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## Spring Forum to Look at Election Process What Happens Now?

### The Future of Elections, Campaign Financing, Your Tax Cut

How lucky we are to have **Professor Richard L. Palmer**, Cal State University, Dominguez Hills, speaking on these very current and relevant topics at our Spring Forum, to be held on Wednesday, May 30th at the Los Verdes Country Club.

Professor Palmer, known to those **Omniole** members who attended his class at the University, is eminently qualified to address these issues. He is a graduate of Sacramento State College (B.A., 1966) and Claremont Graduate School (Ph.D., 1973). His teaching experience, which continues today, commenced in 1970. Professor Palmer's academic administrative experience ranges from having chaired the Department of Political Science, to Acting Associate Vice President for Academic Resources and Planning, and includes a tenure as Dean of the School of Social and Behavior Sciences. His research and scholarly pursuits have covered topics such as *Post-War America*, *Absentee Ballot Reform in California*, *Voter Behavior in California*, and *Citizen Participation/Representation Under Public Law 93-641*.

Given the existing conditions in both Washington and Sacramento, we are indeed fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and excellent speaker/teacher as our guest at the Spring Forum, to be held at the Los Verdes Country Club, 7000 W. Los Verdes Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes.\*

The reservation form, which includes cost and choices for the luncheon, is included on page three of this newsletter and should be submitted by May 15th. You are urged to bring friends and introduce them to our organization.

\*Persons driving from the north are advised to drive south on Hawthorne Boulevard to Los Verdes Drive (located one block south of Crest), turn right and drive about 1/2 mile to the golf course, and park at the southernmost end of the lot. Additional questions should be addressed to Diana Cutler, 541-8973.

## Coordinators Spring Into Action

By Edith Garvey, Head Coordinator

The coordinators and their assistants helped to make our just completed spring session a successful one. Here are the people we want to congratulate on a job well done: **Gloria Jacobs, Alfred Bernstein, Nina Landis, Ellen Bradford, George Clark, Phyllis Ford, Burt Cutler, Laura Guneau, Anne Faass, Pat & Jay Edie, Dorothy Fahrney, Lillian Toscas, Joyce Loranger, Elaine Grove, Enid and**

**George Muse, Mary O'Neill, Mike Scordan, Rose Shields, John Taber, Marge Winston and Diana Cutler** (who acted as co-coordinator for two S/D groups).

As you can see, it takes a lot of volunteers to run an **Omniole** program for one trimester. We really appreciate all their planning and moderating for a group.

Some of you new people in **Omniole**

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Mother's &  
Dad's Days!

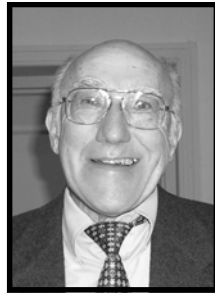


**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

By Emil Raulin

**Knob Hill Facilities**

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we will not be able to plan on the use of Room 8 as of the end of May. I was pleased that we were able to accommodate almost every member's request as to class and time preference for the summer trimester, and that it was possible to schedule all classes for either morning or afternoon sessions. Depending on the number of members that sign up and the number of classes offered, some changes may be required for the fall. We will keep you informed as to what changes will be made as soon as we see the need to take that action.



individuals that were on the Elderhostel mailing list, in addition to flyers that were included in the P.V. Seniors Newsletter. As a result, 57 guests attended to learn about our organization and how we operate. Eight individuals signed up for membership beginning with the summer session and at least four additional individuals indicated that they were interested in joining and would be mailing in their applications.

In addition, there were 17 individuals who indicated their interest in joining in the fall and many of them expressed an interest in visiting one of our classes. Please join me in welcoming these new members, as well as those who are visiting.

**New Member Open House**

Thanks to **Joanne Page**, the Membership Committee and to the other members who helped, we had a successful open house at the Palos Verdes Library on March 21st.

More than 2000 flyers were mailed to

**AARP Program**

Four members presented the **Omniole** program at the Torrance AARP monthly meeting held at the Bartlett Center on April 8th. **Emil Raulin** gave a brief description of the program and then acted as coordinator while **Rose Shields** gave the presentation on the Declaration of Independence and **Edith Garvey** and **Nancy Shannon-Sinclair** took part in the discussion. The audience was invited to join in as we demonstrated what a study and discussion group was like. **Frank Wolf** of **Omniole** is the president of the chapter and **Walt Skiba** and his wife, **Maureen**, along with more than 50 other members were present. Questions regarding our organization were answered and **Omniole** brochures were given to those who were interested.

**Coordinators Spring**

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have had almost a year of **Omniole** groups and have a good idea of how they operate. Our summer session is ready to go now, but think about volunteering in the fall. When you sign up for the class or classes you want to take, put your name down as a willing coordinator or co-coordinator. There is always a training session and lots of help from experienced coordinators. Most of our volunteers have said they enjoy acting as leaders for the group.

**Did You Know . . .** When Lou Little was coaching

football at Georgetown, he had a player who was definitely third rate but had so much spirit he was an inspiration to the team. He rarely saw action except in the last few minutes of a game that was already decided.

One day news came that the boy's father had died. The youngster came to Little and said: "Coach, I want to ask something of you that means an awful lot to me. I want to start the game against Fordham. I think that's what my father would have liked most."

**Opinions are Heeded, Say Forum Committee Heads**

Slow service seemed to be the prime negative factor revealed in the Evaluation Forms distributed at the Forum Luncheon February 28th.

Addressing this problem, as well as other comments revealed in the survey, has been discussed with Los Verdes Country Club's director of catering, with assurance of correction, according to **Bette Henning** and **Diana Cutler**, Forum Committee Co-chairs.

A complete hot lunch, with choice of entrees, will be served at the next function on May 30th at the same venue. Food serving temperatures will also be supervised. There will be no increase in price.

The scenic site of the meeting met with almost universal approval. All suggestions on the forms were read and discussed by the entire committee at their past meeting.

"Although we can't please everyone, we care, we listen, we fix," Henning and Cutler agreed.

Little hesitated a moment, then said: "Okay, son, you'll start, but you'll only be in there for a play or two. You aren't quite good enough and you know it."

The boy started the game and played so well, Little never took him out. His play inspired the team to victory.

Back in the locker room Coach Little embraced the young man and said: "Son, you were terrific. You never played that

way before – what got into you?"

The boy answered: "Remember how my father and I used to walk around arm-in-arm? There was something about him very few people knew – he was totally blind. This afternoon was the first time my father ever saw me play."

**INFINITE PATIENCE BRINGS IMMEDIATE RESULTS!**

**OMNIOLORE PROFILE – ANNE FAASS, MEMBER-AT-LARGE**

Can a woman have it all? This is a question many women have asked. Our newest Board member, Anne Faass has at various times in her life been a successful computer professional, a wife, a mother, and a caring daughter, as well as a passionate volunteer to two of her favorite causes: Planned Parenthood and the Democratic Party.

Anne was born in Garden City, on Long Island, New York. She spent her childhood on Long Island and left for boarding school in New Hope, Pennsylvania in the 10th grade. This was in preparation for four years at Byrn Mawr where she graduated in 1957 with a degree in economics.

As was typical of the times for women, this prepared her to take a position at Mutual of New York where she was accepted in the “Girls” College Training Program and put to work proofreading insurance policies. Shortly thereafter she moved to Philadelphia to be closer to many of her friends and went to work at INA (now CIGNA) as a programmer trainee in the newly emerging field of computers. It was here in 1962 that she met and married Dick, her husband of almost 40 years. He liked to ski and she liked the beach, so it was natural for them to move to California the following year and settle in the South Bay.

At this time she went to work at TRW

as a programmer/analyst in Management Systems. During her sixteen-year stint at the company she became an acknowledged expert in the field of software development and structured programming, traveling throughout the country presenting many technical papers and conducting workshops for the AIIE (American Institute of Industrial Engineers). While functioning in this position, Anne was listed in *Who’s Who in the West* and *Who’s Who in Business and Finance*. During this time she also had two boys, Kenneth born in 1963 & Alan in 1966.

After sixteen years, with Dick’s career going well as Head of Engineering at International Light Metals in Torrance, Anne decided to leave TRW to become a housewife and mother. During the next several years, besides taking care of her family, Anne obtained a real estate license, learned how to manage her financial portfolio and was able to spend quality time with her ailing mother.

Starting in the early 1980’s, she started devoting her time, energy and passions first to Planned Parenthood and then the Democratic Party. When she first joined the South Bay Friends of Planned Parenthood, the organization tried to keep a low profile due to public sentiment. They met in private homes and in general kept their presence low

key. She was on the original clinic defense team when the Lomita Clinic opened (they now use professional security guards to handle their function). She is currently on the SBFPP board and was recently chairman of their local annual benefit event.

As an active member of the Palos Verdes Democratic Club, she is their current secretary. Anne is on the 53rd Assembly District Committee which selected her as a delegate to the state convention just held in Anaheim. She was also named the Democratic Woman of the Year from the 53rd District and will be honored at a banquet later this year.

In her “spare time,” Anne takes painting lessons at the P.V. Art Center and is in an intermediate T’ai Chi class. She and Dick have also traveled extensively to places such as Russia, Africa and Europe.

Anne has been in **Omniole** for five years, is currently a member-at-large on the **Omniole** Board of Directors and is the coordinator of the current class *The Quest for Cosmic Justice*.

Can a woman have it all? Of course! Maybe just not all at the same time.

**If at first you *do* succeed, try something harder!**

**HATS OFF TO GINGER!**

**W**hen health problems prevented Editor Ronnie Saunders from working on this issue of the newsletter, Ginger Engstrom stepped in and wrote, edited, and proofed the entire issue - including interviewing Anne Faass or the profile featured on page 3. Thank you Ginger, for both your dedicated help and beautifully written issue of the *Omniole News*. *Ronnie Saunders*

**E-Mail Up-Date**

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bettehen@gte.net

**OMNIOLORE Luncheon Forum Reservation Form**

WHEN: Wednesday, May 30th – 11:30 a.m.  
WHERE: **Los Verdes Country Club**  
7000 W. Los Verdes Drive  
Rancho Palos Verdes

Reservations are required by May 15th, please!

Please make \_\_\_ reservations for the **Omniole** Luncheon-Forum:

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

**Luncheon Entrée Selection**

Sliced Roast Beef with Mushrooms and Tomatoes  Pasta Primavera  Both served salad, desert and beverage.

*Luncheon \$15 apiece* Enclosed is a check for:  \$15  Other

Please make checks out to **CSUDH**, and put in the Treasurer’s box or send to George Clark, Treasurer:

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

## OMNIOLORE CALENDAR 2001

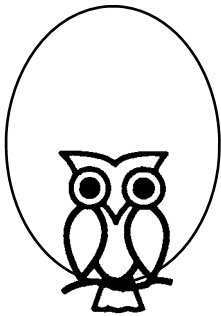
May	1	Summer Study Discussion Groups Begin
	7	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	8	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	10	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	11	Chess Club – 10 a.m.
	13	<b>Mother's Day</b>
	18	Hiking Club
June	28	<b>Memorial Day</b>
	30	Summer Forum Luncheon
	4	Forum Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	8	Chess Club – 10 a.m.
	12	Membership Committee Meeting – 10 a.m.
	14	Board of Directors Meeting – Noon
	15	Hiking Club
15	Input Deadline for July Newsletter	
17	<b>Father's Day</b>	



### IMPORTANT

Please Note: Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:

Either phone Bob Grove to reserve a room, or  
mark the corkboard calendar in Room 7 and notify Bob Grove via e-mail.  
Bob Grove's contact information: (310)  
833-3039 – papabob111@aol.com



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