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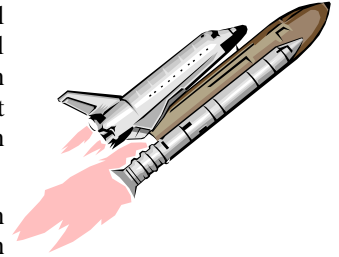
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## Space Scientist To Speak At Forum

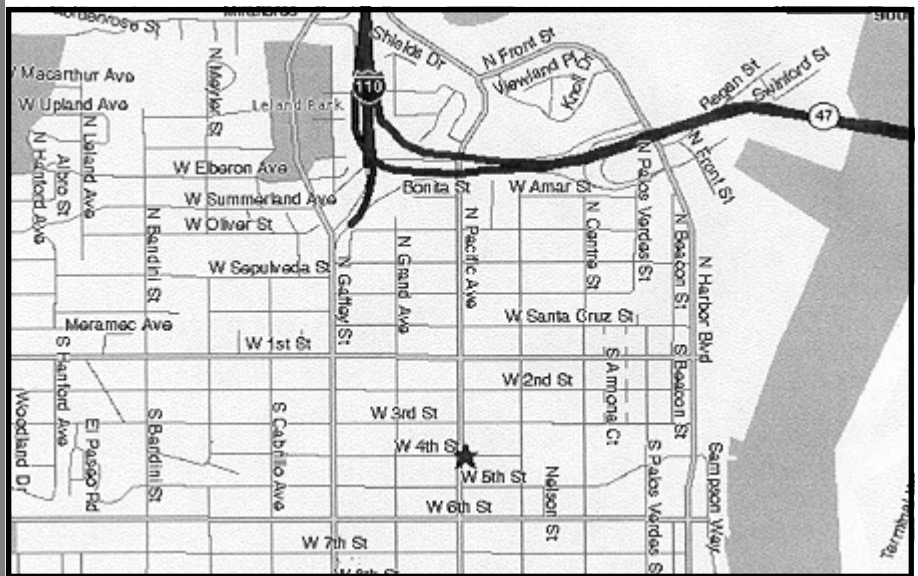
Fritz Runge, retired director of the McDonnell Douglas International space station program, will discuss *Manned Space Flights* at a Forum luncheon to be held Tuesday, February 29th at 11:30 a.m. at Raffaello Ristorante, 400 S. Pacific Avenue, San Pedro.



Runge will provide an update of space activities in earth orbit, including his work in the early launch years with Wherner Von Brauns. During his 48 years in the industry, Runge's assignments ranged from managing performance surveillance improvement techniques to directing space station weather studies.

Persons attending the luncheon are advised that although the restaurant is located on Fourth Street, there is no signal at that intersection; and that they should turn off Gaffey Street on Fifth Street (southeast corner of Gaffey). An Italian buffet will be featured including chicken marsala, two pastas, bruchetta, and spumoni. Cost is \$15 per person. Inasmuch as parking in the lot is limited, valet parking is available.

Deadline on reservations is February 15th. Persons planning to attend are asked to fill out the reservation form on the third page of this newsletter and either put it with their check in the Treasurer's box in the classroom, or mail it to Lindie Banks, 220 The Village, #303, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-2557. Checks should be made out to FRIENDS OF OMNILORE.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin

When I first heard of a local Learning In Retirement group, I was not sure what it would be like. After hearing a little about how OMNIOLORE operates and later joining, I felt I had done the right thing. After joining a few study groups and hearing the presentations, I *knew* I had done the right thing!

Now that I have reviewed newsletters from other groups around the country and after attending an ALIROW

conference and having an opportunity to share and hear how other organizations operate, I am more enthused than ever about OMNIOLORE and the opportunities we have and our future. We have a lot of freedom as to our schedule and facilities and no parking problems. Some organizations have a parking fee which is greater than their annual dues! We also heard of some features that others have that sounded very interesting and that we may be able to work into our organization. Meanwhile, I am very pleased with the Board members and chairpersons that we have; they are

enthusiastic and are doing a great job. We have a lot of good people, and I want to encourage some of our newer members to attend our Board meetings and to consider taking on leadership positions in the future.

We have much to be thankful for, and I wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season and a great New Year and the start of an exciting New Millennium.



### E-Mail Update

Please add the following e-mail changes to your e-mail roster:

Lindie Banks: lindiebanks@aol.com  
Marge Winston: blakeholly@aol.com  
Mary Barling: m.barling@worldnet.net

### OMNIOLOREANS PARTICIPATE IN THINK TANK

By Helen Leven

Thirty-one OMNIOLOREans turned out on December 18th for this semester's Think Tank (aka Brainstorming Session) to propose and develop course descriptions for study/discussion groups to be held next summer.

Forty-four prospective courses utilizing the new suggested course forms were proposed. Suggestions will be reviewed by the Curriculum Committee which looks forward to a summer of exciting courses to choose from.

To add to the fun of the Think Tank, a sweepstakes was held. Tickets were earned by handing in completed suggestion forms. Jim O'Neill, previous curriculum chairperson, did the honors of selecting the winning ticket. And the winner was . . . Jim O'Neill! It was a perfect ending to a stimulating meeting.

Look for Jim wearing his winning OMNIOLORE Think Tank hat. Next time it could be you!

### Training Session Held for Incoming Coordinators

By Etta Tourkin

Luck was with us as the training session for Spring semester coordinators got under way. The tree trimmer outside our window moved to another location; we could hear, and members were able to take greenery home to decorate for the holidays. This head coordinator viewed her first training session with much trepidation. Ralph Brown is a hard act to follow! Twenty-three coordinators either attended or sent representatives to the session.

After discussing administrative procedures and explaining the new calendar, Administrative Vice President Bob Grove advised coordinators to appoint a member of each study group who has e-mail capacity to serve as the group's correspondent. Purpose is to enable the vice president to handle routine concerns pertaining to facilities inasmuch as the City of Redondo Beach only deals with the university in these matters. As university liaison, Bob is to be advised of non-emergency, as well as emergency events. Bob's e-mail address is: papabob111@aol.com.

Bob also pointed out that members are to leave their name cards in the class box and that Carol Johnson is to be advised of the names of persons whose name cards are missing. By doing this presentation utilizing the overhead projector, Bob demonstrated how presenters can make use of the machine.

Following Bob's demonstration, Bob Saunders demonstrated use and care of video equipment and Etta Tourkin explained coordinating how-to's and answered questions.

This head coordinator was truly pleased with her first training session—until she realized she has two more trimesters to go!

### Whoops! Department

Forgot to mention two things at the coordinators' training session:

- ◆ We have a CD-radio available for use. If your group wishes to use this, contact Bob Saunders for instructions.
- ◆ If you, as coordinator, wish to be reimbursed for expenses, you must submit original receipts. Contact Etta Tourkin for explanation of the procedure.



**OMNIOLORE PROFILE – HELEN LEVEN – CURRICULUM CHAIRMAN**

While still in high school, New Yorker Helen Leven embarked on a life-long hobby that paid off – appearing on television as a quiz show contestant. Her first taste of success came at the age of 16 when she stumped the experts on *What’s My Line*. Her line? A part-time job modeling maternity clothes.

In the years since, she has won prizes on such programs as *Treasure Hunt* (hosted by Jan Murray in Chicago), the daytime version of *Jeopardy* (hosted by Art Fleming), and *Charge Account*, on which she appeared for a week while racking up prizes that included: a trip to Puerto Rico, a Caribbean cruise, a vacation in the Catskill Mountains, a diamond bracelet, a trailer, a room of Ethan Allen furniture, a washer and dryer, and a year’s supply of salami.

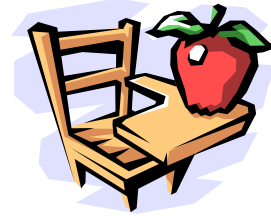
After six months at Queens College, Helen dropped out to become a housewife and mother. Three years later a burning desire to learn resulted in her striking a compromise between child-rearing and getting an education - taking courses over the radio and enrolling in night college. While she supervised her three children at a playground in the daytime, she did her homework on the park bench. She received her bachelors degree in education from Queens College in 1966, and later earned a masters in education from St. Johns University in Queens and a professional diploma in administration and supervision at C.W.

Post College of Long Island University. During a six-week teacher strike, Helen donned fishnet stockings and a leotard and worked as a cocktail hostess at a New York restaurant, discovering in the process that cocktail hostesses make more money in one week than a teacher does in a month.

Six years before she retired, Helen was directed by the local school board of District 28 in Queens to serve as curriculum coordinator for language arts, social studies and family living for 27 schools involving 28,000 students. She served as a liaison between the board and her school district. After a brief stint as a head hunter, Helen returned to consulting for the district for one more year. While working as a consultant for the district, she also taught at St. Johns University, supervising student teachers.

During this time Helen was employed as a free-lance writer for trade shows, composing lyrics for such production companies as Fruit of the Loom, Union Underwear, and Arrow Tool Sheds.

When she moved to California seven years ago to join her children, she took the California teaching exam and then became licensed as a teacher-social worker for the film industry. She worked until the past year on the sets of commercials featuring children. Her classes consisted of anywhere from one to ten children ranging in age from six weeks to 17 years.



One of the highlights of her life was the time she went on an

archeological dig in Bakers Cove, Texas as a member of Earthwatch. She climbed to the top of a mountain and rappelled into a cover where she spent 17 days unearthing artifacts which proved that people lived in that area 10,000 years ago. Following the dig, she authored an article explaining the dig which was published on page one of the *New York Times* travel section. (The dig was also featured in an article in *Fortune Magazine*.)

Professional achievements include setting up a program for teaching debate at the sixth grade which was adopted for use throughout the five boroughs of New York City and developing an animated computer program with her students which dealt with the history of the Brooklyn Bridge. The animated computer program was placed in a time capsule at the base of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Helen’s hobbies include travel, reading, the Internet, and her grandchildren. She has been a mentor for the past year and a half.

**OMNIOLORE Luncheon Forum**

WHEN: Tuesday, February 29th – 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: **Raffaello Ristorante**  
400 S. Pacific Avenue  
San Pedro

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Luncheon-Forum:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Enclosed is a check for:  \$15  \$30  Other

Please make out checks to FRIENDS OF OMNIOLORE, and put in Treasurer’s box; or send to:  
Lindie Banks, 220 The Village – #330, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-2557

January	1	Topic Suggestions Forms Distributed
	3	Forum Committee Meeting
	4	Membership Committee Meeting
	7	Curriculum Committee Meeting
	13	Board of Directors' Meeting
	15	Spring Roster Addendum Distributed
	15	Topic Suggestion Forms Return Deadline
	16	Class Offerings List Finalized
	17	Curriculum Committee Meeting
	19	Classic Novels Discussion
	27	Membership Fee Deadline – New Members
	27	Current Novels Discussion
	31	Registration Forms Distributed
	31	Virtual Office Committee Meeting
	February	4
10		Board of Directors' Meeting
15		Input Deadline for Newsletter
15		Registration Forms Return Deadline
16		Classic Novels Discussion
24		Current Novels Discussion
28		Summer Class Schedules Mailed
29		Spring Forum

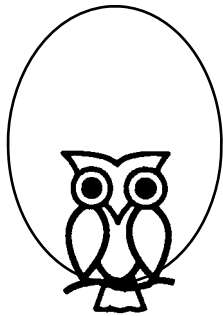
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Please Note: All changes and additions to the OMNIOLORE Calendar must be cleared with the Vice President, Administration, Bob Grove (310) 833-3039 in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling or use of rooms.

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**P.O. Box 7000**  
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OMNIOLORE ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 1999 @ 11:15a.m.  
WHERE: Torrance Hilton Hotel (rooftop Horizon Room)  
21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance

Reservations are required by October 14th, but please help our planning by reserving right now!!

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Omnimore Luncheon and Annual Meeting

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$20.00 per person

Lunch selection: Asian Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

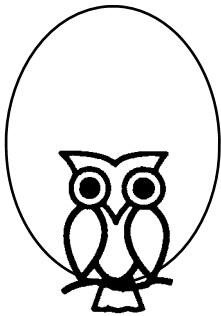
I cannot attend. Please send an absentee ballot to:

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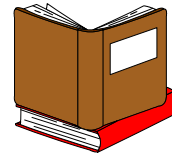
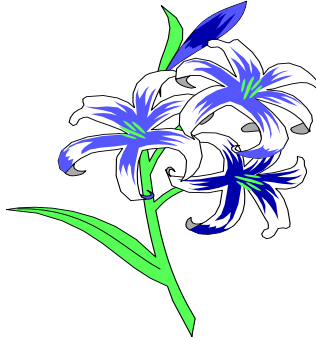
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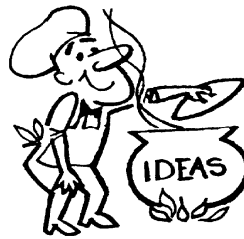


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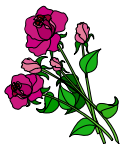
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 To anyone preparing information for the newsletter, If your article is composed on an IBM compatible computer it would be greatly appreciated if you would submit on a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disk with a notation as to software used. If you have any questions please call Ginger Engstrom 832-7333

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