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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Gayle Vaughn-Wiles

How sweet it is to have beautiful sunny days with mirror images on the lake here in Maine. We had a mild winter and limited amount of snow! As I am reminded many areas in the states experienced frigid conditions and unseasonable temperatures.

Activities and interactions within AOSHS have kept me on my toes. The board has been looking for an archivist, editor for the Quarterly, potential board members as well as renters for the property adjacent to the office in Wichita. Many people have been working on a variety of projects such as our website. Please take a minute to check out the proposed revised By-Laws, innovations and updates on www.aoshs.org.

The memorial funds are active and you should review the notices regularly. Many of our friends, relatives, and colleagues are passing away and we acknowledge their memories through funds, bricks and pavers. Keep abreast with the memorial notices. A new form has been developed for all of you to share your memories with us. We want to publish them in the Quarterly as well as on the website.

Our Facebook page provides current information and makes it convenient for us to get things announced or publicized quickly! Have you seen it?

We are moving forward with our museum projects. The most active involvement is with the Museum of the American Military Family, MAMF. This museum was located in the Bataan Military Academy in Albuquerque. As of June 1st, this museum will relocate to a facility on Route 66 in Albuquerque. We are loaning them memorabilia and various collections. We are also looking for AOSHS members in Albuquerque to volunteer at MAMF. If you are ever in the area you must visit the museum.

The AOSHS board is preparing for the annual meeting scheduled to be held during the DoDDS Reunion in Spokane on July 15, at 9 AM. We have a great presentation for you with all the latest and greatest information. I look forward to seeing you there!

AOSHS Revised By-Laws

The present AOSHS By-Laws were approved July 18, 2014. The Board of Directors is proposing that the present By-Laws be amended in order to assist with the continuity of important current projects. According to the current By-Laws our members must be given written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to a Board of Directors regular meeting or a special meeting of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal or adopt new By-Laws. The proposed revised By-Laws will also be placed on the website (www.aoshs.org).

BY-LAWS for the regulation of affairs of the AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AOSHS) hereinafter also referred to as “the Society”

Preamble

Background of the Department of Defense Dependents' Schools & Private American Overseas Schools

The origin, evolution and development of American education abroad are a remarkable human and educational success story that spans 150 years. The history of educating American youth and children overseas is a rich heritage of which coming generations should not be deprived. How rich, few now fully realize; but a history which goes back to the mid 1850's and includes the stories of schools, students, parents, teachers, school administrators and support personnel worldwide and which should be recorded and preserved.

Early students and their teachers are gone; the ranks of their followers who have also endured the hardships of attending and administering American schools abroad are rapidly thinning. The stories of their experiences in laying the foundation for the present are, with their passing, slipping from our grasp never to be recovered.

It was to prevent, in some measure, this irreparable loss that the American Overseas School Historical Society was founded in July of 1995. It was undertaken also in the hope that it might inspire others to take up the unfinished task to preserve for posterity this priceless legacy.

The overseas education of more than four million American children and youths is an important, as yet unwritten chapter in the history of American Education. These students, their parents, teachers, school administrators and support personnel have lived on the edge of history-in-the-making in view of the Berlin Wall going up and coming down, Corregidor, Tiananmen Square, the DMZ in Korea and the China Sea, within earshot of the Six-Day-War, the Persian Gulf War and the invasion of Panama, to name a few. They have lived and played near international military and political headquarters, been visited by presidents, prime ministers, royalty and ambassadors. They have studied and taught in a wide variety of physical facilities in the shadows of historic castles, near battle grounds and famous landmarks. They have been evacuated from installations worldwide and removed due to massive political actions in France, Austria and Libya. This represents the schooling of several generations of American children and youth under circumstances unique to human history.

With the establishment now of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society, which owns, governs and operates the American Overseas Schools Archives, located in Wichita, Kansas, this important work will be guaranteed and carried on in perpetuity.

ARTICLE ONE

Membership

SECTION 1: The Society shall have the following classes of members:

- (a) **Members:** Members shall include individuals and organizations (one vote per organization) who donates funds (including membership dues), property or services to the Society for the advancement, development, organization or promotion of the Society is at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to be designated as a Member.
- (b) **Charter Members:** Charter Members shall include any Member enrolled prior to December 31, 1996, in our predecessor corporation.
- (c) **Honorary Members:** Individuals or organizations who promote the purposes and objectives of the Society may be designated as Honorary Members by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall have no voting rights.

SECTION 2: Applications for memberships shall be made in writing on the form prescribed by the Board of Directors. The board shall set and establish membership dues. The application shall comply with and be bound by the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws and amendments thereto, and the policies, rules and regulations at any time adopted by the Society in accordance with these By-Laws. All applicants shall be subject to approval by the Board of Directors, and all payments shall be refunded promptly to any applicant whose application is not approved. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors shall be required.

SECTION 3: The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Board, may suspend, expel or terminate a Member for cause after an appropriate hearing.

ARTICLE TWO

Meetings of Members

SECTION 1. An annual meeting of the Members of the Society shall be held at such time and place during the summer months as may be designated by the Board of Directors. As part of the regularly scheduled activities an annual General Business Meeting for Members shall be convened for the election of Directors, receiving the annual report of Officers, Directors and committees, as well as the transaction of any other business of the Society.

SECTION 2. Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or outside the State where the Archives are physically located, as the place for the annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of Members shall be delivered either by mail or email to each Member entitled to vote at such meeting, not less than thirty nor more than ninety days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President or Secretary, or of the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these By-Laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meetings is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in USPS and addressed to the Member at the Member's address as it appears on the records of the Society, with postage prepaid.

SECTION 5. The Members actually present at a regularly called meeting of the Members of the Society, shall constitute a quorum at such meetings for all purposes.

SECTION 6. A Member is entitled to vote by proxy executed in writing by the Member or his/her duly authorized attorney-in-fact. The proxy shall not be valid after eleven (11) months from the date of its execution, unless otherwise provided in the proxy.

SECTION 7. Where Directors are to be elected by Members, such election may be conducted by mail in such a manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE THREE

Directors

SECTION 1. The property, business and affairs of the Society shall be vested in and managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than nine Directors, unless and until said number is changed by resolution of the Board of Directors, all of whom shall be Members of the Society. The Directors shall be selected by the Members for three-year terms on a staggered basis. Each Director shall hold office until said Director's successor shall have been selected and then elected or

appointed. Appointments may be altered to better serve the needs of the Society.

A Director may also serve in an appointed position or a term extended until said Director's successor has been selected and then elected or appointed.

A Director's term may be extended for a time if said Director is chairing a committee and it is determined that he/she should stay until the committee's commitment is completed. This must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Directorship terms may be three year annuals beginning in July or off schedule as determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. A regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be without other notice than this By-Law, in conjunction with, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of Members. The Board may provide by resolution the time and place, either within or outside the State in which the Archives are physically located, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than the resolution itself, mailed, emailed or by facsimile transmitted, to all Directors at least thirty days, and not more than ninety days, preceding the date of the meeting. Said meetings will be held quarterly either with physical presence of Directors or teleconferencing.

SECTION 3. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors in attendance may adjourn the meeting without further notice.

SECTION 4. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these By-Laws.

SECTION 5. Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors, may be taken by all of the Directors entitled to vote.

SECTION 6. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors and/or temporary directorship to be filled by reason of increasing the number of Directors will be filled by the Board of Directors. A Director designated to fill a vacancy or temporary term of office shall be elected for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor in office, or until the time of regular election of Directors of the Annual Members' meeting.

SECTION 7. A Director must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and a citizen of the United States of America and shall have been a full-time overseas educator, administrator or student. Only individuals who have been Members a minimum of one year may be elected Directors of the Society unless the Board of Directors overrides this requirement.

SECTION 8. Directors of the Board of the Society, or any committee designated by such Board, may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment. All persons participating in the meeting can hear one another, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute being present at the meeting.

ARTICLE FOUR

Officers

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be President, one or more Vice-Presidents (the number thereof to be determined by the Board of Directors), a Secretary and a Treasurer elected by the Board of Directors. Other officers may be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of this article. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem desirable, such officers to have the authority to perform the duties prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The terms of officers to be elected by the Board of Directors shall be for three years and shall be on a staggered basis so that the terms of the President and Treasurer shall end in different years from the Vice-President and Secretary.

The President and Vice President may serve for two (2) consecutive 3 years terms, a total of six (6) years in any one position. An elected officer may also serve in an appointed position or term extended until said Officer's successor has been selected and then elected or appointed. If election of officers shall not be held at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, such election shall be held as soon thereafter. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his or her successor has been duly elected and has accepted the office.

An Officer's term may be extended as a Director if chairing a committee and it is determined that he/she should stay until the committee's commitment is completed. Said Officer will not remain an officer under this condition. This must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Officers may reside in any State or Territory of the United States of America.

SECTION 2. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment this serves the best interests of the Society.

SECTION 3. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

SECTION 4. The duties and powers of the officers of the Society shall be as follows:

- (d) President: The President shall be principal executive officer for the Society; and in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Society. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Members of the Board of Directors, may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the Society authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages bonds, contracts, bills of sale, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof is expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the Society; and in general the President shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and other such duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President may authorize a Presidential appointment after discussing with the Board of Directors. The President shall involve the Vice President or designee in the majority of decision making actions with the intent that there be a line of succession to the President position.
- (e) Vice-President: In the absence of the President or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President (or in the event there be more than one Vice-president, the Vice-Presidents in the order of their designation as "1st", "2nd", etc.) shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice-President shall perform such other duties of these By-Laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Vice-President and such other duties as may be assigned to the Vice-President by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Vice President or designee will be involved in most of the Presidential decision making with the intent there would be a line of succession to the President.
- (f) Secretary: The Secretary shall: [i] keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Members and Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; [ii] see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; [iii] be custodian of the Society records and of the Society's seal at AOSHS headquarters; [iv] keep a register of the address of each Member and Director which is given to the Secretary by each Member and Director; [v] perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary and other duties that may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.
- (g) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall: [i] have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the Society; [ii] receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the Society from any source, and deposit all the Society's money in the name of the Society in the banks, trust companies or other depositories that are selected in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws; and [iii] in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and any other duties that may be assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.
- (h) Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers: The Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers, if any, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer or by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE FIVE

Committees of the Society

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee consists of the Society officers described in Article Four of these By-Laws.

SECTION 2. Other Committees

- (a) Authority: The Board of Directors, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, shall establish such committees as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to facilitate the needs of the Society. Each committee must adopt rules for its own governance that are consistent with these By-Laws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

- (b) Committee Membership: The committees may consist of Members and Directors and such committees shall consist of one or more Directors, one of which shall chair said committees and exercise the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the Society; but the designation of such committees and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Directors, or any individual Director, of any responsibility imposed upon it or upon the said Director by law.
- (c) Meetings: Committees shall meet as often as necessary to perform assigned duties; physical presence or teleconferencing.
- (d) Reports: Committee Chairs shall report regularly concerning committee activities to the Executive Committee and other Board of Directors.

ARTICLE SIX

Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Society, in addition to the officers so authorized by these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Society; and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

SECTION 2. All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Society shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Society and be determined by a resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice-President of the Society.

SECTION 3. All funds of the Society shall be deposited to the credit of the Society in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 4. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Society any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for general purpose or for any special purpose of the Society. The donor(s) must sign and date the *AOSHS Donation Form* for release to the Society on a permanent basis.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Books and Records

The Society shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts and shall also keep minutes of the proceeding of its Members, Board of Directors, and committees having any authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the Members entitled to vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year of the Society shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December in each year.

ARTICLE NINE

Corporate Seal

The Board may, but need not, provide a suitable seal, circular in design, bearing on its outer rim the name of the Society, to be used as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE TEN

Indemnification

Indemnification of Directors, Officers and Employees. Each person who is or was a director, officer or employee of the Society or is or was serving at the request of the Society as a director, officer or employee of another corporation (including

the heirs, executors, administrators or estate of such person) shall be indemnified by the Society as of right to the full extent permitted or authorized by the laws of the State of Kansas, as now in effect and as hereafter amended, against any liability judgment, fine, amount paid in settlement, cost, expense (including attorney's fees) asserted or threatened against or incurred by such person in his capacity as or arising out of his status as a director, officer, or employee of the Society, or as a director, officer or employee of such other corporation with which he is then serving at the request of this Society. The indemnification provided by this By-Law provision shall not be exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any other by-law provision or under any agreement, vote of members or disinterested directors or otherwise, and shall not limit in any way any right which the Society may have to make different or further indemnifications with respect to the same or different persons or classes of persons.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Amendments to By-Laws

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting if at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new By-Laws at such meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

I, Winanne Murray, Secretary of AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, A Kansas not-for-profit corporation, do hereby certify that the second amendment to the foregoing By-Laws were duly adopted by the Board of Directors at a duly and regularly called meeting held on the _____; and that the same do now constitute the By-Laws of said Society, as amended.

DATED this _____ day of _____. 2016.

Winanne Murray, Secretary

The MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Many of us have looked at the closing dates of Memorial Program announcements in the Quarterly and said, "Oh, no...I missed sending in my contribution to Mr. XXX's fund. He was important in my DoDDS career, and now I cannot donate in his honor." Please know that that is not entirely true. The closing date tells us that any funds received before that date will be applied to the size of the paver/brick and that the engraving wording is established as final. However, AOSHS still has the responsibility for gathering funding for the upkeep and continued maintenance of the items purchased in honoring an individual or the group of people honored. For example, if you did not make a contribution to Dr. Blackstead's fund before closing, you are able to contribute in his name toward the maintenance and upkeep of the item purchased in his honor. In my case, I sponsored the fund for my teaching colleague, Jan Beck. I think of her often, and have determined I will make additional contributions to the fund in her name annually during her birth month. There is no time or dollar amount limit on this type of contribution. When sending an "after closing date" check for an upkeep/maintenance donation, please include a clear statement of whom you wish to honor. You will, of course, receive a tax deductible receipt from the Memorial Fund Manager.

Dee Edwards
Memorial Fund Manager

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, Attn: Dee Edwards,
P.O. Box 370962, Las Vegas, NV 89137**
[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 Page

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

THOMAS GERALD WILSON August 17, 1939 – August 27, 2015

Thomas Gerald Wilson, 78, of Bradenton, Florida died August 27, 2015. He was born in Gardner, MA and graduated from Gardner HS before joining the US Army. After military service he attended Fitchburg State University where he received BS and MA degrees in Education. In 1964, Tom was hired by the Department of Defense Dependent Schools to teach, in a Quonset hut, in Verdun, France. He was fortunate to hold teaching and administrative positions in Italy, Germany, England, Belgium, Japan, The Philippines, and Okinawa. In 1991, Tom and his wife Judy were among the 20,000 US citizens evacuated from the Philippines due to the volcanic eruption of Mt. Pinatubo. In 1994, he retired from his position as Principal of Lester Middle School on Okinawa, and moved to Bradenton where he thoroughly enjoyed his retirement, never taking for granted each new day and each beautiful sunset. Tom touched the lives of countless students and faculty members with his gentle, easy-going manner and his sense of humor. Tom is survived by his wife of 54 years, Judy Shepard Wilson of Bradenton, son Timothy Wilson of Armonk, NY and daughters Cynthia Wilson of Huntsville, AL and Jennifer Gaugler of Chesapeake, VA. He is also survived by grandchildren Connor and McKenna Gaugler of VA, and Alan Wilson of NY.

MEMORIAL FUNDS - Continued

First Announcements

MAUREEN "MOE" FORD September 16, 1944 - August 12, 2015

Maureen "Moe" Ford was born September 16, 1944 in Holyoke MA. In 1962 she entered the Order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She graduated from The Elms College and taught in Springfield, MA, for three years. In 1971 she began her DoDDS career in Woodbridge-Bentwaters where she taught elementary classes. She transferred to Little Rissington, followed by assignments at Croughton HS and Lakenheath HS. During this time, she taught history and coached softball, volleyball, and tennis, winning several European Championships with her teams. She had a magic touch with her students, and loved working with them. She retired in 2004 to Ventura, California, where she was active in golf clubs and volunteer activities. Moe loved sports and everything Irish, traveling often to the Old Sod where she got to know relatives living there. She had a marvelous singing voice and delighted in the music pubs. Vacations found her hiking, skiing, and exploring all over the world. She shared her exuberance and zest for life with everyone, always ready to share a sunny smile and give help to anyone who needed it. She enriched the lives of all who knew her. She died August 12, 2015 after courageously fighting breast cancer for 15 years.

Gary T. Westhusin June 3, 1935-November 18, 2015

Gary Westhusin was born in Hays, Kansas, and stayed in his home state through his graduation from Kansas University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Education. He went continued his education at Arkansas University where he completed studies for his Master's Degree in International Relations. Gary was a teacher throughout his adult life, beginning with his first assignment at Highland Park High in Topeka, Kansas. From there he taught at Kansas State University before embarking on his teaching jobs abroad with DOD Schools. His journey took him first to Kubasaki High School Japan, and later to Frankfurt High and Ansbach American High Schools in Germany. Gary was a life-long learner and educator. As a young man he played the organ and piano, and developed a passion for reading that never ended. He loved to garden, cook and was famous for his yearly batch of jellies that he loved making as well as sharing. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville, Kansas, and attended the Salina Community Theater in Salina, Kansas as often as possible. Gary was a fiercely independent man, perhaps a bit stubborn at times, and always opinionated, who took care of himself and never wanted anyone to worry about him. Great teachers are the reason why ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things. Gary was the embodiment of a great teacher, always willing to take your hand, work to help you open your mind, and committed to encouraging you as you pursued the passions of your heart. His legacy will be felt in countless lives for countless generations to come.

Open Announcements

- Carolyn Wilbur July 30, 1938 – August 14, 2014**
- David Benson January 29, 1931 – September 12, 2014**
- Warren Van Zee April 1939 – October 2014**
- Fran Riley March 21, 1926 – March 4, 2015**
- Wendell Buntain December 1934 – July 23, 2014**

RAFFLE, RAFFLE, RAFFLE

Many of our members have attended DoDDS Reunions. Those who have been to these events know that the AOSHS Raffle is one of the highlights of the gathering. It is a primary generator of operating funds for our organization. All of the items raffled are donated by the Reunion attendees. Their generosity is deeply appreciated.

We ask our members to bring and donate items of high value that they no longer want or need for us to raffle. Just bring it to the hospitality room and we will gladly accept it to be added to the raffle. Through donations like this, we can keep the AOSHS office and organization afloat!

Tom Smith
Vice President and PR Sub-committee

AOSHS BOARD CONTINUES TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR VALUABLE ARCHIVES.

During the board meeting last September, the Board approved the finances to up-grade the facilities at our headquarters with painting and lowering ceilings. In addition, they also approved funds to install the long needed protection of our one-of-a-kind archives. This was achieved through the installation of a fire suppression system. Though costly, the system guarantees that we will be able to protect our valuable memorabilia in case of a fire. The system will, in case of fire, cover the area with a material that prevents fire without damage to the articles in our storage. The system covers our entire building including storage and office space. Our president, Dr. Gayle Vaughan-Wiles, said "We have taken a large step forward in permanently protecting precious donations provided by our members and the closing schools in DoDEA."

Last year we paid off our mortgage. Part of our facilities includes a building adjacent to the one we occupy as our storage and office facility. Until recently, it has been rented. The Board is now reviewing options to determine the best use of the building to benefit AOSHS. We will be reporting on this during the Annual Membership meeting in Spokane.

Tom Smith
AOSHS VP

Have you looked at the AOSHS website lately?

There is a lot of information on the overseas schools at www.aoshs.org. We have worked diligently to put in stories and pictures of interest to all of us. We have also made a number of changes on the website to include the following:

- Revolving pictures of schools and student activities on the home page
- Clearer "Memorial Program" and "Memorial Donation Fund" pages
- Story about how AOSHS acquired the Berlin Wall on loan to Wichita's Museum of World Treasures
- A special "Forms" section for ease of access
- Revised "FAQs" and "Finding People" sections
- Listing of all the AOSHS affiliated museums, groups and organizations

As a special note, you can also access information about the DoDDS Reunion in Spokane, WA, July 14-17, 2016, as well as access the website page at www.mydoddsreunion.com (the site Harry Stine created). Importantly, we have pertinent AOSHS information under the "more" button on the DoDDS reunion site.

There will be even more updates coming to www.aoshs.org. Check us out!

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP

Every organization depends on the support of their membership. The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, or AOSHS for short, has been very fortunate in that we have very supportive members. However, a large majority of our membership consists of retired personnel, and as the memorial service at the recent DoDDS reunion in Oakbrook showed, too many of our members are no longer with us.

If you were not at the reunion where many attendees join or renew their membership with AOSHS, then please take the opportunity to send in your renewal to AOSHS, 704 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, Kansas, 67203. We now have a two year special offer of \$45, as well as yearly dues of \$25.

We especially would like to increase membership and awareness with the active DoDDS personnel. If you have friends and former colleagues who are still actively teaching, please encourage them to become AOSHS members. As more schools close due to downsizing, it is important to preserve their artifacts and the need for added members and funds become more critical.

Many members also send in tax deductible donations in addition to their memberships. Please consider this opportunity as the taxable year draws to a close. Last, but not least, consider AOSHS in your last will and testament. It is a fitting legacy to your teaching career.

American Overseas Schools Historical Society “Black Books” 1-4

Who: Lee Davis and Bruce Taft were honored as Volunteers of the Year in 2006 for their careful, tireless, and extensive compilation of the “Black Books”.

What: Book 1: History of American Schools around the world from 1821 to the present.
Book 2: History of The American Overseas School Historical Society since its inception in 1995 to the present.
Book 3: Charter & Life Members
Book 4: Listing of all American Overseas Schools (with Closing Dates as applicable)

When/Where: Continuing to be updated through the present day. The physical Books are available to be read at Archives in Wichita and during the yearly DODDS Reunions at the AOSHS table in the Hospitality Room. They are available digitally on-line at the AOSHS website www.aoshs.org.

Why: To record the History of DoDDS and AOSHS.

5th Annual FAHS Sports Hall of Fame Induction Gala

The 5th annual FAHS Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Saturday April 30th, 2016 at the College Football Hall of Fame Museum in Atlanta, Georgia.

The FAHS Sports Hall of Fame was formed to recognize and honor the achievement of former FAHS athletes and coaches. Whether you were a coach, student athlete, or an Eagles fan, the memories of those extraordinary achievements and excellence that were repeated over and over on the FAHS campus at the Abrams Complex are alive and well. In its many proud years, FAHS launched a long line of great athletes and coaches, each of whom has a great story to tell.

In preparation for this years’ Induction Ceremony, Carlos Quiñones, class of 1991, contacted AOSHS for assistance in providing trophies and plaques to display during the event. With the assistance of Sally Renoux, class of 1976, AOSHS was able to provide a number of plaques for this event.

The following individuals were inducted during this years event: Athletes - Gary Wassner – ’59 (Football, Track), Willie Hogan – ’76 (Basketball, Track), Mike Campbell – ’59 (Football), Marcus Cade – ’76 (Football), Roosevelt Hill – ’59 (Football, Track), Anthony Jackson – ’77 (Football), Mac McConnico – ’59 (Football, Track), Kristan Dinges-Hruby – ’78 (Track), Gretchen Tupy – ’79 (Gymnastics), John Flournoy – ’62 (Basketball) *deceased, Erik Thamm – ’68 (Track, Cross Country), Melih Oztalay – ’81 (Soccer), Selim Oztalay – ’83 (Soccer), Al St. Amour – ’73 (Wrestling, Football), Frank Pichichero – ’74 (Football, Wrestling), Wes Corbett – ’90 (Cross Country, Track), Eugene Price – ’74 (Football), Tina Rice – ’91 (Basketball, Volleyball, Track), Kathy Webb-Murphy – ’75 (Basketball), Jeff Rarig – ’75 (Wrestling, Football), David Quantock – ’75 (Football), and Micky Trivonovich – ’75 (Soccer); Coaches – Ron Shopbell – 1973-1979 (Wrestling) and Winston Carter – 1975-1982 (Wrestling); Teams – 1976-77 Undefeated Football Champions.

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Board of Directors		<p>...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.</p> <hr/> <p>This AOSHS <i>Quarterly</i> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>DONATIONS to help preserve the <i>American Overseas Schools Archives</i> (AOSA) for posterity and historical research are appreciated and are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Donations may be sent to the above address.</p> <p>READERS are ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT short, factual ARTICLES of human interest regarding their experiences overseas. Articles printed may or may not reflect the opinions of AOSHS. Please submit articles preferably by e-mail to overseasschools@aoshs.org or by snail mail to: AOSHS, 704 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67203-6104.</p> <p>The AOSHS Policy</p> <p>The Directors realize that to obtain all AOSHS objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		
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The Mary Muehring Circle was established in 2002 to recognize philanthropists large and small who have included AOSHS in their estate planning. It is important to provide for the Society's future in a variety of ways. AOSHS honors all those who have made bequests through a will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. If you wish to include AOSHS in your estate planning, please contact:

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