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Celebrate Halloween with L. A. Mystery Writer!

by Carol Kerster

She is an award-winning journalist, best-selling author, top contender for the most prestigious book awards, former Fulbright scholar and, not least, a native of Los Angeles. She is **Denise Hamilton**, and she is our speaker for the annual Omnilore Halloween Forum Luncheon/General Business Meeting October 31.

During her 10 years as a *Los Angeles Times* staff reporter, Denise covered the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe, the break-up of the Soviet Union, and youth movements in Japan. But it was the time she spent in Los Angeles, where she still lives, immersing herself in its multicultural communities, that has informed her writing.

From her debut novel, "The Jasmine Trade," published in 2001, to her most recent, "Damage Control," the city of Los Angeles, which she calls her muse, is present. And, of course, her other stories, crimes and mysteries reflect the city as well. The five books in her Eve Diamond series, and "The Last Embrace," set in 1949 Hollywood, have been compared to Raymond Chandler's work. She edited "Los Angeles Noir" and "Los Angeles Noir 2: The Classics," which won the Edgar (Allan Poe) Award for Best Short Story, and the Southern California Independent Booksellers award for "Best Mystery of the Year."

Lest she be defined only as a crime and mystery writer, our speaker also writes a most unique column for the *L. A. Times*: she writes about perfume, and has been quoted on the Internet as saying, "For mystery writers, fragrance is often the most telltale clue left behind at the scene of a crime."

If that last bit of information does not send you directly to the Forum registration form on page 9 of this Newsletter, perhaps knowing that this Forum meeting also features our rip-roaring Halloween Costume competition -- complete with prizes for the top three winners -- will compel you to send in your reservation. We also have important, but always brief, Omnilore business to attend to: year-end reports, announcement of officers for the coming year, and expressions of gratitude for the amazing work done by all who keep this organization so special.

On the registration form in this Newsletter, or on the one coming to you soon by regular mail (most likely orange in color!), you also need to specify if you want a vegetarian substitution for our usual excellent lunch. The price of either lunch is still \$20, the location is still the Los Verdes Country Club "way up on Hawthorne Blvd., and the date -- always as close to Halloween as we can arrange -- this year is Halloween itself, October 31. Finally, and not least, the mood at this event is particularly joyful, sociable, and entertaining. Our speaker, Denise Hamilton, promises to continue that tradition!



Denise Hamilton

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Editor Mary Golob
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Howard Korman

I want to extend a special welcome to our new members. I hope you will find Omnilore as stimulating as we returning Omniloreans do. This is the last Newsletter of our yearly cycle; thank you all for allowing me to bring some of my thoughts about Omnilore to you in the president's column. I hope both that I have brought you information about Omnilore's operations and aspirations, and that we will all have another great year of study and idea exchanges at the Franklin Center.

At the next Forum, on October 31, we will have our annual meeting of the membership. At that meeting you will be asked to approve a slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors. (The term of an officer on the board is one year.) Let's remember that we are an entirely volunteer organization and that includes not only members of the Board but the committees as well. Bill Gargaro and the Nominating Committee are actively looking for candidates for openings for next year.

Over half of you have signed up to forego delivery of the Newsletter and course enrollment material through the regular mail, and chosen to use our great website instead. The rest of you are always invited to join in this way of working with the material; please inform Johan Smith if that is your preference so we can stop sending you a paper copy. This is a strictly voluntary activity, and a paper copy will be mailed to you via the USPS if you prefer that method of receiving Newsletters, course descriptions and enrollment materials.

We find ourselves with a new landlord at the Franklin Center -- the Redondo Beach Unified School District -- and the in-room maintenance that we had become accustomed to when the City of Redondo Beach was managing the FC has disappeared. We can all help out while this situation exists. Please notice the box below on the subject.

I would like to thank those members who have supported Omnilore by serving as officers. They have been extremely competent and always ready to do what is needed to ensure Omnilore's continued success. **Janet Brown** is serving as Vice President for Academics supported by the excellent work of **Rick Spillane** as Curriculum Chair and **Norman Morris** as Head Coordinator. **Jim Slattery**, our Treasurer, is indispensable and manages to balance our books and keeps us out of financial trouble (no easy task!) as well as interface with CSUDH on financial matters. **Kathleen Fitzgerald**, Vice President for Administration, is handling her responsibilities with ease and is always quick to see a solution and solve a problem. **Linda Jensen** is very effective as Membership Chair. She, along with her volunteers (special thanks to **Edith Garvey** for her continuing support), is responsible for the high percentage of membership signups after her Introduction to Omnilore presentation. **Mary Golob** is doing a terrific job as our Communications Chair. We appreciate **Lori Geittmann** and her committee for all their efforts to make the Forums so

successful. Others who are extremely capable and helpful are our Recording Secretary **Art Irizarry**; our "Members at Large" **Cindy Eggert**, **Cathy Gallipeau**, and **Roger Peterson**; our Webmaster **Hal Hart**; our Registrar **JoAnna Kerrigan**; our Equipment Manager **Hal Hart**; our Office Manager **Carol Johnson** (who also insists that we keep our Procedures current); **Lynn Taber**, who keeps our Calendar up to date; and the Newsletter group headed by **Mary Golob** who do such a great job of publishing our bimonthly newsletter and making sure it's informative and interesting. The list goes on and I am sure to have missed some names, but we all sincerely appreciate their efforts.



Finally, I would like to thank our administrative assistant **Johan Smith** who has supported Omnilore since 1996. She is extremely dedicated to her work and efficient in all aspects of Omnilore administration. Johan keeps us on track concerning the many details which need to be attended to. She is an important reason the officers are able to function so well. She does a fantastic job supporting the Curriculum Committee, as well as the Newsletter, and handling all the mailings and support functions needed to ensure that an all-volunteer organization functions and remains on schedule. We are very fortunate to have her helping us.

Enjoy the end of summer and the transition to fall!

We have been getting several reports about rooms not being straightened up after classes this trimester. Added to that, **Howard Korman** mentioned (above), that in-room maintenance is non-existent for the time being. So, let's all be more observant about the way we leave our rooms after classes are over. Please remember to check that:

<p>✓ Coffee stuff is put away in the various cabinets.</p>	<p>✓ Garbage is taken outside to the large garbage can.</p>	<p>✓ Lights are out.</p>
<p>✓ All cabinets with 3-way combination locks are locked.</p>	<p>✓ Counters are free of foodstuffs and wiped down.</p>	<p>✓ Door is locked.</p>
<p>✓ Windows are closed (we found an inward-tilting window left open which could have allowed entrance).</p>		

Also, there is a vacuum kept up front in Room 7, as well as a brand-new broom (thanks to Mary Watson). Mary says sweeping away a few leaves in front of the door during the fall keeps them from being walked inside the room on our feet!

OMNIOLORE PROFILE—Mel Schrier

by Art Irizarry

Unassuming . . . affable . . . comfortable . . . insouciant -- these words come to mind when interacting with Mel Schrier of Omnilore (aka Dr. Melvin Schrier in professional circles). An Omnilore member for eight years, Mel enjoys the relaxed learning environment within Omnilore. After amassing a curriculum vitae which can best be described as an extraordinary profile of achievement, at this point in life Mel is interested in keeping an active mind as an end in itself, rather than as a means to some other goal. He spoke of his “Righteous Mind” S/DG as an “eclectic experience and enjoyable,” which could be said of his entire life. Get acquainted with Mel and you will encounter warm wit, an intelligence tempered with grace, the world ensconced within a man.

Bachelor’s degrees from New York and Columbia universities, two Master’s degrees from Columbia and a doctorate from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry have provided the foundation for and attested to his formidable intellectual drive. They also have been the keys to a multifaceted career conglomerate. Optometrist, business-man, administrator, writer, college teacher, lecturer, researcher, clinical investigator, inventor, consultant and member of professional and civic organizations are labels normally attached to a roster of individuals, or maybe a small group, when mentioned together. But they all apply to Mel as an individual. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and the New York Academy of Optometry. A list of his professional, alumni, civic and institutional leadership positions, awards, board memberships and publications would require an entire newsletter.

Combining his professional background in optometry, his Master’s in education from Columbia and insights developed as a teacher, Mel invented a device and process to identify visual anomalies in young people, which frequently are



undiagnosed and significantly affect academic performance. In Mel’s view, visual problems, which are not unusual in children, can frustrate them, diminish their interest in reading and learning, and result in significantly diminished academic outcomes. His goal is to have all children tested and corrected; toward that end, he has secured an agreement with the Wiseburn School District in Hawthorne for a volunteer-based program to examine students and correct their visual problems.

While intellectual pursuits have provided activity for his mind, Mel’s body has also had its concomitant share of eclectic experiences. He has traveled to 120 countries, sampling foods and cultures, meeting people and making friends along the way. Closer to home, as a travel writer for the *Palos Verdes Peninsula News*, he has shared these experiences with many readers. His Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club membership, which can be considered an aspect of his global perspective, led to his role as award-winning editor of the *Concours d’Elegance* program. The *Concours*, a charity event held annually in Palos Verdes, brings together classic cars representing different genres in automotive history to raise funds for a variety of worthy causes, including the Rotary Club.

The *Concours* is not the only collection-related activity for Mel. On a different scale and in a different medium, he has amassed a collection of paper memorabilia dating back to the World War II era. Menus (including one from the famed Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston), programs, theater flyers, and other paper artifacts comprise the collection, which is stored in 40 boxes. Through the Palos Verdes Library, Mel was referred to an archivist, who in turn referred him to the Los Angeles Public Library for evaluation. About 14 boxes thus far have been taken by the Los Angeles institution, which will continue review of the materials, another palpable indication of Mel’s eclectic life, learning experiences and philanthropic outlook.

Overriding Email Spam Detection — Whitelist or Safe Senders

If you have an email address, approximately once weekly you should be receiving emails from Communications@Omnilore.org and Johan johansmith@ca.rr.com. If you are not receiving emails from either address, you are missing timely Omnilore and OLLI event announcements. This is probably because your email system has incorrectly determined that one or both senders are “Spammers.”

You can fix this — every email system has a feature allowing you to specify you want to receive all messages sent from selected email domains (*what’s to the right of the @ sign in an email address*). Usually under your email “Settings” link or tab, this feature is variously called “Whitelist” (*in Roadrunner*), “Safe Senders” (*in Verizon email*), “Approved Senders,” or something similar in different email systems. Sometimes it’s in a submenu below “Settings,” e.g., in Verizon’s email system “Safe Senders” is found by scrolling down in the tab labeled “Blocked Senders” under the tab “Spam Detection.” When you find the place to approve selected senders, there will be a box for entering approved domains or individual senders. Enter the two email domains “Omnilore.org” and “ca.rr.com”. Or, some email systems allow you to only enter full addresses, so enter the two in the first paragraph above. Email Webmaster@Omnilore.org if you need further help selectively overriding your email spam detection.

“Presentations 101”

by Janet Brown, Vice-President, Academics

There’s a great deal to think about when gearing up for a presentation:



When to Present:

If you’re a newcomer, the last half of the trimester is better. This gives you some insight into what a Presentation can look like and exposure to the whole Omnilore class process.

For all of us it is imperative to check our personal calendar. Don’t select a date that interferes with some other activity. Include time to prepare for your presentation.

What to Present:

The TOPIC! There have been times when I knew from the outset what I wanted to research and share, and the topic was evident. At other times the WHAT did not come so easily. The following points have helped me in the past:

➤ First, ask yourself what drew you to this course. Go your own route. For instance, one of the first S/DGs I took was “History of the South” Why? My husband, a history buff, was taking this course. I knew nothing of the South, but I knew I liked literature. I therefore chose as my topic “Literature of the South,” thinking I would write about some authors from Atlanta. But along the way I discovered instead a body of black literature (most of it archived in New York City) that I had not known existed...and that is what I chose for my topic. What a find. . . a whole new pool of literature to read.

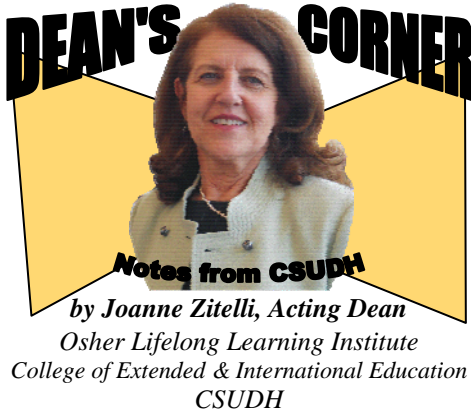
➤ Take a good look at the book that is being used in your S/DG. Sometimes chapter headings can start one in a particular direction that leads to an idea for a presentation. For example, as you pore over the Table of Contents, ask yourself questions like “What will I most likely find in this particular chapter (or section)?” Then, see if it is covered. If not, perhaps that can become your topic. Also check the footnotes for some great material that supplements what is in the body of the book – references to other people or events not covered, perhaps sources the author used in writing the book. And remember to check out the Index.

➤ Listen to classmates. During the pre-meeting, for instance, did they speak of what drew them to this class? Or just ask a few classmates how they go about choosing a topic. . . .A good use of break time is to mingle, get to know your classmates, and ask these kinds of questions. Remember also that you will have a time limit; be sure to stay within it.

We will discuss *How to Prepare* and *How to Present* at a “Presentations 101” meeting to be held:

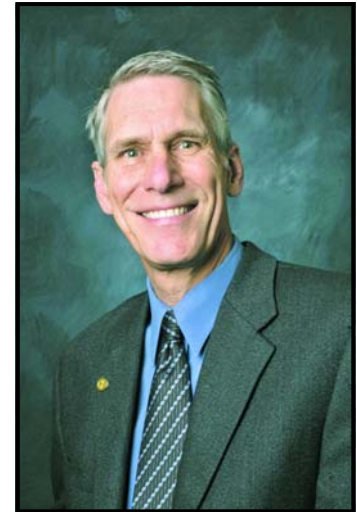
Monday, September 30th—10:30 a.m. to Noon—Room 7

We welcome all to come and share their ideas for that stellar presentation!



and vice president of academic affairs.” (<http://www.csudhnews.com/2013/07/reichard/>)

Dr. Reichard has a distinguished career as an academic and an administrator, with ample experience in the Cal State system. Dr. Reichard is a historian by training. His opening remarks at our College annual fall breakfast meeting assured us that he is familiar with the role Extended Education plays for the campus and the community. He also commented on Dr. Margaret Gordon’s accomplishments and contributions to the CSU and CSUDH. These comments were thoughtful and reassuring for the staff, particularly in light of the ongoing recruitment for a new dean of the college.



Dr. Gary W. Reichard

Full is traditionally a time of transition. In higher education, fall is the time that starts a process, a year, not ends one.

The campus community has seen more transitions in the past few months, since my last column. One significant change is the appointment of a new *Interim* Provost and vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Gary Reichard assumed this position in August. To introduce the campus community to Dr. Reichard, President Willie Hagan said, “Dr. Reichard has more than 40 years of experience as an academic leader and faculty member and will provide the seamless and stable leadership necessary while we conduct a national search for a provost

Regarding the search for a new CEE dean, Dr. Reichard explained that the campus is also recruiting for a permanent Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. The dean of Extended & International Education will be appointed after the campus selects a Provost, which should occur by January, 2014. The CEE dean’s search committee will consist of CEE staff as well as faculty from across campus. We will keep OLLI members posted regarding the Open Forum sessions that are scheduled for the campus community to review finalists for the

dean’s position. These visits will likely occur late fall or early spring. You might find interesting the finalists’ remarks and the open forum Q and A.

My sensibility and studies of the 19th-century Romantic period have shaped my interest in dynamic situations. So I suppose I have found myself, as CEE acting dean, in the right place now. I hope you are in good places, too.

Happy Southern California fall. Stay in touch with OLLI and CSUDH.



Computer Talks

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

Presented by Hal Hart

Omniole Class Scheduling --

A Heuristic Human/Computer Process



If you’re curious enough to *look under the hood* of Omniole’s ingenious scheduling program, this Computer Talk is for you. The talk will actually be a beginning-to-end demonstration of inputting the data for this Fall’s S/DG requests and generating the schedule by running the program. You’ll see how we determine which classes go and which are dropped, who gets their first-choice classes vs. who gets backups or gets shut out, when each class is scheduled, and how optimality of schedule is determined. You will see the actual Macintosh computer screens with which we human operators interact. You will see some of the *What-If Games* and trade-offs employed to optimize the schedule.

We’ll take only about half an hour and then entertain questions and suggestions. And, there might be time for attendees to match their brain power against the heuristic process the Harts used and find an even better schedule.

October 24th - Noon to 1:00 - Room 7

Presented by Marion Smith

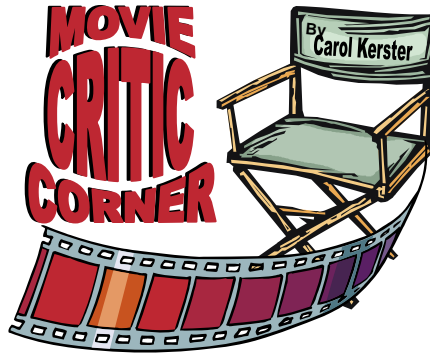
Google 101: Stop Searching and Start FINDING

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.

I could hardly wait to see *Blue Jasmine* after reading the early notices last month. That it was a Woody Allen film was enough to put it on my “must see” list. (I’ve been a big fan ever since Allen told the House Un-American Activities Committee, interrogating him in “The Front,” to “bleep” off!) But I was also intrigued by the comparisons of Cate Blanchett’s Jasmine with her portrayal of Blanche in the recent Broadway revival of Tennessee Williams’ classic *Streetcar Named Desire*. There’s barely a comic moment in that, while Allen’s films do have a lot of real laughter. So how are these heroines comparable? Watching the tenuous, ever-loosening grip on reality slide through the hands, eyes and guts of two totally self-denying, increasingly vulnerable, not always sympathetic heroines makes it impossible to avoid their similarities. Even as Blanche is carted off to an asylum by her “always counted upon... strangers,” and Jasmine appears to be absolutely alone, they are both victims, “sans everything.” And if you remember Vivian Leigh’s Blanche, and you take in Blanchett’s Jasmine, you will have seen two breath-taking performances.

The story of *Jasmine* is right out of today’s news: a financial “genius,” played by Alec Baldwin, married to an absolutely gorgeous wife, Blanchett, is found out for the crook he is, leaving said wife to fend for herself. She does this by moving in (designer luggage and all) with her very down-but-not-out, struggling sister, Ginger (Sally Hawkins), and meeting a lot of men including her sister’s ex-husband, Augie (Andrew Dice Clay), current boy friend, Chili (Bobby Cannavale), and a “perfect” -- i.e. very wealthy -- suitor, played by Peter Sarsgaard. The actors could have walked into the movie right off the streets of New York; they are that authentic. This movie will definitely not leave you laughing. But it might leave you knowing that you’ve seen a really intriguing story, skillfully -- i.e. invisibly -- directed and exquisitely acted, and wondering why there can’t be more like it.

A film not “like it,” but quite good, is *The Way, Way Back*. It’s a kind of coming-of-age, but ultimately very happy, chapter in the life of 14-year-old Duncan, played by



Liam James. As the son of a single mother, Toni Collette, whose new boyfriend, played in a mind-boggling turnaround by Steve Carell, the boy manages to avoid a potentially life-damaging summer vacation by an unlikely friendship with an unlikely mentor, Owen.

Sam Rockwell is Owen, just this side of goofy, with an unerring sense of what’s troubling the teenager, and a gift for healing as dead-on as a drone missile. He is the hero of the piece, which also includes Rob Corddry, Amanda Peet, and a who-thought-she-was-an-outright comedienne, Allison Janney. Really good, entertaining summer viewing.

I don’t usually make TV recommendations, but I have to mention *Borgen*. If you haven’t yet discovered this Danish series, on KCET Friday at 10 pm, repeating Monday at 10, I think it’s certainly worth checking out. It’s been called a Danish *West Wing*, and it is primarily about the ministers of the Danish government and the journalists who write about them. The Prime Minister -- a woman (and what a woman she is), -- her supporters and her challengers, and their stories include all things, from the machinations of governing to their personal lives. The program is thankfully a far cry from the reality shows, cartoons, talking heads, violence and gratuitous sex that now fill up so many hours on TV.



OLLI - Fall 2013

by Jim Bouchard

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



You should have received your fall 2013 OLLI catalog in the mail by the time you read this newsletter. You will notice that we have re-designed the catalog to a larger format which is easier to read. The catalog is divided into 3 sections: (1) the Osher Lecture Series in Carson, Manhattan Beach, and Torrance, (2) classes and activities on campus in Carson, and (3) Omnimore’s peer-led classes in Redondo Beach.

I want to draw the attention of all OLLI members to page 22. This page lists the three OLLI special events that will bring together all OLLI members throughout the University service area.

- ▶ **Special Poetry Event**, Wednesday, October 23, CSUDH campus, Carson
- ▶ **The Forum** (Omnimore speaker luncheon), Thursday, October 31, Los Verdes Golf Course, RPV
- ▶ **OLLI Holiday Celebration**, Thursday, December 5, CSUDH campus, Carson

OLLI members should consider attending each of these special events to socialize, to meet new friends, and to have fun.

I want to especially thank the City of Manhattan Beach, the Torrance Unified School District, and the City of Carson for providing space for our Osher Lectures this fall and spring. Because of their generosity, we are able to bring the University’s greatest asset – our faculty – to more residents of the University service area.

Have a great fall semester!



THE EQUIPMENT BOX

by Hal Hart, Omnilore Equipment Manager
(Hal.Hart@ACM.ORG)

New Voice Amplification Systems

Omnilore recently acquired the “**HISONIC HS120B Portable PA System with Wireless Microphones**” for each classroom. These systems are stored with our other presentation equipment and will provide effective and convenient assistance for our quieter presenters.



They come with three microphones, with one sure to suit each member — (1) a traditional handheld mic (*pictured at left in photo*), (2) a clip-on lavalier mic (*middle right, resting on transmitter*), and (3) a convenient headset mic (*upper right*) which rests around the neck on the shoulder blades instead of over the top of the head. The handheld mic has a built-in wireless transmitter, but if either the lavalier or headset mic is used, it must be connected to the small transmitter (*lower right*) by the thin black wire from those two mics, plugging the jack at the end of the selected wire into the small circular hole on the top of the transmitter.

The powerful 40-watt speaker box is lightweight and barely a foot high. It runs on a high-capacity rechargeable battery, and only needs to be plugged in for recharging about every 3 months, although it is fine to plug it in during usage, just in case. (*Power cord is stored inside the speaker box,*

behind the snap-off cover on back.) Some of our other speakers can be plugged into this speaker box for supplemental directionality if needed.

Five simple guideline-instructions:

1. You must turn on two ON/OFF switches – on the side of the speaker box, and on the top of the small transmitter or side of the handheld mic if you’re using it.
2. Distance the microphone you’re using from the speaker box by at least 10 feet to eliminate feedback and static.
3. Of the six knob controls atop the speaker box, you need to use only the one controlling microphone volume, marked “W/MIC VOL.” (Additionally, the wireless transmitter has a volume control knob for the lavalier and headset mics.)
4. Be sure to turn off both ON/OFF switches after usage, before storage.
5. Store all components back in the black soft-cloth carrying case — speaker box in the big center velcro-shut space, handheld mic in one of the side snap pockets, transmitter and other two mics in the other side snap pocket.

By the time you read this, a Tip Sheet for these microphone systems should be linked from our Equipment webpage (<http://omnilore.org/members/Equipment5.htm>). Please send feedback on usage of these systems to Equipment@Omnilore.org.

Fall Dates Set for Next “Introducing Omnilore” Meetings

by
Linda
Jenson



The Membership Committee has scheduled "Introducing Omnilore" meetings for prospective members who may want to join *Omnilore* for the Spring trimester. The dates are:

Tuesday, October 22nd, 10 a.m.—Room 8
Tuesday, November 19th, 10 a.m.—Room 7
at the Franklin Center.
RSVP 310-370-9522

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.

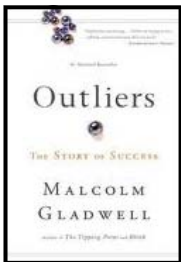
Help Spread the Word!

Omniole's Best-Sellers Special Interest Group

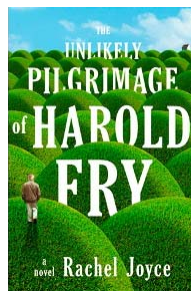
by Patricia Edie

Our Best Sellers Special Interest Group continues to draw a crowd. Meeting in Room 8 of the Franklin Center on the second Monday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the attendees discuss the chosen book for the month. We alternate each month between various works of fiction and non-fiction. The subject matters is varied and the discussion always animated! As with any SIG, you do not need to register to participate...just show up on the date prepared to participate. Guests are always welcomed.

Upcoming sessions are:



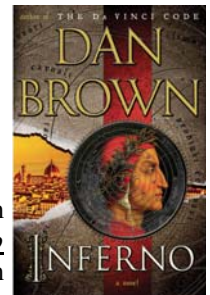
September 9: Non-Fiction
Outliers: The Story of Success
by Malcolm Gladwell



October 14: Fiction
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
by Rachel Joyce



November 11: Non-Fiction
Bossypants
by Tina Fey



December 9: Fiction
The Inferno
by Dan Brown

In Memoriam

Les Berg

Although born in Minneapolis, Les Berg described himself as a "country boy" whose major childhood pastime was "walking in the woods." He died at home July 17 as the result of a fall and subsequent surgery.

Les entered the University of Minnesota in 1947. He was able to graduate in two years due to credits earned during a stint in the Army. After serving at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, California beckoned: a 1969 MBA from Cal State Fullerton while at North American Aviation followed by 17 years in the helicopter business in Culver City. He wrapped up his career at Magnavox.

Les was a genealogy buff, stamp collector and amateur gardener. He joined Omniole in 1994, and was elected Recording Secretary in 1999.



Faraday Bartos

On July 5, Faraday Bartos died peacefully at home, in the Manhattan Beach house she and her husband had built in 1948. She had lived there for these past 65 years as their family grew to include four children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and the home became a magnet for countless visitors including travelers, foreign exchange students and especially friends from Manhattan Beach Community Church.

Although named in honor of Michael Faraday, the eminent 19th century British physicist/chemist -- at the insistence of her father, also a physicist -- she patriotically left college to join the WAVES program of the U. S. Navy as an aerographer; she and John Bartos were married in 1944.

Faraday, who was also president of the South Bay Quilting Society, joined Omniole in 2004.



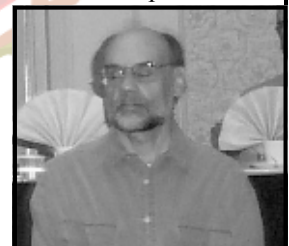
Sam Rifman

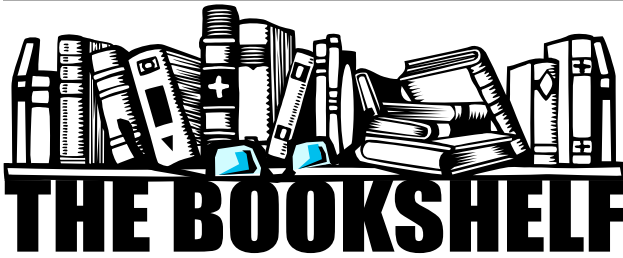
Sam Rifman, an active Omnioleean, passed away in August at the age of 70; he had been diagnosed with cancer a few years ago.

Immediately active upon joining Omniole in 1999, Sam soon became coordinator of the "Famous Trials" S/DG. He was drawn to it because as a child in Maryland he often listened to cases heard by his father, a judge in Baltimore's Municipal Court. He has served on Omniole's Curriculum Committee and was its chairman for two years.

Sam earned both bachelor and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering from the Johns Hopkins University. He then joined TRW (now Northrop Grumman), beginning a 30-year career of remarkable accomplishments.

In retirement he was an active volunteer in the South Bay community.





These proposals for fall reading range from reflections on life, serious/sad history and romance to genuine belly laughs – take your pick and enjoy a wide variety of stories!

Walden on Wheels: On the Open Road from Debt to Freedom by **Ken Ilgunas**. This should replace *Catcher in the Rye* as required reading for teens. *Catcher in the Rye* was about a preppe, one of a very exclusive and privileged group, half a century ago, in what seems today like another world. *Walden on Wheels* is about any kid who aspires to a higher education today, but can't afford it, with tuitions in an upward spiral requiring mortgages on one's life. But it's more than that. The reference to Walden, and Thoreau's spare lifestyle, evokes the idea of prudence, a novel idea today, a virtue at risk in a "consumptive" society. Beyond all that, it's a coming-of-age tale, a road trip that goes one better than Kerouac, and it made me laugh out loud several times (and wince occasionally). That's a lot of book for your buck!

Beautiful Ruins, by **Jess Walter**. A complex and romantic story that begins with a

young innkeeper on the Italian coastline in 1962 and moves to Hollywood and Edinburgh. Imaginative and surprising, it is a good read about a group of fascinating but flawed people.

Killing Kennedy - The End of Camelot, by **Bill O'Reilly** and **Martin Dugard**. What better time than this 50th anniversary of the Million-Man March on Washington to re-read or review the history of that era in our nation's capital? In spite of the horrendous title, this is an excellent book that tells the converging stories of JFK, RFK and Jackie, as well as those of Martin Luther King Jr., J. Edgar Hoover and Lee Harvey Oswald.

It deals with the Cuban missile crisis, the Southern riots in Selma, Alabama and the Million-Man March as well as, of course, Oswald - his plans, his shooting of the President and eventual capture! All facts, no speculation!

The Stone Diaries by **Carol Shields**. Pulitzer prize-winning novelist Carol Shields writes about almost 90 years in the life of Daisy Goodwill, a rather ordinary woman who, while searching for herself, finds a number of changing personae. The story is told with great wisdom, insight and humor.

I just finished reading *The 100-year-old Man Who Climbed Out a Window and*

Disappeared by **Jonas Jonasson**. It's reminiscent of *Forrest Gump*, and likewise *Water for Elephants*, but it goes its own way and takes along the reader, who willingly suspends disbelief in exchange for more than a few laughs. You may want to have some chilled vodka handy before you start this one; you wouldn't want the old man to have to drink alone!

Book suggestions from *Omnioleans* make this column work. Thanks to **Ruth Bloland**, **Rich Mansfield** 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 Open House - September 12

Do you have friends who are interested in joining OLLI? Invite them to our September OLLI Open House:

Thursday, September 12
10 am – 12 Noon

Richard Foss will talk about:
The Rewards and Challenges of Recreating Historic Recipes

Extended Education Auditorium, EE-1213, CSUDH
Refreshments!

OMNIOLORE Annual Luncheon Reservation Form

WHEN: *Thursday, October 31st 2013—11:30 a.m. Doors Open 11 a.m.*

WHERE: **Los Verdes Country Club**
 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive
 Rancho Palos Verdes

Please make _____ reservations for the **Omniole** Annual Meeting & Luncheon at **\$20.00** each:

Name(s): _____
(Please Print)

_____ (Please Print)

Phone #: _____

I want a vegetarian plate. Enclosed is a check for: **\$20.00 each** Total number of meals.

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, and put in the Forum Committee's box in Room 7 or send to:
 Forum Committee, c/o Lori Geittmann
 420 Avenue E
 Redondo Beach, CA 90277-5122

NO Reservations accepted after October 21st!

September	2	Labor Day
	5	Rosh Hashanah
	9	Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Room 8
	12	Board of Directors Meeting— 12 Noon - 2 p.m., Room 7
	12	OLLI Open House—10 a.m.-12 p.m., CSUDH EE-1213 Auditorium
	14	Yom Kippur
	20	Hiking Group—10 a.m.
	22	First Day of Fall
	26	Computer Talk—12 Noon - 1 p.m., Room 7 Omnilore Class Scheduling—Hal Hart (see article page 5)
	30	Presentations 101—10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Room 7 (see article, page 4)
October	10	Board of Directors Meeting— 12 Noon - 2 p.m., Room 7
	14	Columbus Day
	14	Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Room 8
	15	Input Deadline for November-December 2012 Newsletter
	18	Hiking Group—10 a.m. - 12 Noon
	22	Introducing Omnilore Meeting—10 a.m. - 12 Noon, Room 8
	24	Computer Talk—12 Noon - 1 p.m., Room 7 <i>Google 101</i> —Marion Smith (see article page 5)
	31	Halloween / Annual Forum General Meeting/Luncheon Doors Open 11 a.m., Los Verdes Country Club (see article, page 1; reservation form, page 9)
November	3	Daylight Savings Time Ends (“fall back” one hour)
	11	Best Sellers Book Group—11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Room 8
	19	Introducing Omnilore Meeting—10 a.m. - 12 Noon, Room 7

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2013 Forums

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

IMPORTANT:

**Calendar changes and additions
are scheduled with Lynn Taber
(310) 831-4768—johnlyntaber@gmail.com**

Omnilore Extends Kudos to:

Our Summer COORDINATORS and CO-COORDINATORS

Congratulations and a huge *“thank you”* to the leaders of our May-August S/DGs for their jobs well done:

AM1 - Cindy Eggert, Patricia Edie
AM2 - Rick Spillane, Vickie Volchok
BEF - Maria Ruiz, Kathleen Fitzgerald
BUR - Mary Watson, Tom Vincent
CCK - Ralph Black, Lori Geittmann
DEC - Rick Spillane, Robert Svensrud
ECN - Carol Lopilato, Joy Jurena

MAP - Maria Ashla, Margery Norris
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MUS - Jim Slattery, Bill Gargaro
REX - Dennis Eggert, Howard Korman
TRM - Lynn Taber, Joann Bally
TUR - Marilyn Brashear, Jim North
WII - Lindie Banks, Leslie Schettler



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FSS - Faye Schwartz
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LAA - Janice Champion, Ralph Brown



Theirs is not an easy task. . . .
Janet Brown, Vice President, Academics