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WELCOME TO 2007!

Message from the President:

Annual Drive

It's the start of a new year and GAA's annual membership drive is underway. To help us maintain current alumni contact information, please download a membership application <http://galileoalumni.org/membership.html> and mail it to GAA, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Personal information is never given out except to alumni who are planning Galileo class reunions.

We ask you to open your hearts, purses, and wallets and make a donation which is 100% tax deductible. To continue support for our school, an annual donation of \$25.00 is suggested, but many members give more and some less. All donations are appreciated, but because we don't want to exclude any alumni from membership, no fee is required to join.

Since its inception, GAA has held several fundraising events and used donations to respond to requests for assistance from Galileo staff and student groups. Costs of maintaining the website and producing and mailing the newsletter increase each year.

The success of GAA depends on your interest, your involvement, and your donations. Board members receive no perks or financial compensation from the money you donate. Board meetings are open to all alumni and dates are posted on the GAA website <http://galileoalumni.org/home.html>. We invite you to check there regularly for news and announcements.

If you are planning an alumni event or reunion, want to share something with other Lions, or have any questions about GAA, contact Board members at <http://galileoalumni.org/committee.html>. We cordially invite your participation and suggestions.

Please consider volunteering your time and energy to benefit other alumni and Galileo Academy by becoming a Board member or joining a committee. Now's the time to step forward with your energy and ideas to keep GAA alive!

Thank you for your support.

Jim Dresser '51

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GAA/PTSA's DINNER DANCE/AUCTION **A SUCCESS**

The GAA and PTSA held a joint dinner dance and auction on October 28th at the Italian American Social Club in the outer Mission district. Attendees included alumni, parents and faculty. A raffle and silent auction were held. The Club served a delicious sit-down dinner including wine, and there was dancing afterwards. Galileo alumni, parents, friends and supporters had a great time bidding on over 125 different items, finding treasures and holiday gifts at bargain prices. The proceeds went to support Galileo students. Fred Tooker was one of the big winners at the live auction, taking home the Legacy Golf Resort Phoenix, Arizona package at half price.

Jerry Courtney, Assistant Principal of Galileo, acted as MC and auctioneer. Jim Dresser, GAA President, welcomed the group and introduced Galileo Principal Vicki Pesek who thanked GAA and PTSA for their fundraising efforts on behalf of students at Galileo and she introduced Linda Lau, PTSA President.

Attendance was 9% staff, 27% parents and 64% alumni. GAA's net profit from the event and alumni contributions was \$1,500. At the request of Vicki Pesek, a check for this amount will be presented to the Pendulum at a luncheon in February (see article below). PTSA's net profit from the auction, as well as contributions made directly to them by alumni, parents, and friends, was \$5,300.

Thanks go to Cordy Surdyka (1953), GAA Public Relations Chair, and her committee for arranging the dinner dance and to Linda Lau, PTSA President, and her committee for organizing the auction. A note of appreciation also goes to GAA members who made cash donations to benefit Galileo: Joseph Borg (1959), Irwin Gibbs (1942), Peggy Hill (retired teacher), Al (1950) and Joyce (1952) Massucco, Lorin Scola (1951), Jerome Solari (1946), Fred Tooker (1951), and Ronald Yee (1965).

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GAA to Give Donation to Galileo at Luncheon

The Galileo Alumni Association will present the profits from last October's GAA/PTSA joint dinner dance/auction to the school at a ceremonial luncheon in the Galileo library on February 12th. Present will be key luminaries from the school along with Jim Dresser, GAA President, and several Board members. GAA will present \$1,500 to the *Pendulum*, Galileo's school newspaper.

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Board Approves Dragon Boat Club Donation

At this month's GAA Board meeting, the Board approved a \$500 donation to the Galileo Dragon Boat Team. The request for funding came from Eugene Wing, Associated Student Body Advisor, and Jeffrey Kwong, President of the Celestial Dragons. GAA has donated funds to the Dragon Boat Team the past two years.

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Board Member Changes

At the November 2006 GAA meeting, Tora Minor Isi (1954) and Ron Sligar (1952) were elected to serve on the GAA Board of Directors. Recently, Bernard Valdez (1949) and Diane Wall Cowart (1965) resigned from the Board for personal reasons. Monica Parenti Kirkland (1963) will replace Diane as Membership Chair.

Board Announces Meeting Dates for 2007

The Board of Directors generally meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM in Room 210 at Galileo Academy. In 2007, meetings will be held in January, March, June, September and November 2007. Note that the March meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM with a no host luncheon to follow. All alumni are welcome to attend the meetings.

Galileo Academy's Open House – Multicultural Night

[May 16, 2006](#)

4:30-7:30 pm International Cuisine

- Treat your family to delicious international food (American, Chinese & Mexican), drinks & desserts at affordable prices!
- Food sale sponsored by Galileo PTSA. Proceeds to benefit Galileo students!

5:30-6:00 PM Registration

6:00-7:00 PM Multicultural Performance in Auditorium

- Cultural songs and dances performed by our talented students
- Exciting door prize giveaways!

7:00-7:30 pm Academic Fair for students & parents:

NOMINATIONS FOR SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Galileo Sports Hall of Fame committee is seeking outstanding athletes in every sport – women and men of all ages – for induction in 2007. The criteria for nomination are listed on the form which you can download at http://galileoalumni.org/GALILEO_HALL_OF_FAME_Nom_Form.doc.

Nominate an exceptional athlete by completing the form and mailing it. After a nomination is received, the committee will send a letter to the nominee with a questionnaire and a request for documentation supporting his/her athletic accomplishments. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Ertola at sportshalloffame@galileoalumni.org.

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

It's not too late to make a nomination. The committee will consider any nominations that are received during the next few weeks. And please save April 28, 2007, for the annual awards dinner at the South San Francisco Elks Club.

Message from the Sports Hall of Fame Committee

Can You Help Locate Past Honorees?

We are looking for information about the following members of the Galileo Sports Hall of Fame. If you know how to contact them, please email president@galileoalumni.org or mail to Galileo Alumni Association, Sports Hall of Fame Committee, 1150 Francisco St., San Francisco, CA 94109. Thanks for your help.

Rod Andrews, Dave Barni, Wayne Beasley, Mike Bellanca, Tracy Brown, Ray Carmassi, Ken Chelini, Frank Chiu, Ralph Cicurel, Joe Confi, Markey Crane, Lawrence Damato, Larry Dee, Mike Delgado, Bill Denser, Angelo Dillon, Robert Domergue, Oscar Donahue, Ann Curtis

Dougherty, Harland Eastwood, Peter Fay, Mark Ferguson, Paul Flores, Ray Forniciari, Joe Gallagher, Nick Haloski, John Hazen, Milton Jang, Gordon Jones, George Lapin, Connie Louie, Frank Lucchesi, Henry Luke, George Lum, James McClanahan, Ruckins McKinley, Jean Michaelis, Lou Micheli, John Norris, Henry Paris, Reno Rapagnani, Vince Sanchez, Anastasia Scott, Art Sheehan, O.J. Simpson, Roy Smalley, Solon Sodelis, Carl Spirz, Ted Spirz, Norman Thompson, and Larry Weber.

62nd Homecoming Song and Yell Contest

by Eugene Wing, Associated Student Body Advisor

On October 20, 2006, the 62nd Homecoming Song and Yell Contest was held in the Galileo football stadium with 2300 students and 200 teachers and alumni in attendance. The temperature was quite warm - around 80 degrees.

Distinguished judges were **Jim Dresser** ('51), President of the Galileo Alumni Association; **Mario Lombardi** ('50), former ASB President and All-City Basketball Player; Dr. **Mary Ann Jones** ('79), President of Black Student Union and All-City Track player; **Dan Yee**, retired teacher and Galileo's current tennis coach; **Kimberly Merletti**, member of Fisherman's Wharf Rotary Club, Galileo's adopted business-school partner; **Jean Chow**, Manager for Fisherman's Wharf Hyatt Hotel, site of the Autumn/Winter Ball; **Rosanne Strano**, Wells Fargo Bank manager, who donated \$1000 to Galileo in honor of former students who worked at the bank; and former Principal **Margaret Chiu**, who was honored by ASB and presented with a Galileo gold medal.

Classes were rated on 5 different events: Fight Song, Lion's Whisper, Skits, Big "G" Yell, and Galileo Hymn. Judging also included the number of student body cards and homecoming dance tickets purchased. When scores were tallied, the Senior Class came in first place, and the Freshman Class came in second. All in all, it was a spirited event enjoyed by everyone there.

An Important Message from the Membership Committee

Missing Alumni

During a recent mailing from the Galileo Alumni Association, several envelopes were returned as "unknown" or "moved with no forwarding address". Since we can only obtain current information when we are notified, we assume you

overlooked the Galileo Alumni Association when you provided your new address to important people, groups or organizations.

If your name appears below, please contact us with your current information. Contact information can be sent to GAA, 1150 Francisco Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, or emailed to membership@galileoalumni.org.

If you know the alumni below, please have them contact the Galileo Alumni Association with updated information. This will enable us to get information to them in the future. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sadja Altaf (2003), Eugene Amendola (1951), Truc Le (2003), Sally Patterson Logan (1955), Danny Ma (2003), Cynthia Behar Morrow (1994), Sean Tripi (1994), Flora Wong (?), Stephanie Wong (1994).

Through The Telescope. . .



Here we are, starting a new year and the fifth year for the *Galileo Observer*. I remember when we were at a board meeting, deciding what to call our newsletter. Various suggestions were made, mostly by me, and the Board voted to call it the *Observer*. It proved to be a good name. Several newspapers are called the *Observer*, but in our case the word has a special meaning. Galileo Galilei observed the stars as the Lion is doing in our logo. We hope to do a lot of observing during 2007 and reporting to you, our cherished alumni.

In 1950 when I was the *Pendulum* editor, our budget was low, as it is today, so Faculty Advisor and journalism teacher Roger Holmes Wood suggested we publish a mimeographed paper, and we called it *The Galileo Star*. After a short duration, we went back to publishing the *Pendulum*.

The Newest Baby: First we had AT&T ballpark, then SBC Park, and then the new DeYoung Museum, and now San Francisco's newest baby is the Conservatory of Music on Oak Street near Market. A perfect location near the other music venues. Check it out; they have several free concerts and recitals.

Hallelujah! This year daylight savings time will begin on March 11 and end on November 4, making for a longer season in the sun.

If you enjoyed "The DaVinci Code" by Dan Brown, then read "Angels and Demons", his first book and an equally good read. Galileo Galilei figures prominently in the plot.

And speaking of Galileo, why is it that he is always referred to by his first name? Other famous scientists such as Darwin, Newton, and Einstein are referred to by their last name. Is it because the Italians used their first names (Leonardo, Michelangelo)? But then what about Boticelli, Machiavelli, and Columbus? A mystery to me. Whatever works, I guess.

Note to Spring Valley School alumni: 2007 marks the school's 155th anniversary. The Principal encourages all alumni to send in their memoirs. Submit them to: Lonnie K. Chin, Principal, 1451 Jackson Street, San Francisco 94109.

Cable car nostalgia: I used to take the cable car to Galileo. Finishing breakfast, I'd hear the car on the tracks going up Hyde Street, I'd grab my books, run out and catch it before it reached Vallejo Street. On the way back, I'd jump off in the middle of the block. My favorite conductor was Barney, a crusty old man who was like a trusted friend. Now, they don't let you board except at intersections. Women and children were not allowed to stand on the outside running boards. Today anyone can ride outside, even young kids.

Turkey Bowl Stats: Since 1924, the annual Thanksgiving Day high school football championship game has been won 15 times by Galileo, tied with Polytechnic, which no longer exists. Poly last won the championship in 1959. Up to that time Galileo had won only 3 times. Galileo's longest streak was from 1988 to 1990 when they won 3 years in a row. Lowell is second with 14 titles, followed by Balboa with 10.

The Joan Lucchesi Ertola Scholarship will no longer be available for Galileo students. It is now being offered to St. Mary's College students, where Joan and Ron Ertola's two sons attended.

Look-a-likes: Actor Matt Damon and Quarterback Tom Brady. Both have a Boston connection.

Until next time . . .

We the People . . .

Government at work at Galileo

by Dee Ann Falwell Morgan (1953)

"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion." Thomas Jefferson

In a recent competition, students from Rosemarie Langley's government class at Galileo clearly established that they are being enlightened and informed!

The students are seated at a table facing a panel of judges who ask the team a question: **"What are the philosophical and historical foundations of the American Political System?"** The timer signals to begin and the students "testify" in a 4-minute prepared response presenting such ideas as natural rights, state of nature, classical republicanism and the influence of Locke and Montesquieu. The four minutes are up and now the judges begin to ask follow-up questions of the team for an additional 6 minutes.

"Which views have been more influential during the course of U.S. history, natural rights philosophy or classical republicanism?" asks one judge. **"In times of crisis is it appropriate for the government to limit individual rights in order to promote the common good?"** asks another. Away go any notes the students may have for they must answer from their own knowledge and understanding of the questions put forth. The students respond, displaying their grasp of the foundations of our Constitution, citing examples to back up their opinions, precedents, sometimes relevant Supreme Court decisions or quotes from Framers and other influential statesmen. After the 6-minute question and answer portion is over, the judges give the students feedback.

But this isn't the end. Another team moves up to the table and the process begins again, only this time the question might be **"How Did the Values and Principles Embodied in the Constitution Shape American Institutions and Practices?"** or **"How Have the Protection of the Bill of Rights Been Developed and Expanded?"** In fact, the entire class is divided into six teams, each team becoming an expert on one of the six units in the *We the People...The Citizen and the Constitution* text.

The government class of Galileo teacher Rosemarie Langley studied the Constitution and the Bill of Rights using the *We the People...* program in the fall semester, and on December 1, "testified" at City Hall as expert witnesses in a simulated congressional hearing. The students confidently gave their testimony and responded to questions asked by "judges" ranging from attorneys to constitutional scholars and law professors. As the students demonstrated their knowledge of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, it was clear that they not only understood the principles of the Constitution, but they could also evaluate these principles and apply them to contemporary issues, rationally and convincingly support their opinions, and respectfully disagree with a fellow team member. They have definitely gone beyond dates and data, and have moved into an in-depth display of critical thinking at its best!

Rosemarie, who has been using *We the People...* for several years, says that the competition gives students the opportunity to apply concepts to real life issues and helps them appreciate the principles contained in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. **"This year has been especially relevant and exciting with the election, the war and other political issues,"** says Rosemarie.

Rosemarie's students agree. **"Preparing for this competition, really helped me understand the Constitution,"** says Linda. **"I really liked the feeling of accomplishment after working so hard."** Tiffany states, **"Preparing for this competition has certainly prepared me for the political world outside Galileo."**

Bhumil believes that he has learned more about the Constitution and the Framers than he had ever learned before, and Diana sums it up nicely with her statement: **“The history of our country has always been a blur to me, but through this competition it has become clearer than ever before.”**

Rosemarie adds, **“The students could see the need for topics they were studying in real time rather than just as dusty old history. They saw separation of powers, due process, habeas corpus, social contract and the Bill of Rights as affecting their lives. They really understood why the Founding Fathers were divided on the concept of a powerful central government and that our Constitution is a living entity”.**

The success of the ***We the People...*** program is reflected in a study the Center for Civic Education undertook in 2005 of alumni of the program. 91% of alumni vote, and as compared to college freshmen not involved in ***We the People...***, alumni also read more newspapers, watch more TV news programs, volunteer on campaigns and believe that they can influence the direction of government. This comes as no surprise to those who work with this program. The goal of the ***We the People...*** program is to increase young people’s understanding of Constitutional democracy and their rights and responsibilities as citizens. An anecdote helps illustrate the effect of ***We the People...*** on students. In 2000, the team winning the National Competition in Washington D.C. was having a conversation with another team regarding fake I.D.’s. A student from the winning team said the whole team really wanted a fake I.D. so that they could use it to vote! The goal of the program is clearly being met by students all over the United States.

Alexis de Tocqueville was fearful that in a democracy people “will become so enamored with their rights that they will forget their responsibility as citizens to monitor and influence the direction of government.” Without a doubt, the Galileo students in Rosemarie’s class not only understand what their rights are, but also what they need to do to become ***“We the People...”*** the first words in the Preamble to the Constitution.

The Republic of Texas

by Renee Mau Wade (1951)

You don’t need a passport to enter Texas, but don’t be surprised if that happens some day. Texas entered the United States with the agreement that it could leave at any time. Texas can also fly the Texas flag at the same height as the American flag.

A lot of Californians have moved here. You can sell your house, bring your money and buy a mansion with a dock on a lake for about \$400,000 MOL. The realtors don’t tell you that the tax rate is 2.89 % plus MUD taxes and association fees. You can buy a new small house for \$110,000 or a bigger one at 2100 square feet for \$160,000. The closer you are to Houston, the higher the price. You can check the market by going to www.Realtor.com and enter the city you’re interested in to get an idea of what property is worth all over the US.

Freeways have “feeder roads” which are roads that run parallel to the freeway, one way on either side with on and off ramps.

The elections here have no sample ballot sent out. I did not see any pre election information except what was on TV. A voting postcard is sent out every year and then you have to figure out where and how you vote.

The grass is really crab grass that dies in the winter.

The funeral notices run to four and five pages daily with long tributes and pictures of the departed. Pages and more pages with brides’ pictures and stories are also the norm. Comics run four pages daily. Religion gets a large news section every week.

Liquor is still not sold in some counties except at government-controlled stores. In the rest of Texas you can only buy beer and wine in the supermarkets. Hard liquor is only found in the few liquor stores.

What they say about the Southern women is the truth; they are so very charming. Most of the Southern men still think they live in the 1950’s.

The best thing in Texas is Joel Osteen the minister. The Lakewood Church bought the Compaq Center in Houston and fills its 15,000-seat church three times on Sunday with other services during the week. He is on TV and can be seen in California, twice on Sunday. He has a beautiful soul and is truly inspirational. There are multiple TV channels devoted just to religion. There are churches everywhere. I can’t help wonder why Texans carry guns.

The worst thing is the weather, hot and humid most of the time. California is heaven in comparison, which makes this ...

Claudine “Cookie” Woeber (1932 – 2006)

Claudine “Cookie” Woeber, a Galileo graduate of 1950, passed away on October 29, 2006, in Marin County. Cookie was one of the original alumni involved in the Galileo Alumni Association and was a faithful alumna during her entire life. A Catholic Mass was held on November 6th at Saints Peter and Paul Church. Her sister, Giovanna DiTano Gaskell, a Galileo graduate of 1951, sang Schubert’s *Ave Maria* and Franck’s *Panis Angelicus* at the ceremony. A memorial lunch was served afterwards at the Italian Athletic Club.

Cookie was born into a musical family. Her mother was the well-known opera voice coach Norma DiTano. Cookie played the piano and was in

and around music all her life. She also loved art, creating works in many media. This love of art was matched only by her love of animals.

By profession, Cookie was a court reporter, and she holds the record for most words per minute, 321, on the steno machine.

These words from the eulogy sum up Cookie's life: "From your mothering hands you gave countless hugs and caresses to those you loved. From your working hands you did important work that helped others with their troubles. From your healing hands you gave nurture and comfort to the sick or sad. From your artistic hands you created things of beauty to uplift our spirits. From your musical hands you created song that brought joy into our lives. Now it is time for those busy hands to rest."

GALILEO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Annual Financial Statement

January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006

BALANCE FORWARD \$9,651.99

INCOME

Membership donations (New members)	\$1,430.00
Membership donations (Renewals)	3,820.00
Donation – Richard Bechelli challenge	1,000.00
Donation – Galileo Reunion	6,500.00
Bank interest	.33
Fund Raiser – GAA/PTSA Dinner Dance	5,250.00
Fund Raiser – Belasco Theatre	780.00

TOTAL INCOME \$18,780.33

EXPENSES

State Filing fees	\$70.00
Web Site	200.16
Office – stationery, copying, and postage	1,124.22
Membership cards	185.40
Bank charges	3.00
Fund Raiser – Belasco Theatre	560.00
Fund Raiser - GAA/PTSA Dinner Dance	4,845.71
Sports Hall of Fame – Comp. four dinners	188.00
Donation to Galileo – Galileo Reunion	6,500.00

Donation to Galileo – Bechelli challenge	2,040.00
Donation to Galileo – Galileo Dragon Boat Team	500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,216.49
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BALANCE AS OF 12/31/06	\$12,215.83
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SOLARI ENDOWMENT FUND

BALANCE	December 31, 2006	\$15,571.82
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Submitted by:
Joe Scafidi
Treasurer, GAA

LETTERS

Thank you for the latest Galileo Observer. They are a joy to read. I am a graduate of the Fall '47 class. (This year is) the 60th anniversary of our graduation. Are there any plans for a celebration? If so, count me in. –Anstell Daini Ricossa (1947)

Ed. Note: We know of no 60th class reunions for the class of 1947. However, that is not to say that readers of this publication might be planning a reunion, in which case they should contact you at anstellron@sbcglobal.net.

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Many thanks for your informative and upbeat newsletter. Certainly appreciate all the effort it must take in collecting all the information and then putting it out in a single document and without anything repeated or redundant. If I were in the Bay Area I would be camped on your doorstep and certainly would contribute more than just sitting here in the East and making comments. I wish you and the Association continued success in keeping the Galileo spirit alive there and here on the East Coast. Stay well. – George Paxson (1959)

Ed. Note: We try our best to keep each issue bright, lively, timely, and full of new material. Being on the East Coast should not keep you from contributing to the *Observer*, as you have done with your letter. We always welcome comments and suggestions from our readers, and you are invited to submit material that you think will be of interest to other alumni.

As editor your job is certainly not easy with the diversity of readers you have, nor should anyone expect you to be able to please everyone. To be sure I'll look forward to future editions, and thank you for the invitation to provide articles/input/comments. Keep up the good work. – George Paxson (1959)

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Thank you very much for your article on Ed Belasco. The information was shared with several.

In 1949-50, a group decided to form a “secret”, keep-it-quiet sorority type group, The A.G.E. 's (Alpha Gamma Epsilon). There were fifteen of us by June, 1950. Every year since graduation in June, 1950, eleven of the A.G.E.s have met three to four times a year for a get together. Fifty-six years of this association is a great achievement. Those living in Marin or San Francisco get together weekly or monthly and others talk on the telephone. We recently had lunch at Il Fornaio in Corte Madera. Some need to travel 2 - 2-1/2 hours for an occasion. Distance is never an encumbrance. Three A.G.E.s have moved to the Midwest and one is deceased.

The A.G.E.s are: Beverly Lowe Imsick, Janet Albertoli Paige, Marie Navarro Gandolfo, MyraJean Cafasso Fonseca, Rita Nicolai Wilson, Ruth Traverso Titus, Carol Bacigalupi Toschi, LaVerne LaRocca Schultz, Marie Russo DeMartini, Norma Beber-Vanzo Sweeny, and Rosalie Cricchio Guerrini.

On several Marin get togethers, Margaret Mosca DelGrande and Clara Celoni Tallarico (June, '50) socialized with us. From time to time, summer homes are visited, too. There were other quiet groups: The Gammas (girls), the Bruins (boys), and another boys' group. There is now in 2007 a small group of June, '50 alumni who meet in Marin for bocce ball on Mondays. Norma BVS and I have been best of friends since 1937, starting with kindergarten at Sherman Grammar School, then Marina Junion High, and Galileo. Each of us taught in the elementary schools in San Francisco until our retirement. LaVerne LaRocca Schultz celebrated her 75th birthday in November at the San Francisco Italian Athletic Club. There were family and many acquaintances (alumni of the 50s and North Beach friends). – Myra Jean Cafasso Fonseca (1950)

Ed. Note: Only in San Francisco . . . outsiders (people living in other cities and states) are constantly amazed at the long term relationships of San Franciscans and especially Galileans. We know of several groups that meet regularly for lunch and/or dinner. Also refer to my item in Through the Telescope above for the 155th anniversary celebration of Spring Valley School where many Galileo alumni received their early education.

Note: All letters are subject to editing for clarity, grammar and punctuation without distorting the content.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(Additional information on these and other events at
<http://galileoalumni.org/home.html>.)

February 12, 2007 – GAA/PTSA/Staff Luncheon, Presentation of Donations, Galileo Library

March 8, 2007 – GAA Board Meeting & Working Session, 9:30 AM, Room 210, Galileo Academy

April 28, 2007 – Galileo Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, Elks Club, South San Francisco.

May 16, 2007 – Open House – Multicultural Night, Galileo Academy

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Volunteer Help Wanted: Web Designer

The Galileo Alumni Association webmaster has big plans for the website <http://galileoalumni.org/> and needs help. The webmaster, [Vaughn Spurlin](#), is a highly experienced software engineer, with basic web design skills. As anyone can see, the GAA site could be lots snappier. But Vaughn's goals go way beyond that, towards an open source project that would look great on anyone's resume. Look around at other nonprofit websites, and you'll see a real need for better site building tools. Let's build up the GAA site, and use the experience to create a high quality package that can serve all the needs of small nonprofit organizations anywhere on the planet.

³⁵₁₇ **Web page templates**

³⁵₁₇ **Information architecture framework**

³⁵₁₇ Content management, so nontechnical team members can publish web updates
³⁵₁₇ Membership database, available for remote updates by organization officers
³⁵₁₇ more ...

To explore this opportunity further, email the [Webmaster](#) and we'll talk about it.

WRITERS/REPORTERS WANTED!

For articles and stories on alumni, events, whereabouts of graduates for this newsletter. No mastery of English required, just your willingness to communicate and participate. Contact the Editor.

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If you would like to promote your Galileo event on the GAA website <http://www.galileoalumni.org/>, please send information to galileoobserver@aol.com and/or webmaster@galileoalumni.org.

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