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Religious Right Discussed By Speaker At Annual Meeting

By Bette Henning

A youthful grandmother of seven, so enthusiastic about her subject that she loses her place in her notes, was **Carole Shields**, three-year national president of People of the American Way, key speaker at OMNILORE's Annual Meeting.



Terming the religious right a "robust political juggernaut," she alerted the more than 100 members attending the October 21st Torrance Hilton luncheon "they have set their sights on the Republicans - moving the party to the right. Moderate party members are being replaced."

Ms. Shields explained educational, judicial and legislative all are their targets. "Teaching creationism is preferred to the concepts of evolution, books are being censored or removed from schools," she warned, adding that freedom-shackling reproductive rights and Christian-only slanted religious teachings are wide-spread.

"They are eviscerating the First Amendment," she said. The Supreme Court remains divided: four moderate, four conservative, with Sandra Day O'Connor as the deciding factor.

"Tyranny is back in our vocabulary," she warned. "Look around and see what policies are moving." She pointed out that while "most Americans don't agree with the religious right" we are not as "mobilized" as they.

Her solution: "Get the message out to the young. Help them know the issues." In addition she urged attention to getting vacant judicial offices filled before President Clinton leaves office to maintain a liberal-conservative balance.

"Pick good candidates for political office. Stand by them. Be the constituency that backs them up." she advised.



Lettie Rodriguez
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Guests of Honor

Burt Cutler
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin



As your newly-elected president, I want to thank you for your confidence in me; and I will do my best to uphold the philosophy and general operating procedures that make OMNIOLORE an outstanding organization. **Burt Cutler** has done an outstanding job during the past two years in unifying our organization and in helping it grow. Burt will continue to be a member of the Board, and we look forward to his guidance.

I agreed to accept the challenge of being your president knowing that there are others more qualified than myself for this task. We have many very talented, hard-working and dependable individuals in our organization; and I am trusting that they will be there to help as needed.

We will be having our first official Board meeting on Nov. 11, 1999. At this time we will establish some goals for the coming year. Some of the items to be considered are:

- ♦ Establishing better relations with CSUDH
- ♦ Encouraging our members to be more willing to accept leadership positions
- ♦ Providing opportunities for members to get to know each other

Board meetings are open to all members. You are encouraged to come with ideas or suggestions for improving our organization or to share them with one of the officers.



Two New Special Interest Groups To Study Old and New Novels

As of January, OMNIOLORE will have the opportunity to supplement their classroom studies with membership in four special-interest groups - the existing **Hikers Club**, the recently-formed **Chess Club**, and now, two groups interested in discussing novels: **Classic Novels** and **Current Novels**.

The Classic Novels Group will meet on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning January 19th from noon to 2 p.m. at the Knob Hill facility, Room 8. Discussion will center around *Atlas Shrugged*, by Ayn Rand. In February, this group will discuss *My Antonia*, by Willa Cather. Classics chosen for future discussions will be announced in the *Omniole News*.

The Current Novels Group will meet the fourth Thursday of the month from noon to 2 p.m. at the same location. Book selection for the first meeting on January 27th will be *Memoirs of a Geisha*. The group will select a book for the February meeting at the January session.

Etta Tourkin will lead the first session of Classic Novels, and **Norman Lobsenz** will lead Current Novels. After the first meeting, discussion leadership will rotate among group members.

Interested persons are asked to read the books in advance and bring notes and questions about their reading. For those who wish to do so, they may also bring a sack lunch.

Persons desiring additional information are invited to call Etta and Norman at the following numbers:

Etta Tourkin (310) 322-0853
Norman Lobsenz (310) 372-4418

Please check the bulletin board for any changes in date or time.

Address Changes

A registrar's box is being placed in the classroom closet in Room 7 for changes in your mailing address or e-mail address. Please use it to keep records current.

New Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Emil Raulin was elected President of OMNIOLORE at the October 21st annual meeting. Officers elected to serve on his board of directors include:

Ralph Brown

Vice President, Academics

Robert Grove

Vice President, Administration

Leslie Berg – Secretary

Julian Reinheimer – Treasurer

Bette Henning, Member-at-Large

Blanche Herring, Member-at-Large

Mary O'Neill, Member-at-Large

Committee chairmen appointed by the new president include:

Helen Leven, Curriculum

Merle Culbert, Membership

Ronnie Saunders, Communications

Etta Tourkin, Head Coordinator

Lindie Banks, Forum

Naps are
Nature's way of
reminding you that
life is nice . . .
Like a beautiful, softly
swinging hammock strung
between birth and infinity!

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – BOB GROVE

Bob Grove has the unique distinction of being the first OMNIOLORE to rise from the position of a new member to vice president in just two years! A year ago, after completing his first year of membership in OMNIOLORE, Bob was elected Member-At-Large; and just 12 months later he has been elected our latest Vice President, Administration.

A native of Chicago, Bob enrolled at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago following his graduation from high school. A year and a quarter later he entered the Navy on September 25, 1944. While serving as a radar technician stationed in Bremerton, WA he married Elaine, on December 2, 1945.

After his discharge during the

following year, he returned to Chicago and completed his education at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

For the following ten years he was employed at various firms in Chicago as an electrical engineer. During this time, he and Elaine became the parents of two sons and an infant daughter.

In 1956 the Groves moved to Baltimore where their second daughter was born. Bob worked at Boeing for three years before moving his family to Hicksville, Long Island where he spent three years as an electrical engineer at the Servo Corporation.

In August 1962, the family moved to California. During the 22 years that Bob did systems analysis for

The Aerospace Corporation, Elaine completed her education, receiving a masters degree in behavior sciences from CSUDH prior to spending 15 years as a teacher at Fremont High School in Watts.

Bob spent the last six years of his professional life as a systems analyst at Rockwell International in Seal Beach. Retiring in 1991, Bob spent several years as a consultant for Rockwell.

Since that time he has kept busy doing analytical projects on his computer, serving on the board of Temple Beth El in San Pedro, and taking an active role in raising his grandchildren

The Groves have eight grandchildren, ages 5 to 24, four of whom live in the area.

Omniole Welcomes Founders



From the left: Brian Hills, Will Graham, Myrtle Mandel and John Andrews



The Allens
Ethel and Ray



Omniole To Host Regional ALIROW Meeting

ALIROW, The Association of Learning in Retirement Organizations of the West, will hold its regional meeting at the OMNIOLORE facility Saturday, November 13th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Workshops to be held during the regional meeting include: *Learning Approaches, Organizational Approaches, Recruiting, Communications, Getting Volunteers, and Sharing With Others.*

Breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be served throughout the day. Cost is \$20 per person. Those interested in attending are asked to call Bob Grove at (310) 833-3039.

In Memorium

Margaret Koch, Membership Chairman for OMNIOLORE during its formative years, died of cancer this September.

Old-timers remember Margaret not only for the successful annual meetings she chaired, but for being the driving force behind the formation of the Writers Workshop.

A German refugee during World War II, Margaret spent four years in England (first as a boarding school student and then as a secretary) before coming to the United States. While studying for her masters degree at Cal State Northridge, Margaret worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District, holding positions in personnel selection and in writing grant applications. In addition, she authored a book on retirement.

After meeting Robert Koch at her retirement dinner in 1987, she married him in June 1991.

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.”

November	11	Veterans Day	OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 1999-2000
	11	Board of Directors' Meeting	
	18	Review and Prepare Annual Budget	
	25	Thanksgiving	
December	3	Coordinators Training Session for Spring S/D Classes	
	9	Board of Directors' Meeting	
	15	Deadline for January Newsletter Inputs	
	25	Christmas	
	31	Fall Session Ends	
January	3	Spring Session Begins	
	3	Forms Distributed for Summer Study/Discussion Topic Suggestions	
	5	Membership Committee Meeting	
	7	Chess Club Meeting	
	13	Board of Directors' Meeting	
	15	Deadline for Submission of Summer S/D Topic Suggestions	
	15	Distribution of Spring Roster Agenda	
	19	Classic Novels Group Meeting	
	27	Current Novels Group Meeting	
	28	New Members Deadline for Spring Membership Fee	
28	Summer Class Registration Forms Distributed		

IMPORTANT

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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