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NOT JUST ANY PORT ... LOS ANGELES PORT

by Carol Kerster

To say that Martin D. Chavez, our speaker for the July Forum Luncheon, knows something about ports, is to say that John Wooden knew something about sports. There is truth in both statements, but it is bare-bones truth.



Martin D. Chavez

Mr. Chavez is currently Human Resources Development Officer for the Port of Los Angeles, where his primary responsibility is to maintain an efficient, competent workforce in the highly competitive port industry, and to retain the rating as number one port in North America awarded in 2006. We will get some surprising information about this port: some of its history, how it operates, and not incidentally, about security measures.

Officer of the Port is only the most recent of our speaker's titles. His resume includes having served three plus terms as President of the Personnel Commissioners Association of Southern California. He has been on the Compton Unified School District Personnel Commission since 1994, and served as its chairperson since 1996. It was from these positions that he has spoken at numerous professional conferences on topics as diverse and wide-ranging as Education, specifically of Mexican-American children; Education and Employment, specifically among the Disabled; Recruitment and Retention of Engineers, specifically among minority and women engineers.

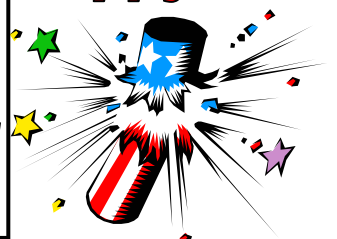
Mr. Chavez did not come unprepared into these positions. As a third generation resident of the City of Compton, with a strong obligation to give something back to his community, he went to school. He earned two Bachelor Degrees: one in Political Science, and another in Public Administration, and a Masters Degree in Public Administration. His scholarship led to inclusion in the Honor Society of PHI KAPPA PHI. This was, quite clearly, excellent preparation for what sounds like a life of authentic "giving back."

We're proud to have the opportunity to hear Martin Chavez speak on Thursday, July 29, 11:30 AM, at our Summer Retreat (also, Winter, Spring and Fall), at the Los Verdes County Club. As is the custom, you may register by using the form on page 7 of this newsletter, or the hot-summer-colored flyer which will reach you via regular mail sooner than you think, and which will provide details of the luncheon, etc. Do take advantage of this Forum to learn, to socialize, and to just enjoy! You deserve it!

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Happy 4th!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ruth Hart

As I near the end of my term as Omnilore President, I've been reflecting on how the organization has changed in the five years since I first became a member. One of the most obvious changes has been that we – both the organization and individual members – have become technologically more sophisticated. For example, almost all of our members now have access to email and the Internet, which makes communication among S/DG members easier and opens up additional sources of research to our members. In 2005, we had projectors in both rooms, but only one laptop, which was locked up in a separate cabinet and had to be reserved in advance. Most presenters, if they used any equipment at all, used the desktop presenter. Now we have a laptop computer, speakers, and wireless access in both classrooms, which allows additional methods of presentation, e.g., YouTube clips. In 2005, the website had just been started as an experiment. Now, the website has a wealth of information that both allows non-members to learn about Omnilore and serves as a repository of information for members as well. Although technology should never be used for its own sake, I believe that its availability has, overall, made a positive contribution.

A second change has to do with our relationship with Cal State Dominguez Hills. Although we've been affiliated with CSUDH for most of the 20 years of Omnilore's existence, in the past few years CSUDH, and therefore Omnilore, has become part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI) and has

expanded its offerings considerably. In addition to the Fall and Spring lecture series, OLLI offers a qualitatively different experience to Omniloreans, with instructor-led classes, which range from fishing to retirement planning. The two programs complement one another. Omnilore members have become involved in the OLLI program, not only by attending classes but also by teaching in areas of their interest. This summer, for example, **Roger Mills** is teaching the Introduction to Computer class, **Dennis Goodno** is teaching Introduction to Digital Photography, **Teresa Yu** is teaching Introduction to Mandarin, **Jay Edie** is reprising his class on Oil and Global Warming, **Patricia Edie** is teaching one session of the Italian Renaissance class, **Mary Watson** is leading field trips to the Cabrillo Museum (where **Bob Bacinski** will be the tour guide) and Madrona Marsh, and **John Taber** is also leading a series of field trips.

Finally, the size of the organization has increased gradually so that we now have slightly more than 300 active Omniloreans. This has had both positive and negative impacts. On the downside, we hear from some long-time members that it's no longer possible to know everyone in Omnilore, the way it was in the early days of the organization. On the other hand, because we have more members, we have been able to offer both a greater number of classes and a greater diversity of classes. Although the vast majority of our classes are in traditional areas such as history, science, and philosophy/religion, we have found

that there is a great interest in non-traditional classes as well. Some of our most popular S/DGs are visually oriented classes, such as those on Documentary Movies and TED



Talks (short Internet talks on Technology, Entertainment and Design), which provide a basis for stimulating discussions. We've also been able to offer classes on gardening and food, but with an academic focus.

What hasn't changed - and hopefully never will - is the commitment of our members to active learning. However, we need our members to do more than just attend S/DGs.

Omnilore is a volunteer organization that works effectively because of the participation of our members. Three long-time members have recently resigned their posts after many years of service to Omnilore and I want to thank them for their invaluable contributions. **Diana Cutler** has resigned as Editor of our bimonthly Newsletter, although she remains as Chair of the Forum Committee. **Bob Saunders**, who has been a member of Omnilore for 17 years, has served as Archivist for many of those, preserving our history for posterity, but is no longer able to participate in Omnilore. Finally, **Roy Schubert** has served as Registrar for the past 5 years, maintaining detailed and accurate records of our membership. We are looking for volunteers to replace Diana, Bob, and Roy. Descriptions of the positions are available in our Procedures Manual, which can be found online in the Members-Only section of the website. Please note that our Administrative Assistant, **Johan Smith**, performs many of the duties required by these positions, such as generating mailing labels or preparing the newsletter for publication. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me (or other members of the Board) for more information.

I have one more column to write for the Newsletter and I'm just about out of ideas. If you have questions you would like answered or have any other suggestions for topics, please send them to me at Ruth.Hart@cornell.edu and I'll try to address them in my last column.

IN MEMORIAM



Longtime Omnilorean **Richard Foy** passed away this April. He was both an intelligent and adventurous person. His 60-year career began at MIT during WWII and culminated in the Inertial Upper Stage Communication System Joint Program Office at The Aerospace Corporation. Richard also achieved much during his lifetime encouraging others, particularly women, to set and reach personal goals. He

was a founder of the Women's Coalition of South Bay and he advocated human rights through his activities with Amnesty International and ACLU. He is survived by a daughter and nieces.

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – JADE SUZANNE NEELY

by Norman Lobsenz

According to the experts who compile and update those lists of “most popular” baby names, recent statistics show that “Jade” is the 99th most popular name for baby girls. And no wonder! Jade – the gemstone – has exerted a special grip on mankind’s imagination for thousands of years. As early as 3000 B.C., jade was revered in China as the “royal gem,” and it is still regarded today as embodying the Confucian virtues of wisdom, compassion, courage and modesty. Even in ancient Egypt jade was admired as the symbol of inner peace, harmony and emotional balance.

How fortunate then, that Omnilore has its own jade – Jade Neely – an Omnilorean for six years, and now a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors. “I was named for a character in “Dragon Seed,” a Pearl Buck novel my mother was reading in the weeks before I was born,” Jade says. “She was captivated by the name of the young heroine in the book, and decided to give it to me.”

The real Jade was born in 1944, in the small town of Marfa, Texas, where her father was stationed at an Army Air Force base during World War II. When the war ended a few months later, the family moved to Los Angeles, and Jade prefers to think of herself as a native Californian. “Having the chance to grow up in Southern California is one of the best things that ever happened to me,” Jade says.

After graduating from USC with degrees in both art and English, Jade switched her career goals, returned to school to get her teaching credentials, and has devoted the more than 40 years of her professional life to teaching mathematics, chiefly in the L.A. Unified school system. “I enjoyed every day of it,” she says, “especially the challenge of teaching at the system’s very first magnet school.” For the last five years of her career Jade has been a math coach, introducing new

concepts of math to both children and teachers: “My goal was to help them find ways to make the subject not only more relevant to daily life, but more fun to learn,” she says. “For example, it’s amazing how you can use a simple deck of cards to illustrate the idea of generating random numbers.”

The year 1977 marked new beginnings for Jade. She got married, moved to the South Bay and, a few years later, had a daughter. She named the baby girl Joya, which is considered one of the unique variants of the name Jade. Today Jade lives in a Cape Cod cottage in Palos Verdes Estates with her hound pointer dog, Rufus, and enjoys a wide range of extra-curricular activities, either on her own or with the many friends she made during her teaching days. “It was one of those friends who introduced me to Omnilore,” Jade says, “and since then I’ve recruited several other former teachers to our group.” (Her favorite S/DG is the Shakespeare class, where members dress in costume to act out their roles. Which is her favorite character? Jade declines to say.)

Until she broke a leg skiing some years ago, Jade was active in winter sports and river rafting. Nowadays she prefers hiking the peninsula’s trails that overlook the ocean; working in her wildflower garden; trying her cooking skills on Asian and Latin-American recipes; traveling, mainly on cruises to and within Europe (“You only have to move your suitcase once!” Jade says); and reading. In line with her desire to “always keep my options open,” Jade usually reads two or three books at a time, switching between fiction and non-fiction as the spirit moves her.

Not surprisingly, when asked which motto she would choose to describe the way she tries to live her life, Jade has a quick answer: “One day at a time,” she says, “one day at a time.”

Have We Got a Deal for You!

by Patricia Edie

Omniloreans are book lovers! Did you know there is a new independent bookstore in the South Bay? Three local women have followed their passion and opened **{Pages} Bookstore** at 904 Manhattan Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90260. *They have agreed to extend a special book discount of 20% to any Omnilorean who would like to purchase the “Common Reading” book for any of our upcoming S/DGs.* We will supply them with a list of our common readings for the Fall Trimester and if you want to take advantage of this offer, just contact them by phone at 310-318-0900, identify yourself as a member of Omnilore, and ask that they hold a copy of the specific common reading for you. This is a win-win opportunity. **{Pages}** gets introduced to some new clientele and we get a discount and the joy of having an independent bookstore in our backyard. Check out the new store and find some interesting books in a pleasant environment.

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by
Hal Hart

THE EQUIPMENT BOX

Beware Those .docx & .pptx Files!!

[Set Your PREFERENCES to Save in "Compatibility Mode" in Newer Office Versions]

This month we discuss a **software** issue instead of the usual equipment/hardware topics. Problems are arising because some Omniloreans have upgraded their Microsoft Office suite (Word, PowerPoint, & Excel applications or *apps*) to a newer version -- Office 2007 for Windows machines (*with 2010 launching soon*) or Office 2008 for Mac. Most of us (and most non-Omnilorean retirees) are still using Office 2003 for Windows or Office 2004 for Mac. Office 2003 is still the CSUDH standard so that's what is installed on our two Omnilore laptops.

- ▶ **The problem is that Office 2007/2008/2010's new file format is not readable by older versions.** If one receives a file in the new format from a classmate via an email attachment or downloaded from a website SDG folder, older versions of Word or PowerPoint will issue a diagnostic saying the file can't be opened. Most users of new Office versions do not realize this until they share files with others and get the feedback that their files are unreadable.
- ▶ This issue is called "*backwards compatibility*" in the software industry parlance, and has been a historic vendor problem aggravating many users as software upgrades are rolled out. (*Note that "upward compatibility" is the ability for new apps versions to read files from older versions, and y software vendors do generally preserve upward compatibility across generations of upgrades.*)
- ▶ These newer file formats are recognizable because the file names will end with ".docx" or ".pptx" or ".xlsx" instead of the familiar 3-letter file extensions ".doc," ".ppt," and ".xls."
- ▶ This will remain a problem for many Omniloreans for years to come because many members intend to keep their computers and installed software for as long as they're practical to use. At our age, that makes sense financially – unless you're competing with the younger generation on adventure games and multi-media applications, or multi-tasking to the hilt.
- ▶ We are asking users of newer versions of Office to be "*Good Citizens*" and write files in the older "Compatibility Mode" to share with classmates and place in SDG folders on the Omnilore website. Instructions are below in case you don't know how to do this.

The simplest solution to avoid these incompatibilities is for everyone running Office 2007 or later to set their Word & PowerPoint & Excel PREFERENCES to always create files in the older 2003/2004 "**Compatibility Mode**." Once Preferences are set, you don't have to think about this issue again. For example, for Word follow these instructions:

1. In the menu at the top of the app labeled "Word," to the left of the File menu, select "Preferences..."
2. Under "Output and Sharing," click "SAVE"
3. In the "Save Word files as" pull-down menu, select the 2nd option, the one indicating the older version and ".doc"
4. Click **OK**. Now all files will be created in *Compatibility Mode*.



July Date Set for New "Introducing Omnilore" Meeting

by
Howard Korman



The Membership Committee has scheduled an "Introducing Omnilore" meeting for perspective members who may want to join *Omnilore* for the Fall trimester. The date is:

Thursday, July 22nd

10 a.m. at the Franklin Center in Room 7

Attendance at an "Introducing Omnilore" meeting is mandatory for new members, so please tell anyone you know who might be interested about this upcoming date. We know that most of our new members join as a result of referrals by current members. We have a wonderful organization with a great deal to offer, and classes that are very enjoyable and informative.

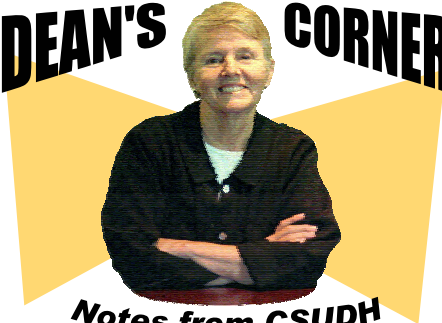
Help Spread the Word!

(For PowerPoint, the "SAVE" option in step 2 is in the ribbon at the top. For Excel, in step 2 click "Compatibility" under "Privacy and Sharing.")

If you have a newer version of Office, to create the older format on a one-time basis, under "Save As..." in the File menu, select the Compatibility Mode option – generally 2nd in the Format pull-down list after clicking "Save As..." (*Once a file is initialized in the older file format, subsequent Saves preserve that format.*) You will still have the brand-new user interface as you run your newer Office apps, but it is possible but unlikely you will ever put any features in your files that can't be read and used by the older versions after you "Save As" your file in Compatibility Mode.

There are *work-arounds* for this problem for those running older Office versions in case we continue to receive Office 2007+ files, but they may be practical only for the more computer-sophisticated members. These include plug-ins or filters you download and install that convert the new file formats to be usable with your older Office apps, or replacing your old Office with the free OpenOffice (from OpenOffice.org) and learning all OpenOffice's little differences from Office in its apps for word processing, presentation chart authoring, and spreadsheets.

DEAN'S CORNER



Notes from CSUDH
 by Margaret Gordon
 Dean, Lifelong Learning Institute
 College of Extended & International Education

Featured in the summer OLLI bulletin are new and exciting educational adventures that promote awareness of cultures and communities both near and far. This term we have a special focus on China.

Two summer courses focusing on China are especially interesting, “Introduction to Mandarin” taught by OLLI member Teresa Yu and “The Rise of Chinese Capitalism and Its Global Implications” taught by Dr. Yayoi Kato. These courses obviously represent quite different approaches to exploring Chinese society.

CSU Dominguez Hills and the College of Extended & International Education, in particular, have offered a variety of educational programs for or in partnership with Chinese universities or organizations. Currently, for example, the College regularly provides training programs for delegations of Chinese managers and officials. (At the time of writing a delegation of 30 directors from Jiangsu Province Population and Family Planning Administration, People’s Republic of China, are on campus and participating in a specially designed educational program.) Hosting international students and professional groups contributes to meeting the goal of internationalizing our campus.

In the late 1980s until the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, CSUDH through Extended Education offered a popular 28-day travel study program to China in cooperation with Huazong Normal University (HNU) in Wuhan, capital of Hubei province. CSUDH faculty led the tour and participants studied Chinese civilization at HNU and toured many sites and cities. Participants earned 5 units of college credit. CSUDH today holds agreements with Chinese higher education institutions, and once again it is possible to offer a travel study program for students and community members who desire to see China first hand.

In the meantime, OLLI at CSUDH will continue to expand its programming to provide members with courses and experiences that stimulate their curiosity about diverse cultures and lands.

Omnioleoreans Visit a Mosque

by Jay Edie

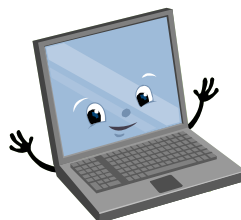
There are two Study Discussion Groups learning about Afghanistan this summer. The members of one group, AFG1, chose to make a field trip on April 5th to visit a local mosque, the Islamic Center of South Bay, located in Lomita. They were joined by several members of the AFG2 group.

The Omnioleore visitors were hosted by Mr. Khalil Mamod, a member of the congregation of the mosque, assisted by a daughter and a grand daughter who is a student at Berkeley. These nice people provided light refreshments and basic informational handouts providing facts about the Islam religion. Mr. Mamod, who was born “over seventy years ago” in Kabul, Afghanistan, described Islam as the third of the Abrahamic mono-theistic religions, after Judaism and Christianity, founded in the deserts of the Middle East. Islamists believe that Mohammad was the final prophet and accept the earlier prophets of the other two religions. The regular practices of Islam include prayer five times a day, and an obligatory “tax” of 2½% of their “excess” income to go to the poor. He explained that the term “jihad” does not properly mean “holy war,” although some have perverted the usage; the term properly means “struggle for what is right.” He said the basic approach of Islam is “to preach what is right and to prevent others from doing wrong.”

Mr. Mamod came to Los Angeles in 1951 to attend USC and he then worked as a mechanical engineer at Hughes Aircraft Co. for 35 years. He is a member and VP of the South Coast Interfaith Council which includes a variety of religious groups in the area.



A picture of the Omniloreans being addressed by Mr. Mamod in the mosque was taken by Sam Wirtschafter.



**Computer Talks
 Is Taking
 July & August Off!
 Look for Us in
 The
 September-October
 Newsletter**





**OLLI Highlights
Summer 2010**

by **Jim Bouchard**

Senior Program Development Specialist
Coordinator, Lifelong Learning, OLLI at CSUDH



As I write this, we have just started our OLLI Summer 2010 semester.

- ▶ The *My Favorite Movie* summer series started with a showing of “Citizen Kane.” The movie was hosted by Dr. Edd Whetmore and Dr. Leith Hess, and they talked about the controversies and events surrounding the making of the movie.
- ▶ *Signature Moves*, presented by Doris Ressler, MFA, was a visual biography of Doris’ experiences in dance that led to her current position as Assistant Professor in Theater and Dance at CSUDH.
- ▶ China seems to be a popular theme this summer with two courses being offered. First, *The Rise of Chinese Capitalism and Its Global Implications* is being taught by Dr. Yayoi Kato. Secondly, *Introduction to Mandarin* is being taught by Omnilorean, Teresa Yu.
- ▶ *Let’s Go Downtown: The Other Downtowns*, led by John and Lynn Taber, is a series of field trips that will use public transit to see Long Beach, San Pedro, Hollywood, and Pasadena.

It’s not too late to join in on the OLLI summer courses! There are several classes coming up in July and August:

- ▶ *Celebrating the Italian Renaissance* taught by **Dr. Joanne Zitelli** starts on July 7th. Omnilorean **Patricia Edie** will be teaching one session of this class.
- ▶ *The Cultures of Africa* starts on July 8th.
- ▶ A field trip to the Cabrillo Aquarium takes place on July 9th.
- ▶ A portrait drawing course called *The Art of Observation – Drawing to Communicate* begins July 13th.
- ▶ Omnilorean **Jay Edie’s** more-relevant-than-ever course titled *How to Live with Expensive Oil and Global Warming* begins on July 22.
- ▶ *Beginning Computer Training Course* will be taught by Omnilorean **Roger Mills** starting August 10th.

These are just some of the OLLI courses offered this summer, and to see a chronological list of courses, see pages 35-38 of your OLLI summer catalog. The courses in bold indicate the first meeting of the class.

Thank you to all the Omnilore members who are teaching this summer, and have taught in the past. We are looking for more Omniloreans who would like to teach. If you are interested in teaching a class, please contact me at jbouchard@csudh.edu.

If you are interested in volunteering (OLLI Ambassador, Curriculum Committee, Membership Committee, etc.), please call the OLLI office at 310.243.3208 and let us know.

The *Art of the Steal* is a gem of a film that people might have to get on Netflix.

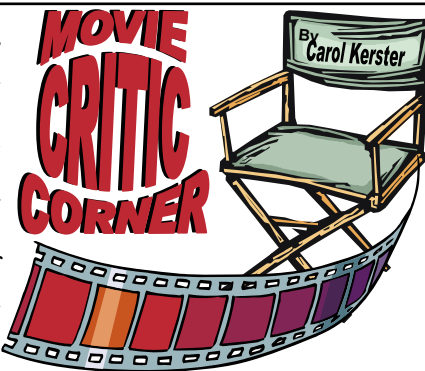
This documentary is about the struggle for control of the art collection of Dr. Albert Barnes of Merion, PA. a suburb of Philadelphia. He acquired a private twenty five to thirty five billion dollar art collection of modern and post-impressionist art that might be considered one of the 20th century’s finest. This entertaining film details in a suspenseful way what happens with his collection when the power elite of Pennsylvania become involved, and how art and culture become just part of the big money industry.

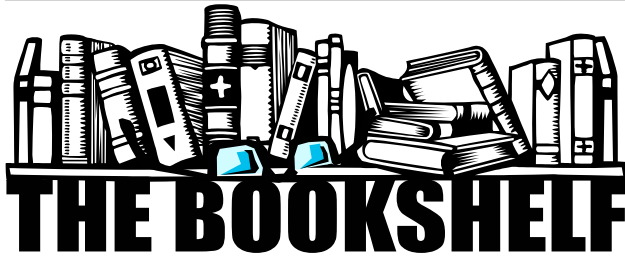
For anybody who wants to see Jane Fonda at her best, and before her forays into international politics, a look at *Klute* might be in order. (Submitted by Nancy Shannon.)

Please Give is a very inadequate title for a more than adequate film.

It is the simple, but exquisitely told story of a New York family (and New York is integral to the story), their relationship to a neighbor, to their customers and the people from whom they buy the “antique-modern collectible-furniture” they sell, and to each other. How these relationships change and how the characters evolve is all that it is about. But that is a lot, in the hands of director Nicole Holofcener who, perhaps too slowly, but with razor-like accuracy, presents some very flawed, but nevertheless likable people. Katie and Alex (Catherine Keener and Oliver Platt) and their 15 year-old daughter Abby, live in a comfortable but too small apartment, and are waiting for their elderly neighbor to die so they can buy her place and expand theirs. They meet the old lady’s granddaughters, who couldn’t be farther apart from each other in looks, values and behavior. Mary, the elder, a cosmetologist addicted to tanning machines, has enough anger to rattle everyone’s cages; Rachel is a radiologist, filled with endless compassion for everyone but herself. From that meeting, and from the concern Katie and Alex have for the pending death of the apartment owner, ensues a birthday party, an uneasy love affair, an “A-hah” experience for Abby, and considerable self-discovery for Kate, if not so much for Alex. This may not be everybody’s cup of tea; I found it a treat in the current pile of _____, you fill in the word.

Please send your recommendations of recent, or not so recent, movies you have seen and think Omniloreans would like. A few words about the content, the actors, special effects, direction, etc. would be useful. Send your critique to ckerster@aol.com, and look for it in the next issue of Omnilore News.





by Mary Oran

We have lots of entertaining reading to suggest this month. Our two nonfiction suggestions are slim volumes that are fast, insightful diversions.

Roger Rosenblatt's Rules for Aging: A Wry and Witty Guide to Life is a combination of laughter and wisdom. Tom Brokaw, Jim Lehrer, and Garrison Keillor have all praised this "aging with grace" memoir. Rather than a Table of Contents, it has "The Rules" - 58 of them. Beginning with "It doesn't matter" and ending with "Apologize, reconcile, give help," these segments are sometimes explained in less than a page, sometimes three pages, but it is definitely a concise format. Both delightful and thought-provoking, this book will change some views for all who read it - and in a very positive way.

Undiscovered is a meditative memoir that will especially appeal to the artistic and literary audience. Actress Debra Winger shows her wide range of talents in the reminiscences, poetry, stories, and insightful moments offered here. Winger is not the typical Hollywood celebrity, saying she "loves the work, but not the business." In addition to her beautiful prose, the book offers the illustrations of Phillippe Petit; the illustrations are all intriguing presentations of doors.

In the fiction category we have three recommendations. Something is Out There by Richard Bausch is a collection of eleven stories. While Bausch is a Southerner, these stories and people could take place anywhere. His themes are transfixing - marital and familial estrangements, the mysteries and frights of daily life - and he reminds us that life is a perpetual work-in-progress. Our Omnimore short story fans will especially treasure the works of this author.

The next entry may be more of a chick-lit suggestion. The fans of Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood are going to enjoy this novel by Rebecca Wells: The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder. It features the colorful character of Calla Lily, growing up in Louisiana - her childhood, coming of age and finding herself, but presented with humor and dignity. The descriptions of life's ups and downs are precious; the reader is immersed in a special culture and time period.

Finally, The Postmistress by Sarah Blake is a World War II novel with a very different twist. It alternates narrators among American radio gal Frankie Bard (the first woman to report from the blitz in London), postmistress Iris James (a spinster living in a small Cape Cod town), and Emma Fitch (the young wife of the town doctor). The setting alternates between America and Europe, and the relevance to today is compelling. One reviewer said "Great books give you a feeling that you

miss all day, until you finally get to crawl back inside those pages again. The Postmistress is one of those rare books. When I wasn't reading it, I was thinking about it."

(Our thanks to Patricia Edie, Edith Garvey, Johan Smith and Midge Solomon for contributing to our list).

After putting together "The Bookshelf" since 2004, Mary has decided to get out of circulation, so to speak. Fortunately, Patricia Edie has agreed to continue with a short column which will start in the November newsletter. Please submit your recommendations to Patricia Edie at jpedie@ca.rr.com if you are willing to share your interest in books and good reading.

The Osher Lecture Series will return in the fall with seven lectures on Culture and Politics in History. We often question what has History got to do with what is going on today and even more specifically how has our current culture and politics been impacted by yesterday's culture and politics. CSUDH History faculty has taken on the challenge of shedding some historical light on today's culture and politics in order to help us gain an understanding and interesting perspective of our ever changing and dynamic present day environment. The first lecture will be Wednesday, September 22nd. We will send an e-mail with all the topics and times when they are available.

OMNIOLORE Summer Forum Luncheon Reservation Form

WHEN: Thursday, July 29th, 2010 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Reservations are required by July 23rd

Please make _____ reservations for the Omnimore Summer Luncheon at \$18.00 each:

Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____
(Please Print)
(Please Print)

Enclosed is a check for: [] \$18.00 [] Other

Please make checks out to CSUDH, and put in the Forum Committee's box or send to:

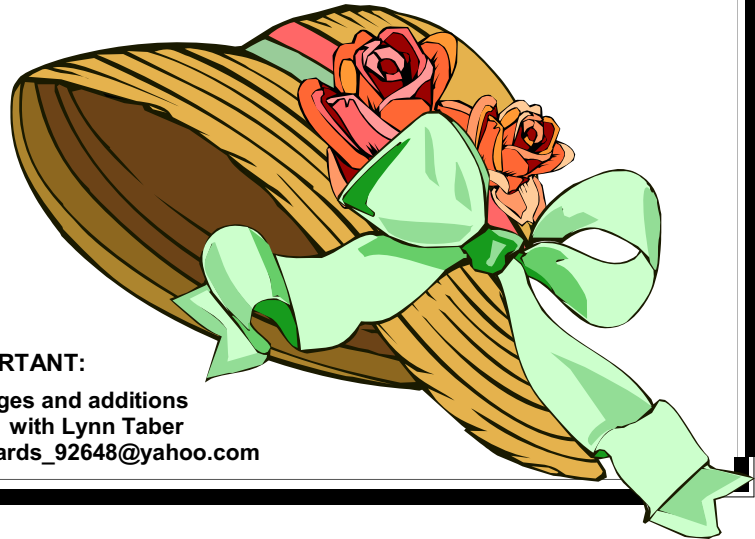
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| July | 4 | Independence Day |
| | 8 | Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon - 2 p.m. - Room 7 |
| | 13 | Membership Committee - 12 Noon - 1 p.m. - Room 7 |
| | 16 | Hiking Group - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon |
| | 22 | Introducing Omnilore Meeting - 10 a.m. - 12 Noon - Room 7 |
| | 29 | Summer Forum |
| August | 10 | Membership Committee - 12 Noon - 1 p.m. - Room 7 |
| | 12 | Board of Directors Meeting - 12 Noon - 2 p.m. - Room 7 |
| | 15 | Input Deadline for September-October 2010 Newsletter |
| | 17 | OLLI Open House - 1:30-3:30 - CSUDH Campus, EE Auditorium |
| | 20 | Hiking Group - 10 a.m. |

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2010 Forums

- Winter - January 29th
- Spring - April 29th
- Summer - July 29th
- Annual Mtg. - October 29th



IMPORTANT:

Calendar changes and additions
are scheduled with Lynn Taber
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Omnilore-Sponsored CPR/AED Training Completed

by Bill Gargaro

The CPR/AED training program sponsored by Omnilore has ended. It was very successful in providing our organization with a substantial number of members who are knowledgeable and qualified to perform CPR/AED procedures. Three classes were held with a total attendance of forty-four Omniloreans. Two other members have also had equivalent training so that we now have a total of forty-six members to aid in emergency situations. The names of these will be indicated on class rosters so that the "go to" classmates will be known to all. Also, we'll put a list on the wall by the equipment. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank and congratulate all of the participants for completing the training and I encourage them to review CPR/AED procedures as often as needed to stay prepared should an emergency situation arise.



Firefighter/paramedic Vince Dipane as he instructs Omniloreans (from left): Rick Spillane, Dick Johnson, Jim Jetton, Laura Guneau, and Marty Stevens at the May 26th class.

THANKS!

Mary Barling **Lori Spillane** **David Miller** **Hal Hart**
Anne Allen **Mary Lou Busch** **Bob Bragonier**
Sharon Bohner **Cordelia Hwang** **Joann Bally** **Marty Stevens** **Bill Gargaro** **Jon Heise**
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