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NEW FRONTIERS OF THE SEA TO BE COLLOQUIUM TOPIC

"New Frontiers of the Sea" will be the topic of a colloquium to be presented Wednesday, February 19 at 10 a.m. at the Peninsula Center Library, 650 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Estates.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Dennis L. Kelley, professor of marine biology in the Marine Science Department at Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa.

Dr Kelly has been professor of marine biology at the college for the past 22 years. During 18 of those years he has also served as director of the coastal dolphin survey project. In addition, he is director of the Orange Coast College aquarium, a public aquarium.

Dr. Kelly contributed a chapter on the bottlenose dolphins of Southern California to the Putnam book "The Bottlenose Dolphin," edited by Leatherwood and Reeves.

His talk will deal with current research involving the ocean and future possibilities for ocean food, ocean energy, ocean minerals and ocean living.

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

Admission is free to Omnilore members. There will be a \$4 charge for guests. Persons planning to attend are asked to fill out the form below and mail it to Omnilore at P.O. Box 7000-236,



RESERVATIONS FOR FEBRUARY 19 COLLOQUIUM NEW FRONTIERS OF THE SEA — DR. DENNIS KELLY

Name of Member _____

Number of Guests @ \$4 _____ Total \$ _____

Names of Guests _____

Make checks payable to Friends of Omnilore

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*by Fred Kiefer*

Omnilore is continuing to grow. Our membership is about 150; and next semester we will provide 11 very interesting course seminars for our members. This growth in only five years, starting with a handful of founding members, is due to the leadership of our past presidents and devoted efforts of all those who have served on committees and led seminars as coordinators. We owe them all a large vote of thanks.

But this unprecedented growth brings problems with which we all must cope. Additional members require additional course seminars — which, in turn, depend on increased and continuing flow of ideas for courses. Active participation by all members of OMNILORE is the way to maintain the quality and supply of ideas. The Curriculum Committee depends on this feedback from the membership to make certain that the courses offered reflect a broad range of topics which are keyed to member's interests.

Active participation by all is also necessary to provide coordinators. It is unfair and unrealistic to expect a small percentage of OMNILORE membership to repeatedly volunteer for this role. We provide training for this activity on a regular basis; and the Curriculum Committee will help any coordinator — new or experienced — who requires assistance with setting up a course seminar.

Finally, active participation by all is sought for suggestions to improve OMNILORE and to maintain its quality of academic performance. There is a Suggestion Box available in Room 7 — or you can drop your suggestions into the boxes of the president or vice president.

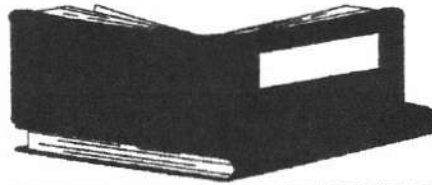
HOT TOPICS*by Joann Ludwig*

On the third Thursday of each month from 12-2 everyone interested is invited to bring a 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.

On January 16 we will discuss campaign finance reform. We have heard lots of calls for campaign finance reform and promises to establish it, but we certainly saw some real problems regarding campaign finances during the November elections. How should campaigns of the future be financed?

On February 20 let's talk about the pros and cons of managed care versus free choice medical care. If you use an HMO tell us why you prefer this option. If you have a free choice plan, let us know why you chose that.

Any ideas for future topics would be very welcome. Sometimes I am really stretching on these topics. If you have some suggestions please give me a call at 377-4989.



Elsewhere in this issue a new way of voicing suggestions is discussed. Please remember, OMNILORE is a cooperative venture for active inquiring minds. It provides new areas for intellectual exploration to all members who fully participate in its activities. Please help the Board of Directors to keep OMNILORE vigorous and productive.

BLAST OFF!*By Joyce Zima*

Be the first in your group to know what's happening on Mars. An out-of-this-world day trip will be launched by OMNILORE on Monday, April 14 at 9:30a.m. **DESTINATION:** JPL Labs in Pasadena
MISSION: To explore the other planets in our solar system to better understand our place in the galaxy
Estimated Cost: Not in the billions; but merely in the neighborhood of \$30 per person. For future updates and signups, check the March Issue.

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.

**New members**

Diana Cutler
Margaret Van Booren



Omniole Profiles Lindie Banks - Secretary

For a woman who was to spend much of her life involved in theatre, it was appropriate that Lindie Banks was born in Hollywood - - - just half a block off Sunset Boulevard to be exact.

After attending private school during her elementary years and Beverly Hills High School during her freshman year, Lindie completed her high school education in St. Louis, Mo., where she graduated from Principia High School.

Prior to meeting Howard Banks, a theatre arts doctoral candidate and former actor, Lindie attended Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles which later became the California Institute of the Arts.

Lindie and Howard met in 1951 during a summer session of Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts where he was setting up the theatre arts program. When the outdoor play for which Lindie had painted the scenery was rained out the night of their first date, Howard offered to take Lindie to a movie. By coincidence it was a film in which Howard appeared on the silver screen. Six months later they were married in Westwood Village and spent their honeymoon celebrating a White Christmas in Idyllwild.

At the time of their marriage Howard was teaching at Santa Monica City College while completing doctoral studies at U.S.C. Dropping out of Chouinard, Lindie transferred to U.S.C. and switched her major to English and theatre arts. She appeared in several college plays and summer Shakespearean productions at Idyllwild where Howard was attempting to establish a Shakespearean Department. They were heady times — surrounded by such devotees of the arts as Pete Seeger, Merc Cunningham and Bella Lewitsky.

After six summers at Idyllwild, Howard was invited to be guest director every other summer at the Shakespearean festival at Boulder Colorado from 1959 to 1969, at which time he was diagnosed as having prostate cancer. By this time Lindie had completed her teaching credential and begun teaching English at North High School and the Banks were the parents of three daughters.

For the remaining six years of Howard's life, they made the most of their summers. In 1969 they attended the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland. They took their three daughters with them in 1973 when they spent 12 weeks camping in England, France, Italy, Greece, Yugoslavia, Austria and Germany. During their European travels they visited Roman and Greek theatres with their daughters.

Two years later, in April 1975, Howard died. Lindie continued teaching until 1987 at which time she retired. However she remained active in education for the next four years as academic de-cathlon coach and by doing research to help prepare new curriculum materials for teachers.

Since her retirement Lindie has attended several Elderhostels and has served as a docent at Point Vicente International Center where she has conducted tours and told stories to school children. To add to her knowledge of marine life she has observed whales in the Straits of Georgia off Vancouver Island and in Magdalena Bay in Baja California.

For the past four years she has been active in Omniole where she is very involved in writing for the Writers Workshop. In addition to writing, her hobbies include gardening, genealogy, reading and

theatre-going. She recently taught at Sigma School, a Torrance school for Japanese children who speak some English.

Lindie's daughters are a costumer, a grant coordinator at Santa Monica City College, and a Pasadena elementary school teacher. She has five grandchildren. Recently the costumer, her husband (a guitarist), and their three daughters appeared in a production of "Midsummer's Night Dream", carrying on the family Shakespearean tradition for the third generation.



THEATER FLASHES

by Mary O'Neill

*Events members may wish to attend.
Reservations to be booked at member's own convenience and date.*

Limited Engagement: Anyone interested in a one-man show by an actor showcasing the music and life of Mario Lanza in performances scheduled for January 3, 4, and 5, is asked to call the Palos Verdes Players, 326-2287 to book reservations.

Six Week Run: Two one-act plays, "Sister Mary Ignatium Explains it" and "The Actor's Nightmare," will be presented at the Palos Verdes Players Playhouse, 2432 Moreton St., Torrance, weekends January 17 through March 1. Individuals may book reservations by calling 326-2287.

FRED KIEFER AND JOHN TABER TO SPEAK AT ALIROW CONFER- ENCE

OMNIOLORE president Fred Kiefer and former president John Taber will speak at the biennial conference of ALIROW at the University of California Riverside April 18-20. Kiefer will talk on problem-solving and Taber will discuss the task Description Manual he devised for OMNIOLORE.

Other highlights of the meeting will include a workshop on establishing new learning-in-retirement groups and discussion panels on curriculum, university relations, conflict resolution, an "ideas that work" exchange, coordinator training programs, and discussion of continuity and purpose of mature learning in retirement groups.

Also featured will be general meetings, a special luncheon speaker, and field trips to the Riverside Orange Blossom Festival.

ALIROW (The Association of Learning in Retirement Organizations in the West) is the regional umbrella organization to which OMNIOLORE belongs. There are currently 27 affiliates in the regional group. OMNIOLORE'S National Umbrella organization is EIN (Elderholstel Institute Network.)

Information for OMNIOLORE members who wish to attend the biennial conference will appear in the next newsletter.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

OMNIOLORE member Hal Fenton was recently honored by the Russian government for his contribution to the Allied support of Russia during World War II with a letter of commendation and the award of the Commemorative Medal marking "The 50th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War."

During World War II, Fenton's out-

SUGGESTIONS? CRITICISMS?

OMNIOLORE wants to know what you are concerned about. To date there have been two avenues for comments and suggestions: the suggestion box near the coffee corner in room 7 and attendance at board meetings.

Now a new outlet for your suggestions and possible solutions has been suggested - a column in the newsletter. If you have anything on your mind, write a letter to DEAR OMNI and mail it to OMNIOLORE, P.O. Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 or drop it in the COMMUNICATIONS box in the Classroom Kioset.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

by Bob Saunders

Good news for those OMNIOLORE members who may have some difficulty hearing what is being said in our classrooms.

There is a small auto-level cassette recorder available at Radio Shack (CTR-105) that comes with everything (earphone, built-in-microphone and auto-level one-touch record) which uses two "AA" batteries. By using this in class, you will not only be able to hear better, but can have a tape of what went on during class as well for playback at home.

The part is listed as No. 14-1101 and priced at \$29.99.

fit, the 308th Bomb Group, operating out of free China, made strategic runs on the Persian Gulf in support of Russian supply ships.

The award was made on behalf of President Boris Yeltsin by Yuli Vorontsov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the USA. Congratulations, Hal!



OMNIOLORE ETHNIC DINNER TO BE HELD AT JAPANESE RESTAURANT JANUARY 25

First in a series of OMNIOLORE social events will be a Japanese dinner to be held Saturday, January 25 at 6 p.m. at Todai Restaurant, 1925 West Carson St., Torrance.

The buffet meal will offer several varieties of seafood, salads, soups, cooked meats, sushi, fruits, and desserts. Price is \$14.36 per person.

Reservations may be made by cutting off the form below and mailing with check to Mary O'Neill, 2550 Pacific Coast Highway, #158, Torrance, CA 90505.

DEADLINE ON RESERVA-
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JAPANESE DINNER

Name of member (s) _____

Amount Enclosed @ \$14.36
apiece _____

Make check payable to: Mary
O'Neill
Reservation deadline: Jan. 20

CALENDAR

- January 6 Summer S/D group registration forms distributed
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 SPRING SESSION BEGINS
- 27 Deadline for return of summer S/D registration forms
- 27 Deadline for new member's spring membership fee
- February 6 Board of Directors meeting
- 15 Deadline for announcements for March Newsletter
- 19 WINTER COLLOQUIUM

FOUR EDUCATION CRUISES PLANNED BY CENTER FOR STUDIES OF THE FUTURE

Four educational cruises have been planned for this Spring and Summer by the Center for Studies of the Future.

Cruises include: Mexico April 14-18 from \$550; Alaska May 20-June 3 and August 26-Sept. 9, from \$2508; Costa Rica, April 5-11, from \$2495 and November 1-8, from \$2599; and Norway, August 11-22, from \$3700.

Persons desiring additional information about study cruises are asked to contact the Center for Studies of the Future; P.O. Box 1645, Ventura, CA 93002.



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