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## HOW TO HAVE FUN WITH SHAKESPEARE TO BE TOPIC OF MAY 21 COLLOQUIUM

"How to Have Fun with Shakespeare" will be the topic of a colloquium to be presented Wednesday, May 21 at 10 a.m. at the Peninsula Center Library, 650 Deep Valley Drive, Rolling Hills Estates.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Lois J. Feuer, professor of English and assistant dean of arts and sciences, CSUDH.

Dr. Feuer, who has published a number of papers on Shakespeare and on modern fiction, has been a fellow of the American Council on Learned Activities and a Danforth Foundation fellow. She founded and served as director of the honors program at CSUDH for nine years. During her forthcoming sabbatical she will be writing a book dealing with Shakespeare.

A question and answer session will follow her talk. Refreshments will be served. **Deadline on reservations is May 14.** Admission is free to OmnioLore members. However, inasmuch as refreshments are ordered on the basis of reservations, persons unable to attend will be charged a \$4 refreshment fee if they do not **cancel by May 20.** Cancellations should be made with Ethel Allen, 373-7993.

There will be a \$4 charge for guests. Persons planning to attend are asked to fill out the form below and mail it to OmnioLore.

### Reservations for May 21 Colloquium HOW TO HAVE FUN WITH SHAKESPEARE — Dr. Lois J. Feuer

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of Guests @ \$4 \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Friends of OmnioLore

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If you need transportation, check here \_\_\_\_\_



**WANTED** — Study/discussion topic ideas. Ideas for Winter seminars are due May 2, but ideas are always welcome for future consideration. If you have an idea, please contact Ray Allen. If the idea needs polishing, the curriculum committee will be happy to help.

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**SUMMER SEMINARS TO BEGIN MAY 12**



The summer session of Omnilore will begin Monday May 12 and end Friday, August 29. Although there will be 12 study/discussion offerings, there will be 13 classes inasmuch as two sections of Impressionism will be offered.

Courses will meet as follows:

⇒ The Age of Enlightenment will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday afternoons with Burt Cutler as coordinator.

- ⇒ Charlemagne will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings with Kathleen Fitzgerald as coordinator.
- ⇒ The Growing Concepts of Chaos and Complexity will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday afternoons with Michael Grinde as coordinator.
- ⇒ The Crusades will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings with Marilyn Denno as coordinator.
- ⇒ Drama of the American Jewish Experience will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoons with Ronnie Saunders as coordinator.
- ⇒ Engineering Marvels of the 20th Century will meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesday afternoons with Virginia Levanas as coordinator.
- ⇒ The Future of Aging in America will meet the 2nd & 4th afternoons with George Crane as coordinator.
- ⇒ The Geology of California will meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesday afternoons with Alfred Bernstein as coordinator
- ⇒ Impressionism #1 will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursday mornings with Ralph Brown as coordinator.
- ⇒ Impressionism #2 will meet the 1st & 3rd Monday afternoons with Carol Johnson as coordinator.
- ⇒ Potpourri will meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday afternoons with Norman Lobsenz as coordinator.
- ⇒ Understanding the Stock Market will meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings with Terry Savage as coordinator.
- ⇒ The Supreme Court will meet the 2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons with Edith Van Bellehem as coordinator.

**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 May 15 we will discuss the topic of cloning. Ever since Dolly came on the scene there has been much concern over this new capability. While it is said now that it never would be used to clone humans, there are those who feel that that is the inevitable result. Should there be a law? Could it be enforced?

Should assisted suicide be legalized? If so, under what circumstances should it be allowed? How could we safeguard against less than voluntary participation? On June 19 we will share our thoughts pro and con on this topic. Any ideas for future topics would be very welcome. Sometimes I am really stretching on these topics. If you have some suggestions give me a call at 377-4989.

**OPAQUE PROJECTOR AVAILABLE**

Omnilore now has an opaque projector available for use in study/discussion presentations. The advantage of an opaque projector is that it has the capacity to display any paper, book, or magazine page directly on a large screen without any preparation other than placing the object to be viewed on the glass and then closing the platen.

Both color and black and white pictures can be projected with ease. If you wish to use the projector for a presentation please contact your coordinator.



Tutors Needed	Names in the News
<p>RSVP, a senior volunteer group, is seeking volunteers to help at South Bay schools. Persons interested in tutoring children are asked to contact Elaine at RSVP, 320-3322.</p>	<p>If you thought you saw a familiar face when you tuned in to JEOPARDY on February 21, you were right. It was someone you had seen before—none other than OMNIOLORE Mike Grinde, a retired postal worker and actor.</p>

## OMNIOLORE GET TASTE OF SPACE EXPLORATION AT JPL TOUR

*by Ellen Bradford, Writers Workshop Press Corps*

If all goes well, the United States will have a double celebration next Fourth of July. That is the day that the Mars Pathfinder is expected to land on the surface of Mars and begin to send back information about the fabled Red Planet.

For information on this and other exciting space exploration projects 40 enthusiastic Omnilore members toured the Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena April 14. The visit was arranged by Dr. Matthew Golombek, son of Omnilorian Sunny Golombek.

Dr. Golombek, Pathfinder project scientist, met with the group and outlined the latest Mars exploration projects currently underway--the Mars Global Surveyor and the Pathfinder. The Surveyor will send data regarding Mars' surface features, atmosphere, and magnetic properties. The Pathfinder will--with the aid of the "Rover"--examine the surface of Mars to investigate the surface meteorology, geology, and the composition of Martian rocks and soil. The Rover will conduct technology experiments and serve as an instrument deployment mechanism.

As a member of the Pathfinder Mission Management Team, Dr. Golombek is responsible for ensuring that "the science that is performed is done properly." He led the decisions that the lander could make a safe and productive landing at Ares Vallis, which he described as downstream from a "catastrophic outflow channel." He likened the location to an area near Moses Lake in Washington.

According to Dr. Golombek, the most difficult part of this project is in the landing. There are 50 pyrotechnics on board, and each must fire just right. He explained that a parachute lowers the Lander towards the surface of Mars and then air bags inflate and cover the

Lander--six for each of the three "petals" that cover the instruments and the Rover.

Following the landing, Dr. Golombek pointed out the petals open and the solar panels are exposed to provide the energy for the instruments inside. The imager then pops up and can "see" the surface in three dimensions. The spectrometer can examine the chemical composition of the surface, and the weather station can measure wind and temperature. The Rover's stereo cameras can send information back to JPL so that engineers can help the Rover avoid any problems in movement. Laser lights on the front of the Rover evaluate the terrain and determine how to proceed around obstacles.

Dr. Golombek said that among the questions he is especially interested in are:

- \* Does Mars have a core?
- \* How were the rocks formed?
- \* How has the environment affected the rocks?
- \* What is the environment?

He claims that there is evidence that early Mars was a water-rich planet. He is enthusiastic about the tremendous amount of information this project can provide the scientists. He feels that it may help us learn whether the inhabitants of earth are alone in the universe and whether the inhabitants of earth are possibly descended from Martians who emigrated to earth to escape a hostile environment.

Following Dr. Golombek's talk, Omnilorians toured the JPL facility, visiting a museum where they saw samples of various space vehicles (including the Magellan and the Venus probe) and observed technicians in bunny-suits working on the Cassini that will lift off in October to visit the moons of Saturn.

## FOCUS - Curriculum Committee

*by Linda Banks, Writers Workshop Press Corps*

First in a series spotlighting the functions of OMNIOLORE committees.

Have you ever thought when you handed in your registration form for your next course how much time and planning went into the process before you received that form? Preparations had been conducted by the curriculum committee chairman and his or her committee for the past several months. Three or four months earlier the committee distributed forms to each member requesting suggestions for study groups to be conducted two semesters down the road. The purpose of seeking early proposals is to allow sufficient planning time. Often the chairman will call members who have submitted proposals for clarification before they are reviewed and approved by the committee.

After the committee has decided on 16 to 20 courses, descriptions are typed and mailed with registration forms to members who select first, second and third choice classes. Registrants are asked to indicate days and time of day when they are NOT available to take a class. This information is used for schedule planning. If enough people do not sign up by registration deadline--usually two months prior to the beginning of the new trimester--the course is dropped.

### What Happens After Registration?

Once the forms are in, the committee collates all the first second and third choices to determine if there are at least eight to ten persons for each class. If more than 20 people sign up for a class, two sections are offered. The committee also coordinates times when each member is available in order to determine the best day and time for the majority of people in the class. If someone's choice cannot be accommodated, the committee calls them.

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## Omnilore Profiles

Connie Kramer

**W**hen Brooklyn-born Connie Kramer spent summer vacations during her high school years doing bookkeeping in her brother's accounting office, she dreamed of some day becoming a buyer. Upon graduation she enrolled at CCNY (City College of New York) to prepare for that career.

But her plans were sidestepped in 1942 when Ira Kramer, the young man she was dating, was accepted into a special Signal Corp program which enabled him to continue doing crucial war work in New York for seven months before being called to active duty in Missouri. They married upon his enlistment. Connie dropped out of college and returned to bookkeeping as a war bride who followed her husband. Upon his discharge, Ira, Connie and their daughter moved to Manhattan where he enrolled at New York University and they became parents of an infant son.

After Ira's graduation, he became a buyer and Connie became a PTA mom. Her experiences around the schools as a mother led to her desire to become professionally involved in education. She enrolled in Brooklyn College and scheduled her classes during the hours her children were in school. When Ira accepted a position as a buyer for Lerner's in Los Angeles, they moved to California.

As he climbed up the management ladder, Connie continued to prepare for a teaching career, studying at UCLA and working one day a week doing market research for LIFE magazine. Fascinated by market research, Connie quit her job and set up her own market research business for two years.

She dissolved the business when she was offered a teaching position at the Frostig Center in Los Angeles working with handicapped children. After receiving a masters degree in special education from Mt. St. Mary's College, Connie became a master teacher at the Frostig Center.

When her husband's career resulted in a move to San Diego in 1967, Connie became a special education teacher for the Chula Vista School District. Her job involved coordinating the district's special education program with the district's reading specialist.

Two years later when Ira's career involved returning to Los Angeles, Connie and her family moved to Westchester and she took a position as special education teacher for the Wiseburn School District. At that point in time the state was preparing to change credentialing requirements to conform to new federal laws. Under a two-year grant for planning this implementation, Connie was hired as program specialist for the Whittier Area Co-operative, comprised of eight school districts under one umbrella. Connie supervised all the teachers of learning handicapped students in the eight districts.

In 1980 she transferred to Norwalk-Cerritos area as coordinator for several programs. She remained there until 1986 when she took early retirement. Following her retirement, Connie worked on special projects for the school district.

When her husband developed cancer, both Connie and Ira became involved in the Wellness communi-

ty at South Bay Hospital which serves cancer patients and their families. Following Ira's death in 1993, Connie joined a bereavement group conducted by the Hospice Foundation and was invited to train to become a bereavement counselor. She is still involved in this activity. In addition to working with caregivers who have lost their loved ones, she also does group counseling for children in the Wilmington-San Pedro area schools who have lost relatives.

Since last September, Connie has served as a mentor to new teachers in inner-city areas who have received degrees in fields other than education and are currently taking education courses. In addition, she is serving as a volunteer teacher at her grandchildren's elementary school.

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**FOCUS** - the Curriculum Committee

After collation has been completed, the head coordinator phones members of each class in an effort to get a coordinator or coordinators. A training session is held for coordinators prior to the beginning of the semester.

The curriculum chairman this semester is Ray Allen.

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Comments and input can be sent to



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### 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 a member of the Executive Committee or leave a message at (310) 540-6011.

**FESTIVE DINNER PARTY SET for May 25**

*by Mary O'Neill*



Join us Sunday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. and mingle with Omniole members and guests while enjoying the spectacular harbor view from the elegant San Pedro Elks Club.

Enjoy fine buffet dining (including your choice of six entrees, salads, soup and dessert) while listening to the entertaining five-piece live band featuring music from the 30's to the 60's. Ballroom dancing (as well as the macarena) will be available for those who wish to dance. Both singles and couples are welcome. Reservations are limited to the first 36 persons who send in the form below. Cost is \$12.50 per person including tax and tip. A no-host bar is also available.

**Deadline on reservations is May 14.**

Mail your reservation and check to:

Mary O'Neill  
2550 Pacific Coast Highway #158  
Torrance, CA 90505

Directions to the Elks Club, located at 1748 Cumbre Drive, San Pedro, are as follows:

Go west on Western, 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.

Reservations for Harbor View Dinner

Name of Member \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed @ \$12.50 apiece \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Mary O'Neill

Reservation Deadline May 14.

**CALENDAR**

- May 2 Deadline for Topics Suggestions for Fall
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 12 Summer Study/Discussion Groups Begin
- 16 Hiking Group 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- 21 Colloquium — How To Have Fun With Shakespeare
- 25 Dinner Party at San Pedro Elks Club
- 26 Memorial Day Celebrated
- June 2 CSUDH Summer Trimester Begins
- 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- Study /Discussion Topic Suggestions Due for Spring '98 Classes
- 15 Deadline for July 1 Newsletter
- 20 Hiking Group 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- July 3 Board of directors meeting
- 18 Hiking Group 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- August 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- 15 Deadline for September Newsletter
- 29 SUMMER SESSION ENDS