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ALIROW To Meet In April

The Association of Learning in Retirement Organizations in the West (ALIROW) will hold its next biennial meeting in Fullerton from April 27th to the 29th. Our host will be Continuing-Learning-Experience (CLE), an LIR organization associated with Cal State University, Fullerton. ALIROW was created more than a decade ago to help new learning-in-retirement (LIR) organizations get started and to provide a means for existing LIRs to share with and learn about each other. **Omniole** has been a member since its association with CSUDH in 1991 and has had representation at the previous five biennial conferences.

This April's conference will begin Friday evening with registration, tours of the member-funded CLE facility and a welcoming dinner. Saturday will be devoted to four periods in which attendees may select from a variety of presentations and workshops. An elegant dinner and entertainment will follow at a restaurant overlooking the city.

On Sunday there will be a presentation on healthy aging given by professors involved in gerontology. A conference summary and discussion of future events will close the meeting by 11 a.m.

Omniole members could learn a lot from other LIRs and perhaps pick up an idea or two that would help us. We expect attendees from as far away as British Columbia. The cost for an individual is \$135. A spouse interested in attending only the dinners may do so for a nominal fee. Registration packages will be available by the time you read this article. Contact **Emil Raulin** for a copy.

After the main conference, a short business meeting will be held and officers for the next two years will be elected. Each member organization is entitled to one vote. Candidates are needed for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We also need a representative for Region #3 which covers Los Angeles and several adjoining counties. Former **Omniole** member and President, **Ethel Allen**, was Region #3 representative for several years. If anyone would be willing to be a candidate and help with this very important work, please contact **John Taber** (831-4768), currently ALIROW Vice President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Courses Selected For The Summer Session

Eleven study/discussion courses will be offered during the summer semester, which will run from May 1st through August 24th.

Two sections will be offered in History of Immigration. Other course offerings will include: Understanding the Stock Market, American Short Stories, We've Come a Long Way - The History of

Women, An Indian History of the American West, Leisure - The Basis of Culture, America - What's Wrong?, California Artists, Creative Writing, Fashions Through the Ages, and Unpopular History of the United States.

You will be notified in the mail soon of your classes, meeting dates and times.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin

Omnilore is a volunteer organization; none of our members get paid for the work that they do. We have a relatively small number of people that give freely of their time and talents by being board members, committee chairs, assisting with other activities, and also participating in various study and discussion groups. We have a relatively large number of members who enjoy taking part in our study groups, but have little involvement in the overall



organization. This month I wish to address the subject of coordinators and co-coordinators. They are a very important part of our organization. They are the individuals who review the course material, make arrangements for a pre-meeting, suggest assignments, provide a roster of participating members and make up a schedule for presentation,

making sure the meeting room is open and fulfilling other tasks as required that help make the group an enjoyable learning experience.

Edith Garvey is our head coordinator and is responsible for providing training and making sure that each study and discussion group has a coordinator. Let's make Edith's job easier by volunteering to be a coordinator or working along with someone else as a co-coordinator. If you would like more information, please feel free to call Edith (539-8839) or myself (316-5750).

Knob Hill Facilities Face Cutback

By Emil Raulin

We have recently been informed that effective with the start of the summer trimester we will no longer be able to plan on using Room #8.

In the past CSUDH has leased both Rooms 7 and 8 from the city of Redondo Beach and has allowed us to use Room 8 anytime they did not have a use for it. Currently the city of Redondo Beach needs additional space for a job-training program, which they plan on being set up in Room 8.

We do not expect to have any problem for the summer study and discussion groups. However, in the future we may not be able to accommodate all requests for certain meeting times and dates. Members are asked to be flexible and reasonable when indicating times and dates they cannot participate. With your cooperation, I am sure we can manage to accommodate most of our members. More details will follow later.

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome these new members and add to your roster.

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Donald Muggeridge
5 Sunnyfield Drive
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274
Phone: 541-4272

I don't get even - I get odd-

Spread The Word . . .

Do you know of any **Omniloreans** in need of cheering up? Let **Marge Winston** know, and she will send a get well card or extend our sympathy to families of bereaved. You can reach Marge by phone at 372-8026 or by e-mail at



Sixth Annual Downtown Walk Set For April 20th

By John Taber

On Friday, April 20th all **Omniloreans** are invited to join members of **Omnilore's** hiking group on our annual tour of downtown Los Angeles. In our five previous downtown tours we have covered many artistic, architectural and historical places in the vicinity of downtown. This year we will explore some new ground and repeat some of the sights of prior years. We welcome prior attendees plus any newcomers who want to see many of the recent downtown changes and don't mind walking a few miles at a leisurely pace to see them.

This walk, like all our walks, is open to all, but only those on our mailing list and others who call will receive details telling them where and when to meet. We also encourage non-members to become regular members and join us on a regular basis as we explore the Palos Verdes hills eleven times during the year and downtown once. For a \$5 yearly fee to cover mailing, you will receive a notice of each upcoming monthly hike. Call **Nancy Wells** at 832-3682 or **John Taber** at 831-4768 for more information or to get on our mailing list.

Did You Know . . .

****Chrometophobia** is the fear of money. ****Thomas Edison** not only invented the electric light, the light socket and light switch, but also an electric pen and wax paper. ****M&M's The Candy** - The initials stand for Mars and Murrie. ****Scissors** were the invention of Leonardo da Vinci. ****Cash, not Charge** was J.C. Penney's middle name

Welcome Back!

Manuela Matute, who was on annual leave, is again an active member of **Omnilore**.

OMNIOLORE PROFILE – GEORGE CLARK, TREASURER

Son of a General Motors executive, George Clark, a native of Sharon, PA, spent his childhood moving around Ohio as his father climbed the corporate ladder.

A retired scientist and published author, George started his college education as a scholarship student at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA where he studied physics during World War II. Despite the fact that George won the only deferment granted by the physics department, he was drafted after his freshman year. He served in the Army for 18 months in the Philippine campaign.

When the war ended and he returned home, his father was working in Chicago. So George enrolled in the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where he met and married Mary Lou the year before he received his degree in electrical engineering. The Clarks started a family and George enrolled in graduate school.

Upon receiving his doctorate in 1956, George and his family moved to California where he did research for Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation which later became Space Technology Labs, the forerunner of TRW. Inasmuch as his graduate work in college had involved very fast-time studies, when

he got to Ramo-Wooldridge he was given the assignment of building a very fast camera to provide instrumentation for fusion power research. An entire experiment might last only a few billionths of a second, and they needed a way to follow the action. The camera he designed turned out to be the fastest camera in the world, and it became Space Technology Lab's first commercial product. More than 100 were sold for plasma research. When the laser was invented in 1960, George used his camera to take the first high-speed photographs of laser emissions, discovering new optical phenomena.

In 1963 George was offered a position with Electro-Optical Systems in Pasadena as chief scientist. A department head, he remained there for four years doing research on lasers and laser systems.

After a three-year stint as chief scientist on projects involving laser communications at Aerojet General Corporation in Azusa, George moved to Menlo Park where he was assistant director of research for Zenith Research Corporation. When the lab closed a year and a half later, George returned to TRW where he remained until his retirement in 1991. During this period he was senior manager of a department involved in laser communication

projects and optical systems in space.

Since his retirement, George has written software that draws compact voting districts using only population and geographic data. The resulting map is unique for any state, making gerrymandering impossible. He is co-authoring a book, *Kill the Gerrymander*, with a professor at CSUDH and will present a paper on this subject at a conference in San Diego in June.

He has previously had magazine articles pertaining to economics and government published in *Chronicles*, *Conservative Review*, and *Skeptic* magazines. He has also had two poems published – one in *Modern Bride* and one in an academic magazine.

George was widowed when his wife, Mary Lou, died eight years ago. He has three grown children and six grandchildren living in this area.

George has several hobbies including oil painting, sculpting and playing the organ.

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Like Mysteries?

Accessories to Murder
903 S. Pacific Coast Highway has offered a 10% discount to **Omniole** members.
The shop deals in books, audio books, videos, gifts and accessories.

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Open House Set

An open house for prospective members of **Omniole** will be held at the Palos Verdes Library Wednesday, March 21st from 10:30 to noon. President **Emil Raulin** and Curriculum Chairman **Sam Rifman** will explain the organization and answer questions, and a recent new member will explain his or her reasons for enjoying the **Omniole** experience.

If you have any friends who are interested in learning more about **Omniole**, please invite them or bring them.

Chess Club Changes Meeting Date

As of this year, the Omni Chess Club will meet on the *second* Friday of the month at 10 a.m. instead of the first Friday.

REMEMBER:
Amateurs Built the Arc - Professionals Built the Titanic!

E-Mail Update

Please add the following e-mail changes to your roster:

Robert Koch: Change from:
nmKoch@earthlink.net
To: RNMkoch@earthlink.net

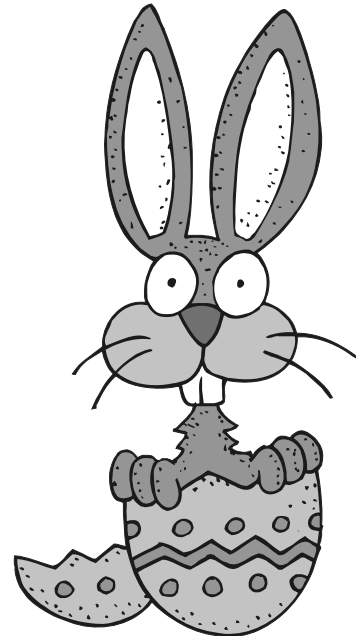
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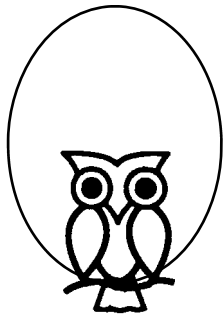
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March	5	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	8	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	9	Chess Club – 10 a.m..
	13	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	15	Schedules Mailed for Next Semester
	16	Hiking Club
	21	Open House at Palos Verdes Library – 10:30 a.m.
April	2	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	6	Coordinators Training Session
	8	Passover
	10	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	12	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	13	Chess Club – 10 a.m.
	15	Easter
	15	Input Deadline for May Newsletter
	17	St. Patrick's Day
	20	Hiking Club



IMPORTANT

Please Note: Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:
 Either phone Bob Grove to reserve a room, or
 mark the corkboard calendar in Room 7 and notify Bob Grove via e-mail.
 Bob Grove's contact information: (310) 833-3039 – papabob111@aol.com



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