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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. GAYLE VAUGHN-WILES

### I am so excited!

I am not excited about the frigid weather we experienced in Maine with consecutive days of single digit temperatures. It has been extremely cold with more ice in the “dooryard” than snow. Each day I pray that I do not fall and break an arm or a leg because I am Dean’s caregiver.

I am not excited about Alzheimer’s altering and permanently changing the mental capacity of my Maine man, **Dr. Dean C. Wiles**. Although we have been very comfortable in our home in spite of the weekly snow storms, each day has its own challenges—emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental. These factors exist and I choose to remain positive.

I am very excited about the activities and projects of the **AOSHS Board of Directors**. Let me give you an idea of a couple of biggies. One is the museum project and the other is the website.

### MUSEUM PROJECT COMMITTEE

**Ron Harrison**, our treasurer, is the project manager. Our organization owns two real estate properties on Douglas Street: 704 where our office has been situated, and the adjacent property, 708. The board decided that our office and museum would be co-located. In November, Ron discussed the AOSHS museum ideas with **GLMV Architecture** and they developed a proposal. The company is located in Wichita. They are familiar with the **Delano District** which is the historical area where the AOSHS office is located. Ron, along with **Bob Germaine** and **Doug Kelsey**, have spent several hours reviewing the architectural drawings and discussing the expected finished product. Just recently a conference call was conducted to evaluate the actual

placement of the museum, in 704 vs 708, as well as a cost analysis of the two. At this point the highlights of this project will be the digitalization studio, the artifacts, memorabilia, and archival exhibits.

### WEBSITE COMMITTEE

The website will change soon! Many people are assisting with this process. Discussions continue weekly with the current webmaster, web designers, and committee members. **DoDEA** has provided professional assistance through **Frank O’Gara** and his team. **Nancy Bresell** and Doug Kelsey are the liaisons for the information flow between AOSHS and DODEA. A proposal was developed by **Lee Media Group**, a website development business in Wichita. The “Discovery Phase” was accepted, so we are currently in that phase. **Kelley Germaine’s** article is a MUST READ. It will provide greater insight.

Every board member has been actively involved helping us reach

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## President's Message-continued

long- and short-term goals. Vice President **Linda Connelly** has been taking care of membership reporting because we do not have a board member for that position as yet. She also provides support to the website committee. Nancy Bresell takes meticulous minutes for every meeting I have conducted. I am proud to say that she has recorded our issues so that an accurate paper trail will be available in the future. Ron Harrison has been providing monthly financial statements but also working with the architects to give us detailed information about our museum questions and cost assessments for suggested changes. Just recently Ron and Doug Kelsey were working our annual billing statement for DoDEA. Both, along with Bob Germaine, have been

reviewing and analyzing how to manage our monies better.

Doug has received hundreds of yearbooks to be added to our digital collection. Currently our contract employee copies the yearbooks we have on hand as well as those that have been loaned to us. Check your DoDDS yearbooks to see if you have a yearbook we can borrow to copy. You can contact Doug at **dskelsey@hotmail.com** to see if yours is a book that we are looking for. Just think, one of these days you will be able to access yearbooks online!

As you view this *Quarterly*, please read the information about the Memorial Fund and the Commemorative Tile Program

compiled by **Jackie Kelly** and **Monica Tiller**. Jackie and **Rebecca Dunn** are gearing up for the **AOSHS Raffle** at the **DODDS Reunion**. Please start thinking about the item you will take to Albuquerque for the raffle. Rebecca has outstanding photos of **Dreux American High School** in this newsletter. The memories are **AWESOME!** Coming soon, **Chris Kyrios** will be telling all of us more about the **Brat Art Institute** in Richmond Virginia as well as the **Drysdale Scholarship**.

I have not mentioned everything, but just enough to get you excited about the AOSHS happenings! Now you know the rest of my story and why I am so excited!



*Announcement!*

**WE HAVE A NEW  
EMAIL ADDRESS!**

**office@aoshs.org**





# Happy Anniversary, AOSHS!

MONICA TILLER, Operations Manager

I know it's hard to believe that AOSHS has been in existence for 30 years, especially when so many of you have only discovered us in the past few years!

From 1946 until 1989, no attempt had been made to record (or preserve) the history of **Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS)** students and educators who had lived overseas. Prior to his retirement as Director of the DoDDS Atlantic Region, **Dr. Thomas Drysdale** researched this issue. Everyone he queried agreed that there should be an archive and museum to preserve the history of the overseas schools. In 1989, with the help of **Dr. Eugene Hughes**, President of **Northern Arizona University**, the **American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA)** opened on the NAU campus in **Flagstaff, Arizona**.

Following the end of the Cold War in 1991, U.S. leaders began reshaping our military posture. Several installations began to shut down as troops were reduced overseas. This led to the closure of the dependent schools on those installations. **Dr. John Strempel**, Director of DoDDS, issued permission for the schools to send their memorabilia to the Archives at the government's expense. By this time, AOSA had become the **American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS)** and was incorporated as a non-profit organization by the **Arizona Corporation Commission**.

The memorabilia being sent to the archive soon exceeded the storage space that was available. In 1997 Dr. Drysdale began a letter-writing campaign to nineteen major cities within the continental U.S. seeking to relocate the Archives. Seven cities responded. A committee selected and visited the top three choices, and **Wichita, Kansas** was accepted by a unanimous decision. The story continues, which can be read on our current website at: <http://www.aoshs.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Book-1.pdf>.

Now, 30 years later, we are excited to announce the development of our new museum and the renovation of our archive which began in March. This has been a long time coming since, being a non-profit organization, our very existence has been predicated on membership dues

and monetary donations. As little as one year ago, the outlook for AOSHS was pretty grim. Our assessment was that we only had five more years left to financially maintain the Archive with our current level of membership dues and other contributions. While it's still very important that we continue to increase our membership and request donations to keep the Archive up and running, it is the **Department of Defense Education Activity** (or **DoDEA**, previously DoDDS) which has provided the means for us to develop our long-awaited museum! We are eternally grateful to DoDEA and Director **Tom Brady** for realizing how critical the AOSHS mission is to the organization and for their willingness to support the archives and museum project.

We are also preparing to bring our dated website into the 21st century. It will be totally revamped and the content that we choose to keep will be updated. We will include a digital library of every yearbook in our possession as well as the digitized copies of yearbooks loaned to us. We will also post photographs of the memorabilia we have at the Archive and Museum and provide links to other great sources.

As we begin our anniversary year, we go forth with a new resolve: "COMMITTED TO THE PAST, PLANNING TOWARD THE FUTURE", and hope that you will join us in doing so by supporting AOSHS.

REMEMBER,  
WE NEED  
YOU!  
TO MAKE  
IT  
HAPPEN





# AOSHS'S YEARBOOK INITIATIVE

**DOUG KELSEY**, Assistant Treasurer

The yearbook initiative is steadily moving forward. We need your assistance to help us:

- Complete the AOSHS archive's yearbook library.
- To achieve the goal to have all yearbooks online.
- For all yearbooks to be accessible to everyone anywhere in the world.

## High School Yearbook Update

Currently, AOSHS has scanned or has accessed over 1,100 yearbooks that will tentatively be available online by July 15. There are an additional 1,500 yearbooks in our archives that will be scanned during 2019. **AOSHS STILL NEEDS ALMOST 3,000 YEARBOOKS TO COMPLETE OUR COLLECTION.**

AOSHS's first preference is for you to donate your yearbooks so that we may have a bound copy in our archive library after it is scanned. If you are not ready to donate your yearbooks, you can loan them to AOSHS to scan, and we will then return them. If you would like the yearbooks returned to you, ***please ensure you enclose a note with your return address.*** The entire process takes approximately three weeks. Yearbooks can be sent to:

**AOSHS**  
**704 W. Douglas Ave.**  
**Wichita, KS 67203**

If you have any of the 3,000 missing yearbooks, please donate or lend them to AOSHS. We have published the list of missing yearbooks on several Facebook sites and published it in the *AOSHS Quarterly* one year ago. We should have the list online through our website by July 15. In the meantime, if you need any information or assistance, please contact **Doug Kelsey** by email at **dskelsey@hotmail.com** or by text at **404-664-9128** with the yearbooks you have and he will be able to tell you if they are among the 3,000 we are looking for.

## Elementary and Middle School Yearbook Initiative

AOSHS is collecting all elementary and middle school yearbooks/publications. Although we are not scanning them at the current time, we are actively soliciting copies for our archives. We will begin to scan the yearbooks/publications from elementary and middle schools in approximately 18 months. Once they are scanned, they will be available online through the AOSHS website. This is a huge project for AOSHS, so we need your help to gain access to all possible materials.

If you are willing to donate your copies to the AOSHS archives, please send them to us at:

**AOSHS**  
**704 W. Douglas Ave.**  
**Wichita, KS 67203**

If you would only like to loan them to us, ***then you will need to keep them until we are ready to begin scanning in approximately 18 months***, but can contact **Doug Kelsey** now by email at **dskelsey@hotmail.com** or by text at **404-664-9128** with the yearbooks/publications you have so that he can make a record of who to contact when the time comes.

As always, we thank you for supporting AOSHS!



# Membership

## Update and Looking Ahead

LINDA CONNELLY, Membership, pro tem

Membership of AOSHS currently stands at **882** regular and Life members. It is important to note that people who were members from 2008 and earlier who were no longer active have been dropped from our database... **but you can still rejoin!** A membership application can be found near the end of this newsletter.

Our organization is currently seeking a volunteer to

serve as our Membership Chair. If you are interested, please contact **Gayle Vaughn-Wiles** at [gayle.aoshs@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.aoshs@gmail.com) or through AOSHS at email: [office@aoshs.org](mailto:office@aoshs.org), or phone at: **316-265-6837**.

Our **Annual Meeting** is held each year at the **DoDDS Reunion**. This year we will be meeting in **Albuquerque, NM, 18-21 July**. If you haven't attended a Reunion, please do so! It's great fun reconnecting with former colleagues and friends.

Lastly, if you are a current AOSHS Member, please consider sponsoring a new member. Our membership dues remain at \$25 per year, and \$45 for two-years, so sponsoring a new **"Each One, Reach One"** is affordable.

Thank you for your continued support of AOSHS!

## AOSHS IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Please contact **Gayle Vaughn-Wiles** at [gayle.aoshs@gmail.com](mailto:gayle.aoshs@gmail.com), or through the **AOSHS office** at [office@aoshs.org](mailto:office@aoshs.org) or **316-265-6837** if interested.



## Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs

REBECCA DUNN, Historian

*The following is a reprint from our Fall 2018 issue.*

Several people at the annual AOSHS meeting in Buffalo asked me to include another article on making charitable contributions from your IRAs in light of the changes in the tax code. Thanks to **Matt Jones**, [matthew.jones@nationwide.com](mailto:matthew.jones@nationwide.com), from **Staples Financial**, part of **Nationwide Financial Network** for his assistance with this article.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allowed taxpayers age 70½ or older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs. Technically, these taxpayers were allowed to exclude from their gross income otherwise taxable distributions from their IRA. These direct donations are referred to as Qualified Charitable Distributions or QCDs. An individual could contribute up to \$100,000 annually if the contributions were paid directly to a qualified charity. AOSHS is a qualified charity for these funds. These gifts were also known as "Charitable IRA Rollovers." The law was originally scheduled to expire in 2007, but was extended

periodically through 2014, and finally made permanent by the Protect Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015.

Several things to remember to make these tax-free deductions:

1. You must be 70½ or older to make QCDs.
2. You must direct your IRA trustee to make the distribution **directly** from your IRA to a qualified charity.
3. The distribution must be one that would otherwise be taxable to you.
4. You can exclude up to \$100,000 from your gross income each year. If you file a joint return, your spouse can exclude an additional \$100,000 of QCDs.
5. QCD contributions avoid taxation on the amount of the QCD up to \$100,000.

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6. You don't get to deduct QCDs as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax return since that would be double-dipping.

Without this special rule, taking a distribution from your IRA and then donating the proceeds to charity would be a bit more cumbersome, and possibly more expensive. You would need to request a distribution from the IRA, and then make the contribution to charity. You'd receive a corresponding income tax deduction for the charitable contribution if you choose to itemize your taxes; however, the additional tax from the IRA distribution could be more than the charitable deduction, due to the limits that apply under Internal Revenue Code.

The increase to the standard deduction in 2018 will prevent many individuals from itemizing charitable contributions. The QCD will allow individuals to have their age based (age 70½ or older) required distributions from an IRA forwarded to their preferred charity or non-profit. In doing so, the required distribution is excluded from gross income. This allows the individual to satisfy their distribution requirements in a tax-efficient manner while continuing to fulfill their philanthropic efforts.

QCDs avoid additional taxes on required distributions, by providing an exclusion from income for the amount paid directly from your IRA to charity. You don't report the distribution in your gross income, and you don't take a deduction for the QCD. The exclusion from gross income for QCDs also provides a tax-effective way for taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to make charitable contributions.

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Thanks to **Matt Jones**  
**Staples Financial**



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## EDDIE IDE, BERLIN AIRLIFT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

By **RON HARRISON**

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, AOSHS had a visit from **Eddie Ide**, **Berlin Airlift Veterans Association** Reunion Chairman and Historian. He was visiting Wichita to schedule their annual reunion in Wichita on September 26-28, 2019 and touring the area with the **Wichita Visitors Bureau**.

I met Eddie at the **Museum of World Treasures** where he gave an hour-long presentation on the **Berlin Airlift** which was well attended and very interesting. We then visited the Airlift exhibit at the museum (which displays several items from AOSHS & was featured in the Fall 2017 *AOSHS Quarterly*) and Eddie answered questions from several of the attendees. He had seen the display at the Air Force Museum and said, "This is much better than the display at the Air Force Museum". We also visited the Berlin Wall exhibit which is also owned by AOSHS and purchased by the **Berlin Brats Alumni Association**.

Eddie then stopped by the **AOSHS Archive** where we had additional items to display about the Berlin Airlift, gave

him a tour of the archive, and discussed our plans to create a museum. He was delighted that we were preserving the history of the overseas schools and plans to make AOSHS a stop on the tour for the reunion attendees in September.



**Eddie Ide with Ron Harrison**

Seeing Eddie around artifacts of his time in the military left me in awe of the many people who heroically helped the people of West Berlin as they ferried tons of much needed supplies to them. For more about Eddie Ide,

see: <http://berlinairliftveteransassociation.org/eddie-ide-legacy-editor/>







# It All Started in the Fall of 2017... But Actually 1974

By **BOB GERMAINE**

I invited the captain of my 1978 **London Central High School** (LCHS) wrestling team, **Mike Hull**, to come visit in **Chapel Hill, North Carolina**, for a UNC-CH football game. Mike asked if he could bring

**Tryon, Ann Bamberger, Kay Galloway, John Winkler, Tom Smith** and many others. I worked there for 4 years before returning to the states for a 3 years hiatus before rejoining DoDDS in Germany and another 20 years.

and near our house. I told Mike we would have to cut back the number. We had a limited number of beds between some of our friends' homes and ours. The final count of those that attended was around 35. They came from all over the U.S. It was amazing to see adults who were retired high-ranking military officers, a fighter pilot, a corporation president and many other very successful professionals.

Let me elaborate a little bit more about my relationship with Mike. We reconnected in Okinawa, Japan, in the 90's when his daughter was in my math class at **Kubasaki American High School**. He and his family moved there when he was stationed as a Marine officer. Mike was married and had 3 daughters, just like me. Ever since then, we have been close with being part of each other's families.

It was so much fun being with ex-students from the classroom and my athletic teams. They no longer called me 'Coach' or 'Mr. Germaine' but just 'Bob'. For some it was extremely difficult but by the end of 4 days it was no longer Coach or

a friend and we said 'sure'. When he arrived, a woman jumped into my arms and surprised me to no end. It was **Twila Pitcher**, one of my students back in the middle 70's at LCHS. I couldn't believe it because it had been nearly 40 years since I left in 1978. She was no longer a young girl, but a grown woman with children and a husband of her own.

You see, in 1974, I was offered my first **DoDDS** job at LCHS. I was a math teacher, coach and sponsor of multiple school activities. I was often asked 'whom do you know to get this coveted position?' My response was that I was just lucky. I had never worked for DoDDS before and knew no one. I was also fortunate to be able to teach in the company of names that you will be familiar with—**Bill Kilty, Sam**



**ROBERT GERMAINE**  
Math



**MICHAEL HULL**  
Class of 1978



**TWILA PITCHER**  
Class of 1979

1978 LONDONER YEARBOOK

It was so much fun being with Mike and Twila that we decided to have a LCHS reunion with students from 40 years ago. Mike and Twila wanted to get together 50 or 60 ex-students for a reunion. We determined that the reunion would be held on **Oak Island, North Carolina**, where **Kelley** and I live

Mr. Germaine. We were all together going to the beach that was a hundred yards in front of us or having drinks and talking on our dock behind our house. **Jeff Culver**, one of the organizers, did some special cooking so we didn't have to go out to restaurants. There were many great stories being shared from the start at

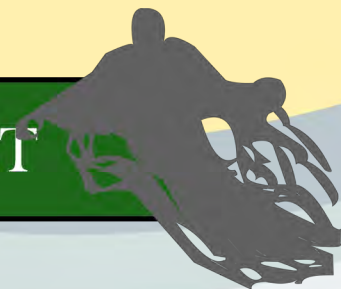
LCHS to today as well as lots of tears and laughter with memories of friends not there or not with us anymore. We all agreed that this was one great time and will be cherished forever. We also hope we can get together again before another 40 years passes.



**Bob and Kelley Germaine, with Mike Hull and Twila Pitcher Brand**

The following was reprinted from the Verdun base newspaper, **The FAMILY**, Friday, January 15, 1965, page 5. This article was donated to the **AOSHS Archives** by the family of **Thomas G. Wilson**, a teacher at **Verdun American High School** along with other memorabilia from the school including the 1965 yearbook. Mr. Wilson was a **DoDDS** teacher, counselor and administrator for 25 years. Many thanks to his wife, **Judy**, for donating these items. The yearbook has been digitalized and will be available on our updated website soon.

## VERDUN CID CHASES GALS' GHOST



VERDUN, France— A ghost haunts Verdun American High School.



Real or imagined, for the past four years a spirit has spooked jittery dependent coeds. It hangs out in room 54 of the girls' dorm. The ghost specializes in bone-chilling midnight shrieks. It mysteriously moves furniture and shakes beds in the wee hours. And just before Christmas it sparked a sensation and baffled the CID by trying to climb out of a trap door in the dormitory lounge.

Most students pooh-pooh ghost talk and figure it's all a big gag. Some admit there's no explanation for the weird goings-on. A few are plain scared.

Is the Verdun ghost for real?

"I've never taken it seriously," principal **Charles Wood** told *The FAMILY*. "It should be emphasized

that the students have perpetuated the tradition of a ghost."

When that tradition started nobody knows for sure. A report gathering dust in the school files since 1963 reveals the ghost has been around for at least four years.

"There have been 18 definite witnesses and over 35 secondary witnesses . . . who describe the ghost as tall, lean, slightly built and agile," according to the unsigned document.

"Specific evidence centers around room 54 . . . found with the window open and in disarray when it was known to be left in good order and with the window closed.

"Claw marks and scratches have been painted over but at one time covered the side wall. Furniture continues to be rearranged nearly nightly. The room accumulates more dust in a week than the others do in a month.

"The room has definite cold spots in the air and in general stays about eight degrees colder than the other rooms." "We started telling ghost stories to scare the freshmen, but we didn't do those strange things," says **Lydia Cagle**, who lived in room 54 last year.

Lydia, a 17-year-old junior who shared a double bunk with 15-year-

old **Ann Norton**, wound up having a few stories to add to the legend of the Verdun ghost.

"One night we were walking by the room and saw something white floating in the air. It was like Casper in the comic books," Lydia told a reporter.

"We woke up another night and the bed was shaking. I thought it was Ann and she thought it was me. It wasn't and the bed kept shaking. We got out of the room." Lydia was involved in the incident a few weeks ago that brought the CID on the run looking for whoever or whatever is spooking the dorms.

She was sitting on a couch in the girls' lounge when the locked trap door beneath it sprang open under pressure. A pipe appeared through the crack. Someone—or it—tried to jimmy the door open all the way.

**Cathy Steuart** and **Carmen Saucedo**, who were watching what was happening ran over and helped Lydia push the couch away so they could look down the trap door. Nothing was there.

"I think it's a joke that the boys are pulling," Cathy said.

But a CID investigation drew a blank. Dorm counselors **Colleen Lucas** and **Martha Parker** say the

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## VERDUN CID CHASES GALS' GHOST *-continued*

ghost is just something a few young girls want to keep alive.

"It's gotten out of proportion," said Miss Parker.

Both counselors agreed their girls have been genuinely frightened.

One night recently five or six girls woke them up after midnight and said they'd heard "horrible" screams. "Two of them were crying," Miss Lucas said. But, she added, it's a pretty safe bet the "screams" came from a stone quarry nearby when the horn blew for a change of shifts.

Is there any chance boy students who live in adjoining dorms are putting on a ghost act? Counselor **Bob Simerly** said there wasn't a

ghost of a chance his guys could sneak into the girls' dorms. But boys admit they've put on sheets and paraded around outside just to scare coeds. The boys insist the girls are being chicken.

"A bunch of them say it's the spirit of a WWI pilot who has taken refuge here," said **Dennis Home**, 17, a senior.

"This stuff has been going on since I've been here, and I came in September 1962. It's just an exaggeration."

There has been at least one serious attempt besides the CID probe to track down the ghost. One night recently several girls banded

together and stayed up to see if anything happened. Nothing did.

"At the first of the year nobody would live in room 54," Miss Parker said.

"But since Christmas several of them have asked us if they could move in there. It's a status symbol."

Room 54 remains unoccupied.

According to students, they've been threatened with dismissal from school if they mention the ghost any more. Principal Wood denied it.

"We'd just like to forget about it," he said. But it looks like the ghost of Verdun High's dorm is here to stay.

As one girl put it, "He's fun."

## "Diesen Dank"

By **LINDA CONNELLY**

Throughout my thirty-three years with **DoDDS**, I was often asked by my high school students, "What class helped you the most?"

My answer often surprised them.

"German."

Back in the day, a foreign language was required for college admission. I was presented in sixth grade with several options. Our choices of study included: Spanish, French, Latin, Russian (it was the 1960's, after all!) and German. Most of my friends took Spanish, but the German option intrigued me. This was in part because my neighbor was a German war bride, and her mom came to live with them. "Oma" was a character and I wanted to be able to talk with her. So, in the seventh grade, I began my German language adventure.

Little did I know that this decision would impact my adult life to the degree that it did.

The German teachers that I had were "so German".

They were detail-oriented and meticulous...almost to a fault. Learning a language back then involved learning a "conversation" each week. Our textbook had a weekly twenty-sentence "conversation" between two people, and we were tasked with memorizing both parts. On Friday, we would go before the class and recite the conversation. We never knew which part of the conversation our teacher would assign to us...so we had to know both parts. This was the way I learned the basics of the language in grades seven and eight.

To their credit, the teachers also used other methodologies. We were taught songs and we sang in class. Unknown to us, many of these were drinking songs...but then, what is more German than a drinking song? We were able to study copies of the German magazine, *Der Spiegel*. While the politics of the stories in the news magazine may have been over our heads, it allowed us to put a face to some of the names in German

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society and to discuss issues of the day...like the **Berlin Wall**. A favorite activity was the annual field trip to an authentic German restaurant, a short bus ride away from our large industrial town.

By the time I got to high school, things got more serious...and required more study. I still enjoyed my German class, but that junior high thrill was gone. I continued my study through my junior year. Knowing that as a senior, we would be reading the serious works of **Hermann Hesse** and **Gunter Grass**, I opted out. That sounded too much like work! After all, I'd accomplished my original goal: I was able to carry on a basic conversation with my neighbor.

Fast forward eight years...

I stepped off the plane in 1978 at **Rhein Main Air Base** outside **Frankfurt, Germany**. I was put on a bus and driven about an hour south to the German town of **Aschaffenburg**. This would be my home for the next seven years. Not only did I teach here, I met my husband and married him here. We exchanged our vows (in German) in a small village *Rathhaus* after our intention to marry had been posted on the village church

bulletin board, as required by law back then. Day-to-day life in Germany got easier with each passing year.

And so, the point of this story is...my most important, most used class I took in school was German. I didn't know it at the time, and I would have never believed nor understood that, when I signed up for "Deutsch" as a sixth grader. I lived in Germany for eighteen years. I never felt out of place in Germany, thanks to my German teachers.

As a retiree, I am fortunate to live in **Honolulu**. I sometimes encounter German tourists on 'TheBus', Honolulu's bus transportation system, at the mall, or in Waikiki. I always engage them in German; they are thrilled (and shocked!) that an American knows their language. Many times, they tell me that I lived in **Bavaria** (which I did), given the pronunciation and colloquialisms that I use.

**"Vielen Dank" to the many German teachers and to all foreign language teachers throughout DoDEA...** and American education in general. You may never know how deeply your teaching impacts the students in your classroom!

## RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

### It's RAFFLE time again!

AOSHS will have its annual raffle at the reunion in **Albuquerque** this July. Hopefully everyone who attends will visit our raffle table in the **Hospitality Room**. We plan to have several items for you to bid on. In the past, we have had treasures from around the world and special raffles such as a handmade quilt and the use of a villa in Italy. Of course, we will only have a wide variety of items if you donate them. You just need to bring your donations to the table in the Hospitality Room and we will do everything else. Remember that donated items need to be able to be displayed, and of a size that is transportable by the raffle winner when they return home from the reunion. This is a great money maker

for AOSHS and with your help we will have lots of items to tempt your friends to buy tickets. Last year we made almost \$2,800 and, of course, we would like to exceed that amount this year. This event is only as successful as you make it. Remember AOSHS's mission is to preserve the historical significance of the overseas schools. We are dedicated to preserving the history of our schools, the students who attended them, and the staffs who made our schools excellent.

***Please don't forget to include your raffle donations when you pack your bags.***

Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser for AOSHS!



# AOSHS WEBSITE UPDATES

KELLEY GERMAINE, Tech Liaison

Our website has been changed a little over the years, but you will soon see an entirely revamped new site. Before this, you need to know some of the history involved with AOSHS.org.

Our current webmaster, **Pete Lundrigan**, has volunteered/worked with AOSHS for 25 years! He met **Tom Drysdale** while working at **Wichita State University**. The school had just developed a type of kiosk that would display names and it was determined to be the best means of honoring DoDDS folks. Thus...the **AOSHS Memorial Program** was created. Since that early time, Pete has adapted and revamped when possible our website by adding and subtracting pages on it. There are some that were sadly out of date and it was agreed that these pages would not be shown. Pete will continue to work with AOSHS until we have transitioned to a new website with a maintenance plan. We owe many thanks to Pete Lundrigan, tech friend of our founder, Tom Drysdale, and hope that he continues to stay in touch once all is said and done. He

possesses a tremendous amount of AOSHS developmental history.

AOSHS needs a website that will feature our advancements of this last year and beyond—digitizing thousands of yearbooks, archiving all of our boxes of artifacts and memorabilia, developing a museum renovation, and creating a future digital studio so that all of our treasures can be viewed online. The Board has hired a local company that possesses a combined 35 years of providing web design, programming and marketing services, **Lee Media Group**. We are presently involved with the Discovery Phase of this process.

This stage provides key activities and deliverables that AOSHS needs to build our website going forward. It is a means of this web company getting to know our unique organization. It also will provide them information to put together a more accurate cost for services. The Board anticipates that we will be able to come to an agreement on an affordable web development plan. Initially it will contain a lot of the

present content in an entirely new format plus we will be adding the digital pages of the thousands of yearbooks we have housed in our archives. As books are digitized, we will be adding them to the site. This illustrates the importance of obtaining all of those “missing yearbooks” we are still searching to copy.

As our facilities continue to be renovated and a digital studio with equipment comes to fruition, we will be adding other digital images of artifacts and memorabilia. Of course, all of this takes time. The Board has been diligent in reviewing and discussing all aspects of these changes and prudent in committing any monies required for this endeavor. Please join us in the excitement of what the future holds for AOSHS, and thank the members of the Board, as well as all our membership, for their contributions. We need to give a special thanks to our original webmaster, Pete Lundrigan, without whose contributions we would not be where we are today.





# RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO TO AOSHS

NANCY BRESELL, Secretary

AOSHS wishes to recognize this quarter's donors who support the Archives and our Operating Fund. While membership fees are definitely the backbone of our funding, member donations are vital to carrying out and expanding the work of the Society.

The Board has agreed to once again run the annual recognition program from the beginning of the previous DoDDS Reunion (Reunion XXX – July 19, 2018) to the beginning of the upcoming DoDDS Reunion this year (Reunion XXXI – July 17, 2019). The names of donors within the Support Levels will have their names published in the 'Q' the quarter that their donation was received, or if missed, the following newsletter. **All donors for the year will be recognized for a final time in our Fall 2019 issue, and to all of you who found it in your hearts and pocketbooks to support the AOSHS mission, *we thank you*.**

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# AOSHS Memorial Program

## JACKIE KELLY, Memorial Program

There are currently seven active funds:

1. There have been two new memorial requests: **Mary Phelps** (first announcement will be in the Summer 2019 'Q'), sponsored by her husband, **William Phelps** who sent \$60.00; and
2. **Leland "Lee" Davis** in this issue of the 'Q'. \$100.00 was sent by **Carol Fears** toward a memorial in his name, but we still need someone to sponsor his fund.
3. **Barbara Williams** has had two announcements: Fall 2018 'Q' and Winter 2018 'Q'. Sponsor is **Glynn Turquand**. There is a total of \$50.00 in her fund.
4. **Ed Davies** has had one announcement in the Winter 2018 'Q', and the second in this issue of the 'Q'. **Sherry Templeton** is the sponsor. There is \$125.00 in his account.
5. **Patricia Steinkuehler** has her first announcement in this issue of the 'Q'. She is sponsored by **Cynthia Johnson**, with \$50.00 in her account.

6. **Takashi Suyama** has his first announcement in in this issue of the 'Q'. He is sponsored by **Nancy Bressell**, with a total of \$125.00 in his account.
7. **Gwendolyn Demps** has her first announcement in this issue of the 'Q'. She is sponsored by **Gayle Vaughn-Wiles**, with \$25.00 in her account.

We are still awaiting funds and information for **John Pascale**, whose sponsor, **Ronald Butler**, has contacted AOSHS and who has been sent the needed paperwork.

A fund for **John E. Lopes** is still up in the air due to no response from the initial donor, **Erica Falconbury** who donated \$50.00 in his name via PayPal. Last month marks 6 months since initial donation, so account will close.

**Syma and Patrick Munich's** account is now closed. **Carole Worby** was the sponsor.



## IN MEMORIAM

### LELAND "LEE" DAVIS

**July 13, 1925 - August 5, 2018**

In 1925 a lot of famous people were born. Paul Newman, Richard Burton, Johnny Carson, Yogi Berra and **Leland Davis** to name just a few. All members of the Greatest Generation.

Today, we lost our Dad, Leland Davis. Most of you know him by "Lee", "D", "Davis" or "Mr. D". He was never a fan of his first name. He was born in a small farm house in central Illinois less than a mile from where our mother was born two years later. He lost his father, a school teacher, at the age of five. He and his mother bounced around on survival mode until they wound up in Windsor, Illinois. After graduating from high school, he joined the Navy in 1943 and shipped off to the Pacific where he moved around until his final action in Okinawa. He was an LST driver and took troops to the beach in the first wave of that battle, April 1st, 1945.

After the war, he went to college on the G.I. Bill and received a degree in Education. He married our mother, Rosalie, in 1949, then spent 14 years as a teacher, coach, and then principal in central Illinois. Having had enough of the

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Midwest, he joined DoDDS, a move our family will be forever grateful for. He and our mom enjoyed wonderful assignments that included Harmon, Newfoundland, Ramey, Puerto Rico, Hahn and Heidelberg, Germany, Vicenza, Italy, Madrid, Spain, and once again his final action, Okinawa.

My parents retired to Mesa, Arizona. My sisters Shelley, Gail and I live here now as well, and have been able to enjoy being nearby these past few years. He was also fortunate to live very near his great friend of 50 years, Fidel Gaviola, not to mention other beer drinking friends like Bill Heavner and Gary Flannery.

It is our wish that you do not mourn Davis, but rather hoist a cold one tonight in his honor in celebration of a life well lived.

Scott, Shelley & Gail

Sponsor: Nancy Bresell



## **DR. GWENDOLYN NAOMI WILLIAMS DEMPS**

**June 29, 1944 – December 7, 2018**



**Gwendolyn N. Demps**, 74 years old, passed away on December 7, 2018 at her home in Potomac Falls, VA. She was the wife of Henry Demps. They shared 52 years together.

Born in Rock Hill, SC, she was the daughter of Albert and Naomi Williams. She graduated from Spelman College and earned her Masters' and PhD from Michigan State University. She worked with

DoDDS for over 20 years as a teacher in the Philippines, Germany, and the United States.

She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, watching Disney movies and enjoying a good meal with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Henry Demps, children Bryan Demps (Virginia) and Darrien Demps (Tasha); grandchildren, Annyssia Demps (Cody), Jacob Demps, Christina Demps, Martin Demps; great-granddaughter Naomi Pereira, and sister Elynor Williams. May she rest in peace.

Sponsor: Gayle Vaughn-Wiles



## **PATRICIA A. STEINKUEHLER**

**July 24, 1944 – September 25, 2018**

**Patricia A. Steinkuehler** was born in Alameda, California, received her Bachelors degree from the University of Kansas and Masters from the University of Arizona. Pat lived in Chicago, Washington D.C., Taiwan, and Tucson before accepting a job with Department of Dependents Schools in 1979. Her first assignment was as an English teacher at Ansbach Middle School. She then pursued administrative positions as an Assistant Principal at Wurzburg High School, Deputy

Principal at Mannheim High School, and Principal at Darmstadt Middle School.

Pat left DoDDS in 1987 and established residency in Florida. She worked for the Florida Department of



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Education in Tallahassee and performed facility evaluations on schools throughout the state. She then moved to Palm Beach County where she worked with architects, construction project managers, the school board, and the community in the development of schools in the county.

Sponsor: Cynthia Johnson

Pat retired in 2010 and moved back to Tallahassee to be closer to her son, Eric, daughter in law, and granddaughter. Pat loved to travel when living in Europe, as well as when she returned to the United States; these trips were with family, good friends, and sometimes alone. Pat passed away in 2018 due to complications with cancer.



**TAKASHI SUYAMA-SAN**

**DoDDS-Pacific Intercultural Program Coordinator**

**August 12, 1942 - October 15, 2018**



There is no doubt among those of us who knew **Takashi Suyama-san** that he was truly America's strongest ally in Japan. As a teacher, his goal was to instill great memories of Japan in his students so they would be good ambassadors between the two countries. Whenever DoDDS-Pacific would have influential (American) visitors, Takashi was our representative for Japan. He left them with a sense of the country and its people and culture. In that respect, he was very much an ambassador.

Born August 12, 1942, the third son of an educated Japanese family, Takashi would often joke that being the third son was less than nothing! Takashi also had a younger sister. For several years the Suyama family lived in China where Takashi's father, who was a journalist and confidante of Chiang Kai Shek, was assigned. All of his siblings predeceased him. His wife, Sue Suyama, who also predeceased him, was a teacher at Yokota East Elementary School, and they had two beautiful Japanese-American children, a son Mich and a daughter Emi. Takashi was very proud of both of them.

Suyama-san began his work with DoDDS as a Host Nation Teacher in Tachikawa Elementary/Middle School in 1968. He was quickly recognized for his extraordinary ability to help the U.S. educators manage their lives and work in Japan. In 1979 he was promoted to the position of Host Nation Intercultural Program Coordinator for the DoDDS-Japan District, and in 1999 he took over that function for all of DoDDS-Pacific and DDESS-Guam.

He was well known in influential Japanese circles and thus managed to get many outstanding programs and benefits for our students. Among other activities, Takashi championed the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. Through his influence he was able to book an incredible spot in the Tsukuba Science City to host the symposium and arranged outings in the Science City and other activities for our students. Another of his favorite student activities was the Japanese Soroban Program. At most elementary schools in Japan and Okinawa Host Nation Teachers held after school classes on the Soroban (the Japanese word for abacus). The children practiced for months leading up to the culminating contest held at The New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo. Using the soroban, students were able to solve complex mathematical calculations so quickly and accurately that onlookers were always astounded.

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How many times did Takashi rise early in the morning to accompany teachers, visitors and students to the Tsukiji Fish Market in Tokyo? Those trips were metaphors for his unselfishness and his love of Japan and America. His workshops for the Host Nation teachers were both informative and inspiring.

Takashi-san retired in the summer of 2010 after 42 years of service to DoDDS. At that time, he was the highest-ranking Japanese National working at Yokota Air Base. He proved to be of great service to the U.S. Air Force as a liaison with local Japanese social and political figures even after his retirement.

He passed away on October 15, 2018, having lived a full, satisfying, and exciting life and leaving his many friends all over the world in sorrow.



Sponsor: Nancy Bresell

### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

**Edward (Eddie) Davies**

September 26, 1940 - May 23, 2018

*(First announcement in Winter 2018 AOSHS Quarterly)*

## COMMEMORATIVE TILE PROGRAM

We have 65 tiles left for sale in assorted sizes:

|                                  |            |
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| 26 4"x8" Red Quarry Tiles        | \$100.00   |
| 20 8"x8" Beige Quarry Tiles      | \$250.00   |
| 15 8"x8" Polished Granite Tiles  | \$500.00   |
| 1 12"x12" Polished Granite Tiles | \$1,000.00 |
| 3 18"x18" Polished Granite Tiles | \$2,500.00 |

Once these remaining physical tiles have been sold, the Memorials page on our upcoming new website will then feature digital tiles in the form of a graphic image including an embossed inscription.

Forms for the tiles are located at the end of this newsletter.



**REBECCA DUNN**, Historian

Between 1950 and 1967, there were a total of sixty-nine schools and six high school dormitories in France. Sadly, we have very little information about these schools in our archives. We only have the name of some of the schools and don't even know when most officially opened or closed. From military records we do know that

the USAF operated eleven major air bases in France. They were Bordeaux-Merignac AB, Chambly-Busssieres AB, Chateauroux Air Depot, Chaumont-Semouties AB, Dreux-Louvilliers AB, Etain-Roures AB, Evreux-

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Fauville AB, Laon-Courro AB, Orly AB, Phalsbourg-Bourscheid AB and Toul-Rosieres AB. There were also communications sites and/or facilities at French airports and an US Army presence. USAREUR-COMZ was headquartered in Orleans and had other facilities at La Rochelle, Verdun and Paris. Most of the facilities had been French bases and were used by German forces during WWII. The US Army was responsible for base construction and maintenance of all-American facilities. After researching AOSHS files and reaching out to DoDDS colleagues, I am so pleased to share the

following memories from people who attended or taught in the French schools. We thank everyone who took the time to share their memories with us. If you have any memorabilia or stories to share, please forward them to our headquarters in Wichita, Kansas or email me at [simplydunn@comcast.net](mailto:simplydunn@comcast.net). We do not want to lose the memories of teaching with or going to DoDDS in France.

In another quarterly, I will highlight the schools in the Philippines and Midway. If you taught there or attended school there, please share your memories with us.

## LIVING IN FRANCE IN THE 60s!

By Dorothy Barreau

I was always interested in France, and so in college I took two French language classes, a French history class, and an art history class. But when I got my first job as a teacher in Evanston, Illinois, I discovered that I didn't make enough money to visit France. Two years later while teaching in Palo Alto, California, I met a woman who had taught with DoDDS in England. Wow! Now I found a way to get my way paid to France and my living expenses, too! I applied immediately, interviewed in San Francisco, and the following spring was offered a position in La Chapelle, St. Mesmin, just outside of Orléans.

Ecstatic, I hurried home to Columbus, Ohio, packed up a few things and then flew off to France. With friends, whom I met immediately upon arrival at the local Hotel Moderne, we were able to get an apartment right on the Loire River, within walking distance of my elementary school where I would be teaching third grade in a metallic building called a Quonset hut. The building that housed the administrative staff was a large brick

house which we called "The Chateau" because it was so much more elegant than our metal classrooms. Each of us had our own little shed for our students. Outside there was a wire fenced-in small playground between the "huts" and the "chateau."



Now I was ready to meet the French people! I could read and write French fairly well but soon found that after I had delivered my sentence in French, I understood nothing that the French said to me. All the words ran together, and they spoke so rapidly that I was lost. First disappointment. So, I got a French

tutor in Orléans, a woman who had at one time been married to an American soldier and so spoke English well. I went often and asked her to skip the grammar—just tell me how to say important things such as, "How much are these shoes?" and "Where do I find the bus stop?" etc.

I also did not realize that although the older French people were grateful to Americans for their aid during the war, many younger people resented the fact that we still found it necessary to have military personnel in France in 1963, 18 years after the war had ended. In visiting stores in Orléans we were not warmly greeted. Although, part of this was simply that French sales people are not as friendly or overly charming as American store employees are. No, "Hello, honey, what can I do for you?" Instead we heard, "If you're not buying it, don't touch it!"

But the travel opportunities were incredible. My first year in France I

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visited Paris many times, plus La Rochelle, Lyon, and Nice. In addition, my roommates and I travelled at every vacation moment and covered London, all of the Scandinavian countries, Germany, eastern Europe on the way to Russia, and even Morocco and Egypt!

I finally got a break in my attempts to meet the real French people after long conversations with our school librarian and secretaries who were French. I met several young French men at a party given by Mr. Rosier, a principal at the local American high school. One of the men, Alain Rocher, taught French at the high school and had brought a sculptor friend Joël, along. As soon as we met, we set up French lessons at my apartment once a week. I was then invited to French parties, went to restaurants, bars, and the theater with Alain and his friend, Joël.

By the middle of my second year I was eating delightful French food and finding charming French friends who accepted me because I dared to try to speak their language. Even those whom I met who spoke English pretended that they didn't

and only spoke French to me. So that's how you learn!

In April of my second year I was invited to meet Joël's parents (first French home visit!). The French do not easily invite people into their homes. I was warmly greeted and in May Joël and I were married in St. Jean de Braye, just outside of Orléans. In July we trundled off to introduce Joël to the USA and my family in Columbus, Ohio. We were met at the airport by a group of about 20 family members from Ohio and Pennsylvania. Such a large greeting was quite a shock for the young Frenchman. We were remarried the next day at a local church and celebrated again.

Because of DoDDS my love for France opened up a new life for me. Joël and I lived in Columbus where our first child was born, then in Westtown, Pennsylvania, and finally in 1974 we returned with our second child, Danica, to live in France for two years. Our first child, Maïa, went to school for third and fourth grade in France and her principal had been Joël's first grade teacher and was a family friend!

We applied in 1976 to DoDDS in the nearest country since the American schools in France were closed in 1968. We then moved to Mainz, Germany, and spent all of our holidays with Joël's parents in France for the next 30 years, and our summers in the US. All this worked out well as the constant contact with France meant that both of our children to this day speak, read, and write French. This is a connection that cannot be destroyed. I believe you only understand another country when you can speak the language of that country.

The thing that touched me most about the French was how they welcomed me once I married Joël. His cousins, aunts, uncles were not HIS, they were OUR relatives. I was treated like immediate family.

I am so happy that DoDDS gave me this opportunity to broaden my view of the world and to be part of a country that I love as much as my own USA.

Thanks, DoDDS!

## MEMORIES OF A DORM STUDENT IN POITIERS AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL, FRANCE

By Iva Guiden Yoeman

One's vision is not always clear when trying to remember events that happened many years ago. As I recall my experience as a "dorm student" at Poitiers American High School in France began in September of my 11th year in high school 57 years ago. High school students from military kasernes in southern France such as those at La

Rochelle, Rochefort, and surrounding areas lived in the school dormitory because their sponsor was stationed too far for them to commute each day to school. I was one of those students.

Each Sunday we would meet at 1:00 PM and ride the big green army bus four hours to Poitiers. On Friday at

3:00 PM, the big green bus took us back to our central locations to go home for the weekend. I was excited about living away from home, yet anxious because I didn't know anyone. When we arrived at the dorm, we carried our luggage to our rooms. The rooms were large and

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barely furnished. There were four army bunk beds—stacked, four desks, four lockers, and lots of room in the middle of the floor.

Our day started with breakfast at the mess hall for students. The meal was served on metal trays. After breakfast we had time to go back to our rooms and prepare for class or linger in the hall, as most of us did,

until the bell rang. The high school was located in old hospital. We could walk directly out of the dormitory into the school. In the evenings we had time for socialization and a mandatory study time from 7-9 PM. Lights were out at 10 PM. Of course, there was bed check.

As I look back, I am thankful for the unforgettable memories of making

new friends, sharing with each other about our families both in France and the states. As we got to know each other we developed a special bond. This experience taught us independence and responsibility. Most importantly, we learned to respect and appreciate diversity while living in a close dormitory environment.



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# Blackbear Bosin and the KEEPER OF THE PLAINS

By Monica Tiller

In the Fall 2017 issue of the *AOSHS Quarterly* I wrote an article about the area in Wichita where the AOSHS Archive and office is located, known as the **Delano District**, with our street (Douglas Avenue) being part of the **Chisholm Trail**, along with other historical anecdotes.

Just north of us is Wichita's **Museums on the River** where most of the city's museums are located on or near the **Big and Little Arkansas Rivers**, including the **Mid-America All-Indian Center** which is set at the juncture where the two rivers



meet to become the **Arkansas River**, and where a 44-foot tall steel sculpture called the **Keeper of the Plains** is placed. This image has become an icon and a symbol recognized as representing the city of Wichita.

The creator of this statue was a local artist by the name of **Francis (Blackbear) Bosin**, whose studio



was located in the very building now housing the **Delano BBQ**, a very popular eatery, and...

the *AOSHS Archive, office, and future Museum!*



Born of Kiowa-Comanche heritage in Anadarko, Oklahoma, in 1921, Bosin came to his adopted city of Wichita in 1940. He began his career as a color separator and plate maker for Western Lithograph and as an illustrator for Boeing Aircraft.

Although the "Keeper of the Plains" undoubtedly is his most widely recognized work, Bosin expressed himself primarily through his paintings. He was almost entirely self-taught, and his early paintings were strictly representational depictions of Indian life. Over the



years, however, his work became increasingly complex and the subject matter more profound. A spirit of Indian mysticism deeply influenced his work, and he eventually became internationally recognized for his vivid watercolors and acrylics.



By the time of his death in 1980 at the age of 59, the inventiveness and imagination reflected in his paintings had earned Blackbear Bosin a prominent place among American artists.



# AOSHS

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**DONATE**



How many of you have a will in place, or an estate plan? Have you thought about where your personal overseas school(s) memorabilia will end up once you've departed to the great beyond? Did you know you can donate your overseas school memorabilia to the **American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) Archive** (and soon to include their new Museum!) for permanent preservation just by adding AOSHS to your will or estate plan as the recipients of said memorabilia?

Regardless of when you donate your treasures, AOSHS has a **Property Donation Form** that you should use and is located within this newsletter. You will need to itemize your belongings for your donation. Please use the **Collection Policy** as a guide on what to send.

## AOSHS COLLECTION POLICY

Boxes arrive weekly at the Archive full of items that AOSHS catalogues to preserve the history they reflect. We look forward to receiving any of the items below to add to the AOSHS Archives and collections.

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- Videos or like of school functions and/or events

### **DO NOT SEND:**

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- Personnel documents that are disparaging to an individual(s) or that contain any personally identifiable information
- Souvenirs from foreign countries unless school or educationally related

If you are in question regarding the property donation, please call the **AOSHS office** at **316-685-6837** or email at **office@aoshs.com** to verify if the item(s) you want to donate are appropriate for the archives.

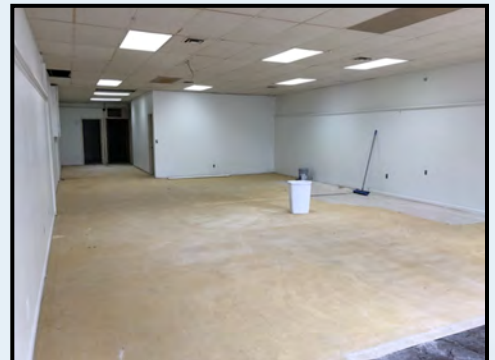
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