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Important "Breaking News" . . .

The Omnilore membership dues structure will change for the 2014-15 Omnilore academic year, September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. The annual registration drive begins in July. Returning members will continue to incur the full annual fee of \$120. But the following important changes have been approved by the Board of Directors:

1. An "e-only discount" of \$20, which reduces the annual individual fee to \$100, is offered to each member who agrees to receive *all* Omnilore communications electronically – i.e., via email and/or links to our website -- during the year.
2. The "couples discount" is discontinued, and each spouse will need to register individually.
3. Couples who elect to sign up one spouse to accept electronic-only communications and the other spouse to request their information delivered by U.S. Mail can thereby reduce their combined fees to a total of \$220 (\$100 for the "e-only" member and \$120 for the U.S. Mail member).
4. The options chosen during the registration drive will be in effect for the entire 2014-15 year, with no accommodation for switching to another option.

. . . about Omnilore Dues

by Jim Slattery

The increasing use of electronic mail, rising postage costs and a desire to ensure equitable cost-sharing across the organization prompted a recent review of the Omnilore budget, our actual expenditures and membership dues. A working committee, composed of **Jay Edie**, **Mary Golob**, **Hal Hart**, **JoAnna Kerrigan** and myself as Treasurer, performed the review and provided results and recommendations to the Board.

Specifics of the restructuring program approved by the Board -- with the language to be included in the July notice of the annual registration -- follow:

Electronic/Paperless Communications Option (Reduced Membership Fees): You will receive a \$20 annual discount if you *agree* to receive *all* Omnilore communications via email attachments or links. This includes Omnilore's bi-monthly newsletter, the three-times-per-year package of S/DG descriptions and course-selection form, the letters notifying you about the S/DGs you were placed in and when they meet, and other miscellaneous communications. *(Two mailings will continue to be sent to all members by U.S. Mail: quarterly Forum announcements and annual membership renewal notices.)*

From the Registration Form:

Check **ONE** fee box below indicating the communications option you choose:

Full Year: \$120 (U.S. Mail) \$100 (Electronic-Only Communication)
Mail-Only Status \$15*

**(May not take classes without converting to full-year membership. Newsletters, Forum flyers, and annual website password change will be mailed. All other communications will be emailed and/or on the Omnilore website.)*

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OMNIOLORE NEWS is published six times annually. We welcome short feature articles and news stories. Please contact the editor with your contributions.

Editor Mary Golob
Staff Member Carol Kerster

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Howard Korman

Let me take this opportunity to wish you success as we start another trimester. I personally look forward to my involvement in the summer S/DG activities. I want to thank **Rick Spillane** and the curriculum committee, **Johan Smith** and **the Harts** for all their efforts to bring together another attractive array of interesting classes. A volunteer organization like Omnimore depends on the participation of its members to remain strong. One of the important jobs is being a coordinator for your S/DG. So please step up if our able head coordinator **Marilyn Brashear** contacts you when trying to select the coordinator for a new S/DG.

I want to direct your attention to the article by Jim Slattery on page 1 of this newsletter that describes a modification to our Omnimore fee structure. This will be effective for the new fiscal year that starts this fall. Your Board of Directors voted to eliminate the couples discount and replace this with a discount for getting enrollment information and Omnimore newsletters electronically – instead of getting this information by regular mail.

CSUDH is transitioning from our month-to-month arrangement for renting the Franklin Center from the Redondo Beach Unified School District (RBUSD) to a lease with the district. We made a short presentation to the School Board to highlight what Omnimore is all about at their March 25th Board Meeting. We summarized our background, our demographics, what we do, and our desire to work with Redondo Beach on this venue transition. They were very receptive to what we had to say. We had about 20 Omnimoreans at this meeting to support the presentation, and I want to thank those who attended.

Our challenge is to continue to meet the Omnimore venue requirements that have been satisfied by the Franklin Center over the past 14 years. The RBUSD, with the guidance of the School Board, is planning to issue a new contract with CSUDH for our Omnimore rooms to replace the old contract that expired a few years ago. (We have been on a month-to-month basis since then.) The plan is to move Omnimore to the Edison Center (South Bay Adult School) at

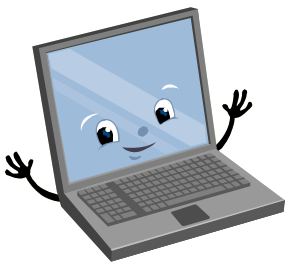
3401 Inglewood Avenue in Redondo Beach, one block south of Manhattan Beach Blvd. on the west side of the street. This facility is a five-minute drive



north of the Franklin Center. The Edison Center is a superior facility compared to the Franklin Center and has been recently refurbished. Your Board of Directors supports this move, and we will be working with the Edison Center to establish the transition to meet our needs. We anticipate that the actual move will occur over the next few months. Stay tuned for details.

We all look forward to our May/June activities that you can review on our Omnimore website. Please tell prospective Omnimoreans that we will be holding an Introducing Omnimore (I/O) orientation on Monday, June 9, under the able leadership of our membership chair, **Linda Jensen**. We also have an I/O meeting planned for Tuesday, July 15.

So, enjoy your remaining spring activities and the transition to summer.



Computer Talks

May 22nd - Noon to 1:00 - Room 7

Google 101: Stop Searching and Start FINDING

Presented by Marion Smith

Are you sick and tired of looking for information about the Civil War and ending up with 5,243,897 links to things like sheet metal fasteners or punk rock bands? This presentation is for you! In this one-hour

presentation you'll learn searching tips and techniques that will help you actually *find* what you are looking for with Google's help. If you're a new computer user, that's fine. You'll learn why "google" has become a commonly used verb—and you'll soon be using the word yourself.



June 26th - Noon to 1:00 - Room 7

Protect Your Computer

Presented by Rick Spillane

Every day we read about hacker invasions of prominent department stores, banks, and even our government. How can we as individuals protect ourselves against similar attacks on our desktop and laptop computers? The June talk by Rick Spillane will be on protecting what remains of our privacy and computer security. Between Wi-Fi spoofing, Honeypot attacks, and Firesheep, public networks really are cesspools. But if you're working remotely and need to access sensitive data on your bank's private servers, or look at a friend's or grandchild's Facebook page, doing so from an unsecured public network like a coffee shop Wi-Fi hotspot could put that data, your financial security, and other private information at risk. We will cover VPN's or Virtual Private Networks and how to use them at home or away to protect against attacks by hackers. In addition, we will look at Firewalls, Anti-virus programs, key loggers, Spam mail and phishing email attacks. If you have additional questions on security, please bring them to the talk.

OMNIOLORE PROFILE: Lynn Schubert, “*Author, Author!*”

by Kate Nelson

The dedication page of **Lynn Schubert’s** recently published novel, *The Silence and Beyond*, reads: “*In Memory of Those I Have Loved and Lost.*” The story is a fictionalized version of an actual event in Lynn’s life—the suicide of a close childhood friend. This coming-of-age book touches on themes of friendship, the lingering pain of Holocaust survivors and their children, and the challenges faced by girls growing up in the 60’s. The narrator evokes shared memories and poetry to help her cope with the death of her brilliant but troubled friend. Lynn’s daughter, Gwen, read an early draft of the book and told her mother that the story was great, but it needed a little spicing up. “You mean sex?” Lynn asked. Yes, she did mean sex. Lynn revised the book and said whenever she mentions this at book talks, sales go up!



Lynn’s interest and talent in writing were evident early. In fact, she met her husband, Roy, in a creative writing class in high school where they both won awards for poetry and short story writing. She and Roy eloped after high school, enrolled at the University of Chicago and earned their undergraduate degrees there. Lynn taught school while Roy earned his PhD and, over the years, she has taught at every elementary grade level, as well as English at Long Beach City and L.A. Harbor colleges. She especially enjoyed her years with the Job Corps, a U.S. Government program supporting disadvantaged young people. Her writing credits include a play, *Sweeper of Dreams*, performed at the Hermosa Beach Community Center, prize-winning short stories and poems, and English translations of Yiddish poetry.

In 1967 the couple moved to Hermosa Beach so that Roy could pursue a career in aerospace. They’ve been married for 58 years, a feat Lynn attributes to seeing her relationship as a “series of marriages, with endings and new beginnings.”

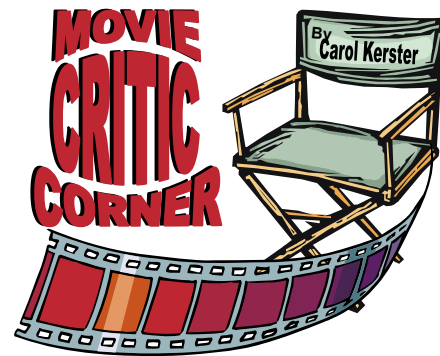
Shared interests help, too. Both Lynn and Roy are active Omniloreans and also opera buffs who have traveled extensively to attend performances at many of the world’s finest opera houses.

The Schuberts coped with the terrible loss of their own child in 2006. Their middle son, Jonathan, a lawyer described by a colleague as a “warrior in the fight for justice for the most vulnerable,” died suddenly as the result of an undiagnosed enlarged heart. Proceeds from Lynn’s book will help support the memorial scholarship the Schuberts have set up in his name. Three other children and seven grandchildren live close by. One grandson, Troy, familiar to many Omniloreans, occasionally accompanies his grandfather to classes and offers insights from the Millennial Generation. Troy also earns an acknowledgement in Lynn’s book for his “amazing copy editing skills.”

Lynn has been a member of Omnilore for 10 years. She loves learning, sharing and filling in the gaps in her own knowledge. She laughs that when she entered college, her science education had been so scanty that she “didn’t know that air had weight. I thought it was just nothing.” She’s making up for those gaps now, often enrolling in Omnilore S/DGs in history and science. If she’s not writing, taking classes, or participating in Temple Menorah activities, you might catch her at the Spectrum Club, where she swims three or four times a week. Besides the children and grandchildren, the extended Schubert family includes five granddogs and a grandpig. They all attend the family’s Passover Seder gatherings.

Editor’s Note: *The Silence and Beyond* is published by Outskirts Press, and can be ordered from both Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble (in stores and online).

The Grand Budapest Hotel is a charming, wicked, fanciful pastiche of elegance, villainy and near-survival, against all odds. In the mythical town of Zubrowka, some place in Eastern Europe, there lives and reigns over what appears to be the last dregs of an elite class, a concierge of impeccable manner and efficiency, Monsieur Gustave. Played by **Ralph Fiennes**, he is equally “sincere” playing the lover to an elderly, overly-made-up dowager, **Tilda Swinton**, as he is cursing at his young protegee, Zero. The plot such as it is revolves around the murder of the dowager, and the discovery, by her villainous son, Dimitri, played by the former “Pianist” **Adrian Brody**, that Gustave is to inherit the most unimaginably valuable piece in the estate, a painting. Dimitri’s pursuit of Gustave and the ever-increasingly wise Zero, sweetly played by Tony Revelori, is aided by a truly evil henchman, played to a vicious fare-thee-well by William Dafoe. What follows is an astonishing series of adventures that go from the depths of prison to the heights of mountainous towers, all accompanied by sardonic, hilarious, furious dialogue. Many amazing actors were named in the credits, but I did not recognize all of them, so convincing were the costumes and the settings. Notable were F. Murray Abraham, Jude Law, Bill Murray, Jeff Goldblum and Edward Norton. I would consider seriously another viewing of this film to find Tom Wilkinson and Harvey Keitel, also in the cast, as well as to hear again lines like Gustave’s riff on “The plot thickens. . . by the way . . . is it a soup metaphor?” Or, “this barbaric slaughterhouse that was once known as humanity.” Highest praise is due to director and writer Wes Anderson, production designer Alexandre Stockhausen, photographer Robert Yeoman, and composer Alexandre Desplat.



DEAN'S CORNER



Notes from CSUDH

by Joanne Zitelli, Acting Dean

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

College of Extended & International Education
CSUDH

The College of Extended & International Education invites OLLI and Omnimore members to welcome the new permanent dean of the College of Extended & International Education, Mr. J. Kim McNutt, M.A.

Kim McNutt is planning to assume the dean's position July 1, 2014. His appointment was announced by Dr. Ellen Junn, CSUDH Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost.

“College of Extended and International Education Dean, Mr. Kim McNutt
As Provost, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. J. Kim McNutt as the new Dean of the College of Extended and International Education. Mr. McNutt comes to us after having been the Assis-

tant Vice President for Continuing Education from Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) located in San Antonio and Houston, where he oversaw a staff of 20 professional and technical staff including campus directors in Houston and Harlingen. Over the past five years, Kim led the expansion of academic programs at his former campus, as well as expanded offerings to two other offsite campus locations to deliver bachelors, masters and Ph.D. programs. In addition, he spearheaded the growth of six online programs at OLLU to provide greater access to high quality degrees for students who were place bound that enrolled over 500 students and generated \$3.5 million in revenue. In addition, he launched an innovative fast track 2 + 2 degree completion program with Alamo Community College. In total, adult and non-traditional programs generated roughly \$8 million in gross tuition revenue at that institution.



J. Kim McNutt

“Mr. McNutt has held academic leadership positions for 20 years, including Dean of Extended Education at California Maritime Academy, Director of Online Programs at Arizona State University, Director of Distance Education at Southern Methodist University and Instructional TV Manager at New Mexico State University. He also taught at Scottsdale Community College. He earned his B.A. from New Mexico State University in Journalism and Mass Communications and his Master's in Communications from Southern Methodist University.

“He is a first-generation college student and the first in his family to earn a bachelor and master's degree. This background drives his passion to expand access to underserved populations, including adult, returning and non-traditional students. He has presented at national conferences and currently holds membership in national continuing education organizations.

“I also want to acknowledge and extend my sincere thanks to all of the members of the CEIE Dean's Search Committee for their excellent work.

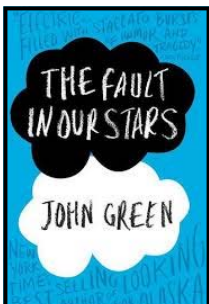
“Mr. McNutt will officially arrive on our campus on July 1, 2014. So please join me in welcoming Kim McNutt as the newest member of our CSU Dominguez Hills family!”

Best-Sellers SIG Offers:

Book Selections for June and July

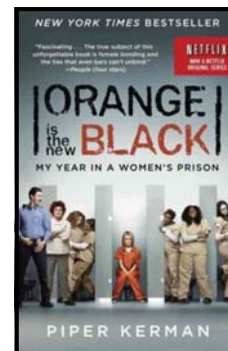
by Patricia Edie and Cindy Eggert

This soulful novel tackles big subjects--life, death, love--with the perfect blend of levity and heart-swelling emotion. Hazel is sixteen, with terminal cancer, when she meets Augustus at her kids-with-cancer support group. The two are kindred spirits, sharing an irreverent sense of humor and immense charm, and watching them fall in love even as they face universal questions of the human condition--How will I be remembered? Does my life, and will my death, have meaning?--has a raw honesty that is deeply moving.



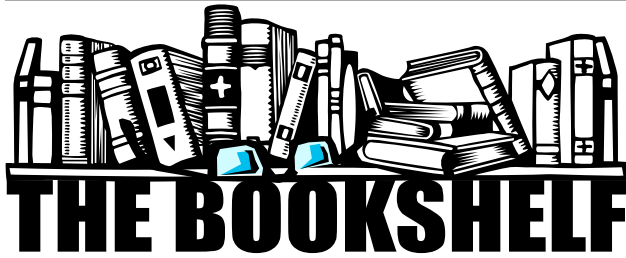
June 9: Fiction
The Fault in Our Stars
by John Green

Just graduated from Smith College, Kerman made the mistake of getting involved with the wrong woman and agreeing to deliver a large cash payment for an international drug ring. Years later, the consequences catch up with her in the form of an indictment on conspiracy drug-smuggling and money-laundering charges. Kerman pleads guilty and is sentenced to 15 months in a federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut. Entering prison in 2004—more than 10 years after her crime—Kerman finds herself submerged in the unique and sometimes overwhelming culture of prison, where kindness can come in the form of sharing toiletries, and an insult in the cafeteria can lead to an enduring enmity. Her memoir gives readers an absorbing, meditative look at life behind bars.



July 14: Non-Fiction
Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison
by Piper Kerman

As with any SIG, you need not register to participate. . just show up on the date, prepared to join in. Guests are always welcomed.



A World Without Time: The Forgotten Legacy of Godel and Einstein by **Palle Yourgrau**. Combining philosophy, math, physics, history and biography, Yourgrau does a credible job of explaining an enigmatic character and an esoteric solution to Einstein's General Relativity. No math is involved, so fear not. Godel was the best logician that ever lived. He and Einstein were buddies.

Steve Berry delivers as ever in his latest book, ***The King's Deception***. Traveling with his son while escorting a teenage fugitive to London, our favorite presidential agent – Cotton Malone – steps into a bizarre set of events that eventually sends him back to the days of Queen Elizabeth I in order to solve the present-day mystery. Lots of English history, intrigues and

rumors mix with a secret order, CIA involvement, Irish interests, and Scottish courts. Assassins, traitors and spies trip dangerously around a 500-year old secret that must still remain secret in order for a fragile peace to remain. Cotton walks a tightrope to do the right thing but still save lives and get his kidnapped son back.

Brian Lavery, ***The Conquest of the Oceans – An Illustrated History of Seafaring***. The author, as Curator Emeritus at the British National Maritime Museum, has summarized the story of man's quest to master the sea over 5,000 years! We explore from the Polynesians to the Spanish Armada, Columbus to Jacques Cousteau's pioneering exploration of the ocean depths. This text is wonderfully and extensively illustrated using the rich resources of his Museum.

Sara Paretsky has added the latest edition to her V. I. Warshawski series: ***Critical Mass***. What starts out as handling a

missing person case for a friend has roots traced two generations back to the fascinating period following the end of WWII when our country was drawing in as many German and other European scientists as possible, apparently with little concern as to their roles during the war. Our interests for our own nuclear development and the denying of such to other countries over-ruled many other things considered important in present time. Closely-held secrets, lies and silence conspire to thwart the truths sought in this story which takes us between Chicago and Austria, and puts Vic in danger almost too late to react.

Book suggestions from Omnioleans make this column work. Thanks to Dan Stern and Chuck Herring for contributing to this month's list. Please send your titles, with author's name and a brief description, to Johan (johansmith@ca.rr.com). Please put "Omniole Books" as the subject of your email. We look forward to hearing from you.



OLLI This Summer!

by **Jim Bouchard**

Senior Program Development Specialist
Coordinator, Lifelong Learning, OLLI AT CSUDH



Summer is almost upon us, and this is the time of year that CSUDH faculty scatter around the world to continue their research. As a result, our Osher Lecture Series comes to a screeching halt. To make up for their absence, we are continuing the "My Favorite Movie Series" on campus--popcorn is included! The schedule for this summer follows:

My Favorite Movie Series

Chicago (2002), Wednesday, June 11

Groundhog Day (1993), Wednesday, June 25

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962), Wednesday, July 9

Nebraska (2013), Wednesday, July 23

And Then There Were None (1945), Wednesday, August 6

There are two events for OLLI members that should not be missed:

Juneteenth Celebration, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, 1:00 - 4:00pm in the Extended Education Auditorium. In an on-going effort to explore the culture, practices and contributions of African Americans in the South Bay, OLLI celebrates the liberation of black American slaves in the state of Texas on June 19, 1865. This marks the event in Galveston, Texas when the Union General, Gordon Granger, read a special order from President Abraham Lincoln known as the Emancipation Proclamation that was signed on January 1, 1863 (two and one half years earlier)—two months after the end of the Civil War. Instantly, June 19, Juneteenth, became a day of celebration and family reunion in Texas.

A Latin American Cultural Experience, Thursday: July 17, 2014, 1:30-3:30pm in the Extended Education Auditorium. We are invited to immerse ourselves in a cultural experience including music, dance, food, dress and more. Extended Education International students, professionals such as teachers, organizers, business leaders from Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico and Honduras, will share their traditions, history, and current culture with us.

Look for your OLLI catalog in the mail mid-May, or check our website for summer offerings that include classes, workshops, and field trips.

Have a great summer!

OMNIOLORE
CALENDAR
2014

- May**
- 1 Summer Trimester Begins
 - 5 **Cinco de Mayo**
 - 8 Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-2 p.m., Room 7
 - 11 **Mother's Day**
 - 12 Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Room 8
 - 16 Hiking Group—10 a.m.-12 Noon
 - 17 **Armed Forces Day**
 - 22 Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., Room 7
Google 101: Stop Searching and Start FINDING
—Marion Smith (see article page 2)
 - 26 **Memorial Day**
 - 29 AED Training—9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Room 7
 - 29 Presentations 101—11 a.m. - 12 noon, Room 8
- June**
- 9 Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Room 8
 - 9 Introducing Omnimore Meeting—10 a.m.-12 Noon, Room 7
 - 12 Board of Directors Meeting—12 Noon-2 p.m., Room 7
 - 14 **Flag Day**
 - 15 Input Deadline for July-August 2014 Newsletter
 - 15 **Father's Day**
 - 20 Hiking Group—10 a.m.-12 Noon
 - 21 First Day of Summer
 - 26 Computer Talk—12 Noon-1 p.m., Room 7
Protect Your Computer
—Rick Spillane (see article page 2)

Spring!



2014 Forums
Winter—January 30th
Spring—April 30th
Summer—July 31st
Annual Mtg.—October 31st

IMPORTANT:
Calendar changes and additions
are scheduled with Lynn Taber
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Mystery Writer Meets Scholars!

by Patricia Edie

For the last class of the Hardboiled Women Writers S/DG members spent their two hours "interrogating" local author, **Connie Dial**, in an attempt to discover how and why the former LAPD Captain went from stalking the underbelly of Los Angeles to writing compelling mystery novels. A guest of Omnimorean, **Judy Bayer**, Connie shared her story...her career in the police department, her various assignments that have given her material for her books, her writing process and anecdotes that kept us all entranced! Connie has a website for those who are interested where you can read about all her books: <http://www.conniedial.com/> We are eager to read her new novel, *Unnatural Murder*, to be released soon!



Connie seated at table

Members: Barbara Prassas, Grace Tanaka, Patricia Edie, Judy Bayer, Marge Thelen, Marilyn Landau, Mary Gluck, Ginny Brown, Leslie Schettler, Cindy Eggert, Cheri Davis, Dale Korman, Harriet Apsel.

The Next

INTRODUCING OMNIOLORE MEETINGS:

Mon. June 9th & Tues. July 15th

**10 a.m.
Room 7**

Help Spread the Word! RSVP 310-370-9522

