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Art Historian to Speak at August 29th Forum

Mary Drobny, art historian and educator, will be a guest speaker at a Forum luncheon to be held Tuesday, August 29th at 11:30 a.m. at Ante's Restaurant, 729 South Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro. Topic of her talk will be *Rococco to Realism: Aristocracy, Revolution, and Reality*.

A graduate of California State University Long Beach, Drobny has taught art history at Long Beach City College, El Camino, Cypress, and Cerritos Colleges. During the past ten years she has lectured, taught art classes, conducted teacher workshops and directed tours for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In addition, she has been director of programs for the Palos Verdes Art Center and has lectured at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the City of Torrance.

The lunch menu includes a choice of roast beef au jus or Cornish game hen. It will be a served meal at a cost of \$15 per person. Please make your reservation before Saturday, August 19th by filling out the reservation form on page 3, and sending it with your check made out to CSUDH, as instructed on the form.

Bouquets!

By Helen Leven

It seems as if summer has just gotten underway, and yet your Curriculum Committee has been busy thinking of Fall! Some wonderful suggestions have been submitted. We wish to thank all of you who have done such a fine job of describing your goal and how you envision the group to proceed. Although we were unable to use all of the suggestions this Fall, some of them will be used in ensuing trimesters. Hats off to Sheila Banken, Mary Barling, Marian Buck, George Crane,

Crane, Merle Culbert, Burt Cutler, Elly Edwards, Edith Garvey, Blanche Herring, Arlene Kaye, Eiichi Kamiya, Kathryn Loseff, Jim O'Neill, Mary O'Neill, Emil Raulin, Ed Rea, Ronnie Saunders, Terry Savage, Alan Scharff, and William Sinclair. In addition, members of this committee have contributed many ideas as well as their time. Thanks to Diana Cutler, Ginger Engstrom, Mike Scordan, Hank Steddom, Rose Shields and Etta Tourkin

Membership Drive Shifts into High Gear

By Merle Culbert

Omniole's annual membership drive shifts into high gear this month as we prepare for an open house orientation to be held at the Torrance Katy Geissert Civic Center Library on Friday, July 21st from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. It will be a 45-60 minute information session about **Omniole**. There will be time for questions and new member enrollment. Last year at our Open House Orientation meeting, approximately 70 people attended and many of them joined **Omniole**, bringing new ideas and enabling us to have a larger diversity and number of study/discussion groups. We are hoping to duplicate our successes of last year.

On Thursday, July 6th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 8 at the Knob Hill facility the Membership Committee will meet to put together the mailing materials for 2,000 flyers advertising the Open House. If any of you have a few minutes of extra time on your hands on that day, we would welcome your help. We also ask you to pass along news about the Open House to your friends who might be interested in joining our spirited **Omniole** discussions. We will post a flyer or two on the bulletin board and have some loose flyers in the classrooms for you to hand out to friends.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Emil Raulin



One additional learning opportunity is being added to our Fall courses. Entitled, *Election Politics*, it will consist of lectures given by professors followed by discussion and will be held at the new extended education building at the CSUDH campus. The course will be held on the first and third Wednesday afternoons and will not interfere with any of the other **Omniole** courses offered. This is a new approach for our organization as well as for the university, and is an

opportunity to work together for better relations. I encourage you to look at your schedule to determine if you can add this to the selections that you have already made. We need an immediate commitment from those interested so that proper room facilities and parking arrangements can be made. There will be a parking fee involved and interested people will be encouraged to car pool. For additional

information, see the notice posted at the Knob Hill facility or contact **John Taber** at 831-4768 or myself at 316-5750.

We wish **Bob Grove** a speedy recovery with his broken leg!

Omniorian Gets Doctorate! Rose Shields

was recently awarded a doctorate in Gerontology from Greenwich University. Her dissertation, *Mnemonics and Other Aids to Memory in Normal Aging*, gives strategies and techniques to improve memory. Participating in **Omniole** is a way of meeting "an intellectually challenging life," which she recommends.

Sculptors and Sculpture Group Deemed "Enormous Success"

By Eitta Tourkin

The Spring Sculptors and Sculpture study/discussion group was deemed an enormous success by the eight students who completed the class – two of whom are true sculptors and one of whom had dabbled sufficiently to know the art's difficulties. Before participating in this class, this writer had always regarded sculpture as something one must pass by en route to the paintings. *Not Anymore!* Sculptor **Alfred Bernstein** guided the group in a discussion of the aesthetics of the art of sculpture and displayed his own work. Also displaying his own creation was sculptor **George Clark**, whose original work demonstrated the Lost Wax technique. Other presentations dealt with works by Alexander Calder, Remington, Adrian de Vries, Rodin, Henry Moore and with Romanesque sculpture. At the final classroom session, class members shared sculptures they brought from home. Items ranged from glass figures, book-ends and wooden bowls to art created by class members and their children. The final meeting of the group took place at the Palos Verdes Art Center where members viewed and discussed the outdoor Big Sculpture Exhibit.

"H.E." Kamiya Discusses Experiences as an Internee

By Ellen Bradford



Omniorian Eiichi "H.E." Kamiya, who was interned with his family at one of the ten U.S. camps for Japanese-Americans during World War II, discussed his experiences as an internee at the May 31st Forum held at the Elks Club in Redondo Beach.

The son of a principal of a Japanese language and culture school in the Long Beach area, H.E. was nine years old when the war started.

The immediate reaction of the U.S. government when the war began, according to H.E. was to suspect anyone of Japanese ancestry – even those like his father and mother who were American citizens. Rounded up with hundreds of other Japanese-Americans, the Kamiya family was held at the Santa Anita Race Track (where their beds consisted of gunny sacks and straw) pending their assignment to a camp in southern Arkansas, where they endured hot, humid weather and swampy ground.

Although it was not an easy life for the internees, H.E. stated they quietly accepted the ordeals of leaving home, losing their freedom and living in harsh conditions. Most adjusted to what they had to accept. "If the adults felt that the

American Constitution had failed them, they kept those feelings from the children," he said.

H.E. was able to find the positive aspects of the experience. The children could go anywhere, even slip under the fence and go exploring. They learned to make toys out of simple materials and grew to be quite independent.

The impact of the relocation camps proved to be immense. Until this experience, he explained, the Americans of Japanese heritage had kept to themselves in both social and business worlds; now they learned a new way of life. Strict family ties broke down. Parents felt it necessary to prove their loyalty to the U.S.; so when the ordeal was over, they pushed their children to "Be the best."

"Those children went on to be the generation of super achievers," H.E. said. "It changed forever the lives in the Japanese community."

Welcome New Members

(Please Add to Your Register)

Summer Session 2000	Fall 2000-Summer 2001
Mildred E. High	Mireille (Mimi) Mason
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Torrance, CA 90505	Torrance, CA 90505
375-8315	316-8300

WANTED: FORUM SPEAKERS!

With the outstanding success of "H.E." Kamiya's talk at the last **Omniole** Forum, it has occurred to the Forum Committee that we may have more hidden talent among our ranks. If you know of any articulate **Omniorian** who has had unusual experiences, please call Forum Chairman **Lindie Banks** at

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OMNIOLORE PROFILE – SAM RIFMAN

Although Sam Rifman only retired a year ago – July 1, 1999 – and has only been a member of **Omniole** for the past 12 months, it was no surprise that he accepted the job of coordinator of the *Famous Trials* course this semester. For Sam is no newcomer to the legal process. As a child growing up in Baltimore, Sam loved to visit the municipal court where his father was a judge, and listen to the cases on his father’s docket. And he takes pride in his father’s appointment to the Ecclesiastical Court by the Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore.

But when it came time to choose his own profession, Sam went in a different direction, choosing to become an electrical engineer. He received both his bachelor’s degree and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University.

While in college he had a number of interesting summer jobs. Apart from a couple of summers working for the National Security Agency, he worked mostly with what he laughingly refers to as “handling cold stuff in the middle of summer.” One such job consisted of measuring the performance and characteristics of experimental skis for Howard Head, founder of the Head Ski Company. Another summer position – as research assistant at Johns Hopkins on an Atomic Energy Commission project – resulted in a case of frostbite from handling cryogenic gasses (liquid helium and liquid nitrogen).

Upon receiving his doctorate, he left Baltimore and “summer cold stuff” behind to accept a position in sunny Southern California with TRW, where he became a project engineer and spent

his entire 30-year professional life. During that time he was involved in a number of interesting projects. One of his first assignments, performed in conjunction with NASA and JPL, involved enhancing pictures of a future landing site on the moon (taken by Apollo astronauts) using digital imaging processing.

As a project manager he collaborated on a program with the Israelis on unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV’s), remotely controlled unmanned aircraft. They designed shelters that contained the computers and displays and software to control the UAV’s in flight. TRW rented a little airport in New Mexico where they were tested.

He also worked on remote sensing from satellites, devising computer systems that processed data from the earth resources satellites. TRW sold these services to both the U.S. government and the Japanese government, which involved Sam’s making business trips to Japan. He also sold these services to major petroleum companies, for the exploration of mineral resources.

Four years after his 1972 marriage to Eileen, the Rifmans were sent to Alexandria, VA where Sam spent his days working on advance image processing techniques and building digital maps of the earth, and the young couple spent their weekends

participating in all sorts of special events connected with the bicentennial.

When the six-month assignment was up Sam and Eileen returned to the South Bay, living in Redondo Beach before moving to the house in Manhattan Beach that has been home for the past 17 years.

An avid cyclist, Sam rode his bicycle to San Diego a couple of weeks ago, chalking up nearly 100 miles one way. Since his retirement, one of his major occupations has been investing the retirement money in his portfolio. In addition, his hobby of collecting hand-made native pottery has taken him on jaunts to the Mexican village of Mata Ortiz where the natives re-invented the ancient art of painting designs with a special brush consisting of a single hair of a child and then firing up the pottery in the ancient manner (using manure for fuel). He also takes yoga and Tai Chi classes regularly.

Sam and Eileen are the parents of two children – a 19-year-old son who just completed his first year in the Army and will shortly be heading for Alaska, and a 14-year-old daughter who will enter Mira Costa High School this Fall.

Nominating Committee Named

The nominating committee to propose candidates for next year’s officers was named at the June board of directors meeting. Committee members include: **Burt Cutler** (chairman), **Blanche Her-ring**, **Ginger Engstrom**, **Rose Shields** and **Mike Scordan**. If you wish to propose names of any members to consider as candidates for office, please contact either **Burt Cutler** or any committee member.

OMNIOLORE Luncheon Forum

WHEN: Tuesday, August 29th – 11:30 a.m.
 WHERE: **Ante’s Restaurant**
 729 South Palos Verdes Street
 San Pedro

Reservations are required by August 19th, please!

Please make ____ reservations for the **Omniole** Luncheon-Forum:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____
(Please Print)

Luncheon Entrée Selection: Roast Beef Cornish Game Hen

Enclosed is a check for: \$15 \$30 Other

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

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

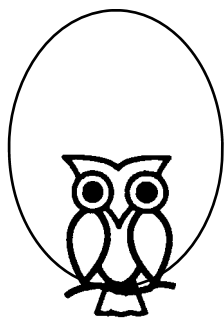
July	3	Forum Committee Meeting
	4	FOURTH OF JULY!
	6	Membership Committee Mailing Work Party
	7	Chess Club
	13	Board of Directors Meeting
	15	Class Schedule Mailed
	21	Open House for Prospective Members

August	2	Membership Committee Meeting
	4	Coordinators' Training
	4	Chess Club
	7	Forum Committee Meeting
	10	Board of Directors Meeting
	15	Newsletter Deadline
	29	Forum
	31	Semester Ends

IMPORTANT

Please Note: Calendar changes and additions may be made in one of two ways:
 Either phone Bob Grove to reserve a room, or
 mark the corkboard calendar in Room 7 and notify Bob Grove via e-mail.
 Bob Grove's contact information: (310) 833-3039 – papabob!!!@aol.com

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