reunion for Classes of 1965, '66, '67, '68, and '69**

By Diane Wall-Cowart '65

We finally have a date, **October 18, 2008**, at the Empress of China Restaurant. I will post more information as we continue to finalize the plans. We are looking into having a block of rooms at one of the hotels close to the restaurant, hopefully at a discounted rate. Please mark your calendars and save the date.

In the meantime, if you have any questions I may be able to answer, please email me - [DJCowart@aol.com](mailto:DJCowart@aol.com). Put "**Reunion**" on the subject line so I don't delete it as unknown.

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If you would like to promote your Galileo reunion or event, please send information to [galileoobserver@aol.com](mailto:galileoobserver@aol.com) and/or [webmaster@galileoalumni.org](mailto:webmaster@galileoalumni.org).

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# LETTERS

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May 1, 2007

Dear Ron,

Just a short note to thank you personally for all the hard work you and your committee have done for the Alumni Association and for allowing my family from Anchorage, on such short notice, to be a part of Saturday's ceremonies.

Those children will never forget the evening's activities, and neither will I!

My wife and I express our deep gratitude and sincere thanks for the wonderful evening you afforded us all.

Please accept the enclosed check with out deepest appreciation.

Most Sincerely,  
George '55 & Ragna DeLong

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**Ed. Note:** The Committee thanks George for his generous donation which will be put toward the Bechelli challenge.

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I actually graduated in the Spring class of '63 but have been attending the 1962 class reunions for some time. I kinda thought there may be a 45<sup>th</sup> in 2007 but haven't heard of one nor seem to locate any info on this website. Do you know if anything is planned for the Class of '62? If so, would you kindly let an old alumnus know?

Thanks in advance for your attention to this request.

Don Ruud (Class of '62)  
[donruud@comcast.net](mailto:donruud@comcast.net)

**Ed Note:** If anyone is planning such a reunion, please contact Don and let the *Observer* know, as well.

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**August 4, 2007 – Reunion Picnic for Classes of '80, '81, '82, '83, '84  
San Mateo Central Park**

**September 13, 2007 – GAA Board Meeting, Galileo Academy, Room 210**

**September 21, 2007 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree, Patio Espanol**

**October 12, 2007 – Homecoming Song & Yell Contest, Galileo Academy**

**October 20, 2007 – Amichi Vecchi, Cesar's Restaurant - Noon**

**November 2, 2007 - S.F. Citywide Public High Schools Class Reunion, Patio Espanol**

**November 9, 2007 – Joint GAA/PTSA Chinese Banquet Fundraiser, Far East Cafe**

**October 18, 2008 – Reunion for Classes of '65, '66, '67, '68, '69**

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