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## LUNCHEON FORUM TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

In response to members' requests for more opportunities to combine socializing with learning, OMNILORE will depart from its tradition of colloquium lectures at the library this Spring and will instead have a luncheon forum next month.

The first Forum will take place Wednesday, February 17 at the San Pedro Elks Club, 1748 Cumbre Drive. A social hour at 11:15 a.m. will precede the luncheon.

Guest speaker will be Jean Adelsman, managing editor of the Daily Breeze. Her topic will be "If You Were the Editor..."

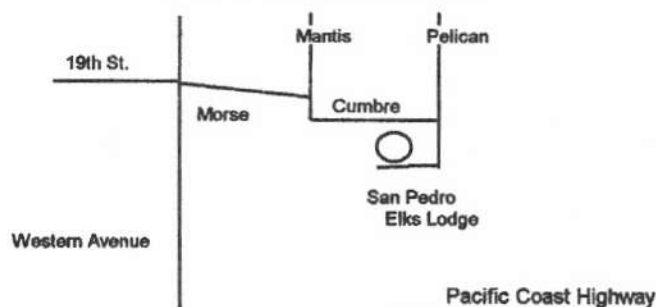
Prior to coming to the Breeze in 1984, Ms. Adelsman was on the editorial staff of the Chicago Sun-Times for 17 years where she served as copy editor, business news editor, entertainment editor, and assistant managing editor for features.

She also taught editing for several years as an adjunct faculty member of Northwestern University's Kedill School of Journalism. In addition, she has served as president of the California Society of Newspaper Editors and the Society of Professional Journalists L.A. Chapter. She has also judged the Pulitzer Prizes and the Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting.

Cost of the luncheon will be \$10 including tax and tip. Luncheon guests may select either chef salad or quiche lorraine as their entree. Directions on getting to the Elks Club are below. Persons needing transportation are invited to contact Lindie Banks at (310) 316-6681.

The reservation form is on the last page of this newsletter. Please send it and your check made payable to "FRIENDS of OMNILORE" to: OMNILORE CSUDH, P.O. Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, CA. 90277

### Directions to the San Pedro Elks Club



Get to Western by your favorite route. Go south on Western, towards the ocean, then right on Morse (uphill opposite 19th St.), right on Mantis for 50 feet, then left on Cumbre Drive, right on Pelican. Park at Elks Lodge sign.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

by Burt Cutler



I'm pleased to report to you that the 1999 year, the 10th year for Omnilore, is starting out with a "Big Bang".

Our Curriculum Committee was flooded with about 100

submissions during the November topic submission get-together. I'm happy that I'm not on the newly-expanded committee, having to whittle these offerings down to 20 to present to the membership. A special note of commendation to our two O'Neills for conceiving and following through with this serious, successful and fun endeavor.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you'll find an announcement of our first experiment of a social lunch format for our next Forum (formerly Colloquium). This grew out of a series of visits last year to the several other LIRs in Southern California. The SAGE group at Cal State Northridge tried this format and found that their attendance and enthusiasm soared. My special thanks to the Forum Co-Chairs, Patricia Morris and Emil Raulin, for setting this up.

At our December Board meeting I asked board members for their 1999 goals for Omnilore. The consensus was that we are functioning quite well, and any focus should continue to accent training of coordinators and new members. Our Head Coor-

dinator, Ralph Brown, will lead a new type of coordinator training program in early January, emphasizing "case studies". Ralph will also meet with new members to review Omnilore objectives and alternate presentation and discussion-generating techniques.

The Board also voted to establish a museum-visitation program. This will offer another opportunity for Omnilore members to expand their horizons while adding social flavor. My thanks to Ellen Bradford who has volunteered to lead these activities.

In addition, the Board voted to sponsor a book discussion group. We'll discuss the specifics at a later time if and when we're able to corral a volunteer leader. (If this has any interest to you, please call me. You'll find that it's easy to get several people to assist—the problem is that someone has to stand up and take the primary responsibility.)

Incidentally, the LIR at University of California, Berkeley, is proud of the many-year success of their book discussion group.

The Board of Directors and I extend our wish for a fruitful, happy, and healthy 1999.

P.S. Omnilore members are invited to sit in on board meetings which are held on second Thursdays from 12:00 to 2:00.

**IN MEMORIAM  
VI GRAHAM**

Vi Graham, long time member of Omnilore, died December 26 during a voyage around Cape Horn in South America. Vi along with her husband Wil was associated with Omnilore from the beginning. We have all lost a tireless worker, a stimulating classmate and a good friend.



Born on Staten Island, N.Y., she lived on the East Coast until the age

of seven. After graduating from Franklin High in Los Angeles, Vi attended U.C.L.A., U. S. C. and Loyola Universities, receiving degrees in economics and sociology.

Vi worked as a reading specialist, a social worker for the State of California, a bank escrow officer, and became an entrepreneur for several years designing and marketing jewelry.

A tennis buff all her life, Vi finished first in the State of California tennis doubles in her age bracket in 1992 and second in the national doubles the same year.

She served on the original board of the Palos Verdes League of Woman Voters, held membership in the Palos Verdes Chapter of the United Nations and was active in Great Books for many years.

Vi and Willard traveled extensively all over the world with Elderhostel, on good-will tennis tours and on their own.

**A GREAT LIFE! A GREAT LADY!**

**COORDINATORS WORKSHOP SET FOR JANUARY**

A workshop for coordinators and co-coordinators will be held Friday, January 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Knob Hill facility.

Persons not planning to serve as coordinators at this time but who wish to participate are also invited to attend.

Led by Ralph Brown, the workshop will focus on the leadership and/or people skills needed by a coordinator.

Some of the topics to be covered include:

- \* How to establish atmosphere
- \* How to control the over dominant and encourage the silent class members.
- \* Who is in control—the coordinator or the presenter?
- \* Problems that have arisen in the past.

Participants are invited to bring their individual questions and problems for the group to work out solutions together.

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**MUSEUMS ON-THE-GO**

**BACKGROUND**

Last year several members of the architecture study group visited the Gamble House in Pasadena and the campus at Cal-Tech for docent-led tours. Six members of the study group in Post-Impressionism attended the Picasso Exhibit at LACMA at the end of the summer, and following their museum tour discussed their reactions to the paintings and sculptures while dining at a nearby restaurant.

**Conclusion** -- Many Omnilore members would love to visit exhibits at local museums. **Solution** — To make it more fun for members to take advantage of these opportunities, the Omnilore Board of Directors has decided to sponsor member visits to museums, with optional car-pooling arrangements and optional lunch or dinner arrangements.

There are over 40 museums in Southern California including The Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena, the Bower Museum in Santa Ana, the Southwest Museum in Highland Park, the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, the Skirball Center in Bel Air, the Gene Autry Museum in Griffith Park, and the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach.

**FIRST MUSEUM TOUR PLANNED**

Under the leadership of Ellen Bradford, who will keep tabs on changing exhibits at the various museums and arrange details, the first trip will be to the Bower Museum on March 12 to view the Ludwig van Beethoven exhibit. The docent-led tour will begin at 1 p.m. Because attendance is limited, persons planning to attend are asked to call Ellen Bradford at (310)791-0391 or Lindie Banks at (310)316-6681 as soon as possible.

**OMNIOLORE BRIEFS**

**MEMBERSHIP PACKETS**

Anyone who did not receive a membership packet at the annual meeting is asked to contact Mike Grinde, 372-6122. The packet contained the current roster and calendar, by-law changes, and minutes of last year's annual meeting.

**VCR PROBLEMS**

Anyone having problems using our VCR in the classroom is requested to contact Bob Grove, 833-3039, for help.

**LIBRARY CARDS**

If you wish to receive a library card from the University, pick up your receipt for dues payment from the Treasurer's box in Room 7.

**REMINDER**

If you are the last group to leave either of the classrooms, please remember to:

- ⇒ Put away coffee pot and fixings
- ⇒ Shut off all lights
- ⇒ Close all windows
- ⇒ Lock Doors
- ⇒ Turn off heat

Don't assume another group is coming in!

**KEYS**

If you are no longer a coordinator or co-coordinator, please contact Gloria Jacobs, 378-3206, to arrange for returning your keys and receiving your \$10 deposit back. Others need the keys.

**REMEMBER WHEN ?**

*With apologies to both my computer literate & illiterate friends.*

A computer was something on TV from a science fiction show of note. A window was something you hated to clean and ram was the cousin of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend and gig was a job for the night. Now they all mean different things and that really mega bytes.

An application was for employment. A program was a TV show. A cursor used profanity. A keyboard was a piano.

Memory was something that you lost with age. A CD was a bank account. And if you had a 3 inch floppy you hoped nobody found out.

Compress was something you did to the garbage not something you did to a file. And if you unzipped anything in public you'd be in jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire. Hard drive was a long trip on the road. A mouse pad was where a mouse lived and a backup happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife. Paste you did with glue. A web was a spider's home and a virus was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper and the memory in my head. Though nobody's been killed in a computer crash when it happens they'll wish they were dead.

**WE WANT TO KNOW!**

We want to know 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. Please notify Merle Culbert, Membership Chairman at (310) 545-7994.





## OMNIOLORE PROFILE

### Emil Raulin, Treasurer

Although he wasn't elected treasurer of OMNIOLORE until this past November, Emil Raulin has been involved with the volunteer money scene in the South Bay for decades. Long before the Torrance YMCA became a reality, Emil was actively soliciting pledges for what was to become the base for much of the community's activities.

And once the dream became a reality, Emil didn't stop. He not only remained active in fund-raising for ongoing activities at the Y, but he became involved in many of their committees. While his children were young Emil was active in both the Indian Guides and the Indian Princesses, and when they got older, with Gray Y. After the four of them grew up and left home, Emil continued working on the annual fund-raising drive as well as serving on several

committees.

A native of Dearborn, Mich., Emil received his bachelors degree in mechanical engineering in 1951. Two months after graduation, he married his fiancée, Betty, his wife of the past 47 years.

In his entire professional life Emil held exactly two jobs. For the first twelve years after college he worked for Union Carbide in Kokomo, Indiana. After a short time in research he transferred to their investment casting division, and continued that pursuit for the rest of his professional career.

He made the move to California in 1963 when Garrett Corporation invited him to help start a new division that included investment casting; and he remained there until his retirement in 1989.

In addition to his YMCA activities, Emil has always been actively

involved in his church.

His lifetime hobbies of photography and golf have continued to keep him busy in his retirement.

A member of Omniole for several years, Emil has served as a coordinator several times and serves as cochairman of the forum committee in addition to his role as Treasurer.

Avid travelers, Emil and Betty usually try to take one cruise and three trips a year. He's been to South America, the Black Sea, the Mediterranean, Israel, Egypt, the Grand Canyon, and Quebec, Canada. This year he plans to visit Thailand, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Emil is the grandfather of four youngsters—two in Arroyo Grande and two in Fullerton.

## OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 1999

January	1	Spring Session Begins
	8	Coordinators' Workshop
	14	Board of Directors' Meeting
	15	Distribution of Spring Roster Addenda Topic Suggestions for Summer Trimester Due
February	27	New Member Deadline for Spring Membership Fee
	11	Board Meeting
	15	Deadline for March Newsletter
March	17	Spring Luncheon Forum
	8	Deadline for Return of Summer Registration Forms
	11	Board Meeting

### IMPORTANT

Please Note: All changes and additions to the Omniole Calendar must be cleared with the Vice President,

**OMNIOLORE LUNCHEON FORUM**

WHEN: Wednesday, February 17, 1999 @ 11:15am  
WHERE: San Pedro Elks Club  
1748 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, Ca. 90732

Reservations are required by February 1, please!

Reservation for February 17 Luncheon Forum

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Omnilore Luncheon and Forum

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Entree Selection: Chef Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Quiche Lorraine \_\_\_\_\_

Please make out checks to Friends of Omnilore

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