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The AOSHS Board of Directors has a draft of updated by-laws posted on the website. It is important for each member to review the update so they may be voted on at the annual membership meeting in Richmond, VA, July 17 - 20. To review the by-laws please go to www.aoshs.org and click the **About Us** link. You can then click on the **Draft By-laws** to read them.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in Richmond you may complete the ballot below and mail your vote to be postmarked by June 15 to the following address:

AOSHS - Absentee ballot
704 W. Douglas Ave.
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Absentee ballot regarding new draft by-laws

I am unable to attend the membership meeting in Richmond and cast my vote as follows:

- ☐ Approve draft by-laws
☐ Do not approve draft by-laws

Printed name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Tales From the Top Shelf

by Iain Woessner

Heidelberg, Germany lies on the river Neckar in the lush valley in the Odenwald, half a world away from Wichita Kansas. This city is home to a rich culture, a rich history and, until recently, it was also home to Heidelberg Army Base, and Heidelberg American Schools—schools that, although now closed, have managed to pass on their memories and memorabilia into safe keeping.

The back of the archive positively swells with a cavalcade of items and artifacts. Glass-framed collections of photographs, boxes full of trophies, autographed basket and volleyballs, and a great big time capsule that we have yet to open.

It's an impressive collection, and there's plenty that we haven't even gotten into, a lot of packages and brown paper and that magical sense of mystery is as thick in the air as the dust we kicked up bringing it in. Ron and our volunteer Myrna Margraf have been slowly disseminating the items and figuring out the best way to catalog them, and we are looking forward to their completed inventory

Driving to the DODDS Reunion?

If anyone is driving from Wichita or through Wichita to Richmond for the reunion we could use some help getting our T-shirts to the reunion site. Please stop by the office and pick some up.

Selection of New DoDEA Director

It is with great honor that I share with you news about the selection of our

new DoDEA Director. Mr. Thomas M. Brady is the new Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)

Mr. Brady has extensive experience as an educational leader, most recently as

a former Superintendent of Providence Rhode Island Public Schools. Prior to

his leadership of Providence Rhode Island Public Schools, he was the Chief

Executive Officer for the School District of Philadelphia, and Chief Operating

Officer for the District of Columbia Public Schools and Fairfax County Public Schools.

Mr. Brady's commitment to public service is not limited to the education

sector. He served as a commissioned officer for 25 years in the United States

Army. Highlights of his military career include serving as the Commanding

Officer, Fort Belvoir, Va., and a battalion commander at Fort Benning, Ga.

In addition to his valuable skills and experience in leading some of this

country's largest school districts successfully through difficult operational

and logistical challenges, Mr. Brady brings to DoDEA a deep understanding of

the importance of our schools as a critical quality of life factor for

military families around the world. His wife, Lisa, a Registered Nurse for 39

years, his five children, and three of his seven grandchildren have attended

our schools. He is certainly well versed in the unique challenges

military-connected students and their families face every day.

With Mr. Brady as our Director, I will return to my position as our Principal

Deputy Director and Associate Director for Education. It has been an honor

and privilege to serve as your Acting Director for the past four months and I

look forward to working with Mr. Brady and all of you in educating and

supporting our military-connected children around the world; ensuring they are

college and career ready and empowering them to achieve their highest

potential.

Submitted by Adrian B. Talley, Acting Director Department of Defense Education

GOODSEARCH

When you register on GoodSearch and select the American Overseas Schools Historical Society as your choice nonprofit, each time you search on line, a donation will be made to AOSHS.

This search engine is powered by Yahoo, so the results are very good. GoodSearch gives 50% of its advertising revenue to the organizations registered with them.

One doesn't have to be a member of AOSHS to support it. Perhaps you have younger family members who make more use of the internet than you. You might encourage them to use GoodSearch and GoodShop, where a percentage of their purchase is donated to AOSHS. The link to GoodShop is at the top of the GoodSearch home page.

Here are the steps to take:

1. Go to www.goodsearch.com
2. Click on Get Started, and complete the

information requested. Once you type in the name American Overseas Schools Historical Society or AOSHS on this page, each time you go to GoodSearch to find information, AOSHS will automatically be credited; you never have to type it in again.

Now that you are registered, stay on the GoodSearch page. In order to make GoodSearch your internet homepage, use the following directions, depending on which internet system you use:

1. Internet Explorer:

- a. Go to Tools (upper right corner), click on it, and select Internet Options

- b. Select the General Tab

- c. Type in

<http://www.goodsearch.com> - and click OK

2. Safari Instructions:

- a. Go to Safari, click on it, and select Preferences

- b. Select the General Tab

- c. Type in

<http://www.goodsearch.com> - and click OK

Now when you click on your Internet icon, the GoodSearch page will come up. These steps, registering and making GoodSearch your home page, will help support the Historical Society.



AOSHS Donation Form

As of December 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E--mail: _____

Name of the person who had these items _____

Name of item(s) and/or overseas location(s):

Description of item(s) being donated:

If more room is needed, please use the backside of paper.

Restrictions, if any:

Estimated value of item(s) – if applicable:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

The signature below indicates release of the donation(s) to AOSHS to be used at its discretion for safe keeping and historical longevity of the American Overseas Schools.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Receipt of item(s) to be donated to AOSHS will be confirmed after review and documentation is complete.



Message from The Board

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tina Calo

As part of our renewed emphasis on communication with members, we will try to give you updates on our meetings as well as what is happening with our members around the world. If you have interesting news/events to share, please send them to us, along with a picture if one is available.

Well, Dear Members,

This is it--after 6 years as your President this is my last Quarterly.

We have gained status as an organization but still have a large group of educators, Brats, and the military who do not know we exist. Tom Smith and Gayle Vaughn-Wiles have been getting the word out in both the Atlantic and the Pacific arenas and they have put together a team from the overseas schools to work on membership and to report to us any exciting events going on within the DoDDS community.

If you are on Face Book, Maryellen Pienta does a great job of keeping us up to date on the DoDDS Teachers Face Book page. We also have an AOSHS group to keep you in the loop. Both are great networking pages. And don't forget our AOSHS web site. The staff and board members are working hard to bring it up to date as well.

We continue to take an active part in the DoDDS Reunions and hope that those of you who attend will also be at the annual meeting to confirm the new board, to vote on the changes in the By-laws, and to step up to helping this fantastic board continue their good works.

A few sad moments during these years was the loss of our founder, Dr. Tom Drysdale. Without his vision to want to preserve our history I would not be writing this message today. We also lost a number of our colleagues, many who were good friends, siblings, and spouses. The Rose Ceremony is only a small representation of those who are gone from us.

On the positive side we continue to take forward steps to finding a home for our bricks and pavers, plus a place to display some of the memorabilia we have collected. With so many base closures our archives are bursting at the seams. It is time to get some of the items out into the public eye. We are working with our editors, Circe Woessner and Allen Dale Olson to establish a spot in their future military village to be located in Albuquerque, NM. They are getting closer and closer to completing the plans and we will start boxing up extra yearbooks to send for the library shortly. Chris Kyrios is working on a connection at Colorado State U. where we may have a spot for people who want to research our history. Evelyn Bauer is still in touch with the group outside Ft. Belvoir who are making plans for a new Army museum.

We are now at the stage to start checking on the cost to have the bricks and pavers become a reality. There is much more to tell but I am already late getting this to Circe.

My final bit of news is this: By the time you read this we should have the deed to our building in hand. YOUR BOARD HAS ACCOMPLISHED THE MISSION OF PAYING OFF THE MORTGAGE! Wichita now is truly OUR Headquarters.

See you in Richmond in July.

Tina

AN UNPRECEDENTED WELCOME

By Allen Dale Olson

It was the first week of May, and my boss and I, MG Isaac Smith, were the only passengers, and we were occupying two of the four seats in the Army executive jet winging us to Madrid for a meeting with officials of the 16th Air Force and the DoDDS superintendents for the Mediterranean Region. It had been a gloomy rainy April in Heidelberg, and I was hoping for a glimpse of the sun during our two days in the capital of Spain. Having an extra seat helped me relax and doze to the purring of the engines as I reflected on an evening of *tapas* with our hosts for tomorrow's meeting.

Ike, from across the aisle nudged me awake and pointed out my window. To my surprise, I saw several Spanish Air Force jet fighter planes in close formation right beside us. Same on his side. Our little jet was hemmed in by an escort of sleek fighters, as our crew gradually began bringing us down to the runway on Torrejon Air Base, the military section of Madrid's international airport.

The jets scurried away as we touched down and taxied beside a division of Spanish soldiers in daily-wear fatigue uniforms presenting arms to our aircraft. Our plane came to a stop, then made a U-turn back to the soldiers, now standing at ease.

An honor guard approached the side of the plane from which we would disembark, and General Smith returned the salute of the three Spanish Army colonels who welcomed us at the foot of the ramp. The senior colonel asked us to troop the line and led along the entire formation where we paused before the band to present arms for both the U.S. and Spanish national anthems. The troops were rigidly braced throughout our walk.

Possible Location for AOSHS Bricks and Pavers

Identified As the Museum of the American Military Family moves closer towards its goal of building its museum complex in an Albuquerque city park, it has made overtures to AOSHS to co-locate on site. The City architect has made preliminary sketches, which could accommodate an AOSHS Memorial park in the museum complex. In addition to the memorial park, the design calls for a school building to house AOSHS' Mary Muehring Library, and an adaptive playground.

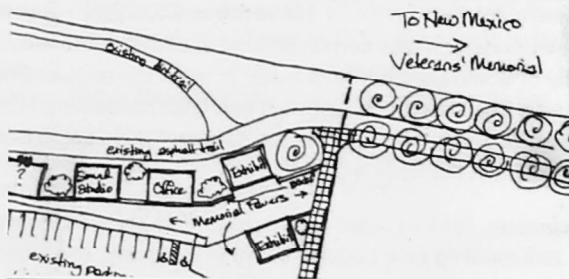
Two black limousines with U.S. Embassy registrations drove to the airstrip and let out an escort officer from each car. Behind the second car was a communications van with all kinds of satellites and technical gear in plain sight. Ike was helped into the lead car, I into the second car and we were taken to the military terminal. Once in the terminal, the limos disappeared, and we saw the soldiers marching toward buses at the far end of the runway.

Awaiting us in the terminal were an Air Force major and an Air Force captain, one a protocol officer, the other the Torrejon Area schools officer. In an Air Force sedan, they drove us to our military guest quarters and briefed us on the events planned for the evening and on the final agenda for tomorrow's discussions.

Now that I have your attention, I must say that we were never again welcomed to 16th Air Force or any other military base with such fanfare. We had arrived just three days before the arrival of President Ronald Reagan coming to Madrid to meet with the king and prime minister, and the troops were making their first full-blown rehearsal for his arrival.

Three days later they would be out in formal dress uniforms, the welcoming party would include the prime minister, the Spanish secretary of state, and the U.S. ambassador.

When we flew out of Torrejon very early on the morning after our meeting, a day before the President's arrival, we looked out our windows on takeoff to see the military buses arriving with the troops for their final rehearsal. We were too early to get the full treatment.



The AOSHS Memorial Program

Memorial Program

You may purchase a brick or paver in your own name, as a gift in memory of a friend or loved one, or a school. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below for the correct order card(s). You may include a 300-word biography and a photo along with the check when you submit your order. The selection of bricks/pavers appears below.

Memorial Fund

You may organize a fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the Quarterly so that others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine which item the fund will purchase. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below to request a Memorial Fund Form, or print the form at www.aoshs.org/kiosk; just click on Memorial Program.

Donate

You may also donate to an already established fund by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below. Please note the honoree's name on the check's memo line.

AOSHS Memorial Program,
PO Box 4312 Scottsdale AZ 85261-4312
[Don't forget to indicate the honoree's name]

Memorial Program for Alumnae/Alumni

We have had many names added to our Those No Longer with Us paver, where friends or loved ones have sent a donation to remember a special person in their lives, but did not wish to purchase a brick or start a memorial fund.

Though this began as an educator remembrance, several of those recognized are alumni. Because of the increase in donations for this fund, we feel it appropriate to create a second paver specifically to recognize alumni. If friends wish to remember a deceased former student, send the honoree's name, school, and year of graduation (if appropriate), and it will be included in alphabetical order on the kiosk page, which can be viewed by going to www.aoshs.org/kiosk, then clicking on the Interactive Kiosk link, and following directions.

To remember an alumna/alumnus in this way, send a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below.

Please note the honoree's name on the check's memo line and include a note requesting that this person be honored on the Alumni Memorial Paver.

e-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

Note: e-mails must include AOSHS in the subject area

Type of Bricks and Pavers Offered In the Program	Size (in inches)	Characters/Line (includes spaces)	Maximum Lines	Total Characters (includes spaces)	Cost
Ceramic Brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$100
Ceramic Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$250
Medium Granite Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$500
Large Granite Paver	16 x 16	25	11	275	\$1000
Premium Granite Paver	24 x 24	35	17	595	\$2500

MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Dawn Anderson **November 25, 1944 - December 12, 2013**

Joan Dawn Anderson was born in Storm Lake, Iowa, and raised in Madison, South Dakota. In 1967, she graduated from the University of South Dakota with a major in math education. She taught in Gibbon, MN before accepting a math teaching position with DoDDs schools in Guam and later Heidelberg HS and Mannheim HS. Joan gained an advanced degree in school administration and became the assistant principal at Karlsruhe High School in 1986. In 1989 she accepted a position in the UK DSO at the Business Manager.

While overseas, Joan traveled extensively. She enjoyed learning about other cultures, sampling the cuisines (including the beers!), and meeting new people. While in Germany, she was an avid "Volksmarcher", touring the German countryside every weekend. Joan moved back to the Madison area in 2006. She continued her interests including PDK, golf, following all high school sports and music activities, listening to music, especially Barbra Streisand, traveling with her USD Chi Omega sisters, and cheering on her beloved Green Bay.

Bill was born on December 24, 1934 in Lohrville, Iowa. He graduated from Lohrville High School in 1953 and from Iowa State Teacher's College in 1958 with a BA in Social Studies. In 1972 he completed his MA in Library Science from the University of Northern Iowa. He served his country in the U.S. Army from May 1958 to April 1960.

Bill married Rita Kirlin in 1963 and together they had three children. He taught school in Iowa before joining DoDDS in 1964 where he taught Social Studies in Bremerhaven, Germany. He then became the media specialist at W.T. Sampson HS in Cuba, Fulda HS in Germany and Matthew Perry HS in Iwakuni, Japan. He was a member of the educator organization of PDK. Bill retired from DoDDS in 1996 and moved back to Iowa where he passed away on December 27, 2013, from complications of leukemia.

Alyce Lottig Britton May 6, 1936 - July 11, 2013

Alyce Lottig Britton was born in Lake Geneva, WI and graduated from Walworth High School in 1953. She received her degrees in primary education from Racine-Kenosha Rural Normal School and Wisconsin State College in Whitewater, WI. She taught in several local schools and in 1963 accepted a teaching position with DoDDS in Karlsruhe, Germany where she spent her entire 30 year career teaching elementary grades. In 1975 she married Robert Britton in Bern, Switzerland.

In 1993, Alyce and Robert retired and returned to the Lake Geneva area. She enjoyed traveling and life in general and her talk was always about her family, friends and her fond memories.

Terry Richard February 9, 1942 - February 21, 2014

Born in Springfield, MA, Terry received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education from American International College in Springfield and a second Masters in Human Resource Management from Pepperdine University in 1977 while in Iwakuni, Japan. He taught for six years in Wilbraham, MA, as an elementary teacher and HS Work Study Coordinator.

In 1970 a journey began that he couldn't have envisioned when he met Jan while they were both vacationing in Puerto Rico over spring break and married later that year. He taught for three years at Ramey AFB in Puerto Rico and two years at MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, before becoming an administrator. His 25 year span as a principal included assignments for the PREP program in Iwakuni, Solars ES in Misawa and Makiminato, Kinser, and Bechtel schools in Okinawa. One of the most challenging tasks for him came in 1987 closing Makiminato ES/MS and opening the newly built Kinser ES at the same time. In 1993, Terry received the National Distinguished Principal Award representing the District of Okinawa.

Terry retired from DoDDS in 2000 and moved to Parrish, FL, living out his dream of golfing every day. Terry always felt that his greatest accomplishment was helping students achieve success. A visionary, Terry was very goal oriented and welcomed challenges. He touched many lives along his journey.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Y. Taira**December 1, 1933 - November 24, 2013**

Betty was born in Los Angeles, received her BS in Education in 1957 at the University of Maryland, and her M Ed. in Guidance and Counseling in 1971 at Ohio University. She taught in the Washington D.C. area for a number of years before joining DoDDS in 1969 in Okinawa. She spent 20 years in the Pacific as a teacher, principal, held positions in the DSOs in both Korea and Okinawa, and worked at the Regional level as the coordinator for Intercultural Studies.

In 1989 she transferred to the Madrid DSO in the Mediterranean Region as the Business Manager. Betty retired in 1991 and became active in many civic organizations including the League of Women Voters.

Ann L. Tracy**April 18, 1936 - November 15, 2013**

Ann began her DoDDS career in 1963 at Johnson Air Base in Japan. She taught in the upper elementary grades and was also a Reading Improvement Specialist. In the early 1970s, Ann moved to Germany for a few years continued pg 8

and taught at Neubrucke before returning to Japan. She spent the 1975/76 school year in the Washington, DC schools with the teacher exchange program. When Johnson Air Base closed, Ann moved to Yokota Air Base and taught at both East and West school. She spent 2 years at Michigan State pursuing doctoral studies in Children's Literature. In 1989, Ann moved to Wiesbaden, Germany where she taught at Hainerberg Elementary School and at HH Arnold High School as a Reading and English teacher. Ann retired in 1996 after 33 years with DoDDS.

CLOSED FUNDS

Nancy Shawley Brick

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE QUARTERLY:

As the name indicates, the QUARTERLY is published four times a year. Material submitted for publication should reach the editors by: January 15; April 15; August 15; and October 15. We'd really appreciate your contribution!

A Snippet from Archives

Memory Section—you can read the whole excerpt by Alma Clarino on line at aoshs.org

The Military Transport Service provided our plane, which was not plush. We had a Navy crew with sailors for stewards. They even charged us 85 cents for our box lunches. We crossed the Atlantic and had a two-hour stop at the Azores. Then on to Wheelus where we landed at 3:45 A.M. An hour later, we were taken to our BOQ. Our rooms were quite a shock. Two people to a room, no hooks, towel racks, lamps, just an iron cot with a thin mattress. Needless to say I was ready to get some sleep at 5:00 A.M. An hour later I was awakened by an unrecognizable sound. It was a donkey serenade.

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SACRIFICE & SERVICE: THE EXHIBIT by Allen Dale Olson

SACRIFICE & SERVICE:
THE AMERICAN MILITARY FAMILY

Special Exhibition May 26 - August 31



Experience the history and the sacrifice of our nation's steadfast and unsung heroes.



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nuclearmuseum.org • Open Daily



On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2014, Sacrifice & Service: The American Military Family, a special exhibition by the Museum of the American Military Family, will open in the Smithsonian-affiliated National Museum of Nuclear Science and History in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Through written word and interactive activities, film programs and book readings, story telling and classes, visitors will experience the joy, the sorrow, and the sacrifice of America's steadfast and unsung heroes, the mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, grandparents, brothers and sisters of the men and women who serve and have served in our nation's military.

The exhibition, which runs through August 31, shows the resilience of military families as they deal with frequent relocation, multiple deployments, sorrow and sadness as well as the pride and honor of military service.

With this exhibit, the Museum of the American Military Family is launching a membership campaign, details about which can be seen at: <http://americanmilitaryfamilymuseum.wordpress.com/>

Sacrifice & Service is sponsored by Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories, Raytheon, Bernalillo County, National Distributors, Elks Lodge #2500, and Marriott Residence Inn.

In Karlsruhe, Germany, when I was a child, there was a street I used to love to walk down. I don't remember the name—it may have been Hirschstrasse, but sometimes my memory fails me...It was about two blocks from my apartment on Kriegstrasse and on it was everything I ever needed. In my memory, I can walk down it even now—I see it in remarkable detail, just as though I were twelve years old again.

It was primarily a residential street lined with row houses of limestone and sandstone. As the street neared the city center, the residences gave way to chic boutiques and cafes.

At the top of Hirschstrasse, as I walked down the narrow sidewalk, I would pass the pet store where I bought my first parakeet and subsequent parakeets. I remember the small friendly shopkeepers and that there were fish, rabbits and parakeets-- I have no idea if there were cats or dogs or hamsters or anything else-- all I remember were the parakeets, which soon became my very beloved Peetie, Petra and Patty—

To this day, I can still hear the scrabble of bird feet inside the tiny cardboard box as I carefully carried my precious pet home. I also remember running to the pet store when one of my birds became sick, and the comfortable German lady cupping my stricken parakeet in her hands and shaking her head, clucking sympathetically.

Next to the pet store was the coffin store. In the window there would always be three or four wooden coffins solemnly lined up in front of a background of white linen curtains. I would walk by that store never really realizing that I, too, was mortal. Instead I would shiver deliciously and feel sorry for those who would die-- but it never would be me.

Next to the coffin store was the coin and stamp store. I loved this musty place. The old lady and old man who owned it had shelves and glass cases filled with stamps, first day covers, coins and albums and more. I would save my pfennigs and my marks, and I would go in and browse for hours. I could travel around the world looking and living through the stamps. I would ask the lady for stamps with pictures of puppies or dogs or horses and she would slowly go back into the curtained-off area and come back with books full of stamps from around the world. She would take her tweezers, pull out a stamp and I would examine it thoughtfully. I'd asked how much-- 40 pfennig, a

RAFFLE - RAFFLE -RAFFLE

As many of our members know, one of our important annual fund raisers is the AOSHS raffle during the reunion. All of the raffle items are donated. Some come from the vendors and other "treasures" are welcome items donated by our members. We are requesting, once again, that if you have something of value that you no longer need or want, that you consider bringing it with you to the reunion. Give it to a committee member at the AOSHS table when you arrive and we will gratefully add it to the raffle. These donations have raised thousands of dollars over the years and continue to enhance and support our long-term goals.

DoDDS Reunion Weekend XXVI Richmond, VA July 17-20,

REGISTRATION FEES (PER PERSON) Registration From April 1, 2014 until June 30, 2014: \$95.00 Registration after July 1, 2014, will be "at the door": \$100.00 per person MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED NLT July 3, 2014

Completed registration form to: Harry Stine, DoDDS Reunion XXVI 7034 Cabriolet Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80923-8761 Early Registration begins on July 16. (The fee is for all food events. No pro-rated events. No partial payments accepted for single events due to agreements with hotel. Fee includes a light-buffet reception, banquet dinner, buffet breakfast, and committee expenses.) Hotel Reservations: Reservations for the Event will be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott reservations at (800) 228-9290 or (804) 643-3400

mark or DM 1.50.

I'd count out my change, and she'd take the stamps and put them into little cellophane bags. Sometimes she'd chide me for taking just the "pretty" stamps—she'd point out the historic value of some of the plain stamps, and she taught me to collect series. She pointed out how the edges couldn't be ripped off or bent really badly. Sometimes, she'd save me a baggie of odds- and -ends stamps—just for me. I still have some of the stamps I bought back then.

Across from the stamp store was a *Backerei* (bakery). I used to love getting up first thing in the morning and walking down to buy a loaf of *Gutsherren Brot* warm out of the oven-- or a pretzel roll-- or an apple fritter or any number of the wonderful things on display. Because this bakery was a little out-of-the way—there was one much closer to our house—and because of the *Gutsherren Brot*, our family made a effort to get there on the weekends.

Next to the bakery was the Balkan restaurant. We would go there to get Zieguner Schnitzel, which translates as "gypsy schnitzel". We also loved their Goulasch and Balkan Teller with all the different meats and spicy sauces. The Gasthaus was small, friendly and always full. Slavic music blared on the phonograph.

Further down the street was the Apothecary—*Apotheke*. I would buy grams of essential oils—jasmine, lavender, and rose, or I would buy star anise or small bottles or bags of medicinal herbs. I would take them home, store them carefully in my little wooden cupboard, and later, I would use my treasures to create soap, perfume and baked goods.

This street, just a couple of blocks from my house was my world. I remember it fondly. I loved starting at the top, gazing at the coffins and shivering, enjoying the pets showcased in the window or planning my next herbal concoction. I'd cross the street to get a pretzel which the bakery folks would slice, smear with thick slabs of butter and layers of white, sliced cheese, and then I would munch appreciatively as I continued on my way. Further down the street towards the Kaisersplatz, was my best friend Mary's house. She lived on the corner. When I got to her house, I had come to my second home.

NOTE: Effective August 1, 2009, the Individual Life Membership Program was discontinued. With the cost of operations continually on the rise, this seemed to 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 — use your birthday as a reminder, for example. For those of you who have an annual membership, please renew on time. Your renewal date is listed on the address label of the *Quarterly*. You also may pay ahead. Just be sure to indicate that on the form. Dues may be paid by check, money order, or credit card. Use the form as well to update your information. It's important to keep us informed about address changes, as the newsletter is not usually forwarded.]

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Nonprofit Membership Program
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PLEASE NOTE: This address is for **tax-exempt MEMBERSHIP DUES, ILMP, AND DONATIONS ONLY.**

Printed full name: _____ New Member ☐ -or- Renewal ☐

Address: _____
(Street or Box No. City (APO/FPO) State ZIP)

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

I am a Former ☐ -or- Current ☐: Educator ☐ -or- Student ☐ -or- Other:

[illegible]

Name: _____ (as it appears on your Credit Card)

\$25	for	annual	dues	and	4	issues	of	the	newsletter	
\$			Donation for the AOSHS Endowment/Building Fund.							
\$			Donation for the Drysdale Archives Endowment Fund.							
\$			Donation for the AOSHS Operating Fund.							
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Signature _____ Date _____ Total: _____

I have included AOSHS in my estate planning ☐

Referred for membership by (if applicable):

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Board of Directors

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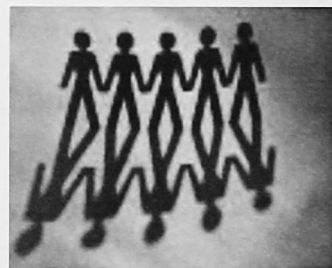
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