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

Hall of Merit

GALILEANS TO BE HONORED

6 Alumni & 1 ex-Teacher in Distinguished Group

The first Galileo Hall of Merit Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the House of Banquet, 939 Clement Street, in San Francisco. Those being honored at a 10 course dinner ceremony beginning at 5:30 PM are Fred Lau '67 (TSA SF Director and former Police Chief), Arthur Dong '71 (award-winning film director), Norman Yee '67 (SF Supervisor), Ed Belasco '50 (Youth Theater Founder/Producer/Director), Him Mark Lai '43 (Historian/Scholar Chinese Americans), John Orofino '64 (World War II hero), and Norman Fong '69 (Community Development).

There will be a raffle and silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Galileo Education Fund. The Galileo Alumni Association and PTSA are co-organizers of the event. Tickets are \$65 per adult and must be ordered before March 14. A handy reservation form can be found at the end of this newsletter and also at www.galileoweb.org/alumni.

Join us for an evening of honoring our distinguished Galileo alumni. For more information, call Charlene Mori at 415-297-4280 or email galileoalumni@yahoo.com.

Through The Telescope. . .

Sisvan Der Harootunian



Congratulations to London Breed who was elected President of the SF Board of Supervisors! At Galileo she was ASB VP in 1991-21. She joins Norman Yee '67 as two Galileo alumni on the Board. Yee will be inducted into the Galileo Hall of Merit on March 21st.

Although Halloween is past, it is interesting to note that SF was voted the best Halloween party city in the U. S. And the SF Giants celebrated their World Series victory with orange pumpkins!

Aren't we lucky? The Daily Meal asked Americans to choose their favorite grocery stores, and the top 3 chains of 30 were all started on the West Coast: 1-Trader Joe's; 2-Whole Foods; 3-Costco.

The dome of the Palace of Fine Arts could use some color, like orange. Currently it has a drab cream-colored look. Paint that head!

Have you been to the Presidio lately? It's becoming a destination worth visiting. The Officer's Club has been completely remodeled with a museum and restaurant, and the Disney museum is nearby. From March through October Off the Grid has its food trucks stationed on the grounds. Great for picnicking in the sun.

The Galileo Sports Hall of Fame dinner in October was another success. The upcoming Hall of Merit Induction Dinner will be the first of its kind. We have a great lineup of honorees from government, education, film and theater, and a war hero. Reservations are coming in at a fast pace so be sure to send in yours to insure a seat at one of the tables. There will be a 10 course dinner, a raffle and silent auction – all to benefit Galileo.

Trivial Note: The number of daily calories required by a bear is equivalent to 83 hamburgers!

The recent passing of Mel Chiarenza '53 was felt by all who knew him. Mel was a good friend of The Observer and helped organize GAA. He had once written that Galileo was Italy's gift to us. Mel, you were Galileo Academy's gift to us. Alumni golfers, organize an annual Mel Chiarenza Memorial Golf Tournament.

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.” – Chinese proverb

Stay interested . . .



Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

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

SPORTS HALL OF FAME DISPLAY CASES

January 22, 2015 was the target date for the completion of both showcases. Thanks to Lance Hughston and Paul Giambra. Paul Giambra took the final measurements recently and indicated he would put the final nameplates in the case. If you are a Galileo Sports Hall of Fame member inducted after 2005, your name will finally appear in lights in the Sports Hall of Fame display cases in the main hallway by the auditorium. Stop by and check them out!

UPDATE ON CIRCLE THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM FOR GALILEO

Galileo has a new partner in this program as our original partner wanted to work with a smaller school. We are very excited about our new partner, Williams Sonoma, whose headquarters are just down the street from us at the end of Van Ness Avenue. Williams Sonoma had a company meeting at Galileo on August 13, 2014, and as a result of the hard work of our stage crew, cheerleaders and drum corps, WS donated \$1,000.00 to these groups prior to the partnership.

In the planning stages now, WS and Galileo are focusing on three areas: building staff, community, culture and wellness; supporting our academics; and supporting academic success. Building staff, community, culture and wellness might include upgrading staff lounges, bathrooms and conference spaces, conducting yoga, pilates, exercise classes and other wellness workshops, a Bocce event, design and resource a rooftop lounge for the staff and providing lotion, soap, etc. for all bathrooms. WS plans to support the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism by planning office visits, shadowing opportunities and more. WS also plans to host several students in this pathway for summer internships. Their plans for supporting academic success include role modeling and mentorships focusing on the African American and Latino population. This area also includes language support for all language groups. The third component of this area includes after school programming such as a Culture Club and assisting English Language Learners (ELL) after school. There will be an update in the next issue of "Between the Lions."

UPDATE ON AN EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR GALILEO WITH GOOGLE

Galileo staff and Google representatives have met several times to map out a great program for our students as part of our partnership with Google. The first phase will be a program called Computer Science First, which will be supported by Google Engineers and taught by one of our faculty, Sarah (Cilla) Su. The class will meet after school once a week and the target will be female students first and then minority students who have no experience with technology. Topics that will be presented include how to develop computer applications (apps) for fashion and design, music and sound, story telling, art, game design and Friends (Create projects for a friend! Students are encouraged to sign up with a friend or make a new friend in the club! Projects include things like: telling the story of how the friendship started, making a cooperative game and imagining a company together.) Initially 25 students will be selected for this program.

A team of Galileo administrators and teachers will visit Google headquarters this semester to work with Google engineers to develop this activity and other activities. Our team will work with Google to provide internships for our students in the Summer 2015. More updates will follow as this partnership grows and expands.

JROTC

Overall the Galileo's JROTC looks very good this year. Sgt. Hardee reports that we have a lot of new and young teams this year and they are all off to a good start. He reports: "During our recent competition our Squad Drill, led by C/SSG Prashnds Gurung the team did an outstanding job by placing 3rd in the Annual Liberty Bell Fall Competition. The team is composed of first year cadets who are enjoying the very meaningful activities. Our Galileo Drill Platoon, led by C/CSM Queeni Fung and our Color Guard Team, led by C/2LT Alice Wen, both performed well and took 2nd place. This is a great start and we are looking forward to an outstanding year. Go Lions!"

CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

It has been at least four years since the Galileo Lions put together a competitive cheerleading team. On December 13, 2015, after months of practice, the Lion's took the blue mat to compete at the San Francisco AAA Spirit competition. Competing in the toughest category, Stunt/Cheer, the Lions cheered, danced, tumbled and stunted their hearts out performing a flawless routine. Competing against San Francisco's finest; Lincoln, Lowell, Burton, Balboa and Washington, Galileo took third place. This day will forever be remembered by the 2014-2015 Galileo community and their cheerleading squad as they continue to push their talents to new heights in the world of cheer.

FOOTBALL WRAP UP

After winning the 2013 city crown, Galileo's varsity team rallied to make the playoffs after starting the league with 2 straight losses. In what some deemed a "transition year", the seniors helped take 3 of the last 4 games to secure a #3 seed and a playoff game at Lincoln. Two weeks before the playoffs, the Lions received a thrashing at Lincoln, 46-6. However, in the playoffs, a much-improved Lions team played the Mustangs to a stand-still 0-0 game until late in the third when the Mustangs scored to take a 7-0 lead. It remained that way until the final play of the game when Lincoln scored as time expired. The 13-0 loss could easily have gone either way. Unfortunately for the Lions, it was not their day despite the valiant effort. Top seniors include: first team all-city players-Jamari Hilliard-Vasquez (LB), Rodney Morgan (WR), Victor Ortiz (OL) and second teamers-Phillip Tran (QB), Zach Dang (OL), Justin Manalang (DE), Alvin Li (LB). The surprise of the pack is junior fullback, Ethan Nelson who made first team all-city.

The Galileo Frosh/Soph football team finished undefeated in the AAA! Overall 9-2, the young Lions won the 2014 city title behind first-year head coach, Marcus Blacksher Jr. Sophomore running back, Markell Vilce averaged 3 touchdowns per game to lead the offense while sophomore middle linebacker, Connor Chavela anchored a tough and physical defense.

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball

The Varsity Boy's Basketball Team finished the non-league portion of the season with a 4-9 record. Out of the 9 losses, 5 games went down to the final minute. 6'3" senior center, Maravio Glover received an all-tourney selection at the annual Balboa Tournament in which he helped the Lions place third. Senior guards, Yuki Rivera and Michael Arada are catalysts for this small but speedy team. 6'2" freshman, Ben Batantou and 6'2" senior, Rodney Morgan will be the difference makers.

The Frosh/Soph Boy's Basketball Team finished the non-league portion of the season with a 4-6 record. After losing freshman, Ben Batantou to the varsity squad, the young Lions struggled to find their identity as a smaller team. By winning 2 out of the last 3 games before league, it appears they have begun to right the ship. Sophomore guard-play will be key for this season with returning players, Rory Jones, Francis Gonzales and Kobe Lee leading the way. Sophomore center, Matthew Ng is more than capable of dominating in the post. The top freshman to watch is Tony Yu who has a great offensive game but is learning to play defense. The young Lions will be a top 4 team in the league this season.

This year's 2015 Lady Lions Basketball Team members are new and young. Coach Hardee believes the team will have a great season. He says: "We are in the process of rescheduling the programs to include the Junior Varsity Team, which includes five returning players. Our varsity team lacks height, but we will make up for that with speed. We will experience a few bumps in the road; however, we will over come. The three returning varsity players are Karen Wong, Marissa Louie and Corina Kuang. Our new point guard is Fiona Fong. These four players will bring experience and stamina to the team this season."

Wrestling

The Galileo Wrestling Program is as strong as it has been in the past 4 years. Head Coach Allen Loretz, a Galileo alumni, has recruited some of the top coaches in the sport, including Coach Diaz who has competed on the collegiate level and has been a major benefactor for the program and has secured resources to further develop a quality program. As you may know two years ago the wrestling team won the city championship. Last year we came in second to Lowell by only 3 points, which equals one more additional match win. This year coaches, the team, and the principal are extremely optimistic that another city championship will find Galileo. We all believe Galileo wrestlers will win the 2015 Wrestling Championship.

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.

Ramblings

By Tony Compagno

I attended the 2014 Galileo Sports Hall of Fame dinner with special interest. Three old friends were being inducted that evening along with other former Lions who'd added to the growing prestige of the Galileo athletic program.

Before dinner, as I was sipping a Campari & Soda in the bar area, an elderly couple walked tentatively into the spacious room. The woman held the man's arm a little tensely, maybe anticipating the deluge of greetings that would begin momentarily. She seemed protective, determined not to let her husband be overwhelmed by faces and voices and names he hadn't been exposed to for many years. They were Mr. and Mrs. Curt Decker. Curt was one of the evening's inductees, being recognized for his efforts as baseball, soccer and swimming coach during his time at Galileo, '55-'65. Curt's contribution to Gal's athletic program, with the passion and patience he brought to the sports he coached, were worthy of special recognition. He respected his athletes; they respected and gave 100% for him.

At the dais, Curt sat alongside Reggie Leipsic and Gus Geraldini, two other inductees that evening. I left my table at one point and went up to them. "What are the odds," I asked, "of Decker, Reggie Leipsic and Gus Geraldini all sitting together having dinner under this roof tonight after all these years?" The four of us went back to the '50s. Reggie had played on a Gal championship baseball team before Decker took over the head-coach position, but Reg's brother Bobby played under Decker, as did Gus. I picture all of them on Funston Playground's Diamond #1 at one time or another, that field an historic patch of real estate when you consider some of the great baseballers who developed their skills there. Dr. Bobby Brown, Joe DiMaggio, Gino Cimoli, Walt Williams, to name a few who left Galileo to play with the big boys in the majors.

This leads me to the news that Galileo alumnus Ken Flanagan, Class of '59, has been selected to the San Francisco Prep Sports Hall of Fame for 2015. Ken and I had attended the annual induction dinner at the Patio Espanol Restaurant on Alemany Blvd. in the City a couple of years ago. Our old teammate and friend, Dave Barni, was being inducted for his exploits as a Lion on the ball diamond and basketball court. A great number of Lions from that era and the old neighborhoods, the Marina and North Beach, who'd played ball for years at Funston, now George Moscone Field, turned out to honor Dave and experience the warmth of an old and dear camaraderie. After the ceremony, Dave said privately to Ken, "YOU were the one, Kenny." Looking at me, Dave added, "Ken was our mentor and inspiration." It was my honor and pleasure, and sort of my duty, to present him to the guys who met to decide on these things. And so now Ken's achievements as a prep athlete wearing the purple and orange have finally been officially recognized. We knew he was extraordinary a long time ago. He truly was one of the finest athletes to come out of the San Francisco high school system. At this time, we're still working on a mutually acceptable payment for my services on his behalf...just kidding.

Going back briefly to last year's Galileo Sports H. of F. dinner, I have to say that it was a pleasure for me to see and talk with again guys like brothers Alan and Jack Mould and Kenny Chelini, guys I hadn't seen for more than half a century. I still picture these three, all Gal Sports Hall of Famers looking "up" to me in those long lost days, on the "Midget Diamond" at Funston under the guidance and expertise of the late Joe Ardanaz, a wonderful playground director and coach.

My personal thanks to Charlene and Sisvan for their continued devotion to alumni events; they do such a good job.

Note: Also being inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame in 2015 will be former Galileo teacher Sam Goldman, who is being recognized posthumously for his Media work in relation to prep athletics in our beloved city. I had Sam as a teacher and remember him fondly; he was an energetic and interesting whirlwind of a man, diminutive like me, who loved sports, young people, and told it the way it was. I am happy for his family and friends and wish he could be here to lift his glasses from the bridge of his nose as I picture him doing, and saying: "Hey, this is great. But, why me?"

Note: Just remembering Mel Chiarenza, a Galileo graduate from the early '50s who stayed devoted to that era he considered precious and to Galileo High. I didn't know Mel well, but I learned a little about him recently from his Facebook posts. He attended Gal with my sister Angie, and was a pal of Angie's husband of over 50 years, Tommy Venezia. Mel was about 80, a good and caring family man and friend to many; he certainly seemed to cherish his formative years in The City and at Galileo. Because I would study my sister's yearbooks, I remember guys like Mel, Vince Gomez, Pete Pompeii, Seb Saia, Manny Tornay, Larry Bravo, Ron Sligar, Tom King, and the list could go on and on. My sister's being older connected me with the generation that preceded me and made my life richer in that way.

Thanks for indulging this nostalgic oldtimer.

Galileo Teacher Receives Award from SF 49ers

Henry Curtin, a geometry teacher, was one of 16 to receive a \$1,000 award from the 49ers, being honored as Teacher of the Week. The award was presented during the annual Song & Yell contest in November. Congratulations. For more information, visit <http://symetraheroes.com/team/san-francisco-49ers>



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Sports Hall of Fame 2014

Had a wonderful time at the 2014 Sport Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. Dedicated to the Sports Hall of Fame committee member, George Deluca. Please view all pictures at:

<https://plus.google.com/108500896165448275888/posts/4uwvkLzkQLS>

Congratulations goes out to: Curt Decker, Dexter Doss, Danielle Fong, Gus Geraldi, Keith Hazell, Reggie Leipsic, Nolan McCoy, Gon Yee Ng, Michelle Ng, Richard Thompson, Kenny Walls, Lenny Walls



Columbus Day (Italian Heritage Day) 2014

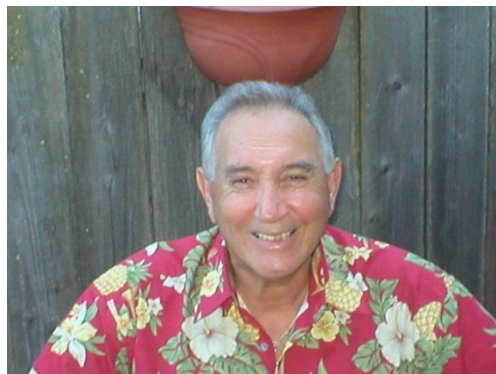
It was a great day for a Parade. Hope to see you there in 2015!
Additional pictures at:

<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0Bx6ThyJf8MeUfjIwUWsYX3hDclNGZ2k1amdyUmxWQ25Ja2JuM0c0MEtzSmFtdWxwQVVudmc&usp=sharing>



MEL CHIARENZA

The Galileo Alumni Association and Cristina Chiarenza Holloway would like to thank all of you who donated to the GAA in honor and memory of Mel. He was a very special person and will be missed greatly.



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If you would like to work with current Directors to further the mission and goals of the GAA please contact Charlene Mori at 415-441-6445. We are searching for new Board Members, assistance with the newsletter "Observer" and someone to help maintain & build our web site. You can also email - <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/about/contact/>

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Annual Financial Statement
January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

BALANCE FORWARD	\$24,178.83
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INCOME

Bank Interest	\$.07
Transfer from Endowment Fund	5,000.00
Donations (New)	150.00
Donations (Renewal)	2,525.00
Donations (General Fund)	3,150.50
Donations (Memorial)	150.00
Donations (Sports)	275.00
Day At The Races	890.00
Merchandise Sales	286.50
Sports Hall of Fame Dinner	6,735.00
Sports Hall of Fame (Advertising)	150.00
Sports Hall of Fame (Donation)	100.00
Advertising (Observer)	225.00

TOTAL INCOME	\$19,637.07
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EXPENSES

California Tax	\$20.00
Bank Fees	49.00
PayPal	67.74
Sports Hall of Fame Dinner	5,637.85
Supplies (Miscellaneous)	1,395.46
Classmates	29.50
Web Site	565.37
Day at the Races	630.00
Columbus Day	120.07
Donation (Sports)	1,000.00
Donation (Electric Sign)	6,000.00
Laboratory Science	1,000.00
Bio Tec	500.00
Deposit (Hall of Merit)	250.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,264.99
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BALANCE AS OF 12/31/14	\$26,550.91
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ENDOWMENT BALANCE as of 1/15/15	\$11,604.38
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Submitted by:

Joe Scafidi, Treasurer, GAA

Obituaries

Maria Rose “Rosina” Alioto October 3, 1917 - August 10, 2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Maria-Rosa-Alioto-Rosina&pid=172089911>

Louie F. Aiello November 11, 1926 – September 15, 2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary-search.aspx?daterange=180&keyword=galileo&countryid=1&stateid=all&affiliateid=all>

John Antonelli Aug. 14, 2014 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=John-Antonelli&pid=172133980>

Wanda Armanini July 24, 2014 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Wanda-Armanini&pid=172014223>

Frank Bausino April 22, 1922 – January 27, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Frank-Basuino&pid=174017697>

Shirley Bechelli February 9, 1932 – January 20, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Shirley-Bechelli&pid=173946826>

Carmello (Mel) Chiarenza 1934 – 2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?pid=173268009>

Sam Chew September 17, 1919 – January 10, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Sam-Chew&pid=173940398>

Lido S. Giusti November 15, 1934 - December 5, 2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mercurynews/obituary.aspx?n=lido-s-giusti&pid=173513241&fhid=14232>

Nancy Andreini Hickey October 21, 1931 – December 23, 2014 <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Nancy-Hickey&lc=7022&pid=173639424&mid=6253744>

Joann Kastel July 12, 1943 – December 19, 2014

<http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?n=joann-kastel&pid=173778159>

Dan D. Lee September 29, 1949 – December 15, 2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=dan-d-lee&pid=173572075&fhid=26211>

Gerald “Jerry” Lee December 24, 2014 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Gerald-Lee&pid=173750020>

Josephine Samson August 15, 1921 – January 24, 2015

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=Josephine-Samson&pid=173968419>

Albert Tabarez 1928 – December 27, 2014 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=albert-tabarez&pid=173681140&fhid=2515>

Mary Arrighi Thompson May 19, 1930 – December 24, 2014

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/contracostatimes/obituary.aspx?n=mary-arrighi-thompson&pid=173868014&fhid=2211>

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**March 21, 2015 - Hall of Merit Induction Dinner
House of Banquet – 939 Clement St. See Attached reservation form.**

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2nd Annual Day at the Races – April 26, 2015 See Attached reservation form.

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YES, I want to donate \$ _____ towards:

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Is it OK to mention your name as a donor? Yes ____ No ____

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1150 Francisco Street
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GALILEO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF SAN FRANCISCO CA.

The Mission of this Association shall be to
Organize Alumni into a cohesive unit to benefit
all members of the high school Community:
Alumni, Students, Faculty, Staff and Friends.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- * Alumni activities and events
- * Membership Card
- * Assistance to all reunion committees
- * Quarterly newsletter "The Observer"
- * Notice of Association Updates
- * Helping the current students of
Galileo Achieve their goals. And much
more as the membership grows.

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.**

**JOIN THE G.A.A. SUPPORT YOUR
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE GALILEO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. INTERESTED IN HELPING OR BEING ON A COMMITTEE YES ____ NO ____
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Your information is strictly
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If you have any news from your class for the GAA newsletter, please send to GalileoObserver@aol.com

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE GALILEO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY THE BEST ALUMNI IN SAN FRANCISCO!



GALILEO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

HALL OF MERIT COMMITTEE

1150 Francisco Street • San Francisco, CA 94109

2015 HALL OF MERIT INDUCTION DINNER

The Galileo Hall of Merit Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the House of Banquet, 939 Clement Street at 11th Avenue, San Francisco. Join us and support the Galileo Alumni Association, PTSA and staff for a 10 course dinner. Besides a raffle, there will also be a silent auction. Proceeds will go to the Galileo Education Fund. Save the date and send your reservation form in ASAP as it will surely be a sell out. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.**

INDUCTEES

Ed Belasco '50, Youth Theater Founder/Producer/Director

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RAFFLE PRIZES

1st Prize - Josten ring (10K) value \$709.99

2nd Prize - Galileo leather sleeve jacket value \$200.00

3rd Prize - Prestige/Lifetouch senior portrait package \$400.00

4th Prize - Galileo est. 1921 sweatshirt value \$50.00

5th Prize - Galileo sweatshirt value \$45.00

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN NO LATER THAN MARCH 14, 2015

Make check payable to: Galileo Alumni Association. Complete this form and **mail to:**

GAA c/o C. Mori 808 Greenwich Street, San Francisco, CA. 94133

You can also pay on-line w/pay pal or credit card at <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/> click on the donate button.

Saturday March 21, 2015 - 5:30 PM

House of Banquet

939 Clement Street at 11th Avenue

San Francisco CA 94118 – 415-221-9888

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ x \$65.00 per ticket = Total \$ _____

Print name of guest

Print name of guest

All tickets will be held at the door. If you have any questions, please contact Charlene Mori at 415-297-4280 or email galileoalumni@yahoo.com Visit the GAA Web Page at: <http://galileoweb.org/alumni/>

Sorry, I cannot make it but please accept my donation for \$ _____

GALILEO ACADEMY

HALL OF MERIT

NOMINATION FORM

CRITERIA

1. Nominee must have attended Galileo High School/Galileo Academy of Science and Technology in good standing prior to being nominated.
2. Nominee may be an individual (student, staff or faculty member).
3. Nominee must have made a significant contribution, after graduation or attendance, to his/her community, city, state, country, or globally. (Examples: science, technology, government, business, education, the arts, philanthropy).
4. Anyone, including Galileo alumni, faculty, staff, family or friends of a nominee may nominate a candidate. All nominations will be reviewed and facts about qualified nominees will be verified by the Galileo Alumni Association Hall of Merit Committee.
5. Posthumous awards may be given, so nominee may be deceased. If selected, he/she must be represented by a family member or recognized close friend.

I would like to nominate the following person for the Galileo Academy Hall of Merit:

Name of Nominee: _____

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Mail to: Galileo Alumni Association
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**HANES BEEFY 100% COTTON PRE-SHRUNK T-SHIRTS
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GALILEO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DAY AT THE RACES 2015



GOLDEN GATE FIELDS – TURF CLUB



Golden Gate Fields
1100 Eastshore Highway
Berkeley, Ca 94710
(510) 559-7300

Sunday April 26, 2015
Gates Open - 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Post Time – 1:15 p.m.

\$40.00 Includes:
Parking
Buffet Lunch
Official Program

Turf Club dress code is “Smart Casual” - Hats are welcome. Bring your binoculars but no jeans, shorts or tennis shoes (Men, please wear collared shirts). No host cocktails. SORRY NO REFUNDS. One of the races will be named for the Galileo Alumni Association. A raffle will be held for 6 lucky attendees to visit the “Winners Circle” to take a picture with the winning horse and jockey.

Please make check payable to Galileo Alumni Association.

Mail to: Charlene Mori, 808 Greenwich Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94133.

Questions? Call Barbara LaRocca at 415- 846-9863 or Charlene Mori 415-297-4280

RESERVATION FORM “DAY AT THE RACES 2014”

Please fill out return with your check, pay by Credit Card or by Pay Pal. DEADLINE: April 17, 2015

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. ____ Visa ____ MC ____

Pay by Pay Pal at <http://galileoalumni.org/membership/DonateAnyAmount.html> even though it says Donate, you can use it for event payments also. If you have any problems on Pay Pal call Charlene at 415-297-4280.

Name or Name on Credit Card _____

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Phone number _____ Email _____

Names of Guest _____

Turf Club Buffet Menu GAA Day at the Races 2015

SALADS

Mixed Baby Greens

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

Curried Carrot-Raisin Salad

A honey curry lemon mayonnaise mixed with fresh carrots and California raisins

Apple-Walnut Salad

Freshly cut Romaine Lettuce tossed with Gorgonzola cheese, toasted walnuts and Caramelized Apple bits topped with a red vine Vinaigrette

Asian Bean Salad

Mixed Cabbages, Bok Choy, cut green bean carrots, green onion, and sesame seeds all tossed with a sesame seed dressing

Fresh Fruit Salad

Watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, red grapes, and pineapple

ENTREES AND SIDES

soup Du Jour

Buttermilk Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Vegetable of the day

Penne Puttanesca

Al dente cooked Penne Pasta topped with a classic Puttanesca Sauce

Seared Cod with a Vegetable Broth

Seared Cod topped with a fresh cut Vegetables and citrus broth

Chicken Marsala

Roasted Chicken Breast topped with Portobello Mushroom Marsala Sauce

Golden Gate Fields "Signature" Fried Chicken

CARVING

Slow-Roasted Prime Rib

Served with au jus and horseradish cream

Roasted Turkey

Served with cranberry sauce and turkey gravy

Roasted Ham

Served with a honey mustard sauce

DESSERTS

Assorted petite French pastries, pies, cakes

Menus subject to change