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Omnilore News is published six times annually. We welcome short feature articles and news stories. Contact any of the staff members with your contributions.

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Spring Study/Discussion Groups to Start Week of January 16

Eight study-discussion groups will be offered during the spring semester, which begins the week of January 16 and ends the week of June 9. Course offerings are as follows:

The Creators; Great Figures Who Have Created Our Cultural Heritage will meet the first and third Monday mornings with John Vehrencamp and Lindie Banks as co-coordinators.

Great Composers Part II will meet the first and third Thursdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. with Lorraine Nagy and Clarkia Wilson as co-coordinators.

Roman Emperors will meet the first and third Tuesday mornings with Muriel and Fred Kiefer as co-coordinators.

Genes and All That, a Look at the Biotechnology Revolution will meet the first and third Thursdays from 10 a. m. to noon with Emil Raulin as coordinator.

The Writers' Workshop Part II will meet the first and third Thursday afternoons with Margart Koch as coordinator.

Curing the Mind, a Look at the Present State of Therapeutic Psychology will meet the second and fourth Thursday afternoons with Elyse Boozer as coordinator..

Theories of Evolution - Answering Critics and Doubters will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. with Jim O'Neill and Edith Garvey as co-coordinators.

Nietzsche will meet the second and fourth Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. with Dean Dwyer and Kathy Fitzgerald as co-coordinators.



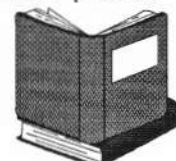
SUMMER TOPICS

Although the spring session is just beginning, the Curriculum Committee is already at work planning for the summer session. If you have any suggestions for summer offerings, please submit them to your current coordinator or directly to the Curriculum Committee headed by Bert Cutler.

Final Date for Submission of Study/Discussion Topics is January 26.

TASK BOOK COMPLETED - VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

The Omnilore Task Book, which outlines and describes every volunteer task performed by Omnilore members to keep the organization functioning smoothly, has been completed by outgoing president John Taber and his board of directors. Copies of the Organization Chart, task descriptions and current job openings are available for members' perusal on the coffee table. As you fill your cup during class break, take a look at the book, and if you have not yet volunteered for a task, select one that suits your interests and call incoming president Whit Wilson at 541-1323 to volunteer.





Next Current Topics Discussion to Focus on Welfare Reform

The third meeting of the Current Topics discussion group will be held Thursday, January 12 from noon to 2 p.m. in Classroom 7.

The discussion topic for this meeting will be "Do We Need Welfare Reform; and if so, What Type of Reform".

Under the leadership of Marilyn Denno, current topic session are open to all OmniLore members; and require no core readings. The only preparation required is the willingness to share your thoughts with other interested OmniLore members.

Participants are invited to bring a bag lunch. Coffee will be provided.

Everyone Can Help Someone as a Volunteer

The Volunteer Center of South Bay has an excellent brochure designed to help you determine what volunteer tasks are required within our communities that are compatible with your abilities. To get a copy of this brochure contact:

The Volunteer Center of South Bay
 1230 Cravens Avenue
 Torrance, Ca. 90501
 (310) 212-5009
 Monday through Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sanctity of Membership Mailing List

Several times a year OmniLore distributes a current list of members' names, addresses and phone numbers. We assume that members will use these lists specifically and solely for OmniLore purposes.

Please do not use these for mailings or phone contacts of any kind that are not directly related to OmniLore activities.

If you have any questions about the propriety of a mailing, please first clear such a mailing with the OmniLore president or vice president.

Lois Buchanan Answers Call for Koffee Kloset Mistress

by Edith Gawrey

Cecelia Carroll, who has been keeping our Koffee Kloset supplies, has had to resign from her duties. We all thank you, Cecelia, for providing the necessary items for our "break time" during our group discussions. How many discussions have continued over that cup of coffee or tea?

Lois Buchanan heard the call for a replacement and answered it immediately. To Lois we say a warm "thank you" and a glad welcome as she joins the group of volunteers who help keep OmniLore running smoothly.

SOME THOUGHTS ON CHANGE

Doing things better often means changing the way you do things. Change is often feared. Consider this portion of a letter written in 1829 by Martin Van Buren (then Governor of New York) to President Andrew Jackson.

1829

Dear Mr. Jackson;

The Canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as "railroads" The federal government must preserve the canals for the following reasons:

- If canal boats are supplanted by "railroads" serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, repairmen, boat builders and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed in growing hay for horses.

- Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In the event of the expected trouble with England, the Erie Canal would be the only means by which we could ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

The government should create an Interstate Commerce Commission to protect the American people from the evils of "railroads" and to preserve the canals for posterity.

As you may well know, Mr. President, "railroad" carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by "engines" which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children.

The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.

Martin Van Buren



Omnilore Profiles

Elyse Boozer

Vice President - Administration

Elyse Boozer is that rare creature; a child of Los Angeles. Although she was born in Weehawken, New Jersey, she came to Los Angeles by train at the age of two. Raised by a single mother who earned her living doing photographic touch up work at the Hollywood studios, Elyse grew up as a latch-key child in the Palms-Culver City area.

During the McCarthy era, her mother was blacklisted by the studios for registering as a member of the Progressive Party which backed Henry Wallace for president. She subsequently went to work for Paul Hesse, Sunset Strip photographer.

Although her mother was no longer associated with the motion picture industry, Elyse was. As a star-struck youngster who lived just two blocks from MGM, she spent her days collecting autographs at the back gate of the MGM studios, winding up with six star-studded autograph books.

As a result of having skipped three grades in elementary school, Elyse found herself surrounded by a much older peer group and made her friends among the pages of books. She entered high school at the age of 12; and after entering junior college a few years later, she decided to pursue the self-taught path to education. A voracious reader, she was interested in everything from volcanoes to indigenous people.

After an early marriage and motherhood, she divorced and went to work as a girl Friday. She remarried, had a son, and returned to work at Litton Industries in 1961. She began her 31-year stint at Litton as a clerk, worked her way up in the supervisory ranks and retired two years ago as a manager.

Becoming interested in travel after her second divorce, Elyse planned one special trip a year. Her son's

favorite was the raft trip they took together down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon the summer he was 14 years old. In the two years since her retirement, Elyse has chalked up a dozen trips. In addition, she does volunteer work for the National Kidney Foundation. She became a volunteer after doing a hand-holding stint in the Surgical Waiting Area at UCLA Hospital.

Her California daughter recently retired from the Navy after serving 24 years and is raising a four year old daughter. In addition to visiting them, Elyse enjoys traveling to Wellesley, Massachusetts where her son, the vice-president of a software firm, lives with his wife, two year old son, and two month old daughter.

Elyse's favorite trip since retirement was the tour of Russia she took last summer. Because she expressed so much interest in off-the-beaten-path experiences, the tour guide in St. Petersburg took her on her own to see many non-tourist sights; and the two still correspond. To date Elyse has participated in four Elderhostels. At the moment she is looking forward to spending two weeks at the end of January at Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA of the Rockies in Colorado where she will be taking classes in snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

Hike Set For January 27

Take
a
Hike!



Omniloreans who wish to hike locally are invited to participate in the Omnilore picnic-hike set for Friday, January 27.

Hikers will meet at the Palos Verdes Interpretive Center in Rancho Palos Verdes at noon with

their brown-bag lunches; and will hike from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Participants are reminded to wear walking shoes.

In the event of rain, the hike will be canceled. The hike will be led by outgoing president John Taber, veteran Sierra Club hiker.

(note: the interpretive Center is located near the intersection of Hawthorne Boulevard and Palos Verdes Drive West.)

Upcoming Events

An Evening of Folk Singing



An evening of folk singing will take place Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, located at Manhattan Beach and

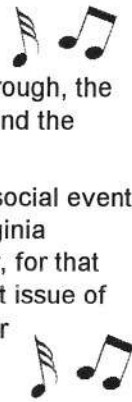
Aviation Boulevard.

Featured performers will include Glenn Yarbrough, the Limelighters and the Kingston Trio.

An Omnilore social event is being planned by Virginia Levanas, social director, for that evening. Check the next issue of the newsletter for further details on this event.

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Comments and input can be sent to

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CALENDAR



January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 5	Swearing in of Officers - Board of Directors Meeting
January 13	Fall Session Ends
January 16	Spring Session Begins
January 26	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Topic Suggestions
January 30	Deadline for Spring Membership Fee (<i>new members only</i>)
February 2	Board of Directors Meeting
February 13	Deadline for March Newsletter
February 14	VALENTINE'S DAY
March 9	Board of Directors Meeting
March 6-17	Distribution of Summer Study/Discussion Registration Forms
March 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY
March 24	Deadline for Summer Study/Discussion Registration



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