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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Omniole's** newly elected officers assumed their responsibilities in January and are very fortunate for last year's organization efforts. John Taber, President last year, had taken a special goal to formalize the way Omniole operates so that later officers could step into an organization that runs smoothly despite a turnover of personnel. He accomplished this effort, which required many extra meetings and a great deal of time and devotion. This resulted in a much smoother running organization. We better understand which positions are responsible for which tasks, and with whom they need to coordinate. John documented the end result of this effort in a booklet describing the tasks needed for the organization to function, what each task entails, and an estimate of the time it takes. A copy of this booklet is on the table near the coffee pot. **Omniole owes immeasurable thanks to John, his leadership last year, and his tireless effort in guiding this organizing effort.**

This year we have the luxury of expanding into several new activities. In the academic area, Fred Kiefer has a committee organizing a series of colloquium, where we will have paid outside experts who will give presentations on selected subjects. Fred is also organizing a group to investigate an Omniole retreat. This would take place for a few days at some nearby overnight location, with expert speakers covering in depth the selected subject. In the questionnaire you recently received, Fred is soliciting your input on subjects you would like to see covered, and speakers you would recommend. We would also like to have some activity at

the CSUDH campus, if only a tour, so that members who are not familiar with it will see how attractive the university is. Please offer your suggestions to Fred so we can provide what you would like.

We have arranged with the university for Omniole members, with the permission of the instructor, to audit regular university classes on campus. We hope some members will take advantage of this opportunity. A three unit class normally costs \$565. Please see another article in this Omniole News for this procedure.

Discounted magazine subscriptions, both new and renewal, are available to Omniole members as enrolled students of the university. Check these prices when your regular subscriptions are up for renewal. Subscription leaflets are on the bulletin board above the coffee pot.

The board is also considering possible facility improvements to our two meeting rooms, and possibly a summer Omniole picnic.

We are very fortunate to have, as officers and board members, a group of very able and interested members who are working very well together. As always, we encourage each member to take an active role in the organization, in addition to the usual course preparation. We have many needs, such as co-coordinating courses, making coffee, and serving on the membership, social and other committees. Please offer to help and respond when requested. Our organization is only as good as we make it.

Whit Wilson  
President



## Omnilorians May Audit On-Campus Classes at No Extra Charge

Omnilore members may now, with the permission of the instructor, audit CSUDH classes without paying additional fees. Auditing means without registering for the class, not taking exams, and not receiving university credit for the course.

The procedure is as follows:

Select the class you wish to attend.

- Review the Omnilore copy of the CSUDH University Catalog for University Classes.
- Check the CSUDH Open University Quarterly Schedule for start dates, current class offerings, locations, times and instructors. If you need a schedule mailed to you, call (310) 516-3741.

Attend the first session of the class.

- See if it is a class that you want to attend.
- Talk to the professor at the break or after class.
- Identify yourself as a member of the Omnilore Society, a peer learning in retirement organization under the sponsorship of the CSUDH Division of extended Education and enrolled in the University.
- Request permission to audit the class. You may or may not be allowed to, depending on such factors as the size of the class (too small or too large), whether you would take the seat of a paying student, the professor's inclination about your attending, or any other reason. The professor's decision is the deciding factor.

Omnilore members are authorized to use the University Library, by presenting their extension ID Card with the current quarter validation sticker.

## EIGHT CLASSES SET FOR SUMMER

This year's summer session will offer the largest number of summer study/discussion groups in Omnilore's history. Eight groups will meet during the June 12 to September 15 session. Groups will meet as follows:



- Twentieth Century American Literature will meet the first and third Wednesdays at 1 p.m. with Vi Graham and Betty Cooper as coordinators.
- Contemporary Moral Issues will meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. with Frank and Joann Ludwig as coordinators.
- The Beliefs of the Native Indian Tribes of North America will meet the first and third Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. with Aileen Myers and Joyce Zima as coordinators.
- Creative People and What Makes Them That Way will meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. with Terry Savage and Peggy Houghton as coordinators.
- The Writers' Workshop will meet on the first and third Thursdays at 1 p.m. with Ellen Bradford and Lindie Banks as coordinators.
- How World War I Shaped the 20th Century will meet the first and third Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. with Michael Grinde and Dean Dwyer as coordinators.
- Current Issues in Science will meet the first and third Fridays at 10 a.m. with Neale Lehman and Mary Varieur as coordinators.
- The Development of the Detective Novel will meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. with Muriel and Fred Kiefer as coordinators.

## Omnilore Hikers to Explore New Trails

Omnilore members desiring to add physical and social stimulation to the mental stimulation derived from study/discussion groups are invited to the newly-formed hikers group — or "picnic/walkers" as they prefer to call themselves.



The next event is scheduled for Friday, May 19. Members will meet for a brown-bag lunch followed by a stroll through the newly-created Stein Hale Nature Trail near Palos Verdes Drive North and East.

Participants are invited to bring their lunches to John Taber's house where the walk will begin.

Interested persons may either call John at 831-4768 for instructions on driving into his property or go to the mailboxes at 37 Harbor Sight Drive and walk the short trail to the house.

The group meets the third Friday of every other month. Persons interested in being notified about future hikes are invited to contact John.

## EXPANDING ACADEMIC HORIZONS

By now, all of you have received and returned the questionnaire asking your opinions on a series of colloquia and retreats to explore subjects with experts. As soon as the results of the questionnaires are tabulated, plans will be made for next fall. Details will be published in the next newsletter.

## Coming Events

The Omnilore board is currently in the process of planning its first social event—a picnic for the membership to be held some time this summer.



**WATCH THE NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS**

**OmnioLore Profiles**  
**Gloria Jacobs**  
**Treasurer**

Gloria Jacobs has always enjoyed helping people solve problems—especially when those problems involved money. This is why she became an income tax preparer. And when she retired, she decided that what was rewarding on an individual basis could be even more rewarding on an organizational basis.

This year Gloria is double dipping into the satisfaction derived from utilizing her skills in the volunteer community. Not only is she treasurer of OmniLore, but she is also currently serving as treasurer of the Costa Verde District of the California Garden Clubs, Inc. And looming on her horizon in the near future is the position of state treasurer of California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Gloria didn't always plan on a career in finances. when she first enrolled at Temple University she planned to become an anthropologist. But that was before she met and fell in love with Ernest Jacobs, an electrical engineer who moved her to California after he received his doctorate.

Motherhood slowed down her formal education for awhile, but not for long. When her children entered school, Gloria returned to school as well, taking classes as time permitted at El Camino and later at Cal. State Dominguez. She received her bachelor's degree in 1972.

By that time Gloria knew that the satisfaction of solving money problems plus the benefits of the seasonal nature of tax preparation appealed to her, and she began her career as a tax preparer. She remained in that profession for 14 years until her retirement in 1986.

Gloria's interest in gardening goes back nearly three decades. She has

been involved in garden clubs since 1965, serving as president of Las Colinas Garden Club prior to its disbanding in 1981, at which time she became involved in the Riveria Garden Club. After serving as vice president and president of the Rivera Garden Club, she became district director of the Costa Verde District, California Garden Clubs, Inc. from 1987 to 1989.

In addition, Gloria is a member of the Torrance Fine Arts Commission and was elected to the new Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation when it was formed a year ago. She has been a member of the Torrance Friends of the Library since its inception. Active in the Sister City Association, Gloria is currently helping her husband plan this year's Bunka-Sai festival.

Her younger son, who is employed by the Department of Forestry and has fought wild fires throughout the United States, is based in Boise, Idaho. Her daughter and 16 year old grandson live in Stanton where her daughter works in the accounting field; and her older son, who met his wife in Costa Rica while working on his masters degree, lives with his wife and daughters in Wilmington, Delaware.

**WE WANT TO KNOW . . . .**

Please call the Membership Committee 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. Call Margaret Koch at 373-9979.

Margaret also needs a volunteer to coordinate this very important task.

**New Member Coffee**  
**Set for June 9**

Twenty new and prospective members have been invited to a coffee get-acquainted session Friday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to noon. Purpose of the event is twofold: to acquaint them with one another and to learn about the operation of OmniLore. Members of the OmniLore board will explain how study/discussion groups are conducted and how members participate. Committee members planning the coffee include: Margaret Koch, membership chairman; Elyse Boozer, vice-president; Lois Buchanan, Edith Garvey, and Virginia Levanas, social chairman.

**Theater Tickets Available On**  
**An Individual Basis**



There was an insufficient number of OmniLorians who indicated an interest in the May 13 folk-singing benefit to obtain a block

of tickets. Those interested in attending are invited to contact the South Bay Civic Light Opera directly. Make checks payable to CLOSBC and mail to: CLOSBC, P.O. Box 1157, Redondo Beach, Ca. 90278, or phone (310) 372-4477.

The event will take place at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, located at Manhattan Beach and Aviation Boulevards. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45, orchestra; \$35, middle; and \$20, rear.

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Comments and input can be sent to



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## CALENDAR

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| May 4                | Board of Directors Meeting                               |
| May 15               | Deadline for Fall Study/Discussion Topic Suggestions     |
| May 29               | <b>Memorial Day</b>                                      |
| June 1               | Board of Directors Meeting                               |
| June 5               | Distribution of Fall Study/Discussion Registration Forms |
| June 9               | Spring Session Ends                                      |
| June 12              | Summer Study/Discussion Groups Begin                     |
|                      | Deadline for Summer Membership fees, New Members Only    |
| June 17              | Deadline for July Newsletter                             |
| July 6               | Board of Directors Meeting                               |
|                      | Approve 95/96 Calendar and Appoint Nominating Committee  |
| July 21              | Deadline for Fall Study/Discussion Registration          |
| July 31-<br>August 4 | Fall Coordinators Meeting with Curriculum Committee      |



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