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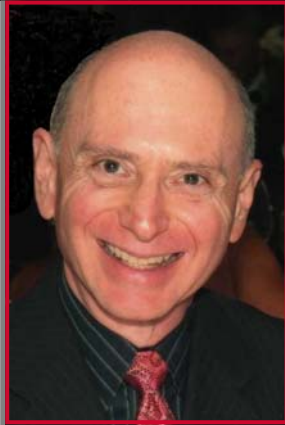
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Jay M. Kohorn

Church and State:

Separate? Equal? Constitutional?

by Carol Kerster

A bit of a refresher for those who may not remember the Forum of July 2012. The speaker was Jay Kohorn, assistant director of the California Appellate Project (CAP), a non-profit law firm of 21 in-house attorneys whose job is to oversee, supervise, educate, and provide resources to about 450 attorneys and their nearly 3,000 cases per year. His presentation was unique, not only for the subject, "The Controversial Role of the Supreme Court," but for his

choice to make the presentation interactive with the audience. This was a particularly suitable style for most Omniloreans, who did respond accordingly, and did make the afternoon a particularly lively one. So we are particularly glad to again welcome Jay Kohorn as guest speaker for the first Omnilore Forum Luncheon of 2015, Thursday, January 29, at 11:30 a.m.

No less fascinating than hearing about the various factors compelling Supreme Court process and decision-making is his new topic, about which many will surely have strong views: "Church and State: Separate? Equal? Constitutional?" This is not a new issue in our country when we remember that the Founding Fathers included a prohibition against the establishment of a state religion in the 3rd Article of the Bill of Rights. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." This clearly reinforces the First Amendment of the Constitution which "...prohibits the making of any law respecting an establishment of religion, [or] impeding the free exercise of religion ..." And it also seems to have been informed by a correspondence of Thomas Jefferson, who called for "... a wall of separation between church and State."

I cannot imagine a more timely topic with which to start the new year. It is sure to stimulate, educate, and perhaps even change a perception or two. So make your reservation to attend, by January 19, please, and return the yellow-colored form, which you received in the mail, or call Vickie Volchok (310) 326-2347. Lunch, featuring Caesar salad, salmon with mustard dill sauce, pasta, green beans and chocolate mousse for dessert, is \$22; a vegetarian meal is available, but must be requested when you make your reservation. We still meet at the Los Verdes Country Club, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive, one block south of Crest Road, which is way up on Hawthorne Blvd.

And we still assure you a memorable Omnilore experience!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Art Irizarry

On the 25th Anniversary Initiative...

A happy 2015 to all of you and a happy 25th anniversary for us, the members of Omnilore.

As the new year unfolds, we celebrate Omnilore's 25 years as a unique institution for learning and the beginning of another 25-year period to continue its tradition.

Our celebration will span the entire year with various facets. Among the facets will be the July Forum, which **Lori Geittmann**, Forum chair, has confirmed will be our designated anniversary luncheon. A private lunch for past presidents, newsletter articles related to Omnilore's history and planning for the future are other facets of our celebration. As our creative genes kick in, we will consider other means to celebrate the tradition of collaborative learning, the hallmark characteristic of Omnilore.

Our Board also has initiated several activities to prepare for the future, which I have taken the liberty of calling the 25th Anniversary Initiative and to which I have added components. Those components were derived from Board meeting discussions to which I listened carefully as recording secretary, conversations with Board members and members with whom I became acquainted in discussion groups and at the Forums. As I listened, I made mental notes and also wrote side notes for future use. I did not expect to become president of Omnilore, but when I did there were those notes to consider.

So, when the 25th anniversary came to mind, which I mentioned in this past November's newsletter, I also thought of those mental and written notes and considered their relevance to what could be celebrated. The idea of a 25th anniversary was triggered during an Omnilore Board meeting in which **Teresa Stevens**, our CSUDH facilities representative, spoke of being the administrative assistant when in 1992 Omnilore decided to link with California State University, Dominguez Hills. She said Omnilore members had been meeting for two years when the CSUDH

contact occurred, placing the beginning of Omnilore's discussion group in 1990. Later, when there was a minor controversy as to which was actually the "birth year" of Omnilore, I spoke with **Mike Scordan** and **John Taber**, and also read materials provided by **Diana Cutler**, wife of our late founder **Burt Cutler**, and newsletter copies dating back to 1992. (More on the history of Omnilore in a separate article)

I settled on 1990 as Omnilore's birth year because the first discussion group, focused on "Islam," met in Spring of that year. **Mike Scordan** attended the last session of that first discussion group and joined it for subsequent years. **John Taber** joined in mid-1991 and subsequently served as treasurer and president after Omnilore had become an organization with a name, governing documents and elected officers.

So, now we can say recognition of the 25th anniversary began in 2014, but the celebration was taken into 2015. And the celebration will lead to planning for the next 25 years through the 25th Anniversary Initiative. As mentioned, action has begun on some facets of it. First, the Board established a committee to study the feasibility of autonomy for Omnilore, referred to as Plan B, with **Rick Spillane** as chair. Rick, as many of you already know, is also chair of the Curriculum Committee and the Computer Working Group.

While his committee is focused on "Plan B," there are three basic operational models as options for Omnilore, the first being the current relationship with Omnilore as a program within CSUDH's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The second model, named "Plan B" when the Omnilore Board authorized formation of a committee to explore the option, calls for full autonomy for Omnilore as a non-profit organization separate from CSUDH. A third model, informally referred to as "Plan C," would have Omnilore become an autonomous, non-profit organization affiliated with CSUDH and its OLLI programming. Indeed, Omnilore helped generate significant membership and core

programming in OLLI's early days and in turn has benefited from support provided by the University. At present, as directed by the Board, Rick's



Plan B committee has been exploring options in terms of a facility and will consider other aspects of autonomy down the line. The two other operational models will be given review as the Plan B Committee generates information which can be used for other options.

Planning for the Future

Another facet of celebrating our 25th anniversary and preparing for the next 25 years has begun in the administrative and academic areas. **Linda Jenson**, our Vice-President of Administration, and **Carol Johnson**, Office Manager responsible for procedures, are spearheading a review of current procedures, by-laws and other operating rules and guidelines to bring them up to current practices and needs. When Omnilore was given structure in 1992, that is, election of officers, by-laws, a board of directors and other trappings of organization, the group first grew from about 14 to 60 members in a short period, then continued to gradually grow until membership rose above 300. That change in group numbers has generated the need for improved communication, clear statement of responsibilities and other factors to ensure Omnilore continues to function as effectively as possible within the framework of a volunteer organization. It must be said that it has taken remarkable talent, skills, dedication, continuity and intense volunteer service by committed members to maintain Omnilore's superb programming and responsiveness to member interests. And we want that great tradition to continue.

Given we love learning, academic programming is the heart of Omnilore, even if administration provides its skeleton and volunteer leaders provide its backbone and muscle. Thus, **Kathleen Fitzgerald**, our vice-president of academics, has decided to continue surveying members of our discussion groups to help evaluate what needs to be improved, what

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It's "Snowbird" Season! Meet The Siegels!

by Marion Smith

W ithin a membership of about 300, Omnilore has only two snowbirds—Conrad (Connie) and Gail Siegel. For six or seven years, they've come to Redondo Beach from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to participate in Omnilore's winter/spring (January – April) session. You may ask, "Why Redondo Beach instead of Miami Beach?" Answer: their son and his wife live in Palos Verdes.



Connie and Gail met. Gail is a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and was a junior working on a Bachelor's degree in education and speech therapy when Connie entered her life. They soon married and moved to Toronto, where a job was waiting for Connie. So Gail transferred to the University of Toronto's Institute of Child Study, focusing on child development and parenting education.

Your "profiler" had a personal interest in getting to know the Siegels: Her son, Dr. Barry Smith, is a professor of mathematics at Lebanon Valley College (LVC) in Annville, Pennsylvania, and Connie served on that college's Board of Trustees for six years. Further, Connie founded the actuarial science program in LVC's Department of Mathematical Science.

In 1965, Connie was the only fully-qualified actuary in central Pennsylvania. The chair of LVC's math department, Dr. Barney Bissinger, visited him. Bissinger was doing consulting work with the U.S. Navy, studying the depreciation of materials in storage. He wondered if the equations he was using would be considered actuarial formulae. Yes they would. Next question: "How do I become an actuary?" So Connie proctored Bissinger--and then some of his students--for the international actuarial exams. There were eight exams. After passing the first five, a person became an Associate of the Society of Actuaries (ASA). When one passed the eight exams (as Connie has), one became a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA).

Connie eventually started his own firm, which now has 30 actuaries, including 21 FSAs and six ASAs; five of the partners are LVC graduates. With 100 employees, the firm has expanded into investment advisory services, with nearly \$3 billion of assets under management. Connie says actuarial science is a small profession—maybe only 30,000 in North America (up from 1,000 when he qualified). And it's a field that's become popular with women.

A native of Toronto, Connie earned a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto and a Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin. It's at the latter university that

Wanting to work with pensions, Connie left the Toronto firm to take a job in Harrisburg -- 55 years ago! When the Siegels' children were in middle school, Gail and a social worker friend established a program using Gail's skills in parenting education and child abuse prevention; Gail retired after 20 years of providing this important work. Their daughter, a landscape architect, now lives in Philadelphia with her husband, an environmental attorney. Their son, who came to Southern California to pursue an MBA at UCLA some 25 years ago, has two daughters who grew up locally. The younger one is a student at Penn State; the older has a degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, and is now an intern with Chicago's City Year (part of Americorps), working with inner-city children.

A few years ago, while on their annual trip to L.A. County, Gail read about Omnilore in *The Daily Breeze* and thought it was something they would enjoy. And she was right. Gail, who signs up for Spring SDGs with Susan Egan, tends to pick classes on topics about which she knows nothing while Connie has enjoyed classes about math, economics, and short stories. Research and presentation are the most enjoyable elements of Omnilore for him. And he's taken his talks on the road, repeating his Omnilore presentation on the rise and fall of Bernie Madoff for synagogues and Rotary Clubs, both locally and in Harrisburg. Gail also enjoys Omnilore's Best-Sellers group, and the two have taken some Omnilore walks, explaining, "We're tourists."

Hobbies? Connie's are golf and photography. Gail immediately lists tennis and walking. Last winter the Siegels' son and daughter-in-law had a garage sale. Oh, my. . . they were selling the keyboard their daughters had abandoned! A lapsed

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About Actuarial Scientists:

According to Google, "Actuarial science is the discipline that applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risk in insurance, finance and other industries and professions."

Connie's one-sentence definition: "An actuary is someone who applies mathematics to long-term financial programs like pensions, social security, and life insurance." Connie loves this "fascinating" profession!



A Look at the New OLLI Coordinator

Provided by Cal Caswell

Senior Program Development Specialist

Coordinator, Lifelong Learning, OLLI AT CSUDH—www.csudh.edu/olli



Met Dr. Cal Caswell, Coordinator, CSU Dominguez Hills College of Extended and International Education (CEIE), Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Cal was born in Baltimore, Maryland, however moved with his family early in life and attended elementary schools and high school in Hawthorne and Inglewood. Known by his students as Dr. Cazz, he served six years in the United States Air Force and received his undergraduate Business Management Degree and Master's in Business Administration from Loyola Marymount University, and attained an Education Doctorate in Higher Education/Workforce Development from Nova Southeastern University (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida). His doctoral dissertation focused on the "Development of a Collaborative Pre-Release Program to Improve Employment Opportunities for United States Bureau of Prisons Long-Term Ex-Offenders."

Cal's early professional career spanned over twenty years in the aerospace industry. He participated in many new business acquisition proposal activities including aircraft, maritime vessel applications, and satellite contract negotiations for military and commercial production contracts. He also enjoyed managing cost and schedule control contracts including compliance audits and production control on critical government defense contracts.

His career includes fifteen years as a Director of customized training contracts (local industries, U.S. Coast Guard Certified Training Programs, Aerospace process improvement training, Los Angeles County Hospitals) at a local community college, and as Director of a University U.S. SBA sponsored Small Business Development Center and Executive Education Program. Cal remains a night-time community college and university instructor and has taught every semester since 1977. He has had the opportunity to teach thousands of students at community college and university levels as well as trained and educated a significant number of soon to be released U.S. Bureau of Prisons inmates. Cal has been a part-time faculty member of the CSU Dominguez Hills College of Business Administration & Public Policy since 2012, teaching management, small business management, entrepreneurship, and human resource management, compensation, benefits, labor and industrial relations courses.

Cal lives with his wife Pat and their trusty dog, Eddie the Wonder Dog. Cal and Pat have two sons; the older is a retired Los Angeles County Lifeguard Captain and currently a forensic investigator, and his younger son, a CSUDH Graduate (undergraduate and graduate) manages a local surf shop and is also the South Bay's "Number One Sports Fan."

Dr. Caswell also wishes to express his appreciation to Mr. Jim Bouchard, the Omnilore Board of Directors, OLLI Ambassadors, and Curriculum Committees for their efforts in preparing interesting and engaging Spring 2015 events and scheduling terrific speakers, tours, and other activities. In his new role, his intention is to introduce additional Certificate of Completion Programs starting with the Convergence Media Classes in March, 2015. These exciting classes have been designed and will be taught by Ms. Catherine Clinch (Content Creator). Stay tuned for other new programs in the future.

Lastly, Cal is excited about maintaining and expanding these programs and proud to be joining the Omnilore and OLLI Teams – we will all make 2015 a memorable and rewarding year!

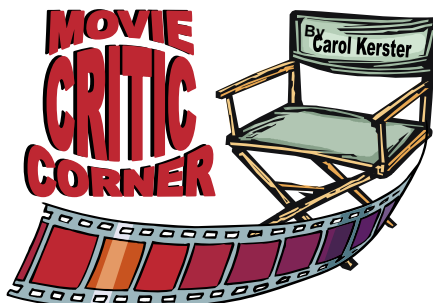
This artist's rendering shows the new, two-story Manhattan Beach Library, scheduled to open in April in the city's civic center. With ocean views, a fireplace, and several high-tech amenities, Omniloreans may enjoy researching their S/DG presentations here . . .



As a regular reader of movie reviews, I could not resist going to see a film described by Kenneth Turan as "...unlike anything else you'll see this year." "Mr. Turner," directed by Mike Leigh and starring Timothy Spall in his Cannes prize-winning performance as the artist who turned conventional landscape painting on its ear, is an absolute original. Against natural backgrounds, which could be replicas of Turner's actual work, to indoor scenes of various living quarters, art galleries, streets and harbors, there emerges the story of an artist possessed, in the words of the director, by his intense need to "...experience the...terrifying drama of what it means to be alive on our planet..."

In pursuing this urge, Turner appears oblivious to the exploitation he heaps on his housemaid Hannah (played with heart-breaking adoration by Dorothy Atkinson), on his father (a stoic Paul Jesson), who literally works himself to death laboring for his son, and on others. In contrast, he is quite aware of the scathing dismissal he thrusts at self-appointed critic John Ruskin, the pointed indifference with which he reacts to Queen Victoria, who calls one of his paintings "a dirty yellow mess," as well as to a former mistress and their daughters, of whom he wants no part. Turner's relationships with other artists, and with the comely, accepting widow Sophia do show a warmth and humanity that are yet other sides of his personality. The actors are all flawless.

What they give us is a stunning picture of the artist, J.M.W. Turner, alternatively isolated, intensely interactive, totally self-absorbed, generous, caring, and consistently driven to do his work. It is film-making we do not see often enough.



Art Films in the South Bay

by Vickie Volchok

Many Omnioleareans are frequently seen attending films screened by the South Bay Film Society at the Rolling Hills AMC Theaters at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance. In the last year, 35 films -- documentary, foreign language and/or indie -- have been shown here by the society.

Randy Berler, president of the film group, rents two auditoriums at the theater complex and they frequently sell out, sometimes within a day or two. Most months, two films are shown on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Since the time or day of the week may vary, be sure to check ahead of time at southbayfilmsociety.com, which also provides a lineup of future films and the opportunity to be added to the email list or buy a ticket. The price of a ticket is \$9.00.

Hope to see you there.



Continued Articles . . .

President's Message (*continued from page 2*): innovations might be considered to support the enjoyment we derive from collaborative learning with fellow Omnioleareans. She will be meeting with the Curriculum Committee and is preparing a summary report of information obtained from survey responses to help us maintain the quality of programming we have enjoyed and look forward to in the future.

Others are undertaking review and improvement activities in their respective spheres. **Hal Hart** and **Dennis Goodno** have been looking at our website to see what could be improved, what may need to be added or eliminated to ensure we can rely on the website as our source of fully accessible information and support. They, **Mary Golob** and **Bill Gargaro**, new chair of the Website Working Group, will be recruiting members with technical expertise, or interest, to develop a support group for long-term maintenance of our website and electronic communications. And the story goes on, but I will stop here and bring you more news about our 25th Anniversary Initiative, as well as the history of Omniole, in upcoming newsletters. Again, it's a happy new year because we have Omniole, a wonderful experience in learning and camaraderie in the company of learning lovers of the same kind. And feel free to volunteer your time, ideas and recommendations. My email is on your membership roster. . . .

Thanks to all!

Snow Birds (*continued from page 3*): piano student, Gail asked if she could have the keyboard. They said yes; Gail found a teacher, and is now happily taking piano lessons again.

They've done lots of travel. Connie was active in the international actuarial association, and that took them to many different places: South Africa, Switzerland, Italy, Australia, Hong Kong. And they feel like they're on vacation here: While they used to go to New York City for cultural activities, they're now able to enjoy L.A.'s many cultural offerings, including museums and theater. They've made many friends in their winter home, and we look forward to these snowbirds' alighting in OmnioleLand each winter.

Best Sellers SIG Starts the New Year

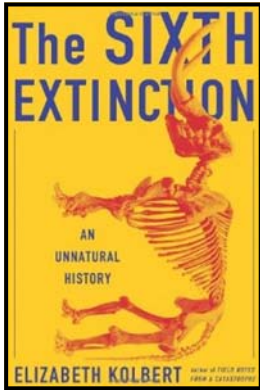
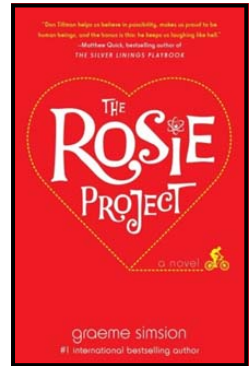
by Patricia Edie & Cindy Eggert

Each month, on the *first* Monday of the month, about 20 plus members and guests meet in Conference Room B of the Edison Center from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm to discuss the chosen book for the month. We alternate each month between various works of fiction and non-fiction. The subject matter is varied and the discussion always animated. As with any SIG, you do not need to register to participate...just show up on the date prepared to participate. Guests are always welcomed.

Upcoming dates and book selections are:

January 5: Fiction *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

Full of heart and humor, Simsion's debut novel about a fussy, socially-challenged man's search for the perfect wife is smart, breezy, quirky, and fun. Don Tillman, a handsome genetics professor who has crafted a pathologically micromanaged life for himself and has launched his Wife Project, which includes a hilarious questionnaire intended to weed out imperfect candidates, meets Rosie, a stunning, maddeningly disorganized bartender/student who's looking for her biological father. Their interaction will strike a familiar chord to anyone who has loved a left-brained, linear thinker!

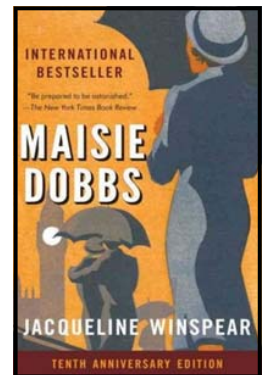


February 2: Non-Fiction *The 6th Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert

A major book about the future of the world, blending intellectual and natural history and field reporting into a powerful account of the mass extinction unfolding before our eyes. Throughout her extensive and passionately collected research, Kolbert offers a highly readable, enlightening report on the global and historical impact of humans... a highly significant eye-opener rich in facts and enjoyment.

March 2: Fiction *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear

This month we reach back to the first book written in the highly-regarded Maisie Dobbs mystery series. Maisie is a "psychologist and investigator" in post World War I London who untangles painful and shameful secrets stemming from war experiences. A nurse during the war, Maisie returned to London to work with her mentor, accomplished detective Dr. Maurice Blanche. When Blanche retires, Maisie opens her own detective agency. The novel was nominated for several awards and received the 2003 Agatha Award for Best First Novel.



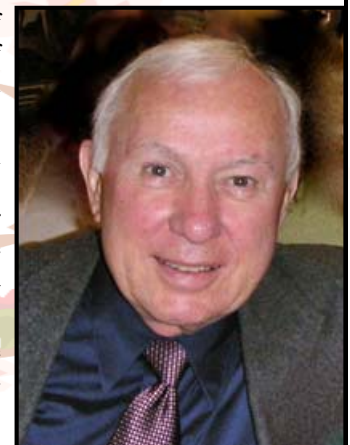
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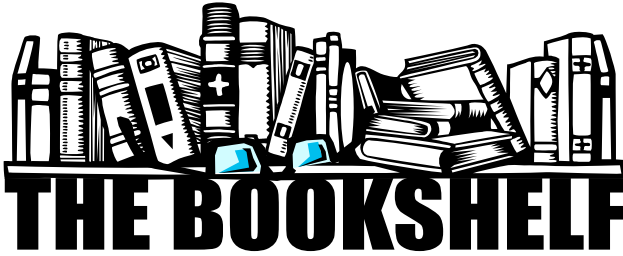
Grant Laney

Grant Laney, an outstanding citizen/volunteer in the South Bay and active member of Omnilore a decade ago, died peacefully in his sleep at home December 22 at the age of 82. He died of complications from Lewy Body Dementia, after participating for six years in the University of California Irvine Mind Institute, which studies neurological disorders.

A 1955 ROTC graduate of Arizona State University, Grant soon became a second lieutenant in the Air Force, called to active duty in Korea. He and his wife Patti (who had met at ASU) were married between Grant's assignments. After military service, he became a pioneer in computer programming, operating system development and software design; Patti became a teacher. The family has lived in Rancho Palos Verdes since 1961; Grant retired from NCR in 2001; he and Patti were Omniloreans from 2000 to 2008.

Among the beneficiaries of the Laney's volunteerism are Marriage Encounter, Safeguard the Children and numerous ministries at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in San Pedro including tutoring at a school in Watts.





Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, M.D. Years after I'd stopped reading self-help books, along comes one that is supremely relevant. It is called *Being Mortal* and was written by physician-author **Atul Gawande**. In it he describes how increased longevity and technical medical advances have brought about shifts in how individuals and families deal with the natural physical order of things: aging and end of life. Too often, he finds, we give over precious time near life's end to medical treatments that sap our bodies and minds and have little, if any, lasting benefit. Often we turn over the right of decision-making to others, or live in places that curtail our remaining independence.

Citing scientific studies and his own experiences with family members and patients, Dr. Gawande suggests principles for each of us to consider and questions to ask: What is important to us? What roles do we treasure? What are our daily concerns? Though we will need help and inevitably experience loss, we are not helpless. We can shape our own stories and do much within life's current circum-

stances to have a good life to the very end. This is instructive and provocative reading, a good choice for the Omnilore book discussion group in Spring 2015.

The Life Before Us by **Romain Gary**. The story of an orphaned Arab boy and his devotion to a dying, 68-year-old, 220-lb. survivor of Auschwitz. It is a sensitive, slightly macabre love story with a supporting cast of transvestites, pimps, witch doctors and more. Every other page delivers a line that is profound and yet simply put. Winner of France's premier literary award, the Prix Goncourt. Wonderful!

Susan Vreeland's ability to bring paintings to life and insert the reader into them is a gift. *Lisette's List* is a combination of historical fiction, travelogue and romance. She does take liberties with facts but we don't mind at all.

Lisette and Andre have to leave their beloved Paris with its galleries and restaurants to care for Andre's ailing grandfather. They move to Roussillon in Provence into a tiny farm house without indoor plumbing. Roussillon is famous for its ochre mines, which provide the artists with their amazing colors. Grandfather has six paintings he acquired from Cezanne, Pissarro, and Picasso. He was a frame maker and was paid in art as the artists had no money. He wants to tell his

story and the story of the paintings before he dies. As he tells Lisette, "If you take care of the paintings, they will take care of you." As World War II begins, so does the plundering of art as well as the destruction of what is known as "degenerative art." Andre hides the precious paintings.

Because food is scarce, Lisette brings some eggs and cheese from her goat and chicken to a couple in hiding. There she meets Bella and **Marc Chagall** who are waiting for a chance to escape to America. He presents her with a painting in appreciation; this too is hidden.

After the war, the hunt for grandfather's paintings begins in Roussillon. Eventually it continues in Paris as well, especially searching for Cezanne's painting, *The Card Players*. Reading this will bring smiles and tears of joy and empathy.

Book suggestions from Omniloreans make this column work. Thanks to Margery Norris, Dan Stern and Ruth Blinder for contributing to this month's list. Please send your titles, with author's name and a brief description, to Johan (johansmith@ca.rr.com). Please put "Omnilore Books" as the subject of your email. We look forward to hearing from you.



OMNIOLORE Winter Forum Luncheon Reservation Form

WHEN: **Thursday, January 29th, 2015—11:30 a.m.**

WHERE: **Los Verdes Country Club**
7000 W. Los Verdes Drive
Rancho Palos Verdes

NO Reservations
accepted after January 19th!

Please make _____ reservations for the **Omnilore Winter Forum Luncheon** at **\$22.00** each:

Name(s): _____
(Please Print)

(Please Print)

Phone #: _____

Enclosed is a check for: **\$22.00 each**

I want a vegetarian plate.

Total number of meals:

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, and put in the Forum Committee's box in Conf. Room B or send to:

Registrar, Vickie Volchok
1149 Woodbury Drive
Harbor City, CA 90710-1242

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2015

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| January | <p>1 New Year's Day (Edison Center closed)</p> <p>2 Winter Break (Edison Center closed)</p> <p>5 Spring Trimester Starts</p> <p>5 Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12. Noon, Conf. Rm. B</p> <p>8 Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-2 p.m., Conf. Rm. B</p> <p>19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Edison Center Closed)</p> <p>22 Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., Conf. Rm. B
<i>Windows 8 on the Laptop</i>—Rick Spillane</p> <p>29 Winter Forum—11:30 a.m., Los Verdes Country Club
(see article, page 1; reservation form, page 7)</p> |
| February | <p>2 Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12.00 Noon, Conf. Rm. B</p> <p>12 Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-2 p.m., Conf. Rm. B</p> <p>13 Lincoln's Birthday (Edison Center Closed)</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>15 Input Deadline for March-April 2015 Newsletter</p> <p>20 Hiking Group—10 a.m.-12 Noon</p> <p>16 Presidents' Day (Edison Center Closed)</p> <p>24 Introducing Omnimore Meeting—1-2:30 p.m., Conf. Rm. B</p> <p>26 Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., Conf. Rm. B
<i>TBD</i></p> |
| March | <p>26 Introducing Omnimore Meeting—10 a.m.-Noon, Conf. Rm. B</p> |



Happy New Year

2015 Forums
 Winter—January 29th
 Spring—April 29th
 Summer—July 30th
 Annual Mtg.—October 29th

IMPORTANT:
 Calendar changes and additions
 are scheduled with Lynn Taber
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Walking Group Schedules Bimonthly Walks

by Steve Miller

The Omnimore hiking group, started by John Taber to explore the trails and walkways in PV, is morphing into a walking group. We will have a minimum of six walks a year with as many as six more if volunteer leaders step up to identify an itinerary. The six scheduled walks will start at 10 a.m. on the third Friday of even-numbered months and typically last about an hour and a half. These walks will be chosen from a list of standard walks that will be posted on the Omnimore website, allowing those participating to become familiar with the walking course and permitting them to head out on their own if the walking group co-coordinators are not available to lead the walk.

Jim North will lead the February 20 hike along the Palos Verdes cliffs. Details will be sent to all Omnimore members several days prior. Guests are welcome on all walks and after most walks we gather at nearby tables for bag lunches. **Dennis Eggert** and **Steve Miller** are the walking group co-coordinators.

The Next

INTRODUCING OMNILORE MEETINGS:

Conf. Tuesday, February 24th - 1 p.m.

Room B Thursday, March 26th - 10 a.m.

Help Spread the Word! RSVP 310-540-3598

