



WELCOME

AOSHS Annual Meeting

July 20, 2018

What is AOSHS?

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society is a non-profit organization that collects, records, preserves, and exhibits historical memorabilia of the American Overseas Schools. Members promote global knowledge and understanding of this unique endeavor, as well as providing the opportunity to research a significant chapter in the history of American education.

Mission Statement

AOSHS will collect, record, maintain, and preserve relevant American Overseas Schools' memorabilia and historical documents, provide research opportunities for same, and establish exhibits to inform interested persons to the unique overseas school experience.



Goals

Establish multiple exhibiting locations.

Grow membership through communication and accountability.

Develop comprehensive marketing plan to spread the AOSHS brand.

Increase fundraising and grants for support and growth of AOSHS.

Pursue partnerships with local communities; defense related companies; former students, teachers, and administrators; and other organizations that will focus on strengthening the awareness and knowledge of AOSHS.



AOSHS Board of Directors

All board members are volunteers without any compensation

- Gayle Vaughn-Wiles, President
- Tom Smith, Vice President & PR Relations
 - Nancy Bresell, Secretary
 - Ron Harrison, Treasurer
- Doug Kelsey, Assistant Treasurer
- Linda Connelly, Memories & Membership
 - Rebecca Dunn, Historian & Collections
- Dee Ann Edwards/Monica Maack Tiller, Memorial Program
- Kelley Germaine, Records & Technology
 - Bob Germaine, Fiscal Advisor
 - Chris Kyrios, BRAT Representative



AOSHS Meeting Minutes

**Secretary, Nancy Bresell submits
July 28, 2017 meeting minutes for
approval vote**

**President, Gayle Vaughn-Wiles
calls for the vote**

3 x 5 cards



AOSHS Reports

Ron Harrison, Treasurer

Financial Report

- *Average monthly cost to operate for first 6 months of 2018* **\$5,950**
- *Average monthly income received for first 6 months of 2018* **\$5,340**

Some of these costs are:

- *ADT Security
- *Telephone/Internet
- * Pest Control (old building)
- * Water, Gas, Electricity
- * Trash Service
- * Fire Suppression Maintenance
- * Monthly Payroll
- * Office Supplies & Postage

Major Outlays:

New Book Scanner	\$5,631
Bricks and Pavers	\$8,204
Computer Mass Storage & Backup	\$3,123

Annual cost of AOSHS office operations ~ \$71,400/year



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Tom Smith, Vice President Office Updates

- AOSHS is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization
- We operate using membership dues and donations



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Monica Maack Tiller

Ornaments to AOSHS from members



Reunion in AOSHS offices



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Adam Gossman

Front Archive Storage Area



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Kevin Frutiger

Book Scanner



Donated Yearbooks



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Present Office

Bookcases



Display Case



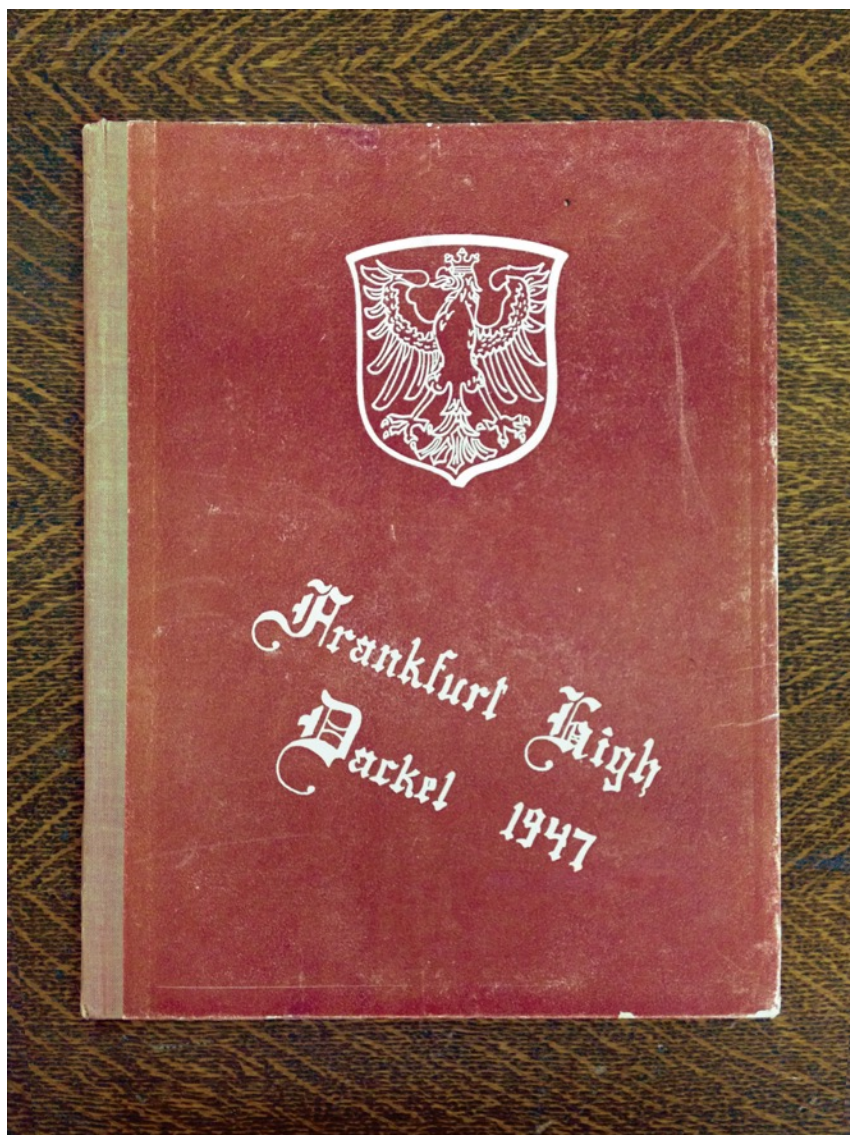
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Doug Kelsey, Asst. Treasurer **AOSHS Yearbook Initiative**

- 1) Goals: Obtain access to yearbooks from all schools and to provide access to all**
- 2) Digitization: Provide opportunity to access archives to a very broad audience**
- 3) Needs: Donated or loaned yearbooks**
- 4) Timeliness: Rapidly approaching the end of the window of opportunity for yearbooks from the 40's and 50's**
- 5) Results: Secured twenty-five yearbooks through initiative in last twelve months**



Frankfurt High School 1947



OUR SCHOOL

The Frankfurt Community High School building was constructed in the years 1929—1930. Herr Karl May was the architect. The building was the first of its kind in Europe and drew visitors from all parts of Europe and America. The school opened 22. September 1930, as the FRIEDRICH EBERT REFORM SCHOOL. The word "REFORM" in the German Language means "talented". Children from 6 to 14 years of age were enrolled.

In 1933 the Hitler regime re-named the school the DIETRICH ECKART SCHULE. It was then used until 1939 as a German Youth School.

In 1939 the entire building was remodeled. The main portion was used as a German Military Hospital called "LAZARETT ZUM HEILIGEN GEIST". The three wings were used as an Officer's School by the German Army.

In 1944 the building was used for storing furniture of residents in and about Frankfurt who had been "bombed out" by the Allied Armies. It was also used to house many homeless people.

From May 1945 to September 1946 the building was used as billets for American troops, mainly Engineers and Signal Battalions.

On September 2, 1946, the building was vacated in order to be used as the Community High School.





Frankfurt American High School Yearbooks

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[Yearbook Project](#) - please scan your yearbooks that haven't been done, contact [Bruce70](#)

HELP! Classes of 81, 84-86 and 89-93 - Please form a team or be a class representative to get your Yearbooks scanned and other photos and memorabilia scanned/photographed and put online

click images to go to YB page



1947

Scans By [Dan Bunting](#)
[1947](#)



1948

Multi-school YBs 1949-1960 Frankfurt Sections

[1949](#)

[1950](#)

[1951](#)

[1952](#)

[1953](#)

[1954](#)

[1955](#)

[1956](#)

[1957](#)

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[1960](#)

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1949



1950

[on Frankfurthigh.com](#)

scanned by Allen
Monasmith



1951

[on Frankfurthigh.com](#)

scanned by Bruce
Garner

[1952](#)

[1953](#)

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1954

[On Frankfurthigh.com](#)

scanned by Bruce
Garner



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Linda Connelly

Membership Updates

274 Current Members

13 New Members

552 Life Members

“Each One Reach One”

Outreach to current DoDDS schools



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AOSHS Quarterly...

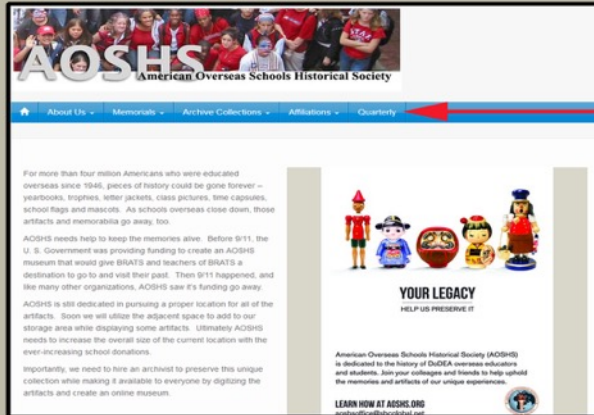
Nancy Bresell coordinates

- Members may submit proposed articles for consideration
 - Review and approval by coordinator
- Layout and design by Monica Maack Tiller
 - Operations Manager sends code to members via email
 - Access online website with code

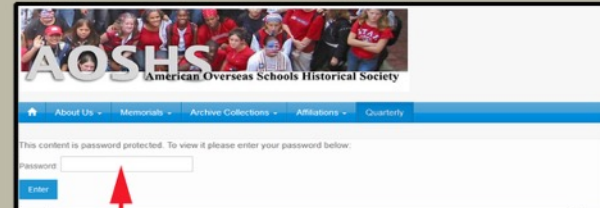


AOSHS Quarterly GOING DIGITAL

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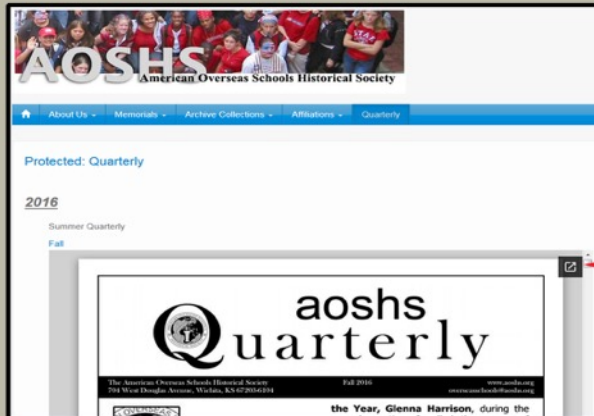


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prior to the distribution date.
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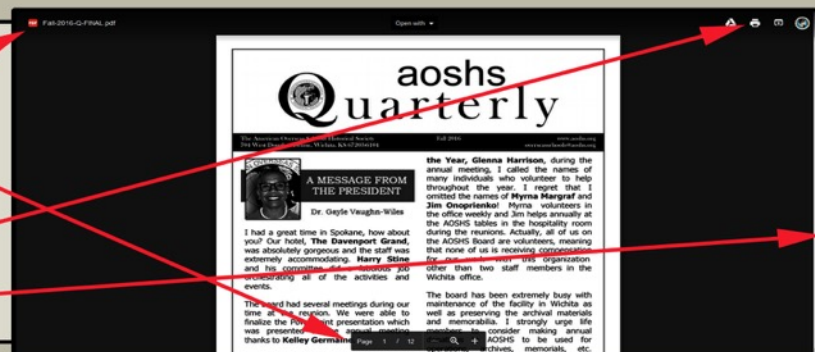
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Kelley Germaine, Records/Tech

www.aosh.org



AOSHS
American Overseas Schools Historical Society

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Website Updates



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For more than four million Americans who were educated overseas since 1946, pieces of history could be gone forever – yearbooks, trophies, letter jackets, class pictures, time capsules, school flags and mascots. As schools overseas close down, those artifacts and memorabilia go away, too.

AOSHS needs help to keep the memories alive. Before 9/11, the U. S. Government was providing funding to create an AOSHS museum that would give BRATS and teachers of BRATS a destination to go to and visit their past. Then 9/11 happened, and like many other organizations, AOSHS saw it's funding go away.

AOSHS is still dedicated in pursuing a proper location for all of the artifacts. Soon we will utilize the adjacent space to add to our storage area while displaying some artifacts. Ultimately AOSHS needs to increase the overall size of the current location with the ever-increasing school donations.

Importantly, we need to hire an archivist to preserve this unique collection while making it available to everyone by digitizing the artifacts and create an online museum.

This all takes money that AOSHS does not have. AOSHS operates on a shoestring budget with limited memberships and donations. We need help to fund present and future museum endeavors and hiring the archivist to digitize the collection.



American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) is dedicated to the history of DoDEA overseas educators and students. Join your colleagues and friends to help uphold the memories and artifacts of our unique experiences.

LEARN HOW AT AOSHS.ORG
aoshsoffice@bloomberg.net

We welcome any donation towards reaching this goal. Your contribution is tax deductible since AOSHS is a non-profit organization.

To learn more or to make a donation, please visit our Go Fund Me campaign. Here's the link: <https://www.gofundme.com/aoshs-museum>



The AOSHS Story



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www.cafepress.com/aoshsemporium



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Rebecca Dunn

History & Collections Updates

**“The 4 Black Books”: History, Content, Updating
are available in the Archives and at**

www.aoshs.org

1. History of American Overseas Schools and AOSHS
2. Chronicles of AOSHS Accomplishments, including Past Presidents and Board Members
3. Current, Past, Life and Charter Members
4. School Locations – Maintained by Les Burch



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Rebecca Dunn

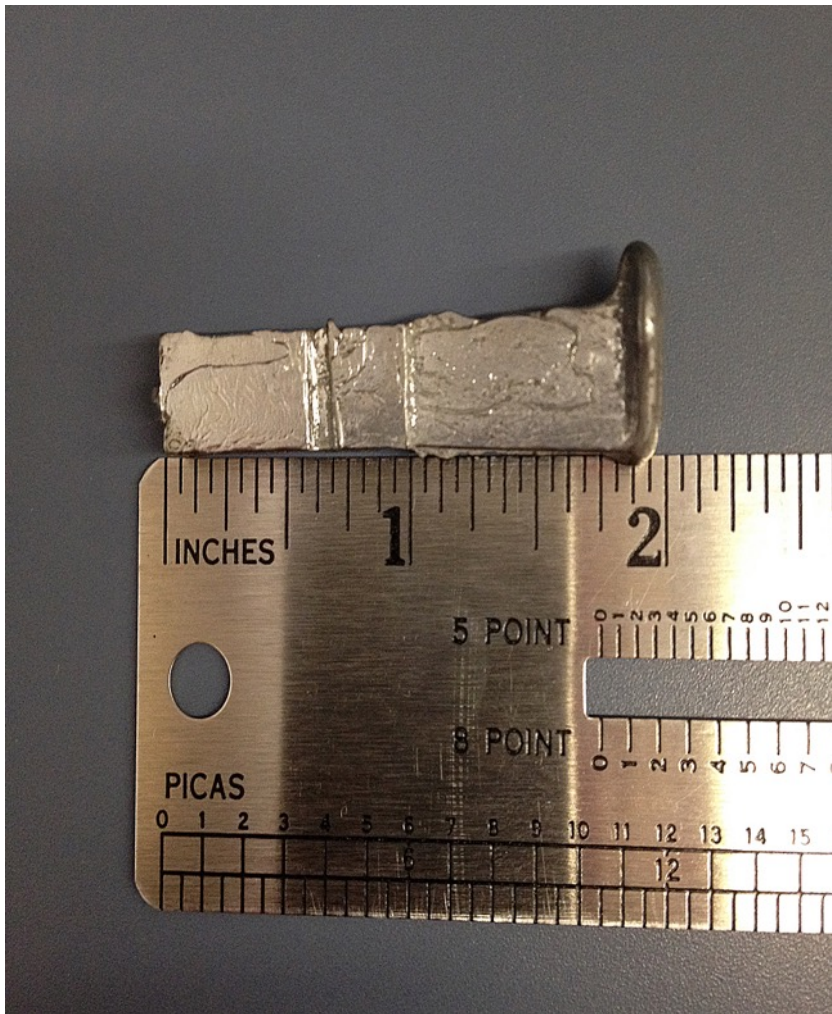
Can anyone solve this mystery?



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Rebecca Dunn

Can anyone solve this mystery?



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Chris Kyrios, BRAT Tom Drysdale Scholarships

Genesis Justiniano

- Antilles High School \$1,500



Onelis Cardona

- Ramey High School \$1,500



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Bob Germaine

Fiscal Advisor Updates

- All expenditures are carefully analyzed
- AOSHS Board works throughout the year
- AOSHS Board meets -
 - 4x at DoDDS Reunion
 - 2+ days in Wichita office
 - 4 or 5 conference calls a year
- AOSHS Board does not receive any compensation for meetings or travel; all voluntary
- AOSHS board is \$ ***challenged*** to meet expanding needs as more schools close or relocate
- Have you thought about your estate plan?

Introduce Kay Galloway



AOSHS Memorial Program becomes Commemorative Tile Program



AOSHS Commemorative Tile Program

Granite Tiles



Quarry Tiles



AOSHS Thanks!

**Recognition of all the
important work done all year
by our volunteers...**



AOSHS Recognition of Donors Program

- **57 Supporters (\$25-\$99)**
 - **51 Friends (\$100-\$249)**
- **5 Pacesetters (\$250-\$499)**
- **2 Sponsors (\$500 - \$999)**
- **7 Patrons (\$1,000-\$1,999)**
- **4 Benefactors (\$2,000 +)**



Future of AOSHS

- **AOSHS and DoDEA collaborate to preserve the history of the school systems that educated the the children of military and military-connected students around the world**
- **Collaboration enables AOSHS to continue and accelerate its efforts to develop and organize the archives**
- **DoDEA, through the Director, Mr. Brady, provides resources and support to assist AOSHS's initiatives**
- **DoDEA will reach out to staff worldwide to supplement efforts to collect memorabilia, artifacts and yearbooks**



Future of AOSHS continued

- **AOSHS museum and research center will become a reality in Wichita**
- **AOSHS will exhibit memorabilia at other locations around the world**
- **Digitization of archives will enable the vast DoDEA community worldwide access to the AOSHS materials**
- **Cooperation and collaboration between DoDEA and AOSHS will provide the synergy needed to reach the primary goal of collecting, recording and preserving the unique history of schools in the past, present and in the future**



Future of AOSHS continued

Tom Smith

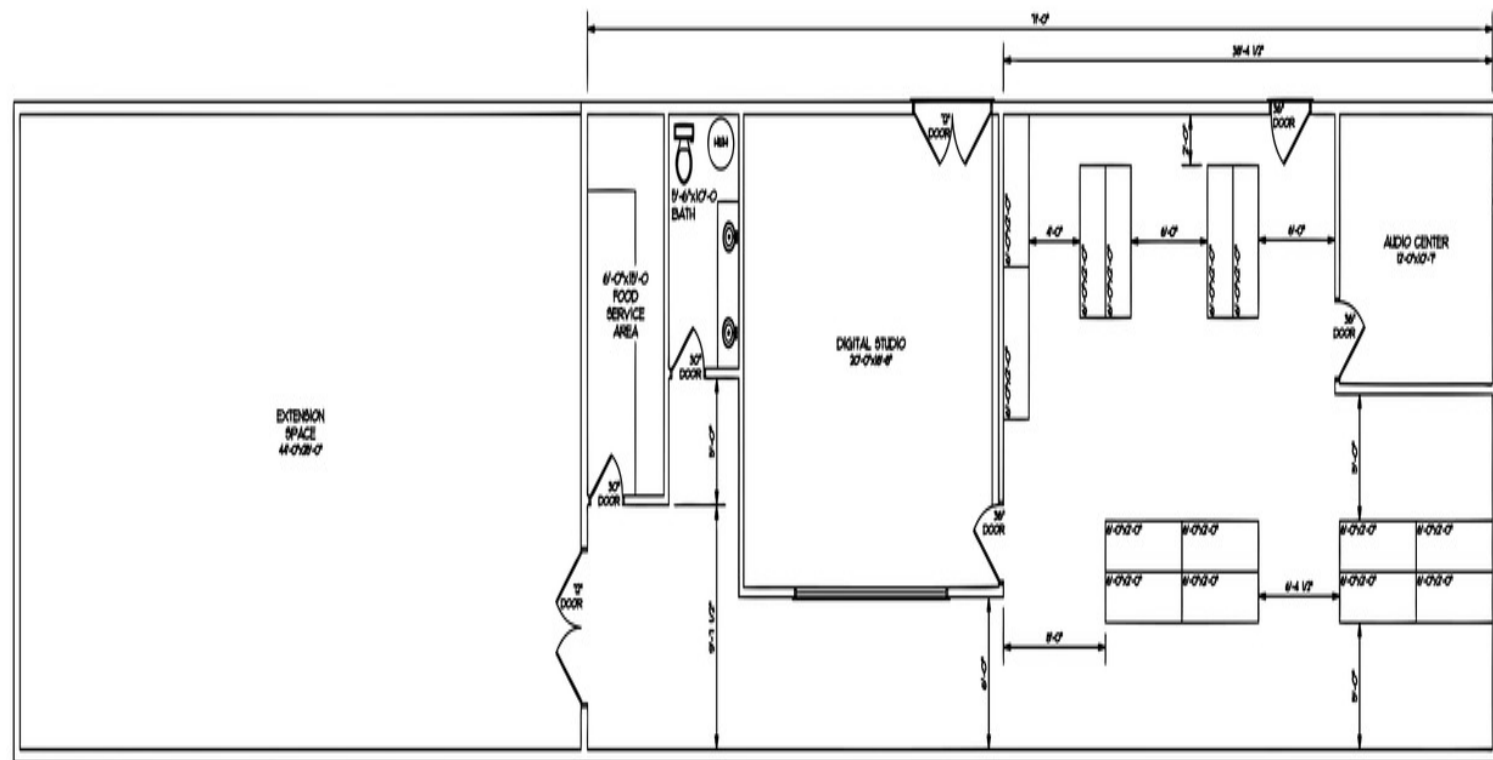
- **Museum Update...**



Future of AOSHS continued Museum Update



Future of AOSHS continued Museum Update



1 PROPOSED LAYOUT
1/4" = 1'-0"



Future of AOSHS continued

Museum Update

Example of Display Case for Memorabilia



Future of AOSHS continued

Tom Smith

- **Museum Update...**
- **Archival Update...**



Future of AOSHS continued

Tom Smith

- **Museum Update...**
- **Archival Update...**
- **Million Dollar \$ Challenge...**



AOSHS Raffle

Selling tickets 9-5 Thurs & Fri only
Drawing Saturday
Winning #s & prizes posted @ Banquet



Sweet Farewells

but not good-bye

Dee Edwards

Commemorative Tile Program <Bricks and Pavers>
AOSHS Board of Directors

Tom Smith

Vice President
AOSHS Board of Directors



AOSHS Leadership

Board of Directors rotate every 3 – 6 years

We need volunteers with leadership skills such as –

- Working collaboratively
- Communicating effectively
- Goal oriented and focused
- Voluntary attendance
 - Commitment



AOSHS Leadership

Two Vacancies exist for the Board of Directors...

We need motivated, hard working members to volunteer!

❖ Membership Chair

❖ Commemorative Tile Program Director

Someone has volunteered!

See me to be a part of the AWESOME team that works hard and has fun!



President's Closing Remarks

What have we done?

How did we do it?

What does it look like?



AOSHS...Q & A

5:00 to 6:00 pm

Ellicott Room

**<elevator to second floor
or stairs from mezzazine>**

...use the 3 x 5 cards...

(after mini reunions)





Thank you for coming!

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