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February 29th Forum Speaker:

Omnilore Presents Chuck Currier Speaking on *Odyssey of Francis M. Uyematsu* by Susan Strauss

Speaking at our next Forum on February 29 will be **Chuck Currier** -- economics teacher, football coach, amateur historian and graduate who's been closely associated with Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach for more than 50 years. Raised in Hermosa Beach, he's taught multiple generations.



Chuck Currier

One of Chuck's greatest passions, however, has been the *Mira Costa History Project*, which he founded in 2015. It was during his extensive research of the Mira Costa property that he unearthed the story of Francis M. Uyematsu, a 22-year-old Japanese immigrant who arrived in the U.S. in 1904.

Over the next four decades Uyematsu succeeded against all odds and built a successful wholesale nursery that included properties in Montebello, Sierra Madre, and 10 acres which is now Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach. In 1941, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor changed all that.

Currier located Francis' only surviving child in 2015 and the teacher soon became the student. Over the next seven years Chuck's effort to piece together the story took on a life of its own. It encompasses multiple generations and famous landmarks – as well as a multi-award-winning documentary. The Francis Uyematsu story and the Japanese experience in the United States is as relevant today as it's ever been.

Let's listen and learn together from Chuck Currier at Omnilore's first Forum of 2024.

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The Forum luncheon will be held:

Thursday, February 29, 2024: Social Hour, 11:00 a.m.; Lunch, Noon

The theme is **Mardi Gras FUN**, so bring those **masks, hats and beads**—along with any **costumes**.

We're meeting at: the **Mary & Joseph Retreat Center**, 5300 Crest Road, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

Menu: New Orleans favorites including: Mardi Gras Salad; cheese herb biscuits; roasted chicken breast with a Jambalaya Sauce; dirty rice; vegetable medley (sauteed zucchini, yellow squash, red bell pepper, onion, carrots, green beans); bananas foster bread pudding for dessert. Vegetarian option: Cauliflower Steak and Portobello Mushroom with Jambalaya Sauce (w/o sausage).

The cost is \$40 per person. Use our new online payment system or use the Reservation Form accompanying the Forum flyer.



Reservations must be received by February 14th



Questions? Call Susan Strauss (310) 749-6263

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MESSAGE FROM OMNIOLORE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dennis Bosch

As I begin my initial months in my new role as President, I have quickly come to realize that the quality of our Omnilore experience depends on the combined efforts of the Board, the Management Council, and of all Omniloreans.

The members of the Board, responsible for the overall direction of Omnilore, are: **Karol McQueary, Carolyn Pohlner, Phil Solomita, Adrian Pruetz**, and myself. The members of the Management Council are vital to keep Omnilore functioning. The list of these members can be found here: <https://omnilore.org/members/Officers5.shtm> You can also see them listed on the masthead of this newsletter.

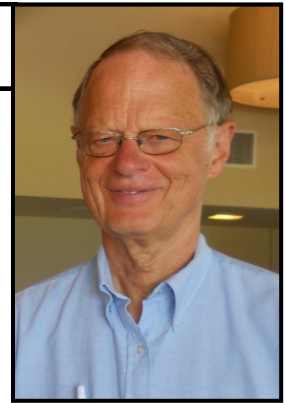
A good Omnilore study discussion group experience depends on the efforts of everyone to ensure that each class session is represented by excellent presentations, thoughtful discussion questions, and a classroom experience that everyone finds pleasant and fulfilling.

Also available to Omniloreans are Lifestyle Activities such as: Writing Workshop, Field Trips, Movies with Friends, Walking Group outings, and Computer Talks.

One goal that Omniloreans need to focus on in 2024 is to increase our membership. We need more members so we don't have to cancel study discussion groups due to low enrollment. More members lead to a more stimulating environment and more fun for all Omniloreans.

I became aware of Omnilore as a result of an invitation by John Taber, a fellow hike leader in the Sierra Club. It was only through his personal outreach that I learned of Omnilore and its role in the lives of intellectually curious seniors in the South Bay.

I imagine that most Omniloreans have had similar experiences of joining Omnilore as a result of words of encouragement from friends or acquaintances. So today, I am asking each one of us to make sincere efforts by the end of June to invite two or three individuals of age 50 and older whom you feel would be a good fit for Omnilore and add vitality to our study discussion groups and social activities.



Dennis Bosch
President
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Omnilore Walking Group – Whale Watching at Point Vicente

by Petrina Long & Joan Kolic

On a perfect December morning, the Omnilore Walking group met at Pointe Vincente Interpretive Center (PVIC) to walk along the trails by the cliffs of Palos Verdes Peninsula. They hoped to spot a whale or other ocean animals as they were migrating. Omnilore member, Petrina Long, serves as a docent and explained the role of the volunteers there. She noted that beginning on December 1, the Volunteers of the Gray Whale Census Project man the PVIC Patio in teams to count the number of gray whales passing through and returning on their migration from Alaska south to the birthing lagoons in Baja, California.

Patrina noted that there are lots of sea birds, sea lions and other wildlife and nature walks to enjoy. Parking is free and picnic tables are available. There are walking trails all around to enjoy.

The Walking Group meets every second Friday of every other month to view the abundant nature trails in the South Bay and to share the good times with other Omniloreans.



L to R: Mercedes and Al Ortiz, Anne Ingalls, Dennis Bosch, Joan Kolic, Molly, Deborah and Gary Hawkins, Petrina Long, Joy Jurena, Amy Hubbard

Barbara Case: Lifestyle Field Trip



On Saturday, December 9th, five Omniloreans (Susan Strauss, Joan Ayton, Karol McQueary, Barbara Case, and Joan Kolic) visited the Nethercutt Collection (in Sylmar). Not only did we see a lot of awesome antique cars and antique mechanical instruments, but we were able to attend one of their special Holiday-themed Wurlizer Theater Organ concerts.

We made the outing as part of our Omnilore, Lifestyles Activity Group, called TRIP, short for field trip. Everyone had a terrific time, including lunch out before the museum and Starbucks refreshments afterwards. If you'd like to join our TRIP group, please contact Leslie Criswell (lcriswell13@gmail.com) – it's fun to be part of the planning process for these exciting local outings. The next planning meeting will

be February 20th at 4 p.m. in L8 – everyone is welcome!

The group has more than 20 members, but only a few members choose to go on any particular outings at a time. Outings are generally accompanied by a lunch at a local restaurant near the activity. It's a terrific way to explore the area, have fun, and get a chance to get to know and befriend your fellow Omniloreans.

Omniole Profile: Larry Yuzuki

by Shera Dolmatz

Newly retired and a recent addition to Omniole, Larry Yuzuki is a lifelong Southern Californian. He was born in Santa Monica to longtime California residents and reports that he has never lived east of the 405 freeway.

Despite living in a small geographic area, he is not provincial by any means. He is an intrepid explorer tracking down geocaches all over the world and he has a myriad of interests that keep him busy and well traveled. His numerous hobbies range from golf to astronomy, from helping the AARP complete free tax returns, to coaching girls' fastpitch softball for 12 years (winning the State Championship in 2021). He enjoys reading, learning, geocaching, and physical activities.

His energy seems boundless. In 2022 he began running in preparation for the Honolulu Marathon which he completed in December 2022. Then he began to train for the Disneyland Half-Marathon scheduled for January 2024.

Hiking also plays a big part in Larry's life. He and his family completed the Six-Pack of SoCal peaks in the summer of 2023, consisting of Mt. Wilson, Cucamonga Peak, Mt. San Antonio (aka Mt. Baldy), San Bernardino Peak, Mt. San Jacinto, and San Geronio. Each hike averaged 14 miles with 4650' elevation gain/loss.

The family also climbed Half Dome in Yosemite and last October completed a two-day hike to Mt. Whitney (14,505'), 21.2 miles. Larry says that "the best part about the hikes was doing each one of them with my wife and two kids. It was the kids who came up with the idea."

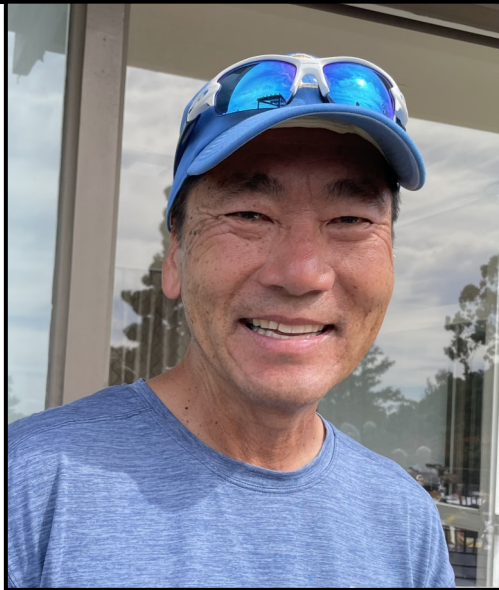
Larry became involved in geocaching in 2008. Geocaching is a recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS (global positioning system) coordinates posted on a website. His love of the sport has taken him as far away as Japan. He loves learning about places he never knew about in his own neighborhood.

His most unusual geocache is the Burro Schmidt Tunnel in the Mojave Desert. It's a 0.5-mile, 6-foot tall and 10-foot wide mining tunnel dug with hand tools and dynamite over a 32-year period begun by William "Burro" H. Schmidt in 1902.

Larry, his wife Susan, son Ryan and daughter Keilyn, do a lot of geocaching on trips. He loves that geocaching brings the family to many locations that aren't found in guidebooks. His "greatest accomplishment in geocaching is finding at least one geocache for 1000 straight days."

Larry grew up in Santa Monica and attended Edison Elementary, John Adams Junior High, and Santa Monica High. In high school he was in the band and played the trumpet for their orchestra, jazz band and marching band. Following high school, he attended UCLA, and obtained his Bachelor's degree in Engineering and Master's in Electrical Engineering.

Larry divides his work life into four chapters. First, at Xerox in



El Segundo where he began as a summer intern. It was through a contact at this job that he was introduced to his future wife Susan, also a UCLA Bruin. At Xerox he worked in solid state electronics and circuit design.

In 1998, after fourteen years at Xerox, Larry got an opportunity during the dot com era to work for a startup. The job focused on fiber optic communications. He worked at this job until the firm had to close its doors in 2004.

After the startup, he worked for Northrop Grumman in Carson specializing in critical infrastructure and force protection. His work centered on protecting infrastructure at military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan by integrating security

cameras and ground-based RADAR into central command and control centers. When the work position moved to Huntsville, Alabama, Larry found a job at the Aerospace Corporation as an engineer for the U.S. Air Force's Space Surveillance group. This group uses satellite sensing to identify rocket launches for NATO.

Larry retired from Aerospace in 2021. While still working, he heard of Omniole from Hal Hart whom he knew from geocaching. In retirement, Larry started riding bicycles weekly with Rob Coe, also an Omniole member. Rob mentioned an upcoming Omniole class on cybersecurity which led to further discussions. The class sounded interesting which spurred Larry to ultimately join Omniole in 2021.

Larry has several favorite classes. Among them are Why We Sleep, Chip Wars, and the Healing Power of Pets. Why We Sleep because the class helped him to understand that sleep is more important than diet and exercise to a person's overall health. Chip Wars because it enlightened him on how the industry has migrated away from the United States and he now understands the supply chain vulnerabilities. The Healing Power of Pets was fun because students shared their experiences with current and past pets.

Larry's retirement coincided with the pandemic, so he is just beginning to travel in retirement, but he already has a docket filled with plans. He is planning to take a hiking tour of Marble Canyon in Utah, the Wave in Arizona, a trip to Texas for the Total Solar Eclipse in April, and a tour of New Orleans for music and jazz. He is looking forward to international trips soon.

Asked what the best part of retirement is, "Doing the things that bring enjoyment and having the time to do it." Larry's advice to new Omnioleans or prospective members, "The fear of the presentations was overblown in my mind. Once you start preparing the presentation, you enjoy learning and doing it. Going in depth into a topic is interesting." His retirement philosophy is, "Do the things that make you happy and satisfied. Do something that gives you a sense of purpose such as volunteering or caring for grandkids."

In Memoriam



Gloria Dumais

Gloria Dumais was born July 19, 1934, on the east side of the Rockies. She grew up on the family's sugar beet farm and didn't leave until she went to college. After college she moved to California and lived with an aunt for a while here in the South Bay. She retired from El Camino College after working in administration for years.

Her motto for life was FAMILY FIRST and she honored and lived by this. Three children, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren counted in her circle of joy.

Gloria was very curious about so many things. She was very good at woodworking after years of classes at the college. An accomplished needlepoint artist, she tried to spend an hour a day working on a piece.

Gloria had been a member of Omnilore for the last 10 years, taking and coordinating many classes during that time. She also served as Head Coordinator and served on the Evaluation Committee.

Gloria passed away in her sleep in the early morning of last July 26th of complications of cancer which she had been battling since last year. She was at her home and with her family which is what she wanted. She celebrated her 89th birthday just a week before.

JoAnna Kerrigan



JoAnna was born March 24, 1939, in Grand Forks, ND. By the time she was 14, she had lived in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and New York and had graduated from high school in Albany. Following her high school graduation, she attended night college at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy and Union College in Schenectady.

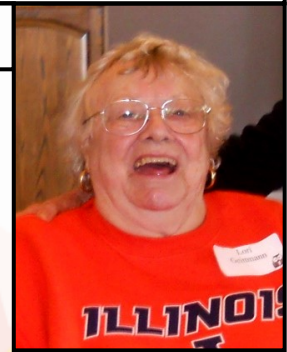
She worked days at Albany Medical School as a biochemistry technician, then moved to Chicago to accept a position with the Atomic Energy Commission at Argonne National Lab as a histology technician. It was there she met Michael Kerrigan, a biomedical technician attending the University of Chicago where he majored in classical languages. She married him at the age of 21.

Shortly after their marriage the newlyweds moved to California where he attended UCLA and received a degree in physics. Following graduation, Michael went to work for TRW as a microwave systems engineer. The Kerrigans had three children and moved to the South Bay. JoAnna enrolled at CSUDH and received a degree in mathematics. Following her graduation, she went to work for the Air Force at Aerospace where she did cost estimating and financial analysis.

In 1986 Michael became a consultant to the European Space Agency and the family moved to Rome where they lived for two years. They returned to TRW and moved back to their house in Palos Verdes. In 1994 at the age of 56 Michael died suddenly of a heart attack. JoAnna continued working until 2001 when she retired.

Since retiring, JoAnna, who always loved sewing, took up

Lori Geittmann



Lorraine Edith Geittmann was born December 11, 1933, in Lancaster, Wisconsin, and grew up in the Ohio River town of Metropolis, Illinois. With two brothers, her family lived on a three-acre plot with lots of pet animals. Politics was a major dinner topic at the Geittmann home. Lori preferred getting her shingled hair cut at the barber shop, "where they talked politics, instead of the silly movie star chatter in beauty parlors."

She won a scholarship to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where she received her bachelor's degree in journalism in June of 1955. Then she and her college roommate headed for California. Ending up in the South Bay, she lived in Redondo Beach since 1965.

In 1957, she joined the staff of the *Daily Breeze* Newspaper where she worked for 10 years, specializing in crime reporting. Taking leave in 1960 to be a congressional fellow of the American Political Science Association in Washington, D.C., she worked on the staffs of a California representative and Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine. While there, she attended the inauguration of John F. Kennedy. She attended graduate school to study Political Science at CSULB. Seeking county employment in 1969, she spied a Probation Department flyer, applied, and spent the next 25 years as a probation officer.

Lori used to say, "My family made their livings off crime - the legal way." Besides her own careers, her father was a "federal revenueur, first during Prohibition, and later with the Internal Revenue Service." Other family members included a district attorney, state trooper, fraud investigator, and security agent.

After her retirement in 1994, she served as a Commissioner on several Redondo Beach City Boards, and as the President of Friends of the Library. She served five terms as president of the Beach Cities Democratic Club and several years as an AD 66 Delegate for the Democratic Party.

Lori joined Omnilore in 2000. She took a minimum of two classes each trimester and coordinated often. She is best remembered for running the Forum committee (January 2011-April 2017) and planning numerous Forums, often dipping into her political contacts for Forum speakers.

Lori suffered a stroke on Christmas day and passed away from its effects on January 5th. She had celebrated her 90th birthday the month before and had already attended a pre-meeting for her Spring 2024 class. She is remembered with awe and respect for her ability to come back after serious health setbacks and always telling us she would be back. It's sad she had no choice this time.

quilting. Her math talents came in handy in volunteer work, as she served as treasurer of the South Bay Literacy Council, the Long Beach Quilt Guild and her homeowners association. She joined Omnilore in 2002 and was active for about 13 years before going on LOA, then leaving to attend to her health. At different times, she served Omnilore as recording secretary, newsletter editor and registrar.

She passed away this last December 10th surrounded by her family. This March she would have celebrated her 85th birthday. She leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will be remembered by all who knew her.

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Meet Our New Editor

by Joan Kolic, Omnimore News Editor



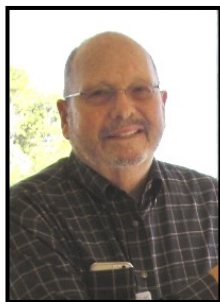
I want to introduce myself as the new editor of the Omnimore Newsletter. I am an enthusiastic member of Omnimore who enjoys all the classes and activities – the walking group, the field trips and the Forum. Most of all, because Omnimoreans are very special people – very kind and always willing to help each other, especially as we navigate Zoom. A special thanks to those who have preceded me, especially Claire Damecour, who have made the Omnimore newsletter an integral part of our Omnimore community. Through our newsletter, we share our reflections of life’s joys and experiences. I want to thank the members who throughout the years have allowed us to live vicariously through their travel adventures recalling in great detail so we felt that we were with them on far away adventures. Through member biographies, we have learned about accomplishments and varied interests of our fellow Omnimoreans.

As Dave Ivey has noted, “All of us have a story that everyone wants to hear.” I encourage you to share your stories with our community. We look forward to hearing from you!!

Jim North: Bernard’s Magic

World War II was the topic of an S/DG several years ago. The last presentation focused on the effort of Nazi Germany to win the war by breaking the spirit of the British people.

Hermann Goring’s plan was simple, inhumane, and deadly.



He would authorize continuous nighttime bombing of central London—an area void of military targets but densely populated by regular citizens.

Howard Korman, one of the best class coordinators, casually asked if anyone had any relatives in London during what is known as the Blitz –the German bombing of London.

Bernard raised his hand and informed the class that he lived through the Blitz

as a 13-year-old boy.

The room went quiet as he described his experience.

Sirens would break the silence of the night with an alert of the pending attack. Everyone put on their coats and grabbed the carry-on gas mask and rushed into the tubes. There they waited in terror. The cavern was quiet with an occasional infant’s cry. Then the sound of one thud followed by another as the bombs fell from the sky smashing homes and livelihoods.

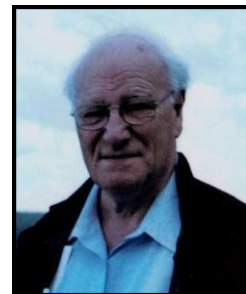
Families in the tube covered their ears and some wept silent tears as the dust from the debris ominously drifted down from the ceiling. Their neighborhoods would be damaged. Finally, the all-clear sounded and people ascended the stairs.

They emerged to see homes that were still burning; others were reduced to rubble. Bernard’s home was spared, but their friend’s home was destroyed. As was the practice, that family would shelter with Bernard’s family.

Our class was spellbound by the dramatic and unforgettable oral history.

Thank you, Bernard, for sharing your experience!

Editor’s Note: Dr. Bernard Gee and his wife Peggy joined Omnimore in 2012. A native of England, he was educated at St. John’s College, Oxford University, and earned his medical degree at Guy’s Hospital Medical School in London. He came to the United States in 1961 and taught at the Universities of Wisconsin and Pittsburgh, schools of medicine, before joining the faculty at Yale University School of Medicine in 1969. He passed away in August 2016 at the age of 89.



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Omnimoreans share their experiences about Lori Geittmann

This is sad news, as is the passing of any friend. Judy and I participated with Lori in a number of S/DGs over the last few years and she always participated and contributed to the discussion with relevant points and observations. She always wanted to know if Judy was still riding and competing and where. Needless to say, the question was answered with enthusiasm and horse show photos. Rather than saying goodbye, we’ll end with a heartfelt, “goodbye for now!”

Jim & Judy North

I’m very sorry about Lori. I had a few S/DGs with her and always enjoyed what she brought to our groups.

Mercedes Ortiz

When my wife was still with us, Lori walked up to her and introduced herself and was genuinely interested in what she had to say. I’ll always remember this act of kindness.

Ralph Black

So sad. She was a very special lady and always an asset to Omnimore. She will be missed.

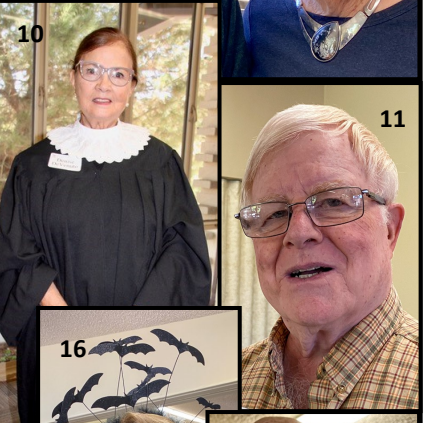
Joan Kolic

Some Smiles from the Annual Meeting



1. Frank Pohlner and Deborah & Gary Hawkins (guest); 2. New Board of Directors: Karol McQueary, Carolyn Pohlner (**Freida Kahlo #1**), Wendy Morgan, Adrian Pruetz & Dennis Bosch; 3. Doug Robins & Haygo Salibian (**coal miners #2**) and Scott & Kathy Zimmerman (**aliens #3**); 4. Joy Jurena; 5. Rich & Marie Gleeurup; 6. Brian & Joann Bailey; 7. Jim & Judy North; 8. Vickie Volchok; 9. Marge Thelen; 10. Denise DeVenu-to; 11. Phil Solomita 12. Fran Wielin & Kathleen Fitzgerald; 13. Mary Gluck & Lynn Taber; 14. Yvette Reiner & Bill Gargaro; ; 15. Ralph Black; 16. Barbara Case; 17. Kent McDonald; 18. Wendy Morgan & Susan Strauss; 19. Ken Meyer, Ruth Hart, Rick Spillane & Judi Carter; 20. Jill McKenzie & Irving Hoffman (guest).

(Costume Winners)



Report on the October 31st Forum Speaker:

Why a Laser?. . . Presented by Dr. Bradley Bobbs

by Susan Strauss

The Annual Meeting & Forum was a festive event with a variety of fun, academia, and fellowship. Upon entering the doors of the venue, attendees experienced the aura of excitement and comradery. People were oohing and awing over the costumes which many Omniloreans were wearing, guessing what the costumes were representing. Among others, Freida Kahlo (Carolyn Pohlner 1st place) and Crocodile Dundee (Rich Gleeurup) were roaming around along with two coal miners (Haygo Salibian and Doug Robins who won the second place prize for their costumes).

Everyone enjoyed eating the food as they were discussing the classes and life style activities in which they were enrolled. Frank Pohlner addressed the membership with a heart-felt out-going speech for which he received a standing ovation. Then he introduced the new officers and other leaders, particularly Dennis Bosch, the in-coming president.



Dr. Bradley Bobbs

The most anticipated event of the Forum was the speaker, Dr. Bradley Bobbs, a laser physicist and professor. Before lunch was served, he was circulating with a red ball hanging in front of his face. It took a while for people to figure out that he was depicting Renee Magritte, a surrealist artist. This was our first encounter with Dr. Bobbs, the comedian. In his presentation his sense of humor was combined with his knowledge of physics to enhance the audience's appreciation and understanding of lasers. He spoke of the many uses of lasers, from exploring space to scanning our groceries. His talk

was relatable to both the aerospace engineers as well as the non-scientists.

This Forum was the last one for Leslie Criswell to organize. She did an amazing job, as she has done for the last three years. The torch has been passed to Susan Strauss who we hope will continue Leslie's legacy.

Movies with Friends, an OLIR Lifestyle S/DG for Film Fans

by Adrian Pruetz

Once a month, on a Tuesday or Thursday evening, Omnilore Learning in Retirement movie buffs gather in Room L8 of Beach Cities Health District for Movies with Friends, to watch and discuss a film selected by movie night's coordinators Adrian and Rick Pruetz on our 85-inch TV with enhanced sound. The door to Room L8 opens at 5 p.m. for snacking and socializing before the movie begins at 5:30 p.m. Moviegoers can bring snacks to share or for themselves, and a beverage. A new microwave oven ensures that there is always popcorn. After a brief introduction about an aspect of the film by the coordinator, the show begins.

One question that has been asked is how the coordinators select the films to be shown. The coordinators say there is no magic to it. Watching and even rewatching highly rated films is a pleasure and is something they have always done. After the first few movie nights in early 2023, the coordinators asked those who signed up about their film preferences: how do you feel about long films? Foreign films? Hollywood or independent films? Dramas or comedies? The audience response made film selection easy — "good films" was the only requirement.

But the coordinators do observe a few guidelines. They try to select films that are relatable and that raise themes, issues, characters and/or techniques that could lead to robust discussions. The coordinator provides some information about the film in the announcement and opening remarks before the film begins, and prepares some questions intended to spur class discussion following the film. However, experience has shown that the classes are quite engaged and need little prompting to participate in an interesting and thought-provoking discussion.

Another question that has been asked is where the coordinators look for films to review. As lifelong movie buffs, the coordinators have been regular attendees at annual movie festivals such as the Sundance, Napa and AFI film festivals. These festivals are fertile ground for finding outstanding independent films. There are also critically acclaimed studio films that are not given wide release, and some of those films also turn out to be gems. In 2023, Movies with Friends presented diverse films about a real game show where the contestant is a prisoner seeking to be pardoned; a humorous look at how a family's lives are disrupted by the little white lies they tell each other; a deep dive into hypocrisy in a religious community; the agony of a screenwriter with writer's block trying to adapt an unusual book into an entertaining screenplay; and even a few legal thrillers and biopics.

If you like to go to the movies, and to discuss the movies in a lively and friendly setting, watch for the announcement of the monthly film selection for Movies with Friends near the start of every month. You can sign up for a class by emailing coordinator Adrian Pruetz at ampruetz@gmail.com. To provide the best possible viewing experience in Room L8, each class is limited to 25, so signing up for each movie is a must. Join Movies with Friends and unleash your inner cinephile!

February	8	Management Council Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., Via Hybrid
	9	Walking Group—10 a.m.
	14	Valentine's Day
	15	Introducing Omnilore Meeting—10:00 a.m., Via Zoom
	19	Presidents' Day
29	Winter Forum —11:00 a.m., Mary & Joseph Retreat Center (see article, page 1; reservation form with Forum flyer)	
March	6	Introducing Omnilore Meeting—1:00 p.m., Via Zoom
	10	Daylight Savings Starts
	14	Management Council Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., Via Hybrid
	27	Coordinator Information Meeting—10:00 a.m., Via Hybrid
April	11	Management Council Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., Via Hybrid
	12	Walking Group—10 a.m.
May	9	Management Council Meeting—12 Noon-1:30 p.m., Via Hybrid
	15	Input Deadline for Jun-Jul 2024 Newsletter
	27	Memorial Day

OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 2024



2024 Forums
 Winter—February 29th
 Summer—June 28th
 Annual Mtg.—October 31st

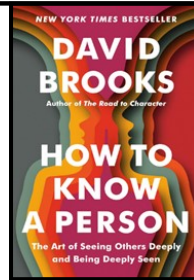
IMPORTANT:

Calendar changes and additions
 are scheduled with Sharon Bohner
Calendar@omnilore.org

Have You Read...?

by Cindy Eggert

By the time you join Omnilore, you have met many people over the years. Then at this stage in life, you have the opportunity to meet other new fellow learners. Some remain S/DG classmates; others are casual acquaintances; and a few become friends – often close friends. How does this happen?



In his book *HOW TO KNOW A PERSON: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, David Brooks examines the interactions that he has had and watched occur over his career as a *New York Times* columnist, author, and PBS commentator. From his



experience of contacting, meeting, and working with hundreds of people, he sets out some thoughts and steps on listening, engaging, and getting to know others beyond the superficial. In these frequently unsettling times, this may be a valuable skill to consider.



Denise
DeVenuto
Head
Coordinator

Coordinators and co-coordinators will be recruited for our Summer 2024 term from approximately March 6 through 14. If you have not filled one of these positions before, please be assured that the Coordinator Information Meeting (March 27 at 10:00 a.m.) will provide all the details you would need to be an effective coordinator. And starting out as a co-coordinator would be a great way to gain experience.

Since joining Omnilore in 2010, I have appreciated the investment of time that coordinators put into their position. I've coordinated several S/DGs, and have really enjoyed doing so. I hope if you are asked, that you would consider taking on this rewarding task that makes our classes possible.

If you'd like to help with recruiting, please email me at dendev88@gmail.com.

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INTRODUCING OMNIOLORE MEETINGS:
Thursday, Feb. 15th - 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Mar. 6th - 1 p.m.
 Help Spread the Word! **RSVP 310-948-5392**

