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Omnilore Needs You - And Your Friends



What piques your interest, stimulates your mind, your creativity, your imagination and lets you associate with bright, friendly people with similar interests? Omnilore, of course; and Omnilore needs more people like you - people who like to learn new and fascinating things, keep mentally active and associate with people with their unique interests. The more members we have, the greater diversity and selection of options for S/D Groups.

Recently, the Membership Committee brainstormed how to recruit new members and came to the conclusion that our best recruiters are our own members. After all, you have friends who fit the description above (they probably wouldn't be your friends if they didn't) and you know all about Omnilore and how much it means to you: so we are asking you, the membership, to:

- 1) Tell a friend about Omnilore. Friends share good things, don't they?
- 2) Bring a friend to a class. (Check with the Coordinator first.)
- 3) Pick up a brochure at the Redondo Center and give it to a friend while extolling the virtues of this wonderful organization.

They will be grateful to you for thinking so highly of them and offering the wonderful opportunity to join Omnilore.

Merle Culbert
Membership Chairman

First Luncheon Forum Deemed Huge Success

Seventy OMNIOLOREANS had an opportunity to put themselves in the editor's shoes at the first luncheon forum held February 17 at the San Pedro Elks Club. With attendance more than double that at previous colloquiums held at the library, it looks like luncheon forums may be here to stay.

Guest speaker Jean Adelsman, managing editor of the Daily Breeze, explored the topic "If You Were the Editor," by posing three actual scenarios that Breeze staffers faced during the past decade and asking Omnilore members how they would handle the problem situations.

The first dilemma dealt with a loan scam uncovered in Palos Verdes involving a pair of local residents, one of whom was a Canadian citizen. When Breeze investigators learned that the Attorney General's office in San Diego was also on the trail of the scam artists and planning to take action, they were faced with whether to print the story and put the attorney general's case at risk with the possibility that the Canadian might head back to his native country, or whether to sit on the story and put more consumers at risk.

The second dilemma concerned a Breeze photographer listening to the police scanner in the photo lab who heard the dispatcher say an infant and his nanny had been kidnapped. After the police reporter called the

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Burt Cutler



D'ya ever stop to consider the work that goes into churning out our newsletter issue after issue? I seldom

do except for the bimonthly pain when Ronnie reminds me that some more deathless prose is expected for the president's message. I always manage to delay for a time, but her persistence finally wins out. That explains how a very small part of the newsletter gets done. Yes, folks, this newsletter, which I've been advised by Elderhostel headquarters, is one of the best of all the LIRs in the nation, happens because of a ton of dedicated work from the newsletter staff, Ronnie, Ginger, Blanche, Peggy, Walter and Bob (see lower left corner of the masthead). Being fairly normal people, most of them, they're likely to regard any accolades with deep appreciation....so do it ...tell 'em you love 'em!!

As you can tell, this column, this time, will depart from the usual serious stuff and will be somewhat

more laid-back. Maybe because I'm doing my draft at the very time when the U.S. Senate has decided to release the country from our agonizing 13 month ordeal. Now perhaps we can again read or watch the news without our personal biases predominating. Incidentally, the few sample polls that I witnessed during the past several months indicate that Omnilorians fell fairly close to the general public, believing that the president should not be ousted by about 75% to 25%. It's your own judgement as to whether this is good or bad.

And now we can debate whether the impeachment trial or the O.J. trial was "the" trial of the century. My opinion is that neither came close, the winner being a trial that occurred in Tennessee over 70 years ago. Look it up. This question would have been a natural for our now-disbanded Hot Topics, but in general Omnilore members stayed away from those dialogues in droves. Our members seem to favor "learn and discuss" vs. "debate".

So now the nation can get back to things that are really important such as:

(1) The Jerry Falwell organization's feeling about the (real name) Itsy Bitsy Entertainment Co. Whether their Tinky Winky Telebubbie (I didn't make that up) symbolizes homosexuality to the very young. Simultaneously bats are being thrown at the Walt Disney Co. for sending out "subliminal sexual messages" in their last three kids' movies.

(2) Will Dennis Rodman become a Laker (*Editor's note: Yup, it happened*), and will he again break all records of personal degradation? There really are Americans whose personal conduct is worse than our president's (I mean the U.S. president, of course).

(3) More-to-come mysterious causes of Princess Diana's demise.

All the above musing is really to thank the Omnilore process and all of you for helping to take my and your mind away from the mass and mess of everyday news. I enjoy y'all.

LUNCHEON FORUM (Continued from page 1) police department, an FBI agent arrived at the Breeze to request that they drop the story until the case was resolved. Knowing that printing the story could bring forth witnesses, Breeze staffers had to decide between printing the story and putting lives at risk or sitting on a story which could turn up new witnesses.

In the final scenario, Morningside High School lost its CIF state division championship when the team was deprived of its star senior point guard, a straight-A student headed for Stanford. He had been suspended a few days earlier for disciplinary reasons. The public was curious as to why he had been sidelined. Breeze investigative reporting divulged that the star football player had been arrested with two friends for bringing

handguns onto the Inglewood High campus. The problem facing the Breeze (and the Omnilorians who had to decide how they would handle it if they were the editor) was whether to sit on the story because the student was a minor, or whether to print it because it explained the puzzling event. Following spirited discussions on each of the case studies by Omnilorians, Adlesman revealed how the paper had handled each dilemma and their rationale for their decisions.

If you missed this event, you missed a fun and stimulating discussion, a good lunch and a chance to socialize with all those Omnilorians you haven't seen for a while. There will be another Forum in late spring, the date to be announced in the next newsletter.

Contributor's Corner

The following haiku was written by Alfred Bernstein following an Omnilore meeting January 8 which he said served as its inspiration:

Hard work rewarded

Ideas appreciated

Feels good, so I'm here.

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Comments and input can be sent to



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Annual Downtown Walk

John Taber



It's springtime again and Omnimore's Walking Group is preparing for its annual downtown historic, artistic and architectural tour. Normally our walks are on the third Friday of the month; but conflicts have forced a move to the second Friday of April, (i.e. April 9, 1999). If there are enough interested people, a second walk on April 23 could be scheduled. The walk (which includes a no-host lunch) will begin about 9:00 am and return about 4:30 p.m. All Omnimore members and their friends are invited; \$2.00 is requested from non-members of the walking group to cover preparation expenses. Interested non-members should notify John Taber, (310) 831-4768, or Loraine Nagy (310) 375-9997, to be sure of receiving detailed instructions about a week before hand.

Omnimore Library to Close

The Omnimore Library, located in Room 8, consisting of a small collection of books and video tapes, is being disbanded due to lack of use. A selected number of the books will be moved to the closet in Room 7 and the rest will be donated to the Friends of PV Library in Memory of Vi Graham. If any Omnimore member donated a book to the library and would prefer that it be returned rather than donated to the library, please contact Gloria Jacobs prior to April 1.



We Want To Know!

We want to know if you know of any member in our midst who is having difficulty of any kind. Omnimore members want to respond with offers of help, transportation, a phone call, flowers or whatever. Please notify Rose Shields, at (310) 537-1437.

CSUDH Music Department Calendar of Events
California State University Dominguez Hills

Our sponsoring University, CSUDH, offers a continuing program of top performers and exhibits as well as many performances of the college's music groups. Most performances are free, but donations are welcome. Following is a list of events for the next two months. We urge you to attend.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Thursday, March 4th at 8:00 pm	Patricia Maki, flute Larry Giannecchini, guitar Duo Recital	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Saturday, March 6th at 2:30 pm	Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay-Rehearsal	LaCorte Hall, Rehearsal Room (LCH A204)	Frances Steiner 310-243-3947
Tuesday, March 9th at 8:00 pm	Paul Galbreath Solo Classical Guitar Recital	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Thursday, March 11th at 7:00 pm	California Impressionism Art Department Lecture Series	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	Kathy Zimmerer-McKelvie at (310) 243-3334
Saturday, March 13th at 8:00 pm	Russian Strings in Concert Featuring the Los Angeles-St. Petersburg Russian Folk Orchestra Soloists from Kiev and Moscow	University Theatre	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Thursday Morning, March 18th	Carson Dominguez Symphony Children Concerts	Carson Community Center	Frances Steiner 310-243-3947
Saturday, March 20th at 8:00 pm	Carson Dominguez Symphony	University Theatre	Frances Steiner 310-243-3947
Tuesday, March 23rd at 8:00 pm	Jose Meliton, Elena Martin Classical Piano Music of Spain	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Thursday, March 25th at 8:00 pm	The Maiden Voyage Jazz Band	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Thursday, April 8th at 8:00 pm	Leonne Lewis Piano Recital	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Thursday, April 15th at 7:00 pm	California Impressionism Art Department Lecture Series	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	Kathy Zimmerer-McKelvie at (310) 243-3334
Thursday, April 22nd at 8:00 pm	Guitar Festival Under Direction of William Davila	LaCorte Hall, Recital Hall (LCH A103)	David Champion (310) 243-3901
Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00 pm	Jubilee Jazz Night Jubilee Choir and University Jazz Ensemble \$10.00 donation.	University Student Union	David Champion (310) 243-3901

Salvador Dali Lithographs at Torrance Art Gallery

Dali fans in the South Bay can revel in the artist's work at an exhibit of 40 limited-edition lithographs at Joslyn Fine Arts Gallery, 3320 Civic Center Drive, Torrance through April 9. For additional information call 781-7159. The prints include "Drawers of Memory," "Bullfight #5" and "Persistence of Memory," the famous painting of melting watches. The paintings are the product of a chaotic life that was marked by mystery and controversy. Hours of the exhibit are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free, and they will conduct docent led tours for groups of up to 15. If you are interested in attending as a group please contact Patricia Morris at (310) 541-8378.

OMNIOLORE PROFILE**Etta Tourkin, Member-at - Large**

As a native of the Washington, D.C. area, Etta Tourkin tends to categorize experiences in terms of administrations. The highlight of her life, she recalls, occurred during the Nixon administration.

That's when she took a summer job as a unit leader for the Junior Division of Camp Louise near Camp David. The job lasted four summers. For Etta it was special for two reasons. For one thing it had family history. Etta had attended the camp as a child, and her mother had attended it as a working adult prior to her marriage.

But more importantly, Etta remembers, it was the first time she "worked like a man." As the mother of two young children, she enjoyed stepping out of the housewife role to assume administrative responsibilities while "someone else cooked, cleaned, and did the ironing."

A native of Capital Heights, Maryland, Etta is a graduate of the University of Maryland where she received her degree in secondary English education in June 1957. Following graduation, she taught English at the high school from which she had graduated.

In August, 1950 (on the day Magic Johnson was born, she recalls) she married Bernie Tourkin, a soldier stationed in the Washington area whom she had known since child-

hood. Etta quit her teaching job shortly before the birth of her son, Paul in 1963. The following year, a daughter, Jennifer, was born.

When Etta left the ranks of stay-at-home mom to become a camp unit leader, Bernie shared her pride in this role.

No longer in the military, Bernie was an airline route analyst for Eastern Airlines. When the airline moved to Florida in 1974, Bernie took a position with Ozark Airlines in St. Louis, where Etta became active in the League of Women Voters.

Two and one half years later the family moved to California where they bought a home in El Segundo in which they have lived ever since. Continuing her League of Women Voter activities, Etta decided to also go back to work. After a stint as a substitute teacher, she opted for a new career path. She enrolled in the paralegal program at El Camino College, and upon receiving her certificate pursued a career as a paralegal until her retirement three years ago.

As a paralegal, Etta specialized in probate work and loved it. Working for a large Century City firm, she handled a lot of "shoebox estates" where she went to the home of the deceased, packed up their papers in a shoe box, and took them back to the office to figure out what she had.

For one two-year period she left probate work to assist in a land fraud case involving water rights in the Coachella Valley. During this time she "second-seated" the trial, looking up precedents for the attorney.

Since retiring, Etta has become active in the El Segundo Auxiliary for Children's Hospital and has been involved in OMNIOLORE for three years, serving as the coordinator of several classes and this year as a member-at-large on the Omnilore Board.

For the past year and a half Etta has been playing golf three times a week. In addition, she walks along the beach three times a week, reads a book of fiction every two days, and goes to the theater and art exhibits as often as she can. She and Bernie share her hobbies as well as a love of traveling.

The Tourkins have two children, a son, Paul, who is an attorney in San Diego, and a daughter, Jennifer, who lives in Paso Robles where she does marketing and public relations for the Paso Robles Vintners and Growers Association.

They live with their two cats, Webster and Earvin (named for Magic Johnson) who their son Paul purchased for them in a market in Thailand.

Omnilore Welcomes New Members

Since publication of the roster in October, eight new members have joined Omnilore. Please add these new enrollees to your roster. If you run into them in your S/D Group say hi!

Preesenting...

Echo & Perry Davis	316-3444	1067 Palos Verdes Blvd, Redondo Beach, 90277
Kirsten Harder	379-8271	1320 Curtis Ave, Manhattan Beach, 90266
Carol Kerster	372-6321	606 N. Juanita #5, Redondo Beach, 90277
Robert Koch	373-9979	645 Pasoe de la Playa #208, Redondo Beach, 90277
Elliott Politi	54907238	22031 S. Main St #5, Carson, 90745
Charles Sears	373-3844	3609 Via La Selva, Palos Verdes Estates, 90274
Janice Tillotson	541-6706	6710 Los Verdes Dr. #1, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275

Roster Correction: The phone number in your roster for Alan Scharff is incorrect. His correct number is 375-0019. Please make this correction on your roster.

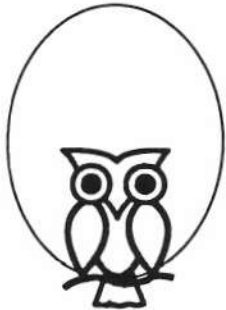
OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 1999

March	11	Board of Directors' Meeting
	17	St Patrick's Day
	20	Summer Schedules of S/D Groups Mailed
April	8	Board of Directors' Meeting
	13	Fall S/D Topic Suggestion Forms Distributed
	15	Deadline for May Newsletter
	16	Coordinators' Training Session for Summer S/D Groups
		Spring Session Ends
May	3	Summer Session Begins
	13	Board of Directors' Meeting
	31	Memorial Day



IMPORTANT

Please Note: All changes and additions to the Omnilore Calendar must be cleared with the Vice President, Administration, Gloria Jacobs (310) 378-3206 in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling or use of rooms.



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