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## DAY TRIP TO GETTY MUSEUM

### PLANNED FOR APRIL 24

Omnilore's first day trip will take place Wednesday, April 24 when the group will visit the J. Paul Getty Museum. Since the bus can only accommodate 28 persons, reservations will be limited and a waiting list will be established. Reservation deadline is April 1. Cost, including bus fare, educational materials, and the tour, is \$20. Checks must accompany reservations.

The bus will depart from the Peninsula parking lot opposite the Norris Theatre at 9:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. Members are asked to assemble at 9:15 a.m. and park at the intersection of Crossfield Drive and Indian Peak Road along the perimeter of the parking lot.

Upon arrival at the museum the group will eat lunch, after which a tour will be conducted by staff member Dr. Jill Finsten, director of adult programs and specialist in European painting. Lunch will be available at the Getty cafeteria at member's expense.

Using several art objects as examples, Dr. Finsten will explore problems of authenticity, country of origin, restoration and maintenance, and ethical issues involving acquisition of art works. Following the tour, the group will assemble in a directors' conference room for a question and answer period with Dr. Finsten.

After the meeting, members will have time for additional museum and book store exploration.

A week before the day trip a pre-meeting will be held Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m. at the Knob Hill classroom to distribute the educational materials. Attendance at the pre-meeting is mandatory for participation in this event.

The deadline for cancellation refunds is April 17. Persons planning to participate are asked to mail the following registration form with their check to Ethel Allen, 1272 Via Landeta, Palos Verdes Estates, Ca. 90274. Checks should be made payable to Friends of Omnilore.

### Reservations for April 24 Day Trip to Getty Museum

Name of Individual Member \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Couple \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 (Couple) \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Friends of Omnilore

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**HOT TOPICS****Set for New Year**

by Joann Ludwig

On the third Thursday of each month from 12-2 everyone interested is invited to bring their lunch to the classrooms and join in a rousing bull session on the "hot topic" of the month. No preparation is necessary other than an interest in the topic.

First Lady Hillary Clinton has been much in the news from the start of her husband's presidency. This has caused much controversy. Should a First Lady be so active? Are we electing a president or a team? Why are the reactions to Mrs. Clinton so visceral? Is there a bit of chauvinism at work? On March 21 we will meet to puzzle out these questions and any others that come up about the position of first ladies in general and Hillary Clinton, in particular.

On April 18 we will discuss the issue of affirmative action. Affirmative action was enacted to compensate for gross discrimination against minorities and women. Did it really make a difference to these favored groups? Has its time passed? Have white men been discriminated against for too long now? Did it cause a rise in mediocrity? It has certainly changed the face of the UC system. How will that face change now?

**Walking Group to Tour Downtown L.A.**

by John Taber

The April 19th outing of the Omnimore Picnic/Walking Group will be somewhat unusual and perhaps of interest to other Omnimore Members.

Instead of exploring the local peninsula hiking paths, the group will take a walking tour of downtown Los Angeles and have lunch at Olvera Street. They will use the Green and Blue rail lines to travel from the South Bay to downtown.

Participants will meet at the west end of the Green rail line on Marine Avenue between Aviation Boulevard and Inglewood Avenue in North Redondo Beach at 9:30 a.m. Following a one to one-and-a-half hour walk and lunch, they will return to the same place at 2:30 p.m.

Hikers are reminded to bring rail fare and money for lunch.

Persons desiring additional information or who wish to have their name added to the Picnic/Walking Group mailing list for future outings are asked to call either Sunny Golombek at (310) 371-4358 or John Taber at (310) 831-4768.

**Training Course Set for Would-Be Coordinators**

Have you ever thought that some day you might like to be a coordinator if you knew the necessary skills involved? Well, you will have the opportunity to acquire those skills if you attend the coordinators' training course set for Wednesday, March 20 at the Knob Hill Facility. The session will last from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a break for a brown bag lunch.

The session will be divided into three parts:

1. How to analyze course descriptions and determine a topic's focus before the first study session.
2. A step by step demonstration of preparation for a session.
3. A mock session using role-playing techniques

Persons interested in attending are asked to contact either Fred Kiefer, vice-president, academics, 377-6286, or Bob Saunders, head coordinator, 540-1429.

**New Member Coffee Set for April 19**

A coffee for new and prospective members will be held Friday, April 19 at 10 a.m. at the Knob Hill Classrooms. The program will include an explanation of how study/discussion groups work, distribution of member guides and descriptions of summer study discussion topics, and an explanation of Hot Topics.

The event will be coordinated by Marie Huntley, membership chairman, Edith Garvey, and Connie Kramer.

Speakers at the December new member coffee included President Whit Wilson, Ethel and Ray Allen, and Joann Ludwig.

**Discount Offered at Borders Bookstore**

Borders Bookstore, 3700 Torrance Boulevard, has extended a 20% discount for Omnimore

study/discussion groups. Persons purchasing materials for Omnimore need only to identify themselves.

Omnimore membership cards will be distributed in the near future.

**Welcome New Members**

Presenting...



Dorothy Barnhart

Annette Howard

Frank Paulsen

Edmund Rea

Julian &amp; Olga Reinheimer

Ronald Skinloff

Georgia Swanson

Eva Tromboff

Eleanor Van Nata

### Curriculum Committee Experiments with New Procedure

Remember the yellow form you recently submitted suggesting new study-discussion topics for next semester? When you filled it out you took the first step in a new experimental procedure currently being conducted by the curriculum committee.

The new procedure will replace the previous one-step process whereby members both voted for classes and registered at the same time.

The new process will work as follows:

- Members will receive a list of suggested topics which will consist of a consolidation of all the yellow forms submitted. Members will be asked to select, from the attached list of topics, those that they would like to see offered. This is not a registration form.
- The curriculum committee will review the suggested courses and select those of interest to the most members. At this point a coordinator will be selected for each offering and a tentative meeting time will be assigned.
- After coordinators and time slots have been selected, registration forms will be distributed.

The purpose of this experiment, according to curriculum chairman Terry Savage, is to simplify course selection and minimize the necessity for last minute shifts and changes.

The committee's schedule for this process is as follows:

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| • Distribution of S/D topic proposal forms                               | January 15  |
| • Return proposals   | February 9  |
| • Select potential courses   | February 13 |
| • Distribute ballots for course preferences                              | February 16 |
| • Return ballots   | March 15    |
| • Select courses, select coordinators,<br>assign tentative meeting dates | March 18    |
| • Distribute registration forms  | March 20    |
| • Return registration forms  | April 8     |
| • Distribute classroom rosters   | April 15    |

The committee welcomes all suggestions on this new process.

### Dr. Pendleton Discusses Lack of Modern Day Heroes

There has not been a true national hero in this country since Eisenhower. — So said Dr. John Pendleton, author and visiting assistant professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, at last month's colloquium.

Discussing the topic "Where Have all the Heroes Gone?", Dr. Pendleton stated that in lieu of genuine heroes during the last few decades Americans have been drawn into the cult of the celebrity—a perversion of heroism. A true hero is characterized by courage, action, motivation and risk-taking. There is a mystique associated with heroes.

In our hunger to fill the void, he stated, Americans have erroneously elevated such figures as Ross Perot and O.J. Simpson to idol status. Heroes inspire us whereas idols make us feel inferior, he stated.

Why have we failed to come up with real heroes? According to Dr. Pendleton, part of it is due to the fragmentation of society. What is a hero to one person is not a hero to another. "We cannot have heroes if we do not have values," Dr. Pendleton said. Usually, he added, heroes emerged from the military, business and political worlds. But today, he stated, we are down on these institutions. Instead, he claimed, society has put its emphasis on entertainment and sports. The nature of the audience has changed, he claimed, and the mass media have led us in this direction.

Historically heroes have emerged in times of crisis because we need heroes to give people hope. They remind us "We've been here before, and we can do it again." It is up to us, he pointed out, to renew the values heroes must fill.

#### WE WANT TO KNOW . .

Please call Connie Kramer, (310) 545-2286, if you know of any member in our midst who is having difficulty of any kind. OmniLore members want to respond with offers of help, transportation, a phone call, flowers or whatever.



#### Health Study Volunteers Wanted

The National Institute of Health is looking for women age 50-79 to participate in a long range study of women's health issues. Flyers explaining the Women's Health Initiative are available on the coffee table in Room 7. Interested women are asked to call the local branch of the NIH at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Complex at (310) 222-8171.



## Omniole Profiles

### Joyce Loranger

Joyce Loranger, native Angeleno, traces her roots back to an English maternal grandmother who became the sixth wife of a prominent Utah Mormon and Spanish paternal ancestors who arrived here with Father Sierra's expedition in 1769.

A genealogy buff, Joyce is a woman who has repeatedly set professional goals based on work she has enjoyed doing as volunteer.

Prior to her marriage to an Air Force pilot in 1946, Joyce received an A.A. degree in Spanish from UCLA. Putting her education on temporary hold, Joyce became the mother of three children, living with her family in Manhattan Beach where she became active in Sandpipers and started a Girl Scout troop when her daughter was in second grade. She served as scout leader for six years while heading up the Girl Scout Council's adult training program for Girl Scout Leaders.

With an eye to going into professional scout work, Joyce returned to UCLA following her divorce. Shortly after receiving her degree in sociology in 1966, she married John Loranger. Since she and most of their six children were in college, John returned to school as well, studying for his MBA degree from Cal State Dominguez at night while working as an insurance agent. After receiving his masters degree, John taught at Dominguez until his death in 1978.

Upon receiving her degree, Joyce's initial career dream came true when she was employed by the South Bay Council of Girl Scouts as both director for the Palos Verdes Peninsula

and director of the council's resident camps. In mid-1968 when a consolidation resulted in the South Bay Council being absorbed by the Los Angeles Council, Joyce became a sixth grade teacher in Gardena. After receiving her masters degree in education, she coordinated the Early Childhood Education program at 156th Street School and later coordinated the School Improvement Program before being transferred to a school in Northern Gardena to establish an integration program, a school readiness language development program aimed at youngsters who were to enter kindergarten the following year.

Prior to her retirement in 1983, Joyce, an experienced docent at the Banning Museum, enrolled at Cal State Dominguez for an M.A. in Public History and Historic Preservation. As a result of her work, the Women's Club Building in Redondo Beach was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In addition to writing her masters theses, following her retirement she fulfilled two internships—one at the Banning Museum and one at the Augustan Society Library in Torrance.

Once again her keen interest in the fields in which she served as a volunteer capacity led to new careers—first as a staff member at the Augustan Society doing historic research and later as a staff member at the Banning House where she has been training docents and writing research articles for the past eight years.

Because the docent classes she conducts occur for 15 weeks each fall and 10 weeks each Spring, Joyce is free to travel in between

sessions. Her travels to historic sites and museums throughout the United States and Canada have taken her to such places as Charleston, Savannah, Annapolis, Washington D.C., and Nova Scotia. Combining her interest in genealogy with her love of travel has resulted in trips to the New England Genealogical and Historical Society, the Library of Congress, and frequent trips to England where she has taken classes at Cambridge, the British Museum, and colleges at Ripon and London.

Joyce has also traveled with OmniLore members to Rome and London with the Elderhostel Institute. Most recently she took a trip on the QE II which began in Fort Lauderdale, traveled to Catagena, Columbia, through the Panama Canal, and stopped at Acapulco before arriving at the Port of Los Angeles.

A former member of the Plato society, Joyce joined Omniole after its inception four years ago. She serves on the Board of Trustees of the Pacific Unitarian Church where she has been involved in the long-range planning committee and the finance committee.

Despite her professional activities and travels, Joyce finds time to enjoy the role of grandmotherhood. According to Joyce, her five grandchildren, ranging in age from five to ten, are "truly remarkable and interesting people."

## Coming Next Issue

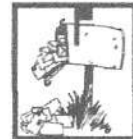
Ellen Bradford has been named editor of the forthcoming publication of the Writers' Workshop. Watch for details concerning this upcoming publication in the next issue of Omniole News.

### Editors' Note:

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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Comments and input can be sent to



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**Journalist to Speak at Spring Colloquium**

James Neal Cavener, world traveler, historian, and journalist, will be guest speaker at a colloquium to be held Wednesday, May 22 at 10 a.m., at the Peninsula Center Library, 650 Deep Valley Drive, Palos Verdes. His topic will be "The McNewspapering of America: the Plight of Print Journalism Today," which will deal with "fast food" news.

He has written social and political commentary and editorials for the Ashville Citizen and Ashville Times in Ashville, North Carolina, has served as staff writer for and managing editor of Rancho Magazine, theater critic for the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, and has taught journalism and English writing at Chaffey College in Alta Loma.

He is currently the arts writer for the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and curriculum consultant for the Riverside and San Bernardino County School Boards. In addition, he teaches Elderhostels dealing with art, history, and theater and is co-director of a USC/Los Angeles based agency which conducts walking tour explorations of Southern California communities.

A question and answer session will follow his talk. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is free to Omnilore members. There will be a \$3 charge for guests. Persons bringing a guest are asked to fill out the form below and either mail it to Omnilore at P.O. Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277 or put it in the Treasurer's box in Room 7. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of Omnilore". Members not bringing guests may either mail the form to Omnilore or telephone their reservation to Ethel Allen at (310) 373-7993. The deadline for reservations is May 15.

**Reservations for May 22 Colloquium**

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Guests @ \$3 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reading Group Guides Available From Publisher**

Member Peggy Houghton has informed Omnilore that free reading group study guides are being made available to the public by Penguin USA.

Guides currently available include:

- **Mr. Vertigo** by Paul Auster
- **The Stone Diaries, Small Ceremonies, The Box Garden** by Carol Shields
- **In the Lake of the Woods** by Tim O'Brien
- **None to Accompany** by Meby Nadine Gordimer
- **The Cunning Man** by Robertson Davies

Persons desiring copies of the guides currently in print or future guides may get on the mailing list by calling Penguin Marketing Department at 1-800-778-6425.

**Research Seminar to be Held in Saskatchewan**

An international research seminar on the Older Adult Education and Distances: Geographic, Socio-Cultural, and Technological will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada July 25 to 27 under the auspices of the Seniors' University Group Incorporated and the Seniors' Education Centre, University Extension, University of Regina.

Sponsored by TALIS, Third Age Learning International Studies, the seminar will cost \$250 per participant Canadian currency, or \$200 American currency.

Interested persons are asked to phone Heather Cosman at the university, (306) 585-5816 or Dr. John Oussoren, (306) 585-5859.

**Head Coordinator Named**

Fred Kiefer, vice-president, academics, announced the appointment of Bob Saunders as head coordinator. The role of the head coordinator is to recruit and assign coordinators for all study/discussion groups.

**Omnilore Purchases C/D Player**

Good news for study/discussion groups that have need of a C/D player! Omnilore has purchased this equipment to meet your needs. It is housed in the TV/VCR closet in Room 7 and is intended for classroom use only.



# CALENDAR

March 4-7	Distribution of Summer S/D Ballots & Registration Forms
March 7	Board of Directors' Meeting
March 15	Deadline for Summer S/D Course Preferences Balloting
March 20	Training Course for coordinators
March 24	PASSOVER
April 7	EASTER
April 8	Deadline for Summer S/D Registration
April 11	Board of Directors' Meeting
April 13	Deadline for May Newsletter
April 15	Summer Class Rosters Mailed to all Members
April 15-19	Summer Coordinators Conferences with Curriculum Committee
April 19	New Member Coffee
April 24	Day Trip - Getty Museum
April 26	Spring Sessions Ends
April 29	Summer Study/Discussion Groups Begin
May 2	Board of Directors' Meeting
May 22	Spring Colloquium
May 27	MEMORIAL DAY



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