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## Annual Meeting Set for October 31st

### Senator Debra Bowen to Discuss Ballot Measures

State Senator Debra Bowen will discuss ballot measures at the **Omniole** annual meeting to be held Tuesday, Oct. 31st at the Torrance Marriott Hotel at 11:30 a.m.

During the business meeting preceding the luncheon, members will elect officers and vote on by-law changes. Proposed by-law changes will be sent to members by mail this month.

Cost of the luncheon including tax and tip will be \$20. The luncheon menu will feature salad, free-range breast of chicken with wild mushroom and shallot sauce and apple brown butter torte with vanilla ice cream.

Senator Bowen has served in the California State Senate since November 1998, after six years as a member of the State Legislature. Born and raised in Rockford, Illinois, she is a 1976 graduate of Michigan State University and earned her law degree from the University of Virginia. In 1984 she started her own law firm specializing in small business startups, tax law, land use, and environmental issues.

During her term in office, Senator Bowen has focused her attention primarily on opening government to the people, protecting the California environment, protecting California consumers, and protecting California's children.

To make reservations, fill out the reservation form at the back of the newsletter and return by October 24th to **Omniole**: Attention Treasurer, Box 7000-236, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-8710. Checks should be made out to CSUDH (not **Omniole**). For further information, call Diana Cutler at 541-8973.

### Nominating Committee Names Slate

Candidates to run for office at the annual meeting have been named by the Nominating Committee. They include:

**President** Emil Raulin  
**VP, Administration** Bob Groves  
**VP, Academics** Rose Shields  
**Secretary** Bob Saunders  
**Treasurer** George Clark

**Members-at-Large**  
Nancy Shannon-Sinclair  
Sam Rifkin  
Dan Stern

**Notice to our creative members:** **Omniole** is planning on taking part in the Redondo Beach Annual Senior Health Fair Friday, November 3rd. Do we have any volunteers to make a banner or poster that we can use? If so, call Emil Raulin (316-5750) or Nancy Shannon-Sinclair (513-

### Omniole to Publish

#### *Profiles . . . A Work in Progress*

Have you ever wondered about the lives of **Omniole** members who were profiled in the newsletter before you joined **Omniole**?

Well, you are not alone! As a result of your requests, **Omniole** is in the process of compiling a book of profiles published since our inception. It will be called *Omniole Profiles . . . A Work in Progress*, and will be formatted in a way that will enable you to add new profiles regularly as they appear in each issue of the newsletter.

The publication will be available for sale at the annual meeting next month at \$2 per copy.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

*By Emil Raulin*

Have you ever wondered what our affiliation with the nationally known Elderhostel organization is?



This is a brief attempt to give you a little background and explanation of how we connect with the organization today.

Elderhostel was founded in 1975 and started with programs at a few universities and colleges in New England. This gradually led to two movements, one being the Elderhostel Programs as they are known today, the other dealing with helping establish individual ILR (Institutes for Learning in Retirement) groups.

The Elderhostel movement grew very rapidly while the number of ILR's grew at a much slower rate. In 1986 the Elderhostel Organization agreed to serve as a coordinating organization for the Institute movement. Through the years the number of ILR's across the country grew to well over 200 separate organizations. Last year it was decided that the EIN (Elderhostel Institute Network) would be a separate and financially independent organization within Elderhostel.

The dual purpose of EIN is to provide information and materials to established, affiliated ILR's and to educate the public about the ILR movement so as to encourage them to either join or start ILR's in their communities .

**Omniole** is an ILR affiliated with the EIN and we look forward to working with them as long as we are in business!



The Elderhostel Institute Network logo.

**Fifteen Courses To Be Offered This Fall**

Fifteen courses will be offered during the semester which gets under way Tuesday, September 5th and goes through December. Study/Discussion groups include:

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| The Ancient Engineers                              | 2nd & 4th Wednesday p.m.                          |
| Development of Christian Theology<br>(two classes) | 2nd & 4th Thursday a.m.<br>1st & 3rd Tuesday p.m. |
| Election Politics                                  | 1st & 3rd Wednesday p.m.                          |
| The Brain – Part II                                | 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.                            |
| Gertrude and Claudius – and Hamlet                 | 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.                          |
| Power of the Press                                 | 1st & 3rd Thursday p.m.                           |
| Creative Writing                                   | 2nd & 4th Thursday p.m.                           |
| Jewish Short Stories<br>(two classes)              | 2nd & 4th Tuesday p.m.<br>2nd & 4th Monday p.m.   |
| Understanding the Stock Market                     | 1st & 3rd Wednesday a.m.                          |
| Human Genome Project                               | 1st & 3rd Thursday p.m.                           |
| Rivers and Civilization                            | 1st & 3rd Monday p.m.                             |
| The Italian Renaissance                            | 1st & 3rd Tuesday p.m.                            |
| Limits of Privacy                                  | 2nd & 4th Wednesday p.m.                          |

**Omniole History Tapes**

*By Burt Cutler*

During the first several **Omniole** years, before our association with CSUDH, perhaps during an S/DG on Plato's *Republic*, the members decided to buy four video tapes about ancient Greek civilization. Those tapes were later donated to **Omniole**.

Last year, as **Omniole** cleaned out and disbursed our almost-never-used mini-library, we kept those four video tapes.

I decided to revisit them and found the presentation, albeit somewhat dry, to still be quite interesting. For example, although I was aware that Socrates had been accused by three Athenian citizens on two issues ("impiety," and "corrupting the youth"), I was surprised to learn that the jurors were highly biased against him on an altogether different issue – Socrates' stance that only specially-trained citizens rather than ordinary citizens, should be permitted to engage in any government activities. This anti-democratic position was later expanded upon by Plato.

The 8-hour series, titled *A Modern Look at Ancient Greek Civilization*, is narrated by a "superstar professor" from Wesleyan University. Any Omniole can borrow them from the cabinet in Room #8. It would be appreciated if you would return them within a month.

**Welcome New Members!**

Please welcome these new members and add to your roster.

**Shirley Lord Bachelder**  
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Torrance, CA 90504  
Phone: 329-0531

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**Grant & Patti Laney**  
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**OMNIOLORE PROFILE – EDITH GARVEY**

When Alfred Bernstein decided to be reborn 20 years ago, he got rid of 53 years of personal history in one fell swoop! Place of birth, his alma mater and career experiences were no longer relevant. He decided to go by his full name – Alfred – rather than Al, as he had previously been known, and to concentrate on searching for the deeper parts of himself.

For the first four years after making this decision Alfred struggled as a low-level manager at Hughes Aircraft before retiring at the age of 57 to work on the new Alfred.

Two individuals have played an important role in his new life – **Omniorian** Bob Bacinski, with whom he enjoys hiking – and his significant other for the past 25 years, a lady artist and professor with whom he enjoys doing crossword puzzles and writing poetry. The pair also enjoys looking at picture books together as armchair travelers who visit unique places and things.

How has Alfred been enjoying his new life? His first labor of love became his

garden. And after joining **Omniole** a few years ago, he fell in love with the creative opportunities it afforded him. Besides serving as coordinator as frequently as he can, he enjoys making his presentations a bit of theater.

He recalls the time he took the role of a woman in his study/discussion group on Nobel prize women. He dressed as a Greek priestess in another group where he assumed the role of Delphi and foretold futures.

An avid reader, Alfred visits the library at least twice a week. Although he occasionally reads fiction, he prefers non-fiction.

Other interests include playing tennis – which he works hard at – and collecting rocks and fossils on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. Sometimes he and Bob Bacinski find rocks during their weekly walk on the wild side. Recently, they

spotted two snakes on one of their walks.

Although Alfred has children, they live far away and he doesn't see them often.

Recently, Alfred added a new species to his gardening collection at his Rancho Palos Verdes property – orchid plants. What does the future hold for Alfred? More of the same. He is constantly on the lookout for more to do.

**Book Bargains on the Internet**

If you are looking for bargains on books, here are two places to try:

1. **amazon.com** – then go to tab marked **zShops**
2. **1bookstreet.com** – then go to **1 Bargain Book Street**

Both of these bargain-basement web sites offer discounted prices on books.

◆ Well Prepared	<b>Recipe For Presentations!</b>	
◆ Appropriate to Course Description		
◆ Promote Discussion		
◆ Avoid Reading of Report		
◆ Conversational in Tone		
◆ Use Note Cards		By
◆ Questions with No One Right Answer		Etta
◆ Audio/Visuals		Tourkin

Proving Presentations can be fun, **Margareta** and **Ray Ericksen** wore matching T-shirts featuring the god, Bacchus, subject of their recent Mythology presentation.

**THEME** By Hal Fen-

- TALK OF THE OPEN MIND OF THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE TRAIL.**
- PEAKS AND VALLEYS OF THE CRANIAL TRAM.**
- JOYOUS FLUSH OF CREATIVE DAWN.**
- THE ETHEREAL LYRICS OF COLLEEN'S LOVE.**
- THE STARTLING REALITY OF GREG'S VERBAL MAZE.**
- THE WESTERN HERITAGE OF MERLE.**
- TELL-TALE SIGNS OF THINGS TO COME,**
- INSIGHTS INTO THE PAST.**
- NEW AND OLD VALUES**

**OMNIOLORE Annual Meeting**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 31st – 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** **Torrance Marriott Hotel**

*Reservations are required by October 24th, please!*

Please make \_\_\_ reservations for the **Omniole** Luncheon and Annual Meeting:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Enclosed is a check for: \$  for  people @ \$20 per person.

I cannot attend. Please send an absentee ballot to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, and put in the Treasurer's box or send to Julian Reinheimer, Treasurer:

**Omniole:** Attn Treasurer  
PMB 236 – P. O. Box 7000  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277-8710

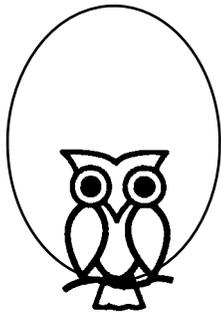
September 1 Topic Suggestion Forms Distributed  
 2 Chess Club – 10 a.m.  
 5 New Semester Study/Discussion Groups Begin  
 6 Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.  
 11 Curriculum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.  
 14 Board of Directors Meeting – Noon  
 15 Treasurer's Distribution of Fall Roster Addendum  
 15 Topic Suggestion Forms Return Deadline  
 27 Current Membership Fee Deadline for New Members

October 2 Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.  
 4 Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.  
 6 Chess Club – 10 a.m.  
 12 Board of Directors Meeting – Noon  
 15 Input Deadline for Next Newsletter  
 15 Registration Forms Return Deadline  
 31 Annual Meeting – Torrance Marriott Hotel  
 – 11:30 a.m.

#### 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 – papabob!!!@aol.com

## OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 2000



**Omniole, CSUDH**  
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**PMB 236**  
**P.O. Box 7000**  
**Redondo Beach, Ca. 90277-8710**

OMNIOLORE ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, October 21, 1999 @ 11:15a.m.  
WHERE: Torrance Hilton Hotel (rooftop Horizon Room)  
21333 Hawthorne Boulevard, Torrance

Reservations are required by October 14th, but please help our planning by reserving right now!!

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

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

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

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$20.00 per person

Lunch selection: Asian Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan \_\_\_\_\_

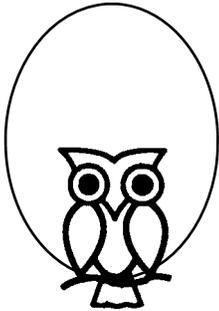
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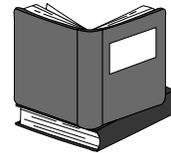
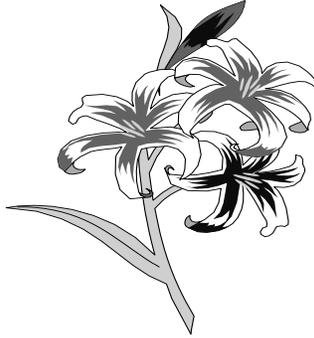
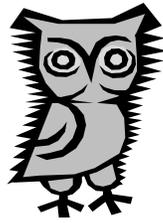
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OMNIOLORE BRIEFS

# Don't Miss

**REMINDER!**

## Coming Next Issue



**Editors' Note:**  
 To anyone preparing information for the newsletter, If your article is composed on an IBM compatible computer it would be greatly appreciated if you would submit on a 3 1/2 or 5 1/4 disk with a notation as to software used. If you have any questions please call Ginger Engstrom 832-7333

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