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BOARD OF DIRECTORS Elected Officers

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| Recording Secretary | Art Irizarry |
| Past President | Bill Gargaro |
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| Member-at-Large | Catherine Gallipeau |
| Member-at-Large | Roger Peterson |
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Omnilore Elects New Board of Directors

mniloreans overwhelmingly approved their new Board of Directors following the usual excellent luncheon highlighted by grilled salmon. Outgoing president, Bill Gargaro, was roundly applauded for his two years of service. Rick Spillane announced the proposed new Board members and conducted the vote. They are: President: Howard Korman; VP-Administration: Kathleen Fitzgerald; VP -Academics: Janet Brown; Recording Secretary: Art Irizarry; ongoing Treasurer: Jim Slattery; and Members-at-Large: Cindy Eggert, Catherine Gallipeau, and Roger Peterson.



From left: Outgoing President, Bill Gargaro; incoming President, Howard Korman; VP-Administration, Kathleen Fitzgerald; ongoing Treasurer, Jim Slattery; Member-at-Large, Roger Peterson.

Not available for group picture:



Janet Brown, **VP-Academics**

Art Irizarry, Recording Secretary



Cathy Gallipeau, Member-at-Large



Cindy Eggert, Member-at-Large

Mary Golob

Omnilore's Board of Directors meets every second Thursday of the month in Room 7 at Franklin Center from 12 noon-2 p.m. Members interested in this process are welcome to attend and observe and/or present some issue about which they are concerned.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Howard Korman

mv have spent 0 interweaving engineering, music, education, civic affairs, and family. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1960. I graduated from Case Institute of Technology Case Western Reserve (now University) with a B.S. in Engineering Science. I then graduated from Harvard University with an M.A. in Engineering and a Ph.D. in Engineering and Applied Math. I have been married to Dale. a retired elementary school teacher and member of Omnilore, for over 48 years. We've lived in California for 44 years and have three married children, Arik, Caryn and Diane, along with five grandchildren. I joined TRW in 1968 after completing degree requirements at Harvard and retired as a systems engineer in 2006 from Northrop Grumman (formerly TRW) after 38 years of employment; I worked for TRW in San Bernardino for 15 years while living in Redlands, and in Space Park, Redondo Beach (1968-1979, 1995–2006). I also founded a Systems Engineering Extension Program at UC Riverside and taught in the USC Graduate School of Mechanical Engineering.

In retirement, I went back to playing the tuba and now perform with the Palos Verdes Symphonic Band (where I also serve on the board of directors) and a Klezmer band out of the Long Beach Jewish Community Center. With Dale, I have been very active with

et me introduce myself: I the Torrance Symphony Assolife ciation (as treasurer and program director). Dale and I have also been involved with musical theater. We've performed with companies (Norris several Theater Prime Time Players, Redlands Aerospace Players. Bowl); sang with a performing enjoyed Square years, and We are also board Dancing. Barbershop Harmony since 1980.

> Grove I discovered Omnilore, continuing Johnson and Rick Spillane got me into Board activities, where I have served as Membership Chairman and Vice President for Administration. I have taken 19 Omnilore S/DGs and enjoyed all of them! I am impressed with the people quality of the in Omnilore, their motivation, and their leadership abilities.

I have also had the good fortune to get acquainted with the leadership in the Extended and International College at CSUDH, a dedicated group of professsionals and volunteers. I would like to remind you that as an Omnilore member you have paid a fee to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at CSUDH. OLLI is also constantly trying to improve its members' learning experiences with free lecture series and other learning fee. I encourage you to take endeavor.

advantage of the privileges that you have with OLLI.

Our members and our volunteer activity is our life-



blood. Maintaining our level at ~300 members and the spirit of volunteerism should ensure our chorus, "The Notables," for eight continued success. Linda Jenson is doing a great job leading the Dancing and International Folk membership effort, so give her your support by becoming "ambassamembers for the South Bay dors" to your friends and colleagues Community Concert Association, in promoting Omnilore. Encourage and I have belonged to the them to attend an "Introducing Society Omnilore" meeting.

I am proud to be selected as your Thanks to **Bob** and **Elaine** president and look forward to the excellence of our and joined in January 2007. Dick organization and our relationship with CSUDH. I want to thank my predecessor, Bill Gargaro, for the outstanding job he has done as president over the past two years. We are fortunate to have had a series of talented presidents and Board members to keep Omnilore moving forward since its inception in 1990. The opportunity to keep intellectually stimulated in the company of all you like-minded people has been rewarding. As president I certainly intend to continue with the same enthusiasm and interest as my predecessors. In particular, the Board and I will strive to improve the Omnilore environment to enhance your experiences in our Study/Discussion Groups.

Feel free to email me at howarddale@verizon.net with your ideas for improving the organization. I look forward to working activities for a nominal additional with you in our love of learning

OMNILORE PROFILE—Steve Miller

by Kate Nelson

D on't let the mild manner fool you. Steve Miller has a first-class mind—wide ranging, analytical, practical and steel sharp.

Steve grew up in Ohio and graduated from MIT. The lure of warm weather ("not a fan of Boston winters") brought him out to California where he had a career in aerospace. Trained as an electrical engineer, he worked first for Aerospace Corporation in El Segundo, and then took two years off to start his own electronics business. He quickly realized that even if he did have a superior product, some Chinese company would surely reproduce it for a fraction of his costs. He went back to the industry, worked for Hughes Aircraft and then, completing the circle, returned to Aerospace Corporation until his retirement in 2006.

He and his wife Andrea have been married for almost 30 years and have lived all that time on a walk street in Manhattan Beach a few blocks from the ocean. There they raised their two daughters, one of whom is currently a CPA, the other a biochemist. No slouches in this family. No grandchildren yet either, but Steve and Andrea are making do with a fetching Bichon Frise named Jelly, who apparently tolerates women visitors more readily than men (Steve did refer to her as "Andrea's dog"). She greeted me at the door with a somber appraisal before allowing me to pass without comment.

If you saw *The Beach Reporter* a few weeks ago, you might have noticed Steve in a picture of runners who just completed their 35th year of continuous participation in the Manhattan Beach 10k, a major event at the town's Hometown Fair. He still runs, but only three days a week. "Most of me is holding up pretty well, but the knees are starting to go," he says with a what-are-you-going-to do shrug. A torn meniscus doesn't keep him from serving as the Omnilore Hike Coordinator, however, and he leads walkers of all skill levels on scenic paths in and around the South Bay.

Steve and Andrea love to travel and have been to China, Japan and Europe, but their newest interest is in Casa Grande, Arizona, where they recently bought a second home. Good pals and fellow Omniloreans Dennis and Cindy Eggert steered them toward Casa

Grande and they fell in love with the place. Asked about moving between sunny Manhattan Beach and sunny Arizona. Steve described themselves as "fog birds," escaping the beach gloom for a couple of months each year. Andrea, who is from rainy Washington State, is as avid about following the sun as her husband.



Retirement hasn't been all play, though. Steve served on an Institutional Review Committee for the L.A. BioMed Research Institute at Harbor UCLA Medical Center. His role was to safeguard the interests of the community when research involving human subjects was conducted at the hospital. For several years, he has been enthusiastic about Mechanical Investing, the buying and selling of stocks according to a screen based on predetermined criteria and then back-tested to determine how it has worked in the past. By removing emotion and allowing a computer to do the work, investors can help minimize risk and maximize earnings. Could this be a future Omnilore class?

Steve discovered Omnilore through his friend Myron Pullen, and has been a member for about five years. For two of those years, he served as Treasurer. He enjoys the diversity of the classes, and has tried his hand at S/DGs on investing, current affairs, science, even a short-story class ("I may not try that one again," he admits with a grin). He especially likes the TED classes where he can explore a huge buffet of topics related to technology, entertainment and design. In a recent TED class, he presented on "The Memory Palace," an ancient technique for remembering enormous amounts of information. In his interactive presentation, Steve asked our class to study, then recall, a group of disparate objects he had brought in. We all did very well. If he's this good at explaining Mechanical Investing, I'm ready to sign up.







Dean, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute College of Extended & International Education CSUDH

"Cal State Online" is a new initiative of the California State University (CSU) system. The Cal State Online project was designed by the CSU Chancellor's office in an effort to expand access to selected baccalaureate-completion and masters programs through online delivery. The project involves several CSU campuses and the programs reflect popular as well as flexible courses of study.

The Dominguez Hills campus is considered an innovator and leader in distance learning programming, starting over 35 years ago with the M.A. Humanities correspondence program. CSUDH now offers 11 degree programs utilizing a variety of formats and technologies. Three CSUDH online programs were selected to be included in Cal State Online project. The B.S. Applied Studies TV/online degree completion program is scheduled to launch in spring 2013; MBA and MPA (Master of Public Administration) will also be offered as part of this project which currently includes 10 additional degree programs.

Cal State Online is centrally governed by a board of directors and an executive director. In July the board announced the selection of Pearson Learning Solutions "eCollege" to provide marketing and online course delivery services for Cal State Online. As stated in an FAO document, "Cal State Online is envisioned as providing students with a comprehensive and expansive set of CSU online program offerings combined with world class student support and a variety of current and relevant innovative learning technologies. Cal State Online also seeks to support and market the best possible online education to help the state develop the well-trained workforce the state and nation needs for today and tomorrow."

A student will receive a diploma from the CSU campus which "owns" the degree program he or she completed. Programs will be offered on a self-support (rather than state–support) model so that the course fees students pay cover costs associated with instruction, support services and administration.

A noteworthy component of the Cal State Online project is its "Reconnect" initiative, which has the potential to award degrees to tens of thousands of students who have started at a CSU campus but have not been able to complete a degree due to their particular circumstances. To qualify for "Reconnect" participants must have accumulated 80 transferrable units, at least 40 of which were earned at a CSU campus and be in good academic standing. "Reconnect" participants are charged a slightly lower per unit fee. If you know individuals who were not able to complete a CSU degree, you may want to draw their attention to Cal State Online "Reconnect."

The Cal State Online website is scheduled to launch at the end of November. We will keep you posted on developments.

Happy Thanksgiving & Happy Holidays from the staff of the College of Extended & International Education.

Omnilore's Best-Sellers Special Interest Group

by Patricia Edie

t the beginning of the summer, we inaugurated a book discussion group that meets once a month to discuss a current Fiction or Non-Fiction Best Seller and it has been a resounding success. So, the Best-Sellers SIG will continue in the coming months. If you enjoy talking about books you have currently read, please consider joining us for the upcoming discussions:

November 12: Thinking, Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman

Nobel laureate and founding father of modern behavioral economics, Daniel Kahneman, presents a new way to think about thinking in his recent book. Described as a clear and precise study of the "dual-process" model of the brain, he presents the fast and slow types of thinking and our embedded self-delusions. His transparent and careful treatment of his subject has the potential to change how we think, not just about thinking, but about how we live our lives.

December 10: Mission to Paris by Alan Furst

When Fredric Stahl, a popular actor, comes to Paris to work on a film, he is immediately swept into the best social circles. And it's no wonder: he's charismatic and attractive; he lived in Paris for a while in the 20s, so he knows a little about the Parisian social scene. But the Paris of Alan Furst's new novel, *Mission to Paris*, is not the Paris Stahl remembers. There's something sinister lurking underneath the glittering social scene.

January 14: Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand

This long-time, non-fiction best seller tells the inspiring true story of a local hero, Louis Zamperini of Torrance, who lived through a series of catastrophes almost too incredible to be believed. In evocative, immediate descriptions, Hillenbrand unfurls his story: a juvenile delinquent-turned-Olympic runner-turned-Army hero.

February 11: The Casual Vacancy by J. K. Rowlings

After establishing herself as a successful children's author, Rowlings pens her first adult novel. She uses local politics to explore the complex social web of a small English town. With the death of a local councilor, a "casual vacancy" opens in the government of Pagford; the ensuing pursuit of his seat exposes the poorly hidden conflicts of the deceptively tranquil town.

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Omnilore's 21st Annual Meeting & Luncheon

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1. Our new president, Howard Korman; 2. Lynn Taber & Marilou Lieman; 3. Bill & Andrea Gargaro; 4. Dick Johnson as Father Time; 5. Rick & Lori Spillane; 6. Anne & Ray Destabelle; 7. Teresa Yu; 8. Mary Varieur; 9. Marie-France Brush with Daniel & Mary Gluck; 10. RosaLee Saikley & Linda Lipscomb; 11. Our greeters: Carol Kerster & Anne Faass (seated), Nancy Shannon & Helen Leven (standing); 12. Leslie Criswell & Bob Bacinski; 13. Stu Watson and Norm Zareski; 14. Roberta Moore; 15. Tom Vincent; 16. Diana & Burt Cutler.



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Roger Peterson; 3. Mimi Lau; 4. Frances Roberts; 5. Berthe & Jim Slattery; 6. Dale Johnson & Blanche Herring; 7. Gordon & Mary Reiter; 8. Margie Queen (guest); 9. Linda Jenson & Mary Golob; 10. Don & Sharon Childers; 11. Jim Bouchard, OLLI at CSUDH, & Brenda Blow, EE Financial Manager; 12. Maria Ruiz; 13. Lynn Anderson; 14. Harriet & Barry Dunbridge; 15. Edith Garvey in her safari outfit; 16. Barbara Landon (guest); 17. Carlos & Ronnie Lemmi; 18. Carol Johnson; 19. Sunny Moss & Muriel Blatt; 20. Patrick Bulteau (guest)

& Shirley Nagai.



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A Quartet of Diversity

f you have not seen the highly praised film Argo, directed by and starring Ben Affleck, I urge you to do so. It defines the word "thriller," and even if you knew about the events of 1979, you will, I guarantee, be sitting on pins-andneedles as it happens. The plan, devised to extricate six Americans (employees of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran) who fled to the home of the Canadian ambassador to avoid capture by Islamist revolutionaries who had invaded our embassy, was accurately called "the best bad idea" the CIA had. However, transformed into a smashing screenplay by Chris Terrio, the movie, based on the details declassified in 1997, was an excellent idea. Besides the bearded, unflappable Affleck, the cast includes John Goodman and Alan Arkin. The action is absurd, terrifying, believable, and ultimately -- and happily -- successful.

Quite the reverse, but equally fascinating and suspenseful in a quieter way, is an actual documentary: *Brooklyn Castle*. To observe how a handful of students at a public intermediate school in Brooklyn pursue and achieve 26 national chess titles, more than any other school in the nation, is admirable. Since 65 percent of the students who go to this school live below the poverty level, the feat is downright astonishing. That fact, plus the variety of languages and backgrounds that these teenagers represent, add wonder and excitement. The perseverance, determination and intensity they display is monumental. And it is equaled by that of the principal and teacher who instruct, encourage and cheer, as kids pursue their goals. Unlike *Argo*, the outcome is not generally known, so you'll need to see the film to find out how it ends. You needn't be a chess player to enjoy this terrific, little film written and directed by Katie Deliamaggiore. Perhaps you'll even feel, as I did, that with teachers and students like these, there is hope for our nation and our world.

The following reviews were submitted by Nancy Shannon, to whom I am grateful and appreciative, as you will be, for her excellent critiques.

The Perks of Being a Wallflower is a coming-of-age film by Stephen Chbosky, who also wrote the 1999 book of the same name. "Charlie," the narrator, tells of his teenage angst about the trials of beginning high school, the suicide of a good friend, his mental problems, his family relationships and being an outsider. He shows growth through his experiences and friendships with two off-beat high school seniors and helpful English teacher. The movie is filmed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and displays the city's glorious bridges and many tunnels, which play a part in the film.

Searching For Sugar Man. This riveting documentary by Malik Bendjelloul movingly portrays the search for American rock musician "Rodriguez," whose music lay undiscovered in America for 20 years, but became a huge hit in South Africa due to a bootleg copy of his disc "Cold Fact" reaching there during the apartheid era. Unknown to Rodriguez, who was living in poverty in Detroit, he reached rock-star status in South Africa. He was compared to Bob Dylan and was as popular there as "The Beatles" and more revered than "The Rolling Stones." The discovery of Rodriguez by two intrepid journalists and obsessive followers is a fascinating and almost unbelievable story.

You, too, can be a film critic!



What's New with OLLI?

by Jim Bouchard Senior Program Development Specialist Coordinator, Lifelong Learning, OLLI AT CSUDH



The Omnilore Halloween Forum is over (congratulations, **Howard Korman** and all new officers!), which means it's time to print the OLLI spring catalog! Yes, just when our minds are turning towards Thanksgiving and the holidays, we are doing some post-winter planning.

I'm happy to report that our "Taste of OLLI" lecture series in Manhattan Beach was so successful that we are planning a "Contemporary Scientific Issues" lecture series in the spring. Additionally, we will also be offering another "Taste of OLLI" series, which will consist of an eclectic mixture of topics, on the CSU Dominguez Hills campus. Watch for your OLLI catalog to find out more about these two lecture series. (Remember that both these lectures are included with your OLLI/Omnilore membership!)

Phil Gironda held his "Personal Finance and Retirement" course at the Franklin Center, and he will be offering it again in the spring. Phil has taught for OLLI members for several years and was named a 2012 Five Star Wealth manager for the second year in a row by Five Star Professional.

And I want to remind everyone that we will hold an OLLI Holiday Celebration on Thursday, December 6 from 1:30-4:30 pm in the Extended Education Auditorium on the campus of CSU Dominguez Hills. There will be fun and food! (See page 27 of your OLLI catalog.)

Have a happy, healthy holiday season!



ure by **Kate Emerson**, is described as a light, enjoyable read about Lady Anne Stafford and her involvement in the court of Henry VIII. She loves both her husband and the king's boon companion, William Compton. It's a good read

about temptation, court intrigues, and life for the rich and famous. Written so that you could be there and watching.

The memoir, *Orange Is the New Black* by **Piper Kerman**, is an account of

the author's 15 months spent as an inmate in a federal women's prison serving time for an 11-year-old drug crime. Heartbreaking, hilarious, and at times enraging, Kerman's story offers a rare look into the lives of women in prison why it is we lock so many away and what happens to them when they're there.

The Swerve: How the World Became Modern by Stephen Greenblatt. One of the world's most celebrated scholars, Greenblatt has crafted both an innovative work of history and a thrilling story of discovery, in which one manuscript, plucked from a thousand years of neglect, changed the course of human thought and made possible the world as we know it.

If you've struggled with Marcel Proust's *In Search Of Lost Time*, there is a newer, much better translation available now. Lydia Davis, a MacArthur Fellow, translated volume 1, *Swann's Way*, into a flowing, easy-to-read great book. *Vanity Fair* said: "Swann's Way is transformed into something even more enchanting" If you always wanted to read Proust without the struggle, this is your chance. Contains immortal truths in simplified form!

Lastly, When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey Of American Women from 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins, NY Times Op-Ed Columnist. The title says it all. A fascinating and comprehensive 50-year history of the dynamic changes in women's lives including politics, fashion, popular culture, economics, sex, family and careers. Even if you think you are familiar with it all, there will be startling revelations to absorb.

(Book suggestions from Omniloreans make this column work. Our thanks to **Barbara Corday, Cindy Eggert, Nancy Shannon, Midge Solomon** and **Dan Stern** for contributing to our list. Please send your titles, with author's name and a very brief description, to Patricia Edie, (jpedie@ca.rr.com). Please put "Omnilore Books" as the subject of your email. We look forward to hearing from you.)

CSUDH Benefits from Osher Foundation \$500,000 Endowment for Transfer Student Scholarships

CSU Dominguez Hills has been awarded a \$500,000 endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation to establish the Osher Scholarship for students transferring from California community colleges.

Students transferring to CSU Dominguez Hills from one of the 112 campuses in the California Community College system who meet the eligibility requirements will be able to apply for the scholarship. Ten scholarships of \$2,500 each will be awarded annually, with the first awards being given in fall 2013.

"The philanthropic investment made by the Osher Foundation generously supports academic achievement and makes it possible for community college students to continue on at CSU Dominguez Hills and fulfill their academic dreams," said CSU Dominguez Hills Interim President Willie Hagan.

Approximately 45 percent of all upper-division transfers to CSUDH come from state community colleges, including, of course, El Camino College in Torrance and Los Angeles Harbor College.

Our new recording secretary, Art Irizarry, who joined Omnilore after serving as Dean of Counseling at El Camino, noted that "the Osher grant will provide a wonderful opportunity for students and for CSUDH, which will now have an ambitious recruiting tool in the form of scholarships." The Transfer Center at ECC, which was on Art's roster of responsibilities as dean, prepares and guides students who wish to continue their education at the university level.

To be eligible for the Osher scholarship, a student must be an upper-division transfer with at least 60 units from a state community college, demonstrate financial need, and show academic promise and a commitment to obtaining a bachelor's degree.

"Introducing Omnilore" Meeting

Date Set for Next



The Membership Committee has scheduled an "Introducing Omnilore" meeting for prospective members who may want to join *Omnilore* for the Spring trimester. The date is:

Monday, November 26th, 10 a.m. at the Franklin Center in Room 7

Attendance at an "Introducing Omnilore" meeting is mandatory for new members, so please tell anyone you know who might be interested about these upcoming dates. We know that most of our new members join as a result of referrals by current members. We have a wonderful organization with a great deal to offer, and classes that are very enjoyable and informative.

Help Spread the Word!

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Our costume winners: 1. Mary Varieur, as the green daughter of Mother Nature; 2. Howard Korman, Dracula or wizard? (showing us his dark side?); 3. Dick Johnson as Father Time (how did he handle the salmon?); 4. Ralph Brown, in official Iraqi robes brought back by his son in the military; 5. I-Dream-of-Jeannie couple: Bob Bacinski & Leslie Criswell; and 6. Teresa Yu as a clown masquerading as a mechanic!

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