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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. GAYLE VAUGHN-WILES

As I write this message, I am sitting in a rocking chair on my porch looking out at Crawford Lake. In the distance, I see two loons swimming and enjoying this beautiful summer day.

In a similar manner, I enjoyed the DoDDS Reunion. It was absolutely fantastic! **Harry Stine** and his committee did an excellent job once again. At the Reunion, I was able to visit with friends I had not seen in years as well as to do some networking related to critical AOSHS issues. Thanks to **Kelley Germaine**, our technologist, the annual meeting was informative. The PowerPoint presentation gave every board member the opportunity to provide the membership with pertinent information. **Stephen Abbott**, outgoing treasurer, gave the

figures related to average monthly operating costs and the average monthly income. If things keep going the way they have been, it is just a matter of time before we are insolvent. Life members have overwhelmingly responded to my request for giving annually. This must continue for the organization to function as the archive of the DoDDS memorabilia and documents. **Nancy Bresell** worked with others to reactivate our donor recognition program, which I introduced at the DoDDS Reunion XXIX July 26, 2017. The first year of this program will end at Reunion XXX on July 19, 2018. Make sure you read the article that gives the details of this new program to which we have received approximately \$10,000 already! Wow!

Kay Galloway has information on including AOSHS in your estate planning. She is quite knowledgeable on the subject. She has been presenting information on estate planning throughout her local communities. She will be glad to

help any of you if you are interested.

Speaking of membership, **Doug Kelsey**, Asst. Treasurer, continues to work with his committee to obtain contact information on former members. The names will be published on a regular basis. Please look at his article and help us contact some of the members who are missing in retirement! On the flip side of former members, **Jill Abbott**, outgoing membership chair, has kept monthly records on dues-paying members (not Life), Life members, and new members.

Tom Smith, Vice President, continually reminds members that AOSHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, therefore, all donations are tax deductible if you itemize your tax return. That alone is a big help when you donate. As I think about your donations, I also think about our expenditures. **Bob Germaine**, our financial advisor, analyzes all monies, income and expenses. He works closely with the treasurer and assistant treasurer.

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Bob has an article that you should not miss entitled, *"Did you know this about AOSHS?"*

At last we have actual bricks and pavers.... Oh, how wonderful! A big thanks to **Dee Edwards** and **Chris Kyrios** along with the work of **Monica Tiller** and **Ron Harrison**! We had bricks at the Reunion and many are on the walls in the AOSHS Office in Wichita. This is a dream come true, but guess what? We will not have enough wall space to accommodate all the bricks and pavers. As a result, we may have to look at the digital aspects of displaying bricks and pavers. One benefit is that you will be able to view these things at anytime. A digital memorial program may be inevitable!

Our legacy and history are very important. The famous Black Books have been maintained by our outgoing Historian, **Lani Allanson-Donoho**. These books are on the website and they provide information on the history of American Overseas Schools and AOSHS, chronicles of AOSHS accomplishments, and lists of past presidents and board members; current, past, life, and charter members; and school locations maintained by **Les Burch**.

Have you seen our website lately? **Pete Lundrigan** just transferred our site to a new server. Between Kelley Germaine and Pete our site is constantly being upgraded. Take a minute and go to www.aoshs.org and you will see what I mean!

Some members and nonmembers had the opportunity to meet Monica

Tiller, AOSHS Operations Manager, at the Reunion. She has been an extremely supportive employee. If you have any questions or concerns about AOSHS issues, please do not hesitate to contact her by phone at (316)265-6837 or email at aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net.

Within my message I have alluded to various board members who will be leaving. We hate to see them go and we will certainly miss them. You will not believe it but we were able to get replacements for each departing board member. Ron Harrison will replace Stephen Abbott as treasurer. You remember Ron worked as the archives manager in a part time position in our Wichita Office. **Linda Connelly** our AOSHS representative in Hawaii has been working membership issues for more than six years. She will replace Jill Abbott as the membership/memories chairperson. **Rebecca Dunn**, a life member, will assume the historian responsibilities of Lani Allanson-Donoho.

One of the AOSHS highlights of the annual meeting was the announcement of **Mrs. Denise Smith** as the Volunteer of the Year! She has worked not only in the AOSHS office every September for the last eight years but also at the Reunion raffle table with her husband Tom Smith. Denise is a valuable asset to our organization and we applaud her volunteerism!

Mr. Tom Brady, Director of DoDEA, spoke at the reunion and made promising comments about looking into providing support to

our efforts of maintaining the legacy of the American Overseas Schools. We are excited about working with Mr. Brady and **Dr. Linda Curtis**, Principal Deputy Director and Associate Director of Academics.

In closing let me thank all of you for your donations and contributions to AOSHS. It is up to us to keep our legacy alive. With the hard work of the board members and volunteers, and with your support, I know we can do it!

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MEMBERSHIP DATABASE INITIATIVE

DOUG KELSEY, Membership Database Committee Chairman

Although some progress was made at the DoDDS Reunion in late July, the results were less than a 5% success rate. Coupled with the efforts of **Mayme Crawford, Lani Allanson-Donoho, Dee Edwards** and **Linda Connelly** to contact former members, we have made some progress in attempting to reach more than 1500 former members. The names that follow this brief article are the first half of the 600 names that last had contact with AOSHS prior to 2002. The other 300 names whose last contact was prior to 2002 will be published in the next *Quarterly*.

We are certain our membership knows many of these former DoDDS colleagues. An email address, a

telephone number or a physical mailing address will help. At the Reunion, many folks knew where a former member was living, possibly a state or a city, but unless we have contact information, it does not help. We are respectfully requesting you send us contact information for those that you know on the list.

You may send it to **Monica Tiller at AOSHS, 704 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67203**, email her at aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net or call her at **316-265-6837**.

Thank you for your assistance in our efforts to strengthen AOSHS.

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| Alden | Alice | Cupertino | CA |
| Almendras | Nancy | FPO | AP |
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| Armstrong | Mary | APO | AE |
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| Asmir | Edmund | El Paso | TX |
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| Bisland | Beverly | Huntington Stn | NY |
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| Black | Jane | APO | AE |
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| Boisvert | Peter | West Chester | PA |
| Bonaccorsi | Mary | Woodbury | CT |
| Boone | Andrea | Yukon | OK |
| Bowers | Yvonne | Madison | AL |
| Boyd | Mary | Greensboro | NC |
| Bradley | Charlene | Jensen Beach | FL |
| Brawford | Hugh | Blaine | WA |
| Bridges | Elizabeth | Somersworth | NH |
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| Brown | Edna | San Marcos | CA |
| Brown | Kirk | Fremont | CA |
| Brown | Joanne | Tucson | AZ |
| Brown | Robert | Charlotte | NC |
| Brunk | Royce | Hesston | KS |
| Buckliew | Steven | Sanford | NC |
| Bundy | Nancy | Louisburg | NC |
| Burtch | Patricia | Yuma | AZ |
| Bussino | Irma | APO | AE |
| Butterbaugh | Sarah | Plainwell | MI |
| Butterworth | Charles | Redway | CA |
| Cahill | James | Skaneateless | NY |
| Cakiades | Mary | New York | NY |
| Caltagirone | Mary Anne | APO | AE |
| Calzini | Robert | Mashpee | MA |
| Cammack | Lis | Filer | ID |
| Campbell | Sylvia | San Jose | CA |
| Cannon | Mary | Aurora | CO |
| Cantrell | Mary | Phoenix | AZ |
| Carey | Charlotte | Houston | TX |
| Carpenter | Richard | Bradenton | FL |
| Cartwright | Jimmie | Orangevale | CA |
| Castro | Janice | APO | AP |
| Cazares | Sylvia | San Antonio | TX |
| Chambers | Stephen | CO Springs | CO |
| Chandler | Meganne | Carmichael | CA |
| Chaney | Patricia | Trinidad | CA |
| Chapman | Gay | Cordova | TN |
| Chase | Alice | Raleigh | NC |
| Chessnoe | Virginia | Arlington | VA |
| Christensen | Rosina | Houston | TX |
| Christopher | Carl | APO | AE |
| Chrisulis | Mary | Cocoa Bch | FL |
| Chumley | Terry | FPO | AP |
| Clayton | Nancy | Lexington | KY |
| Clouser | Louise | Newport | PA |
| Clure | Elizabeth | La Canada | CA |
| Clyman | Jacky | New York | NY |
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| Cole | Sandra M. | New London | NH |
| Colley | Anita | Warsaw | MO |
| Collins | Linda | Melrose | MA |
| Conklin | Bruce | Sheridan | WY |
| Conroy | Donald | Minot | ND |
| Cook | Betty | Dalton | GA |
| Cook | Charles | APO | AP |
| Cook | Edward | Mtn City | TN |
| Cook | Mary | Sheboygan | WI |
| Corby | Sandra J. | Springfield | MO |
| Correia | Lourdes | Taunton | MA |
| Cosentino | Gloria | Lake Park | FL |
| Costello | Mary | Boston | MA |
| Cournoroy | Ronald | Andover | KS |
| Cox, Doug | Doug | San Francisco | CA |
| Crawford | Helen | Dalton | GA |
| Creighton | James | Galesburg | IL |
| Crooks | Dolly | APO | AE |
| Cunniff | Margaret | FPO | AP |
| Curry | Leah | Austin | TX |
| Dahlgren | Wayne | London | UK |
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| D'Amore | Denise | Dade City | FL |
| Danz | Dianne | Lancaster | PA |
| Davatelis | Manny | Longwood | FL |
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| Delaney | William | Fairfax Stn | VA |
| Delatte | Virginia | Georgetown | SC |
| DeLonge | Robert | APO | AE |
| Demos | John | Naperville | IL |
| Derry | Jean | Mill Valley | CA |
| Derry-Jensen | Elizabeth | APO | AE |
| Di Benedetto | John | East Falmouth | MA |
| Dial | Marlene | Charleston | WV |
| Dicke | Faith | Lake Villa | IL |
| Diesselhorst | William | APO | AE |
| Dominick | Cornelius | Locust Grove | VA |
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| Dooley | Edwin | Lexington | VA |
| Driver | Cecil | Blacksburg | VA |
| Dunham | Liz | APO | AE |

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| Ecker | Frank | Sun City | AZ |
| Eckert | William | Diamondhead | MS |
| Edwards | Mary | Tonawanda | NY |
| Eisenbaugh | Stephen | Stephens City | VA |
| El Sayed | Stephanie | APO | AE |
| Elliott | Andre | APO | AP |
| Ellis | Ingrid | Gilbert | AZ |
| Ellis | Karen | APO | AE |
| Eltz | Janis | New York | NY |
| Emerson | Jo | White Bear Lake | MN |
| Ender | Morton | Highland Fls | NY |
| Enge | Earl | St James Cty | FL |
| Ensminger | William | CO Springs | CO |
| Epperson | Gene | Wills Point | TX |
| Estes | Rachael | Hanson | MA |
| Etter | Mary | Pottstown | PA |
| Evans | Margaret | Clayton | CA |
| Eves | Janet | Neenah | WI |
| Fague | Alice | Orlando | FL |
| Fajardo | Diana | McKinney | TX |
| Faulwetter | Kathryn | Peoria | AZ |
| Fernandez | Francis | Tucson | AZ |
| Fernandez | Mike | APO | AP |
| Ferris | James | APO | AP |
| Finnell | Clyde | Palm Coast | FL |
| Flihan | Peggy | Encinitas | CA |
| Flinchum | Gary | Tulsa | OK |
| Foster | Kathleen | Corunna | MI |
| Fox | Earl | Fairfield Gld | TN |
| Fritz | Charlotte | Whitehall | PA |
| Gahagan | May Ann | APO | AE |
| Gallant | Gloria | Palm Harbor | FL |
| Gamal | Sandra | APO | AE |
| Garcia | Vicente | Houston | TX |
| Gerner | Michael | Flagstaff | AZ |
| Gerrity | Alice | Lake Ariel | PA |
| Getz | Harvey | FPO | AP |
| Gibson | Charlotte | Morning Sun | IA |
| Gillis | Donna | Las Vegas | NV |

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| Glasgow | Merle | Moorpark | CA |
| Goar | Lionel | Mesa | AZ |
| Goltz | James | Soldotna | AK |
| Goodson | Paul | Chicago | IL |
| Goold | Kenneth | McMinnville | OR |
| Graham | Cynthia | San Jose | CA |
| Graham | Michelle | Orlando | FL |
| Graham, Jr., | William F. | FPO | AP |
| Grant, Danny | Danny | APO | AE |
| Grant, Jeanne | Jeanne | Portland | OR |
| Graves | Elizabeth | Newburgh | IN |
| Gray | David | Trenton | NJ |
| Gregersen | Guttorm | Spanaway | WA |
| Griffin | Michael | APO | AE |
| Gunderson | Joyce | APO | AE |
| Gurney | Patricia L. | San Jose | CA |
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| Hagner | William | Ocala | FL |
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| Hall | Karen | Tucson | AZ |
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| Halling | Daryl | Milford | IA |
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| Hansen | Irving | Encinitas | CA |
| Hardie | Darlene | Buffalo | MN |
| Harper | Edward | Orangevale | CA |
| Harrell | Vivian | APO | AE |
| Harrington | Cornelius | Las Vegas | NV |
| Harrison | Mary | Little Rock | AR |
| Hayden | Elaine | Edgerton | KS |
| Hayden | Lynn | Portsmouth | VA |
| Heck | William | APO | AE |
| Helland | Phillip | Burnsville | MN |
| Hellie | Marsina | Vancouver | WA |
| Hendricks | Glenn | Minneapolis | MN |
| Henley-Davis | Jayne | Kailua | HI |
| Herson | Marcia | Bedford | NH |
| Hicks | John | Centerville | MA |

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| Hirschl | Miriam | Sun City W | AZ | Johns | Elizabeth | FPO | AP |
| Hoffer | Joyce | Seattle | WA | Johnsen | Heidi | Denver | CO |
| Hoffmann | Maria | Burke | VA | Johnson | Hanette | Bloomington | IN |
| Homans | Nancy | Minneapolis | MN | Jorgensen | Larry | Vista | CA |
| Honnold | Mark | FPO | AP | Jorgenson | Patricia | FPO | AP |
| Hopkins | John | Washington | MO | Journey | Jimmy | FPO | AP |
| Hopkins | Mike | Kinnesaw | GA | Kahn | Vilma | Temple City | CA |
| Hopkins | Warren | Rohnert Park | CA | Kale | Donald | Titusville | NJ |
| Horne | Dorothy | Mercer | PA | Kanikkeberg | Myron | APO | AP |
| Hosner | Irene | Sun Lakes | AZ | Karnock | June | San Jose | CA |
| Hudelson | Sherry | Nuevo | CA | Katz | Joyace Ann | Kingman | AZ |
| Humberson | Charles | Phoenix | AZ | Keegan | Michael | APO | AE |
| Hundeby | Karen | APO | AE | Keeley | Nelda | Coon Rapids | MN |
| Hunt | James | San Jose | CA | Keen | Kemme | Sahuarita | AZ |
| Hunt | Ajohn | Bradenton | FL | Keen | Raymond | Sahuarita | AZ |
| Hunt | Sara | Sacramento | CA | Keiser | Roy | Cape May | NJ |
| Hurtado | Hurtado | Dayton | OH | Kelliher | Judith | Newton Ctr | MA |
| Huss | Jean | Bellingham | WA | Kelly | Martha | London | UK |
| Hutchings | Norma | Macon | GA | Kennedy | Judith | Albuquerque | NM |
| Inouye | Donna | Monterey Pk | CA | Keogh | May Kay | Cleveland | MN |
| Iole | Peter | Mars | PA | King | Bernard | Dallas | PA |
| Ivers | Rob | Raymore | MO | King | Dennis | Erie | CO |
| Jackson | Karla | Tasco | WA | Kinsey | Doris | San Antonio | TX |
| Jacob | Mary Ellen | Lake City | MN | Kirchmeier | Andrew | Pardeeville | WI |
| Jacobs | Joan | Jacksonville | FL | | | | |

INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR AOSHS LIFE MEMBERS

In a recent mailing from AOSHS to all Life Members, we received several returned letters marked as undeliverable. We want to ensure we stay in contact with all our members and that they are receiving each edition of the *Quarterly* newsletter. Please help us obtain the current contact information for theses Life Members:

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| Hughes | Louis | Merrillville | IN | Peterson | Mary | Scottsdale | AZ |
| Larkin | Joseph | Boise | ID | Reilly | Eileen | CO Springs | CO |
| Merrill | Lawrence | APO | AP | Sanchez | Mary | DPO | AA |
| Munday | Patricia | APO | AE | Weinstein | George | Lawrenceburg | KY |
| Novinsky | Esther | FPO | AE | Wooten | Janis | FPO | AP |
| Pellaton | Jeffrey | APO | AE | Yee | Leah | Westfield | IN |

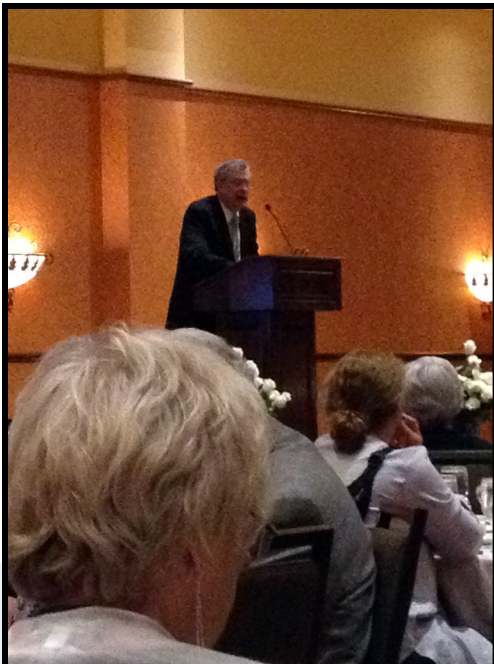
DoDDS Worldwide Reunion XXIX

TULSA, OKLAHOMA – July 26 – 30, 2017

DR. NANCY BRESELL, AOSHS Secretary

There's no people like DoDDS people, like no people I know...!

Many of us can recall vividly how **John and Barbara Williams** led us in singing the old show tune, with a unique DoDDS twist, at past gatherings. Reunions are such fun, but they are also an essential element in keeping the memories alive, especially for an organization like ours where over 50% of the schools we all worked in are now closed. We need to thank **Harry Stine** and his Reunion Committee and volunteers for everything they did to make **Reunion XXIX** the fabulous event it was.



Master of Ceremonies, Harry Stine.

Many attendees arrived before the official opening of Reunion XXIX activities, some to help Harry's team put the packets together for registration, others to explore Tulsa, and still others just to relax before everything began on Thursday. It was a time to catch up with old coworkers and friends before getting involved in the activities planned for us. Registration began on Wednesday. One item we need to stress is that the registration fee paid by participants only covers the basic three food events – the Thursday reception, the Saturday banquet, and the Sunday breakfast. AOSHS membership is not included in the registration fee.

The Reunion Committee set up four tours to show attendees the city of Tulsa's rich heritage. The City Tour focused on a few highlights of the city, while the **Will Rogers Tour** focused exclusively on America's Cowboy Philosopher. There were also two museum tours to provide us the opportunity to view art collections in incredible settings. The tours were all sold out and enjoyed by everyone.

The Thursday night reception was preceded by a welcome from the City of Tulsa delivered by **Vanessa Masucci**. Her sister is a DoDDS teacher in Italy. Interestingly, the

hotel contact person Harry worked with was **Nicki Boone**, a BRAT who attended Lajes and Alconbury. She was very attentive and made sure the staff knew who our group was. She even met some of her former teachers including **Helen Kay Galloway!**



"So glad that you are here! I am so excited to connect with a fellow Dragon. —Nicki"

This welcoming message greeted me as I entered my hotel room at the 2017 DoDDS Reunion at Tulsa, OK. Nicki Kaseeska Boone, now a wife and mother of 4 living in Tulsa, was a student in grades 4-7 at RAF Alconbury between 1979-83. Today she works in the sales department at the Renaissance Hotel, our home for the reunion. What a lovely surprise!

—Kay Galloway, Principal Alconbury HS, 1984-1992

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The entertainment was provided by the **Tulsa Indian Club**, whose members come from different Indian tribes of Oklahoma. **Rob Anquoe**, the leader who gave the introduction and led the chanting/singing, preferred to be called "Indian" and not "Native American". They have a large group that meets regularly in Tulsa and they try to keep some of their cultural heritage alive by passing it on to their youth. We were also entertained by a Will Rogers impersonator named **Andy Hogan**, a former principal who began doing this after he retired. He also volunteers at the Will Rogers Memorial in Tulsa giving tours and information to tourists. The reception that followed gave the 420 registered attendees the opportunity to meet and greet, and grip and grin as they encountered old friends and coworkers.

Friday was the big day for AOSHS with our annual meeting in the morning and the forum in the afternoon. The board presents a year's worth of information about its activities in support of the mission and goals of the organization in a well-designed, informative, and professional PowerPoint Presentation developed by board member **Kelley Germaine**. Great job, Kelley! In the afternoon, the forum was attended by a few AOSHS members who offered their opinions and advice about some AOSHS issues.

Following the AOSHS presentation, the audience welcomed **Mr. Tom Brady**, Director of DoDEA. Mr. Brady talked about the history of DoDEA and where the organization is focusing its attention today. He also told us a little about himself, adding that he will be known as "the

new DoDEA Director" for as long as he is in the job! He emphasized his points by showing us three videos produced by his office of communications. The AOSHS Board was excited to hear Mr. Brady say that every organization needed to maintain its history and that he and his Principal Deputy, **Dr. Linda Curtis**, would look into ways DoDEA might be able to help in that mission. His comments resulted in a standing ovation.

The morning ended with a presentation on the FEHB (Federal Employee Health Benefits Program) and Medicare by **Paula Jakub**, our representative for FEHB. Her presentations are always very informative and members are most appreciative of her efforts to attend the reunion and provide critical insights on these topics.

Friday afternoon was devoted to mini reunions. These meetings are always enjoyed by the people who attend them, giving them a venue for recalling some of their best years and experiences overseas.

The Hospitality Room was a busy place throughout the course of the Reunion. Vendors provided beautiful hand-made jewelry and books designed to appeal to this audience. Anyone who has ever lived in Germany was sure to appreciate the "license plates" **Chris Kyrios** had on display. Chris donates a portion of his proceeds to AOSHS. Thank you, Chris!



AOSHS Annual Board Meeting, Friday, July 28, 2017.

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A taste of Germany from the display of wares provided by Chris Kyrios.

The AOSHS tables were manned for purchase of polo shirts, pens and pins, and the Black Books capturing our history were on display. Attendees could also become members or renew their memberships in the hospitality room. This year, we got five new members and 21 renewals. It was inspiring to see a sample of the bricks and pavers we purchased on display. These will be mounted in the Wichita office as long as we have space for them. The star of the hospitality room was the raffle table manned by AOSHS volunteers (see Tom Smith's article).



AOSHS Sales and Membership tables in the Hospitality Room.



Saturday found us all dressed in party garb for the cocktail hour and banquet. How nice it was to see everybody and have the opportunity to catch up with old friends you hadn't seen yet. Harry's remarks were short and sweet, something most of us appreciated! The Banquet was followed by a short program which included a special recognition of **Ina Anderson** who celebrated her 100th birthday last December. Suzanne Bachman did a fine job compiling the information for the *In Memoriam* section, giving us the chance to think about those we have known who have passed on. The slide show and music were very tasteful and poignant.

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Finally, the moment we had all been waiting for arrived – the Teaser for 2018 and the announcement of the location of **Reunion XXX**. No one outside of the Reunion Committee members had any clue since Harry's hints were appropriately vague, but all were most pleased to learn that Buffalo, NY, had been selected as the host city. Harry was pleased to note that 135 people signed up for 2018 before leaving Tulsa! Hope to see you at the **Hyatt Regency Buffalo Hotel & Conference Center 18 – 22 July 2018**.

Never forget, “*There’s no people like DoDDS people...!*”



AOSHS ANNUAL MEETING PRESENTATION

KELLEY GERMAINE, Records and Technology Chairman

On **Friday, July 28th** we had our **AOSHS Annual Meeting** during the **DoDDS Reunion XXIX in Tulsa, Oklahoma**. The last 4 years we have provided a PowerPoint presentation format to deliver our messages to our membership. This year every member of the Board of Directors was a participant in this delivery and the subject matter was broad. It included:

- Opening with our Mission Statement and 6 Goals
- Listing of the board with each respective position/responsibility
- Approval of the July 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Introducing our Operations Manager, Monica Maack Tiller and showing pictures of the AOSHS office and archive storage facility
- Our Treasurer's Report
- AOSHS Database updates and members needed assistance
- Membership updates and needs
- Our tax-deductible status as well as museum, archive and Delano Redevelopment news
- The Quarterly production procedure and access on the website by members
- Five Phased Website Upgrades in progress
- AOSHS Archival Collections with focus on the important 4 Black Books
- Current and possible future Memorial Program(s)
- Additional information regarding AOSHS not known by many members
- Farewells to 3 of the Board members
- Volunteer recognition and naming of the Volunteer of the Year
- Announcement of new Donor Recognition Program
- Closing messages and an invite to participate in the AOSHS annual raffle prizes

This 2017 PowerPoint presentation will be available in its entirety on our website under the ‘About Us’ heading. The previous three annual meeting presentations are also there (2014, 2015, and 2016). If you were unable to attend this meeting or would like to review it again, please visit our website www.aoshs.org. There is a lot of interesting and essential information within these slides which go beyond these simple descriptions.



Volunteer of the Year 2017



This year the AOSHS Board of Directors selected **Denise Smith** as their **Volunteer of the Year**. A much-surprised Denise was sitting in the audience during the annual general meeting in Tulsa. She was listening to the description of her contributions to AOSHS but didn't realize it was her being described until a board member asked her to look at the big screen above the stage

showing her image. She was surprised!!!

Denise has been contributing many hours annually for the last eight years as the coordinator of the raffle table during the DoDDS Reunions. She also has worked in the archives 3-4 days each year sorting through the many items that have been donated to AOSHS for safe keeping when schools have closed overseas.

She is not new to volunteering. During her husband's 40 plus years as a DoDDS educator, she volunteered each year at every base where he was assigned. She did the "mother" type things when her children were in school like: baking cupcakes, frying chicken, making coleslaw, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, rolling spring rolls, cooking spaghetti, etc. She also was active in supporting the schools through chaperoning field trips, dances, and swimming classes. She was a Cub Scout leader and Girl Guide leader.

Denise was always a contributor within the school and community. She worked directly with students in the high school residence halls. She helped students write



scripts, choreographed dances and directed shows at George C. Marshall HS in Ankara, Turkey, Vicenza, Italy and London Central, England. She also used her professional dancing background when she coached high school dance teams at SHAPE and Bermuda. Because of her musical and dance background, she performed in and/or directed many local base productions of Broadway shows. She also taught ballet and tap dance classes through the MWR system on many bases.

She was active in the Officers Wives Clubs and Civilian Wives Clubs everywhere she lived. There she contributed her time to raising funds for scholarships, school clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, battered women's shelters, Alzheimer's support groups, animal welfare, children's hospitals to name a few.

Denise expects to continue volunteer work for AOSHS as long as people continue to contribute to the raffle each year.



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www.facebook.com/AOSHSArchive/

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RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE

DR. TOM SMITH, Vice President

During the **Tulsa DoDDS Reunion**, AOSHS held their annual raffle. This has become a prime funding resource for the AOSHS. It is also one of the activities that attendees look forward to during the reunion. All the items in the raffle are donated. This provides for all the income to go directly into the Operating Fund. AOSHS would like to thank all the contributors. Many of the items were priceless and "one

of a kind" that members had gathered during their career and wanted to provide for others to enjoy. This year we had over 30 contributors including members and vendors. Each year we begin with a clean slate and only exist through the generous donations of our members and friends.

This year we raised **\$2,496** through the raffle. We would like to make special mention of two donations which, between the two, brought in over one half of the total amount: A wonderful handmade quilt made by **Myrna Margraf** and a week in the Italian "Casa Carolina" donated by **Carol Cressy**.

We would also like to thank the board members and members who manned the raffle table throughout



Tom and Denise Smith with Bob Germaine at the Raffle Table. Behind is the quilt, "My Paris Summer", created by Myrna Margraf.

the reunion. Without them, there would be no raffle. Also, this year's **Volunteer of the Year, Denise Smith**, was recognized among her other contributions to AOSHS for the organization, coordination and selling of raffle items for many years during the reunion.



A REUNION AT THE REUNION

DIONNE CORNWELL, BRAT-1974-1978

My family was stationed in Sicily from 1976 to 1978, and, during that time, **Linda Stone** taught me for two years, in a combined second and third grade class. I so enjoyed having her as a teacher, that I began looking for her about 25 years ago, when I first had access to the internet.

I had no success until last November, when I finally thought of a search that I hadn't tried: I searched for "DoDDS teachers" and found the DoDDS Reunion website! Imagine my delight when I looked at the "See Who's Coming" page, and saw her name listed!

My next thought was, "Where will they be?", and my jaw dropped when I realized that the reunion was going

to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I happen to live! I loved being able to get to know her, again, this week, and enjoyed meeting and getting to know her friends that are also former DoDDS teachers!



GOODBYE *Au Revoir!*

Adios! FAREWELL

AUF WIEDERSEHEN CIAO! SAYONARA

No matter how you say it—*auf wiedersehen*, *adios amigo*, *ciao*, *au revoir*, or *sayonara*—a farewell is always difficult. Three members of the AOSHS Board of Directors are departing: **Lani Allanson-Donoho**, **Jill Abbott**, and **Stephen Abbott**.



Lani as the AOSHS Historian has worked tirelessly on the “Black Books” which are now on the website and can be viewed at any time. She worked closely with **Les Burch** on school locations. The history of AOSHS has been carefully maintained in these books. Lani always provided a popular item for the Reunion Raffle. She supported membership outreach for various educators not in attendance at the Reunion. She worked closely with **Doug Kelsey** on the membership data base and that was tedious. I would always say, leave it to Lani because she will get the job done well! Lani's replacement is **Rebecca Dunn**.

Jill as the Membership Chair and Memories person communicated with the AOSHS representatives in Europe and Asia by providing them with current information related to critical membership issues. At each conference call, she would give summarized data related to new members and membership renewals. She also wrote membership articles for the *Quarterly*. Jill was responsible for collecting and recording all types of memorable events from Brats and educators during their time in DoDDS. You know those stories



that follow an opening such as, “I remember when....” We have a collection of memories and can always use more! Jill's replacement is **Linda Connelly**.

Stephen was known as the “Money Man”. Not only did he keep our accounts straight, he also did our income taxes. He has experience in this area from his financial work with several civic organizations. He provided the AOSHS Board of Directors with a monthly financial statement and responded to questions whenever necessary. He always had workable solutions to financial dilemmas. Stephen's replacement is **Ron Harrison**.



At the Reunion, each of the departing board members received a crystal globe paperweight (like our logo/seal) which had AOSHS, their names, position held, and the years in the position etched on the crystal. We will not forget the diligent work that each one performed on the board and how their work moved us toward our AOSHS mission and goals. *Thank you for being on our team!*

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

JILL ABBOTT, AOSHS Outgoing Membership Chairman

AOSHS membership was enriched during the recent DoDDS Reunion in Tulsa. Several people stopped by our booth in the hospitality room, and joined or renewed their memberships as well as making donations, buying t-shirts and pens, and participating in our annual auction. Eight new members paid dues, and 26 people renewed their memberships. If you did not attend, perhaps your membership is due to be renewed. Please check your records and send in your renewal if warranted. Several members joined our new AOSHS Recognition of Donors Program with generous gifts (all tax deductible). We continue to urge both Life and regular members to bless us with your generosity and determination to keep our entity

solvent for the perpetuation of our heritage.

It is with mixed feelings that I announce my retirement from the AOSHS Board. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve the Board these past 4 years. My place will be taken by a wonderful volunteer, **Linda Connelly**. Here is a short introduction of Linda:

She was raised in Illinois, just across the river from St. Louis. Linda worked for DoDEA from 1978-2010. Her career included assignments in Germany, Bahrain, Japan, Okinawa and Guam. Luckily, she studied German in junior high and high school and that choice served her well. She taught secondary English and Social

Studies, worked as a high school librarian, and served as a school administrator. Linda met and married her husband, Michael, who was also a DoDDS teacher and coach, in Aschaffenburg, Germany.

Linda said that it is her distinct honor to be serving as the new Membership Chair for AOSHS.

"My challenge to you for the coming year is: 'Each One Reach One'. Reach out to a former colleague and encourage them to become an AOSHS member. More ideas will follow throughout the coming year."

Thank you, Linda, for volunteering to take my place, and I know you will be a valuable asset to AOSHS.

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO TO AOSHS

DR. NANCY BRESELL, AOSHS Secretary

At the AOSHS Annual Meeting on July 28, 2017, President Gayle Vaughn-Wiles introduced our Recognition of Donors Program. AOSHS wishes to recognize those who donate to support the Archives and our Operating Fund by thanking them in the Quarterly at least annually. While membership fees definitely are the backbone of our funding, member donations are vital to carrying out and expanding the work of the Society.

The Board agreed to continue the **Donor Support Levels** used by

AOSHS in the past, and added a sixth tier, Benefactors, for those who contribute \$2,000.00 or more. The Donor Support Tiers are as follows:

SUPPORTERS

Those who donate from \$25.00 to \$99.00

FRIENDS

Those who donate from \$100.00 to \$249.00

PACESETTERS

Those who donate from \$250.00 to \$499.00

SPONSORS

Those who donate from \$500.00 to \$999.00

PATRONS

Those who donate from \$1,000.00 to \$1,999.00

BENEFACTORS

Those who donate \$2,000.00 or more

The Board agreed to run the annual recognition program from the beginning of the current DoDDS Reunion (Reunion XXIX – July 26,

2017 this year) to the beginning of the DoDDS Reunion the following year (Reunion XXX – July 19, 2018 next year).

Shortly after the program was announced, several people made contributions. We would like to thank them, and those who have continued to respond to Gayle's letter, at this time for their generosity in heeding the call.

Again, we thank you for your donations.

BENEFACTORS

Dottie McCarthy

PACESETTERS

Winanne Murray
Mick Plummer

PATRONS

Joanne Bhatta
Kay Galloway
Jeanne Leach

SPONSORS

Les Burch
Susan Martz-Cothran

SUPPORTERS

MaryAllen
Beth Bishline
Joyce Boyd
Judy Buffa
Ruth Burton
Paul Child
John Dolan-Heitlinger
Dale Drysdale
Marcia Edwards
John (Buddy) Leavitt
Robert Lykins
Patricia Matthias
Scarlett Rehrig
Miriam Robinson
Marcia Sivesind

FRIENDS

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| Renee Brassard | Robert (Lucky) Moore |
| Tina Calo | Jim Onoprienko |
| Beth Cornell | Gloria Osborn |
| Patricia Currie | Patricia Pickens |
| Rebecca Dunn | Nancy Pittman |
| Carole Ernst | JanaLee Sponberg |
| Diane Gesick | Joan Sprague |
| Martha Haseley | Carole Stone |
| Charles Helmstetler | Linda Stone |
| Vicdan Kittelson | Elaine Strickland |
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| Jeff Martin | Glynn Turquand |
| Dorothy McCarthy | Mary Lee Wright |
| Linda McCauley | Roger Youngman |

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Life Members who responded to Gayle's letter asking them to consider donating any amount annually since they do not pay dues. As a result of her pleas, 80 Life Members donated **\$12,014.00** to date.

To all of you who found it in your hearts and pocketbooks to support the AOSHS mission, we thank you. Unless DoDEA or the DoD can find a way to keep the memories, memorabilia, and archival materials of the overseas schools, AOSHS will work tirelessly to keep the flame burning. *Thank you all for your continued support.*

DO I NEED AN ESTATE PLAN?

DANIEL A. DEBRUYCKERE, Attorney At Law

Submitted by **Kay Galloway**

When you think about what you want an estate plan to do for you, what things come to mind? Of course, you want to be able to pass on your wealth to your loved ones or to the charitable institutions of your choosing, but this is just the tip of the iceberg. When it comes to planning for what will happen after your death—and even what will happen during your lifetime, if you become disabled—there is so much more to take care of than simply doling out your possessions. What else should an estate plan do for you?

When we talk to our clients, they voice five main concerns that they'd like to address through the estate planning process:

1. Passing on their hard-earned wealth to their heirs without court involvement, and without a large percentage being taken out in the form of attorney's fees
2. Avoiding unnecessary taxes, not only during their lifetimes, but also during their heirs' lifetimes
3. Avoiding the loss of their nest egg to the high cost of a nursing home or assisted living facility
4. Protecting not only their estate, but also their loved ones, from creditors and predators after they're gone
5. Passing on wisdom, values, and life lessons to their children, grandchildren, and the generations that follow

What would happen if you died without putting a comprehensive estate plan into place? First, if your death were preceded by a period of incapacity, your family might not be able to access funds that were needed during your illness. Without the proper estate planning documents in place, financial institutions and other companies and organizations (utility companies, financial institutions etc.) will not speak with anyone trying to assist you. Next, if you had not legally expressed your wishes with regard to your end-of-life care, your family might not be able to carry out your wishes. A well-drafted estate plan would be needed to empower the person whom you designate to assist you.

After your death, the probate court would appoint an executor or administrator for your assets. In some states this can be a time-consuming and expensive process. The

probate process can be completely avoided with proper estate planning. But, in the absence of planning, there are no legal instructions with regard to the disposition of your assets. In other words, you were “*intestate*.”

If your family is forced to go through the probate process without a Will, the court will decide who will receive your assets based upon state law. Furthermore, you would have no input into who will raise your minor children or provide assistance for an adult child with special needs. State law and the judge will determine that for you. Of course, the judge would not be privy to your experiences and may make a different decision without the benefit of your guidance.

Unfortunately, the question is not *if* you will die, but *when* will you die. When you die, you can leave a plan to achieve your goals and care for your family or you can leave it to chance. Your family and your hard-earned assets are too important to pass without your direction. Contact a qualified estate planning attorney today. They can prepare a plan for you which achieves your goals of passing your assets to whom you wish and make sure that your selection of guardians for your children are heard by the court. The planning can even help minimize estate taxes.



Attorney **Daniel A. DeBruyckere** has been practicing law in New Hampshire and Massachusetts since 1998, and has helped hundreds of clients with their estate planning and elder care issues. He is well respected in the areas of estate planning, probate, trust administration, elder law issues, and business planning. Serving on the Board of Governors for the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, Attorney DeBruyckere is admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He is a former adjunct faculty member of the Massachusetts School of Law, and is also a member of the Essex County Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, New Hampshire Bar Association, Salem Bar Association, as well as a member of the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys. In 2017 he co-authored the book **Protecting Your Legacy: Why a Will Is Not Enough.**



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ASSET PROTECTION

KELLEY GERMAINE, Records & Technology Chairman

The first part of the 5 Phase Website Upgrade is done. Take a look at our “Memories” section under “Archive Collections” in the blue menu bar. The page has them listed by years (volumes) and by countries. We need more memories! Please see the information for submittals at the end of this article.

Our next upgrade will focus on the Educator and Student Archives. They will be migrated to our website to have the same look and feel. Our office will be able to maintain/update/add and delete records. Various types will be identifiable via the Wordpress functionality of Taxonomies. Look for this soon.

The third change will involve the membership section. We will have payment modules and support special members only sections of the website. The system will be able to send reminders and receipts for

online membership renewals. This upgrade will help us keep our membership database updated and more accurate.

The last two parts of our upgraded website will be developed in conjunction with our next phase of the Memorial Program. First, the current Online Memorial Program will be migrated to the enhanced website. All of the Memorial information, including engravings, donation and stone types, and donation history will be present. There will be revamping of the way memorials are entered and maintained so that it is easier to manage and update. The bricks and pavers mounted in our Wichita office will be viewable via the AOSHS website.

Our future online presence of the Memorial Program is still in development and will be discussed

during our September meetings and subsequent conference calls. We will be striving for additional functionality of videos, graphics and more that will more fully document the individual and/or group accomplishments and history.

Shortly, we will be announcing our new volunteer board members’ information in the “About Us” portion of the website. The new By-Laws that reflect our membership comments are now posted online, too.

We need your memories to add to the website access!

Please send your memory to **AOSHS Memories, 704 W. Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67203** or email to aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call – telephone **316.265.6837**.

IN MEMORIAM

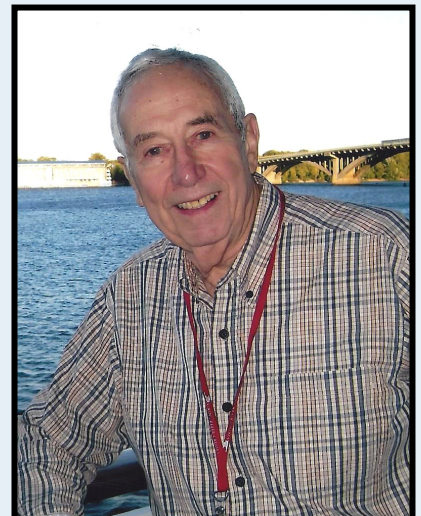
ARNOLD S. GOLDSTEIN

October 21, 1930-August 25, 2016

Arnold Goldstein was born in The Bronx, NY 85 years ago, and spent his formative years in the NYC area. He was a proud graduate of Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn and received a BA from Brooklyn College and an MA from New York University. Postgraduate work was later done at Boston and Southern California Universities.

After his two-year tour of duty in the U.S. Army, he taught science and social studies in the New York School System. While taking an evening class at NYU, he happened to read that interviews for counseling and teaching positions in DEG (Europe) were taking place that very night. After class, he raced uptown for an interview and the rest is history.

Arnold spent the next 37 years serving as high school counselor, elementary principal, and high school principal. In 1962 his career took him to an American military



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base in Verdun, France where he met and later married fellow educator, Betty Clanton. Further assignments were in England, Germany, Greece, and Vicenza, Italy where he began his career and ended it.

In retirement, he and Betty continued to explore the world and share their experiences with all who would listen. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, one daughter, and three sons their spouses, and nine grandchildren.

Sponsor: Betty Goldstein

BURKE F. ADAMS

December 26, 1935-January 5, 2016



Born on December 26, 1935, in East Garland, Utah, **Burke Adam's** family moved to Northern California when he was two years old. He grew up on a peach farm in Yuba City, California, with one sister and five brothers. After graduating from Yuba City High School, he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Chico State College and taught upper elementary grades. He served as a church missionary for two years in Guatemala and Nicaragua. He married Darla M. Ethington on June 26, 1959, and they had two sons, Brad and Scott, before Burke accepted a teaching position with the Section Six School at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. This gave opportunity for Mr. Adams to use the Spanish language he knew well. The Ramey position of grade 6 teacher began in 1963 and led to other positions in middle and high schools at this location.

While at Ramey Junior High School, Mr. Adams taught social studies and also developed an Audio-Visual Department with delivery to all five schools on the base; soon he was given an Assistant Principal position and was assigned the task of planning for the new high school during the final year of his eight years at Ramey. Two additional sons, Todd and Kevin, were born during the Ramey years. The Adams Family lived in Puerto Rico where all of them spoke Spanish as much as English. Mr. Adams accepted positions of Elementary Principal at both Goose Bay, Labrador, and Keflavik, Iceland, during which time a fifth son, Darin, was born.

In 1980, the family moved to Scotland, where Mr. Burke was the Principal of the K-6 Elementary School at RAF Edzell. He was also responsible for the DOD schools in Northern England. In 1981, he became the Business Manager for the Benelux Office of the Atlantic Region of the DOD Schools. He retired from that position in 1981 and the family returned to Yuba City, California. When back in California, Mr. Burke worked in school administration positions in the Marysville School District.

The final move was to Pleasant Gove, Utah, in 2006 where he ultimately passed away on January 5, 2016, of complications from Parkinson's Disease. His is survived by his wife, Darla, their sons, daughters-in-law, 19 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Sponsor: Darla Burke

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

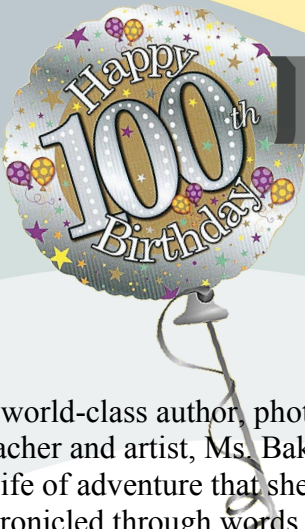
Daryl Frederick Umland,
November 7, 1941-March 19, 2017
Kitty Lundgren
Elizabeth "Liz" Ellinger

RAMSTEIN TEACHERS MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Dolores Sambuchino, et al

Names added in 2016-2017:

Clo Barron
Rosemary Jenkins
Mary Ann Tyler



MS. DORIS C. BAKER

Submitted by H.C. WOODY WOODWARD

A world-class author, photographer, teacher and artist, Ms. Baker has led a life of adventure that she's chronicled through words and film. Her photos, paintings and dialogue have captured national attention and awards, and her work with the U.S. Army has led to special commendations.

Her lifetime of many memorable "firsts" began in 1950, when she traveled from Montana to Bad Toelz, West Germany—the first overseas military base for Special Forces, where she served as an educator at the first United States Dependents School European Area (USDESEA). Ms. Baker served as classroom teacher at the U.S. Army Elementary and Junior High Schools, Flint Kaserne, and was honored to serve as the **first** principal of the Bad Toelz Elementary School.

During her career as a Department of Defense employee from 1950 to 1979, she worked closely with the 10th Special Forces Group commanders, officers, and enlisted personnel. There she developed a trusted relationship with members of Special Forces through her support of them and their families. Her experiences of living among the Green Berets served as the basis for her first book **The Originals**—a non-fiction book that highlights the first Special Forces Group in Europe, and the first and only book about the Green Berets ever written by a



woman. The book was selected as a semi-finalist in the William Faulkner Creative Writing Competition, by The Pirate's Alley Society in 1998.

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Her extensive travels after World War II were blended into her book, **I'll Let You Know When I Get There**. https://www.amazon.com/Ill-Let-Know-When-There/dp/1435703782/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1505251483&sr=1-3&keywords=doris+c+baker

Other written works include poetry, short fiction, articles and essays, which have appeared in *The Poetry Society of Virginia Anthology 2003*, *The Virginia Gazette*, *The Daily Press*, *The Virginian-Pilot*, *Pegasus*



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Review, Skylark, Sensations Magazine, German Life Magazine and other publications.

A talented photographer, Ms. Baker also captured a unique time in world history with her camera. Her photo collection of cold war-era photos from Europe was one of the first such exhibits displayed at the Swem Library at the College of William & Mary in an exhibition entitled “Viewing The World—Travel Photography through Doris Baker’s Lens.”

The original 10th Special Forces Group continued to remain in Ms. Baker’s heart throughout her life, and she later assisted in the acquisition and preservation of archives, photos and memorabilia

for the Airborne & Special Operations Museum Foundation at Fort Bragg.

In order to keep the legacy of the 10th alive, she also has spoken to various military groups, incoming commanders, and the wives on the topic of Special Forces history.

For her services, Ms. Baker was awarded the Special Forces Association Chapter LXV Silver Honorary Life Member.

She went on to complete a Master’s Degree from the University of Michigan, and also to expand her creativity by developing a talent for painting.

Ms. Baker currently resides in Virginia Beach, VA at Atlantic

Shores Retirement Community, where she is surrounded by military colleagues, and continues to express herself and strive for more “firsts.”

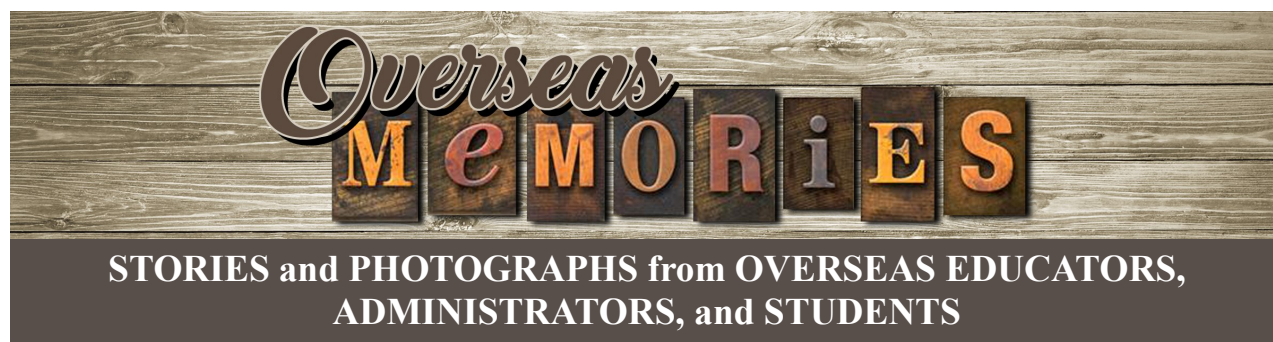
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WESERMUNDE and BREMERHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

How They Got Their Names

LES BURCH, Schools List Historian

In 1924, a few small towns at the mouth of the Weser River were united into a new town called Wesermunde (mouth of the Weser). In 1939, Bremen’s second harbor, Bremerhaven, became part of Wesermunde. During WWII, this harbor was deliberately saved from total destruction by allied forces because they planned to use it to supply occupying forces after the war. At the close of the war, the four main allied nations—the USA, Great Britain, France, and the USSR—split Germany into four zones of occupation. Northern Germany, with its main city of Bremen, was placed under British control. Use of

the port of Wesermunde was given to the US, and it became a US Forces enclave in the British Zone.

In 1947, it came under the jurisdiction of the Bremen Federal State, and was subsequently renamed from Wesermunde to Bremerhaven. When the first thirty-seven elementary schools and five high schools opened on October 14, 1946 in Germany for American dependent children, Wesermunde Dependent School was

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WESERMUNDE and BREMERHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS—continued

one of the elementary schools within the BFS, so when the port of Wesermunde's name was changed to Bremerhaven, the original school's name was changed to Bremerhaven Elementary School.

2017 SUMMER MEMORIES from LANI ALLANSON-DONOHO

Zakopane, Poland



My Zakopane, Poland Group From left: Maja, Julia #1, Viktor, Machek, Julia #2, Suzannah, Paulina, and our Mascot Schtep! Great Group!



During Polish Night last night, the children shared with us the history of Poland complete with videos! We learned about towns, cities, villages, famous Polish people and customs! We sang songs in Polish and the children performed a Traditional Polish Dance! For supper, we roasted Polish Sausages over the campfire! Dorota, our Global Volunteers leader, is on the right roasting sausages!



A Catholic Church in Zakopane up on the mountain. My fellow volunteer Kathie and I took the Funicular up to get to it. Mass was being celebrated inside! Gorgeous!

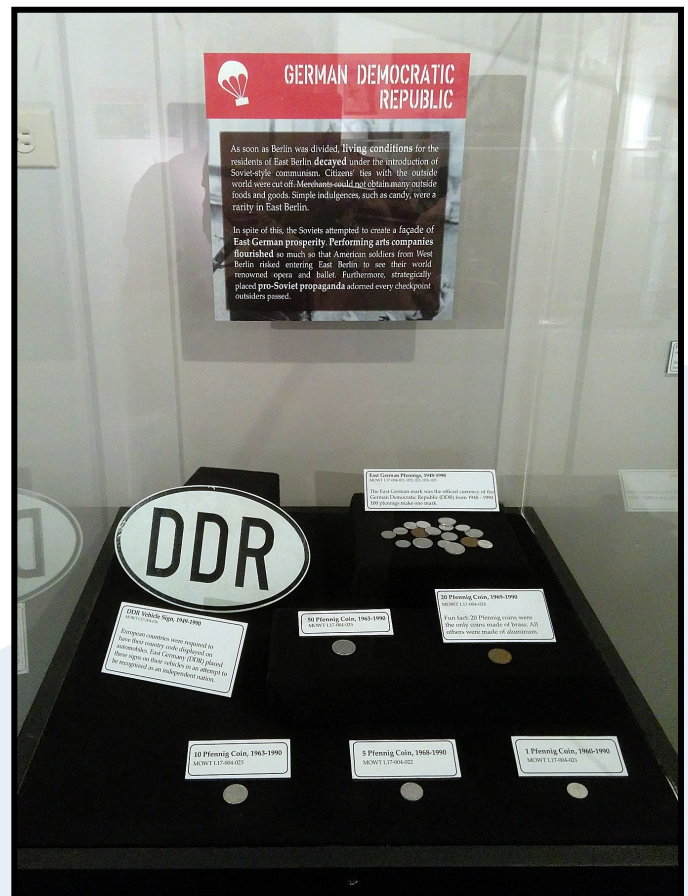
AOSHS SPONSORS EXHIBIT OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT



children below between 1948-49 in the operation he founded, "**Operation Little Vittles**", all from **Halvorsen Tunner Elementary-Middle School** in Rhein Main which closed its doors in 2005. Additional items that are part of the permanent Museum of World Treasures collection are also part of the exhibit.

In attendance at the Grand Opening of the exhibit from AOSHS were Operations Manager, **Monica Tiller**, Archives Supervisor and new AOSHS Treasurer, **Ron Harrison**, and his wife and AOSHS volunteer, **Glenna Harrison**. Ron and Glenna lived in Berlin between 1969 and 1972, where Ron helped keep the air corridors clear of East German and Russian military activity, and Glenna taught at Berlin American High School.

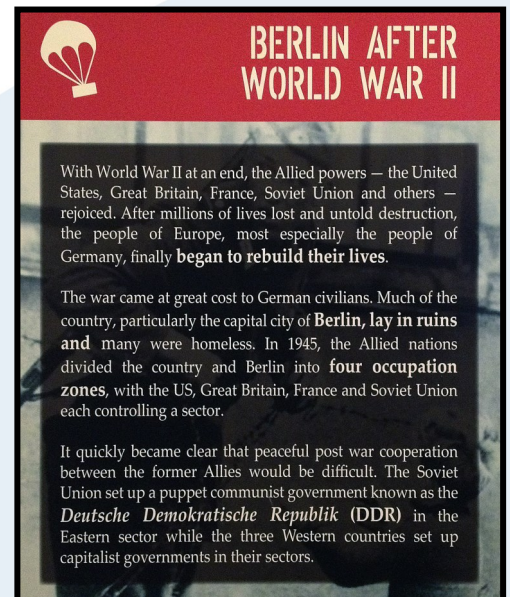
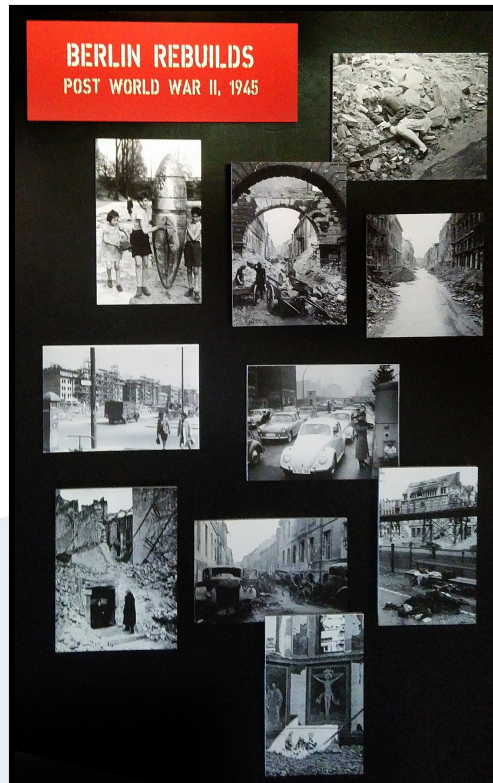
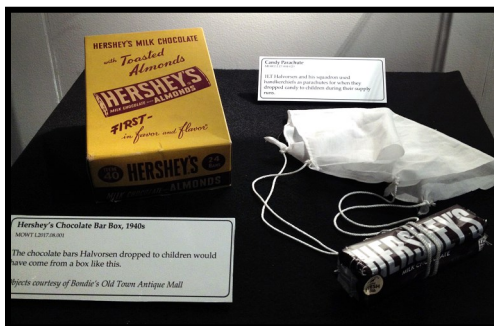
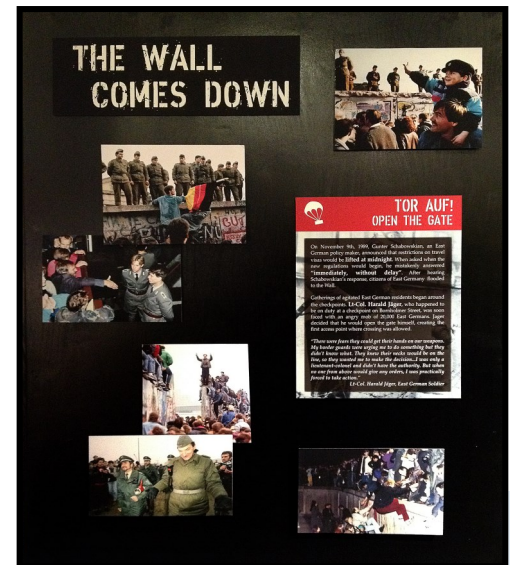
Currently in the Rotating Gallery at the **Museum of World Treasures** in Wichita, KS is the exhibit: **ALL ARE NOT FREE: Experiences of Berlin Residents During the Cold War**, which opened Saturday, August 12th. The title of the exhibit comes from a speech that **President John F. Kennedy** gave in June 1963 titled, "**Ich Bin Ein Berliner**". This fascinating exhibit takes visitors through the experiences of the Berlin residents during the Cold War, where they can view items on special loan from AOSHS such as photos found in the AOSHS Archive of the **Berlin Airlift** and of "**The Berlin Candy Bomber**", **Colonel Gail Halvorsen, Ret.**, and handkerchief replicas of the candy-held parachutes dropped by Colonel Halvorsen and his team of pilots over Berlin to the



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Ron and Glenna Harrison.





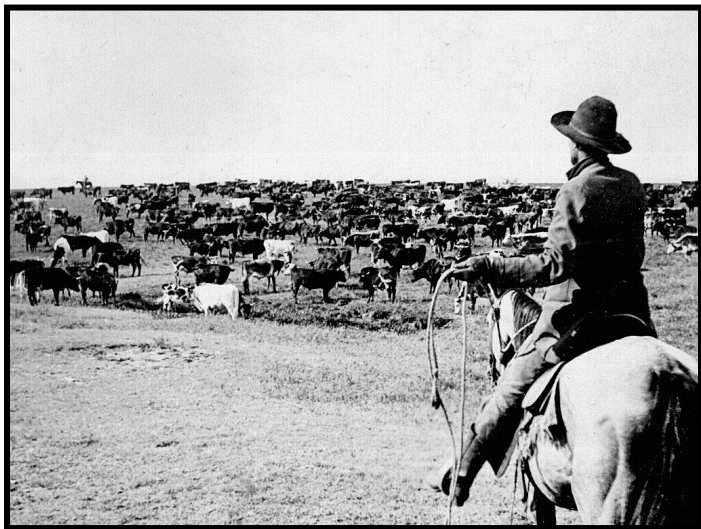
HISTORIC DELANO'S COLORFUL HISTORY

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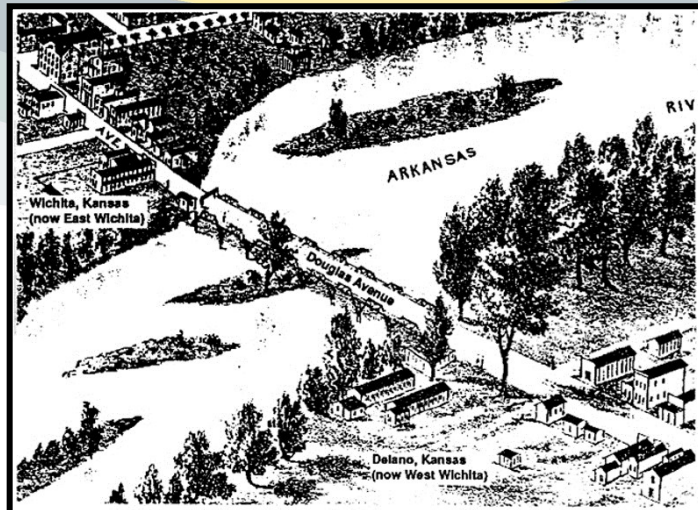
The AOSHS Archive in Wichita, Kansas is currently located in a part of the city chock-full of rich history.

Just west of the Arkansas River is the **Historic Delano District**, once the backdrop of the true "Wild West" and a truly lawless town.

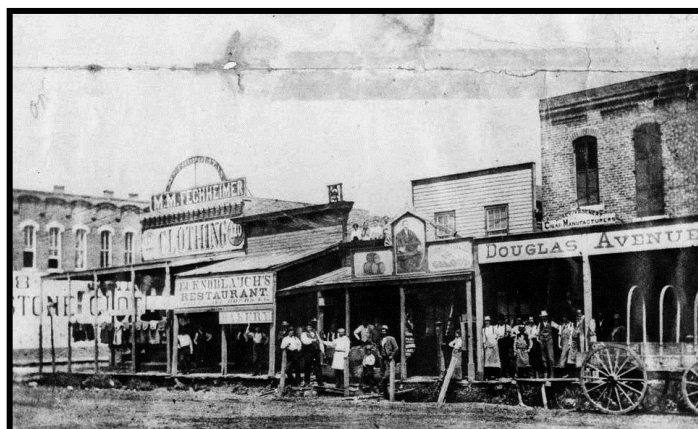


As part of the **Chisholm Trail**, herds of cattle were brought into Delano via what is now Douglas Avenue, right in front of our archives, on their way across the river into Wichita to the cattle pens there.

There were a number of saloons in the first couple of blocks west of the river, and as AOSHS is located in the second block just west of the river, we were most likely the home of a bawdy saloon, though with a different structure.

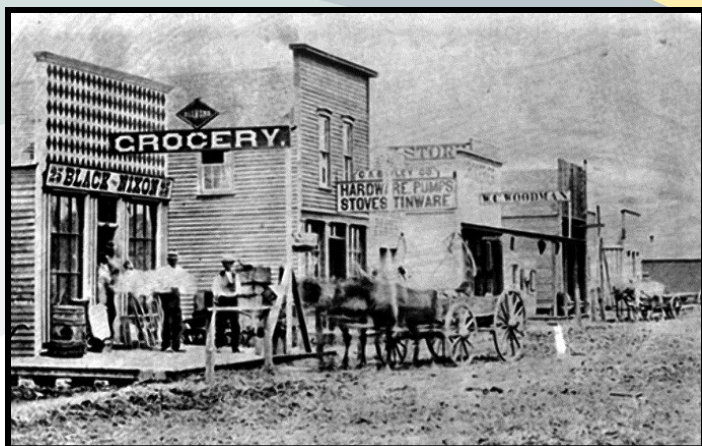


During the years of 1872-73 the saloon keepers sponsored a curious form of entertainment on Sunday afternoons (weather permitting of course). Cowboys would load the saloon girls into wagons and take them down river a short distance. The girls would then strip naked, tossing their clothing in the



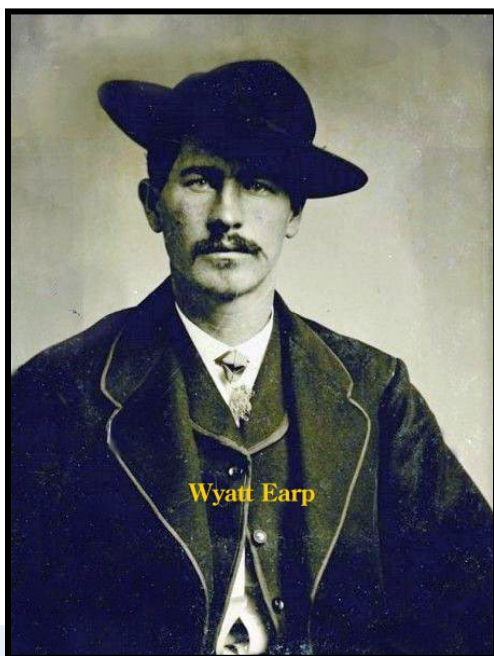
back of the wagons. At the sound of a pistol, the girls would race back to the saloons accompanied by the whooping and hollering cowboys. Bets were placed on the race and the winner would receive a prize.

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The cattle-shipping industry became a crucial part of the formation of Delano as a recreational district for cowboys. "Vices" were kept out of the Wichita area. Most of the gambling, drinking and prostitution took place in the township of Delano, which did not have any law enforcement. Guns were checked at the bridge before you could cross into Wichita. Often, drunken cowboys would shoot their firearms much as boys shoot fireworks off today. Occasionally there would be gunfights.

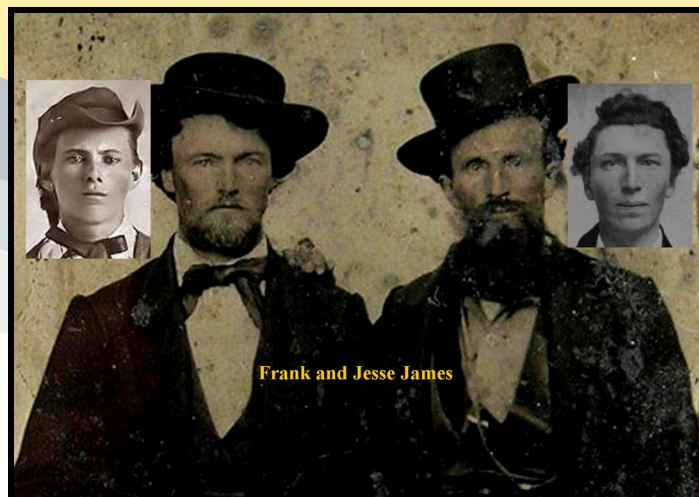
Wyatt Earp was a City Marshall who was



responsible for collecting legal permit fees from the saloon owners and their working girls.

Frank and Jesse James once strolled the streets of the Delano District. There's a tale that they cased the 1st National Bank but passed on

a holdup due to the high security of the huge basement vault. They were acquainted with the likes



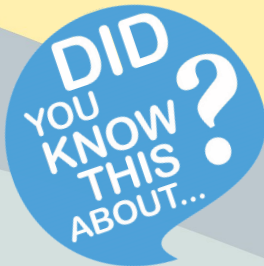
of the Earps, **Doc Holiday**, and **William Henry McCarthy Jr.** to name only a few.



In 1870 Delano became an important cattle-shipping center on the Chisholm Trail. Millions of heads of cattle were shipped out of Wichita's rail yards. Eventually the cattle trade moved farther west to Dodge City and Delano was incorporated into the city of Wichita. Today Delano is home to dozens of unique shops, art galleries, restaurants, AND,

the **American Overseas Schools Historical Society!**





AOSHS

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The all-volunteer board of AOSHS meets four times during the summer DoDDS reunion, wherever it may be held. In September, we all travel to the Wichita AOSHS Headquarters for 2-3 days of meetings. During this timeframe, we schedule the subsequent telephone conference calls throughout the year totaling four to five times before the next DoDDS reunion.

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AOSHS is a Kansas non-profit organization that collects, records, preserves, exhibits, and provides research opportunity about historical memorabilia of the American overseas schools. Members promote global knowledge and understanding of this unique endeavor, thus adding a critical chapter to the history of American education.

This AOSHS Quarterly is published four times a year by the Society to enhance public understanding of the human effort, service, reward, and sacrifice in educating our American children and youth abroad.

AOSHS MEMBERSHIP is \$25.00 annually and includes four issues of the newsletter. Two years for \$45.00. To join, send dues to AOSHS, 704 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67203-6104. A membership application form is provided elsewhere in this newsletter for your convenience.

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The AOSHS Policy

The Directors realize that to obtain all AOSHS objectives:

- 1) the strong support of the membership is absolutely essential and must be recognized;
- 2) that although the Society greatly appreciates and recognizes all donations and gifts, it will neither recommend nor encourage its members to obtain the services or products of any company; and,
- 3) the Society will not discriminate on the basis of lifestyle, race, sex, religion, or political affiliation.

The Board of Directors do not receive any compensation for meetings or travel. As a group, we work throughout the year to serve the AOSHS mission and goals. With this in mind, we carefully analyze all expenditures, to the point that the Board members donated monies to allow our Operations Manager, Monica Maack Tiller, the ability to attend the Tulsa reunion and participate in the specific reunion activities.

Each passing year it becomes more challenging to meet the needs as more DoDEA schools are closing. Our facilities are brimming with artifacts and memorabilia that should have worldwide access to all. We are pursuing the idea of archiving all of the treasures but this takes money that is still needed. We need to hire a professional archivist and then use appropriate equipment to document. Simultaneously, we are pursuing using the part of the building we own next door to facilitate as a local museum as well as a studio for producing the images for the website.

We thought you should know these important aspects of AOSHS and your Board of Directors. *Thank you for being a part of this great organization.*



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**AOSHS welcomes new members to join us using this form.
Please feel free to pass it along to friends and colleagues.**

NOTE: Effective August 1, 2009, the Individual Life Membership Program was discontinued. With the cost of operations continually on the rise, this seemed be one of the economic moves to help us stay operational. **Once we become life members, many of us forget that donations are still needed to help keep us afloat.** Those of us who are life members are, of course, grandfathered in--*ALL existing life memberships are still in place.* The program simply has been closed to future new life memberships. So please, do not forget to send in a donation if you are able. You can use your birthday as a reminder, for example.

For those of you who have an annual membership, please renew on time or pay ahead of your due date so that your *Quarterly* newsletter is not discontinued. Just indicate on the form that you are paying before your expiration date. Dues may be paid by check, money order, or VISA/MasterCard, and can also be called in using your credit card at **316-265-6837**.

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