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

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**2006**

**October,**

# ***Galileo Dinner-Dance & Auction***

*Enjoy an elegant dinner & wine...*

*Have fun bidding on fantastic auction items*

*And dance the night away...*

*All Proceeds to Benefit Galileo Academy*

Sponsored by Galileo Alumni Association (GAA) &  
Galileo Parent, Teacher & Student Association (PTSA)

When: **Saturday, October 28, 2006**



### Where

Italian American Social Club  
25 Russia Street (at Mission)  
San Francisco, CA 94112

### Program

5:45 P.M. – Check-in & Bidder Registration  
6:30 P.M. – No Host Cocktails & Auction (silent & live)  
8:00 P.M. – Dinner  
9:00 P.M. – 12 midnight  
Dancing to Music from 1950's – 2000s

\$50 per person includes prime rib, salmon or vegetarian dinner, wine, tax, tip & entertainment

**Reserve early. Seating is limited.** Groups of 8 or more may reserve a table.

Your tickets will be held at the door. **Limited Free Parking:** Across the street from the Club, and at Valente Marini Funeral Parlor (located at 4840 Mission St. & Russia). Free shuttle service from the Club to this parking location. No new reservations or refunds after October 15, 2006

**Questions?** Dinner/event, contact: Cordy Porter Surdyka at 415-898-1119, email [jsirduke@co](mailto:jsirduke@co)  
or Kay Lazzari Michelis at 415-397-3899, email: [Lmichelis@aol.com](mailto:Lmichelis@aol.com)



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Auction, contact: Linda Lau at 415-648-2858 or [linda0702@yahoo.com](mailto:linda0702@yahoo.com)

**Preview of auction items will be posted on our web sites, starting Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
[www.galileoweb.org/ptsa](http://www.galileoweb.org/ptsa) and [www.galileoalumni.org](http://www.galileoalumni.org)



Complete the form and mail both to address below. Make **check payable to GAA**.

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

**Dinner-Dance Auction Reservation - Saturday, October 28, 2006**

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ at \$50 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Print name of guest(s):	Mark 1 Entrée:			Print name of guest(s):	Mark 1 Entrée:		
	Beef	Salmon	Vegn		Beef	Salmon	Vegn

Dear Friends, Families, Galileo Alumni & Supporters,

I would like to invite you to Galileo's Dinner-Dance & Auction on **Saturday, October 28, 2006**. **This is a great opportunity to have a fun night out with fine dining, dancing, auction, and to support educational excellence at Galileo Academy.** The Galileo Alumni Association and Galileo PTSA are co-sponsoring this event to help raise money to support various program needs (Galileo has over \$400K in budget cuts this year that we are trying to address).

Link below for event details and download the reservation form:

[http://galileoalumni.org/event-info/GAA%20Dinner\\_Dance\\_Auction1.pdf](http://galileoalumni.org/event-info/GAA%20Dinner_Dance_Auction1.pdf)

Please feel free to share this with your friends. If you would like to support Galileo by donating items for the auction (e.g., use of your vacation home, products, services, etc.), we would love to hear from you! Please contact me, or visit our web site for details: <http://www.galileoweb.org/ptsa/>

With your support, we can help keep Galileo Academy a California Distinguished School and a national model school!

Sincerely,

Linda Lau, President

Galileo PTSA

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**September 11, 2006**

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Superintendent  
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**Vicki Pesek**  
Principal  
Galileo Academy of  
Science & Technology

**Galileo Community Supporter,**

**would like to invite you to be a sponsor for Galileo's Dinner-Dance Auction on Saturday, October 28, 2006 Education Fund, which is year-round. Your organization can participate by donating money, product services. Your support will help us to continue providing outstanding educational programs for all students at Galileo. The Dinner-Dance Auction is co-sponsored by the Galileo Alumni Association and the Teacher Student Association (PTSA).**

**As you may know, Galileo Academy of Science and Technology has been honored with 3 prestigious awards to recognize its academic excellence and achievements:**

**2005 California Distinguished School award**

**2005 California Exemplary Career Technical Education Award (1 of 12 in the state)**

**Recognized as model school by the International Center for Leadership in Education**

**Because we are proud of these achievements, there is still much to be done. Fiscal year 2006-07 will be especially challenging since our school received over \$400,000 in budget cuts, which mean unless we do something there will be less classroom equipment, textbooks, materials/supplies, and other student enrichment programs. In order to address priority needs, PTSA's goal is to raise \$100,000 or more from families, friends and community supporters. Any donation would be much appreciated! We look forward to your support in helping us to develop our next generation of world leaders!**

***Galileo Academy and the Alumni Association together reach over 10,000 people from diverse backgrounds. All students will be prominently recognized at the event, on our web sites and at Galileo Academy through banners, posters and G-House TV (a weekly TV broadcast to all Galileo students and staff). Enclosed is a request form. Galileo PTSA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. Your generous donation is tax deductible. We invite you to join us and be a vital part of the Galileo community! We will contact you in a few days to follow-up on your request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.***

**Sincerely,**



**Linda Lau, PTSA President  
Mobile phone: (415) 203-9266  
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## Galileo Academy Auction Sponsor Form

**Please help us make Galileo's first auction fundraiser on Saturday Oct. 28, 2006 a success. Here's how you can help:**

- Donate your talent, unused gifts, event tickets, use of your vacation home, etc. You'll get a tax deduction, plus it'll benefit Galileo students.
- Talk to your employer, friends, or businesses and ask if they could be a sponsor or donor.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to benefit ALL students at Galileo by supporting academic and student enrichment activities.

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Return completed form below as soon as possible and **drop-off or mail to** the address below.

Download this form from PTSA's web site above. Questions? Contact Linda Lau at (415) 203-9266

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & RECOGNITION FOR SPONSORS:**

- On event program & Galileo Academy via newsletters, posters, and G-House TV (weekly TV broadcast to all Galileo students and staff)
- **Online** via web sites. **Preview of auction items** from sponsors will be posted on GAA and PTSA web site starting Monday, Oct. 9, 2006, and updated on regular basis:  
[www.galileoweb.org/ptsa](http://www.galileoweb.org/ptsa) and [www.galileoalumni.org](http://www.galileoalumni.org)

***Thank you for your donation!***

=====PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN SECTION  
BELOW=====

**Galileo Dinner-Dance Auction Sponsor**

**Drop off or Mail to:** Galileo PTSA, Room 206, Attn: Fundraising Committee  
1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

**We would like to support this event with:**

- [ ] Cash contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_. *Please make check—payable to “Galileo Academy PTSA”*
- [ ] Enclosed gift certificate(s) or products for Dinner-Dance Auction

**Please include information** about the items or services you are donating so that we can appropriately acknowledge and publicize it. **We prefer that you provide the information to us electronically by email**, or provide link where we can locate it from your web site.

Company/Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated Item(s)  
and Value \$: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attention: All Lions!**

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**Come Celebrate Your Roaring Fifties Event**  
**With good food, good friends and great conversation**  
**On Saturday, October 7, 2006**  
**At the Sears Fine Food Restaurant,**  
**439 Powell Street (between Sutter and Post Streets), San Francisco.**

**5:30 PM registration/no host cocktails**  
**7:00 PM dinner**

**Meal entrees offered:**

❖ *New York Steak drizzled with an Oyster Mushroom Sauce,  
Served with Roasted Red Potatoes and Sauteed Vegetables*

**OR**

❖ *Grilled Salmon with an Orange Beurre Blanc Sauce  
Served with Rice Pilaf and Sauteed Vegetables*

**Special Guests – Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wing**

**Cost: \$30.00 per person**

**Registration due by Saturday, September 30, 2006**  
**No payments accepted at the door**

**For more information: Janice Hom at 510-407-5982 or Diane Go at  
650-992-1678**

**\*\* \*\* \*Please detach this slip and send with your check, payable to**

**Janice Hom at 485 "A" Street # 8, Daly City, CA 94014).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
number \_\_\_\_\_ Meal choice: \_\_\_\_\_ NY Steak (how  
many)/ \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon (how many).

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## **Galileo's New Principal**

Vicki Pesek was named the new Principal of Galileo this past summer when Margaret Chiu was promoted to Assistant Superintendent. Vicki came to Galileo 10 years ago and has been the Assistant Principal Pupil Services, overseeing the Counseling Office.

Her career in education began over 30 years ago when she taught English, Creative Writing and Journalism in the Burbank Unified School District. From there she moved to the Palm Springs area and was employed by the Desert Sands Unified School District as a Youth Services Counselor. In this position she was part of a multi-agency team whose focus was on delinquency prevention.

Ms. Pesek left education for 12 years and returned to the Los Angeles area and worked as a Youth Services Specialist in the San Gabriel Police Department. She then worked as Dean of Students at San Gabriel High School for several years before coming to Galileo.

Ms. Pesek's credentials include a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, a Master of Arts in Counseling Education, and License in Marriage, Family Therapy (MFT).

## **Margaret Chiu Promoted to Assistant Superintendent**

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During the summer of 2006 Margaret Chiu was promoted by Superintendent Gwen Chan to Assistant Superintendent, High School Division.

In her new job, Margaret oversees all of the high schools in SFUSD. Her most important duty is to provide instructional support to principals, assistant principals, and teachers so that our district students will have an excellent education.

Margaret works in the Central Office now, but spends a lot of time visiting schools. She visited 9 high schools on the first day of school. She said, "It's great to see so many dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff working as teams to strive for the best in teaching and learning."

Margaret says she misses Galileo, "a place I called my second home for four years." She misses working with all the dedicated, professional and caring people that make the school a great place for students to learn. She also misses the students, and said, "They are the reason why I am in education."

Among her many accomplishments during her four years at Galileo Academy are the successful WASC review with a 6-year accreditation, the award for Galileo of the California Distinguished School along with the Exemplary Career and Technical Education Award. In addition, Galileo has been selected as a model school by the International Center for Leadership in Education (ICLE), funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Margaret and the administrative team at Galileo presented Galileo's best practices to ICLE's Convention last summer. Over 8,000 were in attendance at the convention. In addition to the awards, Margaret's leadership was instrumental in raising Galileo's standardized test scores, meeting all requirements of the Annual Yearly Performance (AYP), and increasing the Academic Performance Index (API) to a score of 744. Galileo's statewide API rank is 8 out of 10, and the Similar Schools Rank is 9 out of 10.

Margaret comments about her new position: "I am excited to work with a dynamic team in the Central Office and contribute to making systematic changes to improve our schools."



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In her new role, Margaret will still work with the Galileo Community to "ensure that the school will continue to thrive as one of the best high schools in San Francisco."

"I appreciate your support of the GAA and I hope they will continue to expand. They are so important for the school!"

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## **GAA BOARD SEEKS NEW FACES**

The Nominating Committee is searching for interested alumni to run for the GAA Board of Directors. The terms of 6 members expire this year and 1 position remains open.

Board meetings are held no more than 5 times a year at Galileo, starting at 6:30 PM. Please consider volunteering your time and energy to benefit other alumni and Galileo Academy.

If you'd like to be nominated for the Board of Directors, know of someone interested, or have any questions about what is involved, please contact Monica Kirkland ([monicadans@aol.com](mailto:monicadans@aol.com) or 916-725-1717) or Kay Michelis ([lmichelis@aol.com](mailto:lmichelis@aol.com) or 415-397-3899).

All GAA members present at the November meeting will vote on the ballot for Board of Directors. At that same meeting, Board members will elect a President and Treasurer. New Directors and Officers begin their terms in January, 2007.

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## **GAA MEMBERSHIP**

Did you know that less than half of you who receive this newsletter are members of GAA? Help us meet our goal of maintaining current contact information so we can keep you informed about Galileo and assist alumni who are planning reunions.

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If you haven't yet registered, please download a membership application at <http://galileoalumni.org/membership.html>, complete it, and mail it in today. We will welcome you as a member of the Galileo Alumni Association whether or not you send any money. While a tax deductible donation is requested, it is optional.

If you have any questions, contact Diane Cowart '55, Membership Chairperson, at [membership@galileoalumni.org](mailto:membership@galileoalumni.org).

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## Through The Telescope. . .



Where did our Indian Summer go? It used to be that September and October were the Bay Area's best weather months. In August, we had a heat wave and September has been spotty. While the rest of the Bay Area swelters, some parts of San Francisco have been overcast, windy and foggy.

Fall is the season for going back to school. It's also the time for leaves to turn and fall . . . like some senior citizens do when not watching where they're going. And it's the season of football. Need we say more?

Once again GAA Board members enjoyed an afternoon BBQ at President Jim Dresser's home in San Carlos. Hosts Jim and Jan saw to it that everyone had a good time.

Congrats to both outgoing Principal Margaret Chiu and incoming Principal Vicki Pesek (see articles above). Margaret has been promoted to Assistant Superintendent High School Division of the SFUSD, replacing Dr. Frank Tom, a Galileo grad, who is now Assistant Superintendent Equity Assurance. Margaret has been a staunch supporter of GAA since its inception, and we wish her well in her new position. Vicki's challenge is to continue the excellent tradition and accomplishments Margaret has achieved and to make Galileo even greater.

Belated congratulations also to Italy for winning the World Cup of *futbol* (that's soccer). Galileo Galilei must be smiling from above.

I recently discovered that another person in San Francisco was using my social security number on his credit card account . . . since 1996! Turns

**out no fraud was involved; the bank had made a typo – his number was one off mine.**

**The painter in you:** If you want to try your hand at being Jackson Pollock, the abstract painter, go to <http://www.jacksonpollock.org/> and move your mouse around and see what happens. It is amazing and a great creative tool.

**Recently hearing Sir Edward Elgar’s “Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1” and Giuseppe Verdi’s “Grand March” from *Aida* brought back memories of graduation day at both Marina Junior High School and Galileo.**

***Al fresco* dining:** The City of San Francisco announced that it would permit more businesses, including restaurants, to place tables and chairs on the sidewalk outside their establishments. This is good news for lovers of outdoor dining. There is nothing like *al fresco* dining. From barbecues to picnics and tailgate parties, eating outside stimulates the soul and the appetite. Europeans and Latin Americans have been doing it for years.

**The Guide Michelin has just completed its survey of Northern California restaurants. Its results will be announced this month.**

**Dining etiquette:** Conversation during a meal in a restaurant should revolve around the food, service, and atmosphere, never around politics, religion or gossip. These latter topics detract from the meal. Wine is a perfect conversation topic, especially when sharing a bottle. And love is the best topic of all.

**Joltin’ Joe hasn’t gone away:** The hottest new restaurant in San Francisco is Joe DiMaggio’s Italian Chophouse (see Renee Wade’s review below). Kay Michelis has been there multiple times, including an advance VIP night, Nina and Frank Clima have been there, Bill Dito was recently there, and I’ve been there twice and plan to go again and again. The atmosphere and the photos of Joe, Marilyn Monroe, and assorted baseball figures are not to be missed.

**Pet peeves:** 1) Stickers on fruits and vegetables. 2) “Your call is important to us. All our operators are busy assisting other customers. Please stay on the line, and your call will be answered by the first available operator in the order it was received.” If the call is so important, why don’t they answer live and immediately . . . like the good old days?

**My thought for the day is a wish for the entire year: The other day I found a youth's Muni fast pass on a bus. Rather than turn it in to the driver, I called the phone number that appeared on the holder. The youth's father answered and was so appreciative when I told him I was going to mail him the fast pass. Later I thought about what I had done, and it gave me great satisfaction that I helped someone. If everyone did one little good deed, think of all the joy it would spread around the community. And if nations did the same, the resulting harmony would be multi-fold. Keep this in mind as the holiday season approaches, and every day of every year spread a little joy.**

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## **Class of 2005!**

Jennie Phan, Business Vice President, announces that in order for her to contact you in the future, she would like to know your address or some other way of contacting you for the reunion. So when you do move within the next 15 years, please either inform her or any of the 2005 officers so they can provide you with reunion information. Please contact Jennie at [jenphan@sfsu.edu](mailto:jenphan@sfsu.edu) or [xlildeviliousx@yahoo.com](mailto:xlildeviliousx@yahoo.com). Also, before you forget, now is a good time to join GAA.

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## Galileo High School Spring and Fall Classes of 1971 - 35th Year Reunion

**Host:**        Galileo Reunion Planning Committee

**Location:** Hs Lordships Restaurant  
199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA

**When:**       Saturday, November 11, 2006 6:30 pm - midnight

**Contact:**    [galileo1971@pacbell.net](mailto:galileo1971@pacbell.net) or 650 754-0885

Calling all Mighty Lions from Galileo's spring and fall classes of 1971 to come celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> year reunion. This will be a momentous time to renew old friendships, relive memories and make new ones by spending a special evening together. Fabulous food, trips down memory lane via treasured pictures and

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**memorabilia, door prizes, fantastic live band and songs we love to dance to. Don't miss this "Evening to Remember!"**

**Limited Capacity - *one guest per alumnus***

**Early bird registration: \$80.00 per person, before July 31**

**\$100.00 per person Aug. 1 - Oct. 1**

**Final count due: Oct. 1**

**Checks to be made to: GALILEO CLASS of 1971**

**Send to: Galileo Reunion**

**c/o - Jeff Chow**

**305 Walnut St.**

**Redwood City, CA 94063**

**Can't come, but would like a Reunion yearbook? Order one for only \$20. You can also send in a picture of yourself to be included in the book. Send your check to the address listed for Jeff Chow. Check for an upcoming FAQs page on the GAA website [galileoalumni.org](http://galileoalumni.org).**

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## **1986/1987 CLASS REUNION**

**Casino Night...Come and celebrate an evening of reminiscing with old friends. Enjoy a dinner, dance, bar, game tables and an awesome fundraising raffle for our alma mater.**

**Saturday, October 21, 2006, 5:30PM-11:30PM**

### **VENUE:**

**ATRIUM Restaurant, 101 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94111**

**(415) 788-4101. Parking will be confirmed on the confirmation notice.**

### **COST:**

**\$86.00 per ticket, if postmarked by July 31, 2006**

**\$96.00 per ticket, if postmarked by August 31, 2006**

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**\$106.00 per ticket, if postmarked by September 30, 2006**

**(Tickets at the door are available only if space is available.)**

**A note from Leilani Spencer, Event Coordinator:** We have been approached by many graduates from the Class of 1987, so the committee has decided to include the Class of 1987 in our event. Our function is now known as Galileo High School Class Reunion for Classes of 1986 & 1987. Class of 1987 graduates can buy their tickets beginning July 1, 2006. Anyone interested please contact me at [Gal86@aol.com](mailto:Gal86@aol.com).

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# **SAN FRANCISCO NATIVE JAMBOREE**

**by Barbara Lombardi**

**The natives of San Francisco were certainly restless on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Patio Espanol.**

**The evening started with a cocktail reception and silent auction where people mingled and renewed old acquaintances and some even made new friends. People looked for bargains at the silent auction tables while munching on appetizers like smoked salmon, prosciutto, meatballs, frittata and other great selections. Then everybody moved into the large dining room and approximately 300 people roamed around looking for their group, school, family, friends or an empty table where they could enjoy the rest of the evening. More faces from the past were recognized and everybody settled and had a great dinner. The surprise of the night was having two desserts, one being the Coffee Crunch cake that Blum's was so famous for in the 50's. That was really the "San Francisco Treat"!**

**TV personalities Terry Lowry and Fred LaCosse were Masters of Ceremonies and several awards were presented. Washington and Presentation High Schools won for the most attendees and received \$500 a piece. There was a march of the Kings and Queens, one person from each high school marched in with their crowns and were introduced. It was quite a sight!**

There were roaming musicians, and people sang and laughed throughout the evening. The Galileo hymn was heard by all! Phone numbers and addresses were exchanged and everyone was in great spirits. The Kathy Holly Band took the stage and the dancing began. The party continued until 11PM and many didn't want it to end. There were long good byes with promises of "getting in touch".

Among the Galileo alumni who attended were Sylvia Boss (Gomez), Anna Capurro, Nina and Frank Clima, Pamela Cook, Tony Costagli, Jim Dresser, Dennis Eelen, Carmela Lombardi Hoffman, Mario Lombardi, Kay Michelis, Rena Molinari, Joe Scafidi, Cordy Surdyka, Carlin Vance, and John Zuffo.

The event was certainly a success, and the organizers and the volunteers should all be proud of themselves. Their hard work showed and was appreciated by all who attended. It was truly a night to remember!

Photos can be seen at [www.galileoalumni.org](http://www.galileoalumni.org) and <http://www.sfnativejamboree.com/>.

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## **Joe DiMaggio's Hits a Homerun!**

by Renee Mau Wade (1951)

It was a one in a million balmy night in San Francisco. I was meeting another Galileo alumnus at the new *Joe DiMaggio's Italian Chophouse* in North Beach. Opened in early July, this terrific restaurant and bar will certainly become a San Francisco landmark when the word gets out.

*Joe DiMaggio's* is new and sleek with great ambiance. The food is more than terrific. Greg and Victoria, two fantastic and ebullient *DiMaggio* bartenders served us. With their suggestions we had their popular Sausage Pizza topped off with a Café Biscotti dessert for a perfect night! You can find *DiMaggio's* at the same corner where the Fior D'Italia used to be (Union & Stockton). That corner will continue to provide great memories for us in San Francisco. Reservations: 415-421-5633.

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## **Las Vegas and 9/11**

Las Vegas was a ghost town right after 9/11, but T-shirts with fire department logos from all over the United States started showing up on the iron fence in front of the water feature on the corner of the New York New

**York Resort and Casino. As the crowds started coming back the transitory memorial kept getting larger and larger. Today the T-shirts have since been replaced at that corner with a permanent memorial to the brave firemen who lost their lives on that day in New York history.**

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## LETTERS

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### Southern California Alumna Wants to Contact Other Alumni for Get-Together

*Is it possible to get a list of email (or other) addresses of Galileo graduates who live in Southern California? I thought it might be nice to have a Southern California get-together at a place mutually decided upon. –Karla Zimmerman (Carol Halas), Class of June, 1948.*

Pres. Jim Dresser's answer: *Since GAA doesn't maintain separate lists of graduates by geographical area, you may want to write up something for the next Observer, asking that Galileo alumni who live in southern California get in touch with you if they're interested in a get-together. If you do organize a get-together, be sure to let GAA know so we can advertise it on the website <http://galileoalumni.org/homehtml> and in the newsletter.*

Ed. Note: To contact Karla, please email her at [Karlaz@msn.com](mailto:Karlaz@msn.com).

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***We wish all our alumni a very happy and healthy holiday season.***

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**October 7 – Roaring 50s Dinner, Sears Fine Food Restaurant, S.F., 5:30 PM**

**October 21 – 1986/1987 Class Reunion, Atrium Restaurant, S.F., 5:30 PM**

**October 28 – GAA/PTSA Dinner Dance & Silent Auction, Italian American Social Club, S.F., 6:30 PM**



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**November 9 – GAA Board Meeting, 6:30 PM, Room 210, Galileo Academy**

**November 11 – 1971 Class Reunion, Hs Lordships Restaurant, Berkeley, 6:30 PM**

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<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Web page templates**

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