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LEARNING IN RETIREMENT COMES TO THE SOUTH BAY

Learning in retirement is not a new idea. Groups such as Plato, sponsored by UCLA and Sage, sponsored by California State University at Northridge have been around for a while. However, the concept did not come to fruition in the South Bay until this past spring, when a series of meetings was conducted in San Pedro, Palos Verdes and Redondo Beach to launch the newly formed **OmniLore** group under the sponsorship of California State University at Dominguez Hills.

Formation of the 65 member group was an outgrowth of a dream of Bert Cutler coupled with two years of preparation by ten local residents. Bert originally started a study discussion group with Will Graham and Ray and Ethel Allen in January 1970. Also, working with them during the incubation period were Mike Scordan, Peggy Houghton, Hank Steddon, Lois Buchanan, Elsie Schulman, John Tabor and Tom Woods.

When the original discussion group was ripe for expansion, they sought and received the backing of Cal. State Dominguez and went about learning how to set up our local organization. They met with the leaders of the Plato and Sage organizations as well as contacting Francis

Meyers, the founder of the learning in retirement movement in California. They received help and advice from both the West coast learning in retirement umbrella organization ALIROW (Association of Learning in Retirement Organizations West) and the Elderhostel Institute. The Elderhostel Institute provided the mailing labels for the initial orientation sessions.

OmniLore has since become a member of both ALIROW and Elderhostel Institute.

The response to the initial mailing was overwhelming; over 150 persons attended. Sixty-six of them registered for the first series of four classes offered in the Spring.

The ten founders of the group then found themselves faced with the task of setting up an organization that had suddenly grown six-fold. Officers were elected, and Bert Cutler began work on the by-laws and a handbook. On October 29, **OmniLore** will hold its first annual meeting, at which time officers will be elected and the by-laws adopted. The organization is well underway with its summer sessions and will be starting our fall series of classes in mid September.

WELCOME OMNILORE

*Welcome to the first issue of the
OmniLore News.*

*The purpose of this newsletter is to
keep our membership informed of the
activities of the OmniLore Society and
our affiliate organizations ALTRON
and Elderkostel Institute.*

*This is your newsletter; let us know
what you would like to see on these
pages. We need your comments on
both content and format to make this
a quality product.*

THE PLAYS THE THING

OMNIOLORE MEMBERS ATTEND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

When the members of the summer class on Shakespeare attended their first performance of the SUMMER SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL at the Grove Theater in Garden Grove, they invited all interested OmniLore members to join them. Twenty-seven members packed picnic suppers, got into their cars and drove South. Preceding the performance of "The Tempest" they met at a private enclave at the Grove to discuss the play with Shakespearean scholar Sandra Lees.



SOCIAL NOTES

Learning in Retirement is fun; but so is playing in retirement! When it comes to playing, our motto is

"Different strokes for different folks."

With this in mind, we are thinking of setting up two groups -- one for the folk who like to play bridge and one for the folk who like to discuss lively current issues while munching on their brown bag lunches. If you are interested in either joining the **Bridge Group** or the **Hot Topics Group**, call

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THINK ABOUT IT!

Since the meek shall inherit the earth, they should be allowed to finish a sentence, even though I know what they are going to say, they are taking an interminable time to say it, and I already know the answer.

(New Year's Resolution published in The Toga, a magazine of the Plato Society of UCLA)

CALENDAR

September 10th	Board of Directors Meeting
September 14th	Fall Study/Discussion Groups Begin
September 15th	Deadline for Input to October Newsletter
September 24th	Deadline for Spring Discussion Topic Suggestions
October 8th	Board of Directors Meeting
October 12th	Publication of Nominees for Officers of OmniLore
October 12th	Publication of Agenda for Annual Meeting
October 29th	1st Annual Meeting and Election of Officers



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