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## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! OMNILORE ANNUAL MEETING



### Omnilore to Hold Annual Meeting at Charley Brown's Restaurant

Omnilore will hold its annual luncheon meeting Thursday, October 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Charley Brown's Restaurant, 665 North Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach.

During the business meeting, the election of officers for 1995 will be held. The nominees proposed by the nominating committee include:

- President Whit Wilson
- Vice President Elysie Boozer  
Fred Kiefer
- Secretary Lorraine Nagy
- Treasurer Gloria Jacobs
- Members at Large  
Edith Garvey  
Jim O'Neill

Persons wishing to make additional nominations may do so at the annual meeting. New officers will be installed at the January board meeting.

In addition to the election of officers, members will be asked to vote on a by law change which

to vote on a by law change which would change the number of vice-presidents from one to two: a vice president of administration and a vice president of academics.

As in past years, the college will provide an interesting and timely luncheon speaker. The name and topic will be announced in the near future.

Cost of the luncheon including tax and tip will be \$13.50. Members will have their choice of Chinese Chicken Salad with fruit cup or Pasta Primavera with marinara sauce and salad. Dessert and beverage are included.

Persons planning to attend the luncheon are asked to fill out the reservation form on page 4 and return to Virginia Levanas, Social Director, 5514 Via de Valle, Torrance, Ca.90505. If you are unable to attend and wish to obtain an absentee ballot, check the appropriate box and one will be mailed to you.

OMNILORE wishes to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members:

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Georgia Swanson  
Mary Delia  
Myrna Browning  
Richard and Arline Myers  
Mary O'Neill  
Lloyd and Ruth Money

**OMNIOLORE TO OFFER EIGHT STUDY GROUPS THIS FALL**

For the first time since its inception, OMNIOLORE will offer eight study groups this semester. Study-discussion groups will begin the week of September 19 and continue through the week of January 9, 1995. Course offerings are as follows:

**Theoretical and Particle Physics Explained;** a fun non-threatening look at the subject will meet the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons, 1-3 p.m.

**Rivers of the World** will meet the first and third Thursday afternoons.

**Vital, Productive Aging** will meet the first and third Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**The Search for Utopia** will meet

on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon every other week beginning September 27.

**In Search of Human Nature** will meet the first and third Tuesday afternoons.

**The Writers' Workshop** will meet the first and third Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**The Law & the Supreme Court** will meet the second and fourth Thursday afternoons.

**The Great Composers** is comprised of two sections. The evening section will meet at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday evenings in members homes. The daytime section will meet the first and third Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

**"CURRENT TOPICS" DISCUSSION GROUPS TO START**

Have you ever yearned for the old bull sessions of your college years when an informed articulate group of friends sat around in heated debate on subjects that raised more questions than answers?

The Current Topics discussion groups will resume meeting this fall under the leadership of Marilyn Denno. These groups discuss the issues of the day and require no core readings.

Beginning Thursday, October 13 the group will meet monthly for two-hour sessions. meetings have been set for noon in order that members who participate in either morning or afternoon study/discussion groups may attend either before or after their Thursday class. Members are invited to bring a bag lunch. Coffee will be provided.

The only preparation required is the willingness to share your thoughts with other interested Omnilore members.

The subject of the first session will be "The Tyranny of Health". Future topics will be suggested by members and posted on the class bulletin Board.

Persons interested in participating are asked to contact Marilyn Denno at 547-3687.

**Social Director Named**



Remember the appeal for volunteers in last month's Omnilore News? Well, advertising

does bring results. As a result of that story, Omnilore now has an eminently qualified social director in the person of Virginia Levanas. A member of Omnilore for the past two years, Virginia is past president of the Hollywood Riviera Garden Club and was the subject of last month's Omnilore profile.

**Computer Manager Needed**



An opening still exists for the position of computer manager to manage Omnilore's

Macintosh computer. Interested persons are asked to contact President John Taber at 831-4768.

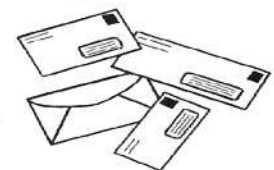
**Coffee Set for New and Prospective Members**

New and prospective members of Omnilore will attend a coffee orientation at the home of Virginia Levanas, 5514 Via de Valle, Torrance on Friday September 16 at 10:30 a.m.

The purpose of the event is to acquaint new and prospective members with one another and with the operation of the organization.

Board members will also attend.

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Comments and input can be sent to

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**SEE YOU AT ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 28TH**

## Omniole Profiles Fred Kiefer

In his lifetime Fred Kiefer has had many titles — first lieutenant, assistant chemist, safety engineer, and safety director, among others — but the one for which people on the Palos Verdes Peninsula most remember him is as the first male member of the Palos Verdes League of Women Voters. But that didn't happen until the California years.

Born in New York City, Fred fell in love with Muriel, the woman who was to introduce him to the league years later, during his high school years. Following his graduation from Regis High in New York City in 1939, Fred took a position as assistant chemist with Western Union by day while studying nights at City College of New York for a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.

His college studies were interrupted by World War II when he volunteered for the Aviation Cadet program in early 1943. A week before he entered military service he married Muriel.

Following service in the South Pacific, where he served as first lieutenant with a B-29 heavy bombardment group, he was discharged in Manila in 1946 and returned to New York City where

Muriel and his infant son were making their home.

Continuing his night college studies at City College of New York, he went to work as a safety engineer for a large insurance company. Following graduation in 1949, Fred was employed as a senior safety engineer in Connecticut for a year before going to Sperry Gyroscope in Long Island, where he spent 11 years as safety director. During that time he and Muriel became parents of another son and Fred enrolled in graduate school at night at New York University where he received his masters of science degree in biology and physics.

While living in Long Island, Fred became heavily involved in the Boy Scout movement. He held many positions at different levels, ending as District Advisor.

In 1961 the Kiefers moved to Baltimore, Md. where Fred became a director of engineering at the Martin Company, which later became Martin Marietta.

California beckoned in 1965 when Fred was offered a position with the Aerospace Corporation where he spent the next 26 years until his retirement in 1991. Although his career involved a great deal of travel, Fred became active in community

affairs. In addition to his involvement with the League of Woman Voters, Fred and Muriel were instrumental in founding the Human Relations Council which addressed inter-racial problem on the Palos Verdes Peninsula for 15 years during the late 60's and 70's. The Kiefers also became members of the United Nations Association and under its auspices conceived and organized the Third World Economic Development Conference which put on a symposium at the Biltmore Hotel for representatives of 150 domestic and foreign organizations concerned with problems associated with race and business.

Languages have always fascinated Fred. While in high school, he studied Latin, Ancient Greek, and German. He continued his German studies in college; and taught himself Mandarin and Japanese.

Since retiring, Fred has continued to work on a consulting basis for about a third of his time. In addition, he and Muriel have traveled abroad, joined a book club, and more recently enrolled in *Omniole*, where he served during the summer session as coordinator of the study/discussion group, "London—Life of a City".

## CALENDAR

September 1	Board of Directors Meeting
September 5	Labor Day
September 19	Fall Study/Discussion Groups Begin
October 6	Deadline for Spring Study/Discussion Group Topics
October 6	Board of Directors Meeting
October 10-21	Distribution of Spring Study/Discussion Ballots
October 11	Publication of Agenda for Annual Meeting
October 17	Deadline for November Newsletter
<b>October 27</b>	<b>Annual Omniole Meeting &amp; Election of Officers</b>
October 28	Deadline for Spring Study/Discussion Group Registration
October 30	<i>Halloween</i>





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**OMNIOLORE CELEBRATION & ANNUAL MEETING**

WHEN: Thursday, October 27, 1994 @ 11:30am  
WHERE: Charley Brown's  
665 N. Harbour Drive  
Redondo Beach, Ca.

Reservations are required - by October 13th please!

**ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Omnilore Luncheon and Annual Meeting

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$13.50 per person

Lunch selection: Chinese Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Primavera \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend. Please send an absentee ballot to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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