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# **Emil Raulin Re-Elected**

Emil Raulin was re-elected president of **Omnilore** at the annual meeting held October 31st at the Marriott Hotel.

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Also elected to serve as officers during the coming year were: Bob Grove, Vice President, Administration; Rose Shields, Vice President, Academics: Bob Saunders. Recording Secretary; George Clark, Treasurer; and Nancy Shannon-Sinclair, Sam Rifman and Dan Stern, Members-at-Large.

Two by-law changes passed by the membership during the business meeting preceding the luncheon resulted in the addition of the Forum Committee Chairman to the Board of Directors and the change of title of the office of Secretary to Recording Secretary.

Following the business meeting State Senator Debra Bowen discussed her experiences in the state legislature.



Top: Julian Reinheimer, Merle Culbert, Bob Grove, Bette Henning, Blanche Herring, Ronnie Saunders, Helen Leven, Les Berg , Burt Cutler and Mary O'Neill. Bottom: Bob Grove, George Clark, Bob Saunders, Dan Stern, Sam Rifman, and Nancy Shannon-Sinclair. Notice Emil Raulin in one of his

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Emil Raulin and Lettie Rodriguez, Coordinator, Extension Programs, Div. of Extended Education,





**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT** 

By Emíl Raulín

Why do we have deadlines? Deadlines are important and necessary for any organization to function efficiently.

Our committees have deadlines by which our members are requested to submit their choices or give their input, whether it is a choice for a study/discussion group, for a reservation, or a response to a survey.

Shortly after the deadline, the committee meets and makes its decision or takes action on the information they have on hand.

#### E-Mail Update

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

**Ronnie & Bob Saunders:** 

rsaunders@socal.rr.com Robert Koch: rnmKoch@earthlink.net

#### **Chess, Anyone?**

#### By Mary O'Neill

Need another challenge? Visit the **Omnilore** Chess Club Friday, December 1st at 10 a.m.-noon. Play the traditional game and the new Chess 4 marketed by WOW, Inc. In the new game four players stretch their strategy around a chess board with three extra rows, using the standard chess rules. If a player captures another player's king, he or she uses that player's arms and his or her own chess pieces to battle the other three players.

Take up the challenge and match wits with George Crane, Bob Grove, Jim & Mary O'Neill, Ross Harrington, Michael Grinde and Naomi Cosgroye. If you are not ready to play, then come as an observer.

(Editor's note: When Mary discovered the Del Amo Game store did not have sets of the promotional display "Chess 4" available for purchase, she construct ed her own from scratch using parts of three regular chess boards for the club. The new game was introduced at the October and November meetings of the club.) Sometimes members are disappointed when they find that their choice for a study/ discussion group is not available but could have been if they had responded by the time

specified. Sometimes the coordinator can accommodate the individual if there are openings still available; but sometimes this is not possible. In either case it means the committee has to rework something that it had already done.

To eliminate disappointment and to help us be more efficient, I ask that all members be prompt in their replies to **Omnilore** mailings and questionnaires.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Please welcome this new member and add to your roster:

Helen Tabibian 2800 Plaza del Amo – #320 Torrance, CA 90503-9323 Phone: 212-3470

Please update your roster:

Elaine Berris 28341 Hazelridge Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 Phone: 377-0062

### Seventeen Courses To Be Offered This Spring

Seventeen courses will be offered during the Spring 2001 semester which gets under way the first week in January and ends the last week of April. Study/Discussion groups include:

Important Archeological Discoveries The Bill of Rights in Contemporary Society The Science of Code Breaking Creative Writing The Development of Christianity Sleuthing The American Detective Short Story (two classes) Foreign Policy India & China – 21st Century Superpowers? The Quest for (Cosmic) Justice The Machinery of Life A Look at the American Musical Theater (two classes) Twentieth Century American Poetry Science for the Scientifically Challenged Sumer - The First Civilization Writing that Brought About Social Change

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From the left: Ross Harrington, George Crane, Michael Grinde and Bob Grove

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## **OMNILORE PROFILE OF A COUPLE – NORMAN AND HELEN STOCKWELL**

Norman and Helen Stockwell's lives have intertwined ever since they met in kindergarten in New Orleans. Living just four blocks apart, they went to the same church, had the same friends, and were in the same class until their sophomore year in high school.

At the time they started going steady, John McDonough High School, a public high school in New Orleans, had strict rules against steady couples being in the same class – or even having the same lunch hour.

Rules or no rules, puppy love had turned into love; and a month after graduation they married.

Following graduation Helen did secretarial work for her father, a New Orleans contractor and Norman enrolled at Tulane University where he received a bachelors degree in science. A physics major, he was employed while in college at Tulane's language lab and biophysics lab.

During Norman's senior year, Helen, who was expecting a baby, enrolled at the University of New Orleans. When Norman was offered a lucrative summer job at the Naval Ordinance Lab in Silver Springs, MD (where he worked on a Van de Graaff Generator), Helen moved in with her parents to await the baby's birth.

That fall the Stockwells moved to Houston where Norman was enrolled at Rice University in the doctoral program in physics. Helen, now the mother of two babies, enrolled at the University of Houston. After four semesters of sharing baby-sitting duties, Rice University informed Norman that he had to decide who was going to school – him or Helen.

Helen put her education on hold until they moved to California when Norman took a position at Aerospace Corporation in San Bernardino and Helen enrolled in anthropology at the University of Riverside.

By this time the Stockwells had three children, and with a shortage of babysitters in the area Helen had a problem juggling school and child care. One day, when she was scheduled to attend a large lecture class she opted to bring the children along with lots of food to occupy them during the lecture. Unfortunately the boys decided to take the bread from their sandwiches and build mazes. The mazes attracted ants, and the results attracted Helen's classmates. Needless to say, she dropped out of that class.

Following the birth of her fourth child, Helen returned to school and received her B.A. in anthropology, graduating with honors in 1971.

During her years as a stay-at-home mom Helen became active as a volunteer at her children's school, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and taught Sunday school.

Norman's career at Aerospace lasted 15 years – five in San Bernardino and ten in El Segundo. When he left Aerospace he went to work at TRW, where he served as a member of the technical staff for an additional 15 years until he took early retirement three years ago.

The Stockwells bought their house in Redondo Beach in 1972 when Aerospace moved to El Segundo, and have lived in it ever since.

Norman has always enjoyed sharing his hobbies with his children. When they were small, they built radiocontrolled model airplanes and sailed them together. As adults they are all ham radio operators. When their son was a counselor at a Boy Scout camp at Lake Arrowhead, they kept in touch daily by ham radio.

The four Stockwell children include: daughter Sherry, who is a mechanical engineer and department head at a Pomona firm, as well as a soccer mom; son David, a computer scientist in Virginia; son Walter, who has a PhD in physics and produces guidance systems in San Jose; and daughter Sue, who lives in Mountain View with her husband and new baby.

After learning about **Omnilore** a year ago from fellow church member Ross Harrington, the Stockwells have enrolled in two courses a semester and are currently co-coordinating the "Power of the Press" study/discussion group. In addition, Helen currently works for Redondo Union High School as a reader for the English Department.

Houston. After four semesters of took early retirement three years ago.	<b>Contributor's Corner</b>
Brainstorming Session Set for November 30th By Helen Leven	<b>Excerpts from Vacation Diary</b> By Mary O'Neill
It's that time again! The curriculum Committee is pleased to announce the annual Think Tank (a.k.a., Brainstorming Session).	Whenever free radicals cause jet lag Add shades, ear plugs, vites E.C. to your bag;
It will take place Thursday, November 30th at noon in Room 7. Purpose of the session is to challenge your thinking and design new courses that other <b>Omnilorians</b> will enjoy and profit from.	Be extra extra water wise, On landing, vigorous exercise To carefully avoid that jet lag tag.
Bring a friend, a classmate, lunch if you choose to – but most of all bring your ide- as! A free raffle ticket will be given to every attendee for our "grand prize" drawing. An additional ticket will be given to each member of a group that hands in a fully completed suggested-course form. Start thinking and begin making a list of core	Parking is such fun in France It's potluck, anywhere, free lance. Leave your car in neutral gear So the next car can push your rear. Strong bumpers protect you. Never fear!
reading suggestions to supplement your study/discussion ideas. The committee looks forward to seeing you all!	In most cases, IQ is less important to a person's education than I WILL!

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#### 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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	OMNILORE ANNUAL MEETING
	WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 1999 @ 11:15a.m. WHERE: Torrance Hilton Hotel (rooftop Horizon Room) 21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance
Rese	ervations are required by October 14th, but please help our planning by reserving right now!!
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