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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. GAYLE VAUGHN-WILES

Where does the time go? The winter was very cold, we survived the blizzard and the severe storms, the snow has melted and the ice has gone out. At last we see signs of spring and believe it or not, summer is on the way. I have several things I want to share with you.

Donovan Walling, a former AOSHS board member from 2008-2011, passed away on May 5 and a celebration of his life will be held in Bloomington, Indiana on Saturday, June 16. He followed **Cynthia Johnson** and served as the editor of the *Quarterly*.

We have a few AOSHS board members who will be leaving their positions in September:

Jill Abbott (2013 - 2017)

Jill served as the membership chair

and coordinated efforts with Hawaii, DoDEA Pacific, and DoDEA Europe by providing current forms, posters, and website upgrades. She worked closely with the AOSHS Operations Manager (OM), **Monica Tiller**, to maintain and update information related to membership renewals and new memberships. She led the charge in obtaining a variety of DoDDS memories from the AOSHS membership. The memories were published in the *Quarterly* throughout the year and some were on the website. The membership chair is a demanding position and Jill carried it off with knowledge and enthusiasm.

Stephen Abbott (2013- 2017)

Stephen served as the treasurer and provided the board with financial statements regarding our accounts. He was often questioned about transactions and always provided the information either immediately or after the topic had been researched. He did our taxes annually and submitted them in a timely manner. In our current fiscal environment

money management is very important as we move forward, and I want to thank Stephen for his dedication to this critical area.

Lani Allanson-Donoho (2011-2017)

Lani served as the historian by updating and maintaining the Historical Black Books. To examine the content of these books, go to the website at aoshs.org. She served as the AOSHS museum representative for the upcoming U.S. Army Museum at Ft. Belvoir and visited sites in Albuquerque for the American Military Family Museum. Each year she provided the two \$100 Marriott Gift Cards for the AOSHS raffle held during the DoDDS Reunion. Lani worked on the interviewing committee for the archivist and operations manager. She also helped on the Membership Database Committee. Lani's contributions to the AOSHS Board were quite rewarding and we will miss her.

In recognition of the Past Presidents of AOSHS, board member **Dee**

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A Message From The President- *continued*

Edwards suggested that we create a Presidents Plaque that would list all presidents and their years of service. Dee worked closely with the OM and they created the plaque to salute the following presidents of this organization:

Thomas Drysdale 1995-2002

Ann Bamberger 2002-2005

Scarlet Rehrig 2005-2008

Jan Mohr 2008-2009

Tina Calo 2009-2014

Gayle Vaughn-Wiles 2014-

The plaque is distinctive and will be displayed in the AOSHS Office in Wichita, Kansas.

We have a great organization thanks to the many people who have volunteered to serve, supported AOSHS financially, and given critical feedback. For us to advance and move forward we need two things... members and



money (M&M)!

You will find the article by the chair of the Membership Database Committee, **Doug Kelsey**, quite illuminating in as much as he has researched and provided critical statistics. Did you know, for example, that we have 577 Life Members, only 285 Paying

Members in good standing, and 1,249 Former or Delinquent Members (at least 900 without contact information). These figures tell us that we need to get your assistance in locating our members who are missing in action!

Money, money, money, everything costs money! We initiated a Go Fund Me campaign with the hope of adding to our operating fund to keep AOSHS solvent. However, to date, while we have received some donations from our dedicated members, it is not even close to what we had hoped. Additionally, to support this effort, I have asked each Life Member to consider giving annually on their birthday a sum that they can afford.

Remember, all our contributions are tax deductible.

Our organization can only be sustained through our efforts in the areas of membership and money! Can I get a commitment from you to help us with the M&Ms?

DIRE STRAITS FOR AOSHS

(What would happen if AOSHS became financially insolvent in four years?)

DOUG KELSEY, Membership Database Committee Chairman

The recent emphasis on increasing membership by soliciting new members and updating contact information for 1,200 former members, so we may request they renew their membership, is not just a recordkeeping exercise. It is a matter of SURVIVAL for the American Overseas Schools Historical Society.

With the existing balance in the AOSHS general operations fund, the annual operating expenses and assuming an annual income of \$17,000 (\$7,000 in dues from our

current members and assuming donations of \$10,000 per year), the organization can only survive financially for four more years. This is the reason AOSHS desperately needs to increase the number of new members, enlist at least half of the 1,200 former members to rejoin the organization, and to continue to request donations from our life members, current dues paying members and others.

As noted in the President's Message previously, we have 577 Life members, 285 dues paying members

and over 1,200 former members. The only guaranteed income from this group is the dues from the 285 members in good standing ($285 \times \$25 = \$7,125$).

We hope you will assist us in gaining new members and obtaining good contact information for former members. As always, your generous donations to AOSHS are appreciated, and remember, ***your monetary donations or memberships are tax deductible.***

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE INITIATIVE

DOUG KELSEY, Membership Database Committee Chairman

There has been a great need to update our current membership list, which contains the names and contact information for 577 Life Members (68 of whom we have lost contact), 285 members in good standing with dues currently paid and 1229 former members (at least 900 without current contact information). Through the diligent work of four AOSHS members, we have identified good contact information for 300 of these former members. We have also verified the passing of 266 members.

One of the goals of AOSHS is to obtain current, accurate contact data for all 1229 former members and the 68 Life Members without current contact information. Our organization will then invite these former members to rejoin and support AOSHS.

We have two initiatives to assist in this task. Both initiatives involve you, the 862 members currently in good standing, who are life members or members with

dues currently paid.

1. We will publish 180 former member's names in each edition of the *Quarterly* and ask our current membership to provide contact information of those former members they may know.
2. To post the names of former members at the DoDDS Reunion and to ask attendees to help us obtain current contact for all former members.

For privacy concerns, we will only post the first name, last name and the last city and state we have on file. You may provide the information to **Monica Tiller** via email at aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net or call the office in Wichita at **316-265-6837**. You may also contact **Doug Kelsey** at dskelsey@hotmail.com or **404-664-9128**.

Please peruse the 180 names that follow to see if you may assist with our efforts to obtain current contact information. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Aeillo	Cheryl	APO	AP
Albamonte	Eugene	Scottsdale	AZ
Allen	Margaret	El Granada	CA
Allen	Robert	APO	AE
Almendras	Nancy	FPO	AP
Alvah	Donna	Canton	NY
Annen	Marilyn	Alexandria	VA
Aquila	Catherine	Santa Monica	CA
Bartholomew	Dick	Laguna Beach	CA
Bates	George	Eagleville	PA
Benner	Carol	Spokane	WA
Berg	Myrna	APO	AE
Berry	Debbie	APO	AP
Bloom	Jerald	Pembroke Pines	FL
Bockman	Jayne	FPO	AE
Bolivar	Kay	Los Alamos	NM
Boyd	Mary	Greensboro	NC
Broderick	John	FPO	AP
Brown	Edna	San Marcos	CA
Brown	Henry	Mesa	AZ

Bumgardner	Patricia	Hattiesburg	MS
Burch	Margaret	San Francisco	CA
Burtch	Patricia	Yuma	AZ
Cain-Goodwin	Gerry	APO	AP
Caltagirone	Mary Anne	APO	AE
Carpenter	Richard	Bradenton	FL
Chapman	Gay	Cordova	TN
Christman	William	Junction City	KS
Chumley	Terry	FPO	AP
Collins	Linda	Melrose	MA
Cook	Louise	Scottsdale	AZ
Costello	Mary	Boston	MA
Crooks	Dolly	APO	AE
Curry	Penny	Abilene	KS
Davatelis	Manny	Longwood	FL
Di Benedetto	John	East Falmouth	MA
Diesselhorst	William	APO	AE
Donaldson	Donna	APO	AE

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Membership Database Initiative-continued

Dunham	Liz	APO	AE
Durham	Eldrenna	APO	AE
Dyche	Susan	Lubbock	TX
Ebener	Martha	Las Cruces	NM
El Sayed	Stephanie	APO	AE
Elliott	Barbara	Chatham	MA
Elter	Barbara	Oklahoma City	OK
Engleson	Jerome	Mesa	AZ
Faulwetter	Kathryn	Peoria	AZ
Fay	Mike	Somerville	MA
Ford	Sherrie	Athens	GA
Gaviola	Fidel	Mesa	AZ
Gerber	Michael	Palm Desert	CA
Gerrity	Alice	Lake Ariel	PA
Gibson	Charlotte	Morning Sun	IA
Ginter	Ronald	Lakeville	MN
Gleason	Thomas/Susan	APO	AE
Gordon	Gary	Bow	NH
Graham	William, Jr.	FPO	AP
Grammer	Peter	El Paso	TX
Gray-O'Connor	Vicki	Montgomery	AL
Greenwood	Glenn	Austin	TX
Gunderson	Joyce	APO	AE
Hall	Karen	Tucson	AZ
Hall	Roy	FPO	AP
Hatchett	William	Golden	CO
Heater	Heidi	Carlsbad	CA
Hedden	Mary	Richmond	VA
Hefner	Fran	Orleans	MA
Heid	Dale	Granbury	TX
Hensen	Mark	Marietta	GA
Herson	Marcia	Bedford	NH
Hilliard	Larry	Falls Church	VA
Hinson	Martha	Middlebourne	WV
Hobbs	Don/Leslie	FPO	AP
Honnold	Mark	FPO	AP
Horn	William	San Jose	CA
Houser	Michael	Piqua	OH
Hunt	James	San Jose	CA
Hunt	Jeanne	DeLand	FL
Indresano	Joseph	Oviedo	FL
Inouye	Donna	Monterey Park	CA
Jacobson	Harold	Stratford	CT

Johnson	Marie	Wrightsville	NC
Jorgenson	Patricia	FPO	AP
Journey	Jimmy	FPO	AP
Kaes	Norma	Southhampton	NJ
Katz	Joyace Ann	Kingman	AZ
Kennedy	Judith	Albuquerque	NM
Kent	Iris	Cantonment	FL
Kirsch	Lee	APO	APO
Knapp	Elinor	Denver	CO
Kubas	Nadine	San Jose	CA
La Pointe	Richard	McLean	VA
Ladd	Dorothy	La Center	KY
Larsen	Shirley	Cheyenne	WY
Laster	Dave	Bellingham	WA
LaValley	Dennis	APO	AP
Lavato	Robert	Jacksonville	NC
Le Brun	Paul	Clearwater	FL
Little	Patricia	Melbourne	FL
Lockwood	Charles	APO	AE
Lopes	Petra	Black Mountain	NC
Lorenz	Robert	Denver	CO
Lovett	Virgina	Waycross	GA
Maher	Phil	Mount Pleasant	SC
Mallory	Mary Jane	Littleton	CO
Malone	John	APO	AP
McCaffrey	Frances	Spokane	WA
McCloskey	Bryce	Liberty	MO
McCloskey	Sandy	APO	AE
McDonald	Timothy	Glendale	AZ
McDowell	Margo	Petaluma	CA
McGann	Laura	APO	AE
McKnight	Susan	Weatherford	TX
Melby	Naomi	Haddon Twnshp	NJ
Mendel	Mary Jane	Lewistown	MT
Meyer	Elaine	Hull	IL
Middleton	John	Melbourne	FL
Moyer	Caroline	Portland	OR
Murphy	John	Fountain Valley	CA
Murray	Emma	Orange Park	FL
Murray	John	Somerville	MA
Nelson	John	Newark	CA

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Membership Database Initiative-continued

Newell	Jo	San Mateo	CA
Noone	Betty	Satellite Beach	FL
O'Brien	Michael	Waikoloa	HI
Ollhoff	Gloria	El Cajon	CA
O'Rourke	Donna	Shalimar	FL
Palm	Jean	Oro Valley	CA
Palomares	Frank	Hercules	CA
Panzarino	Anna	Surprise	AZ
Parsons	Martha	FPO	AE
Paulsen	Jim	Bellingham	WA
Pebley	Kathleen	Sun City West	AZ
Pellaton	Shelley	APO	AE
Pfisterer	Karin	Boise	ID
Pleshaw	David	Fairhaven	MA
Pope	Jackie	APO	APO
Posante	Rebecca	Alexandria	VA
Pollard	Trudy	APO	AE
Posante	Rebecca	Alexandria	VA
Power	Ann	Westlake Village	CA
Raschke	Joyce	Woodbury	MN
Rasmussen	Linda	Coon Rapids	MN
Reeves	William	Phoenix	AZ
Reilly	Patricia	APO	AE
Reynolds	LeNedra	Cypress	TX
Ridgeway	Gretchen	APO	AE
Riley	Frances	Fresno	CA
Robinson	Danny	APO	AE
Roehl	Frank	Southern Pines	NC
Rud	Jane	Murrells Inlet	SC

Sapiente	Nadine	Orlando	FL
Schiele	Gerald	Port Orchard	WA
Schilling	Henry/Theresa	Phoenix	AZ
Schwebbach	Emma	Lancaster	PA
Scott	Dorothy	Guin	AL
Scott	Shirley	Rockford	IL
Scroggs	Larry	El Paso	TX
Sharik	Ronald	APO	AP
Silvernail	Jean	Alexandria	VA
Singer	Frederic	Greeley	CO
Smith	Shannon	Vancouver	WA
Smith	Marina	Granada Hills	CA
Snell	Richard	Lakewood	CO
Steindl	Betty	Tucson	AZ
Steinman	Martha	Bakersfield	CA
Stevens	Ed	APO	AP
Strange	Dee	Hermosa Beach	CA
Stubbs	Harriett	Raleigh	NC
Sullivan	Mark	Riverview	FL
Taylor	Carrie	Springfield	VA
Temple	Jean	San Diego	CA
Thomas	Otto	Fairfax Station	VA
Tibbetts	Bernard	Abiline	KS
Turnipseed	Billy	APO	AE
Van Zee	Joann	Port Orchard	WA
Walton	Phyllis	Monroe	NC
Whittaker	Shirley	Louisville	KY
Williams	Rita	APO	AP
Zagorski	Nancy	APO	AE



**Join us at the AOSHS Annual Meeting
on Friday, July 28, 2017 @ 9am during
the DoDDS Tulsa Reunion. We look
forward to seeing you there!**

DoDDS Reunion Hospitality Room Seeking Vendors!

There's still time to reserve a table(s) for the DoDDS Reunion Hospitality Room. Please contact **Bev Brown** via the www.mydoddsreunion.com website for your request. Or email her at bevbrown161@gmail.com. There's no cost and our DoDDS reunion attendees visit and buy!



DR. TOM SMITH, Vice President

We are seeking individuals who would be willing to spend an hour or two during the Reunion in Tulsa to assist at the AOSHS tables and at the Raffle table. The Board of Directors maintains these tables for three days. They are volunteers. Often, they have been at the tables without a break for the three days. We are asking all our members to give us one hour of your time during the reunion so we can spread the work load. You can volunteer by contacting **Les Burch** at carlesburch@aol.com or **970-226-0196**.

You can also volunteer in Tulsa by signing up for a time and day at the main AOSHS table in the hospitality room.

One of the primary sources of income during the reunion is the Raffle Table. All of the items in the raffle are donations. If you have something of value that you no longer wish to keep in your home but think someone else might enjoy, please bring it with you to Tulsa and we will add it to the raffle.

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STEPHEN ABBOTT, Treasurer

American Overseas Schools Historical Society Financial Statement 01-30 April 2017

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>01 April Balance</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Withdraw/Transfer</u>	<u>30 April Balance</u>
Operating Fund	\$21,538.82	\$5,229.82	\$4,980.86	\$21,787.31
Memorial Fund	\$89,063.25	\$.73	**\$2,150.00	\$86,913.98
Personnel (Payroll)	\$3,549.93	\$1,500.00	\$4,338.24	\$485.69
Discretionary Fund	\$5,752.99	\$.09	\$.00	\$5,753.08
Archive Fund	\$5,092.38	\$.08	\$.00	\$5,092.46
Muehring Fund	\$71,488.74	\$ 1.76	\$.00	\$71,450.50
Estate Savings	\$5,696.62	\$.14	\$.00	\$5,696.76
Scholarship Fund	\$2,260.00	\$.00	\$ 14.00	\$2,246.00
	\$204,402.73	\$6,732.62	\$11,483.10	\$199,425.78
	01 January Balance			31 March Balance
Wichita Community Endowment Fund	\$108,649.04	\$4,469.45	\$203.90	\$112,914.59
Wichita Community Beautification Fund	\$47,423.19	\$1,868.44	\$123.44	\$49,250.84

Wichita Funds are reported quarterly only.

NOTES: **Funds withdrawn to pay Polar Engraving for tiles (Bricks and Pavers Program).



DEE EDWARDS, Memorial Program Manager

As manager of the AOSHS Memorial Program, I have received more than a few donations for a specific person without the required application or without an obituary for the deceased. I do cash the check, and make a note to self that the fund is not open, but awaiting documentation. If there is a telephone number on the check, I call the individual making the donation and try to clarify the program requirements. I cannot publish a name as a First Announcement without complete information. This situation leads me to believe there are several MYTHS about the Memorial Program that must be brought to members' attention.

Myth #1: Attendees of the Annual DoDDS Reunions are deeply touched by the creative, respectful work of **Suzanne Bachman** displayed at the banquet. This AOSHS member spends countless hours between Reunions producing the visual presentation which

recognizes our friends and colleagues who left this earth between the previous reunion and the current gathering. When you see Suzanne this summer, please give her the applause she deserves for her work. However, the AOSHS MEMORIAL PROGRAM is separate and apart from the Banquet presentation. Unfortunately, many members believe seeing a face on the screen at the Banquet automatically opens an account which will appear on the Memorial section of our website.

Myth #2: Some members who wish to honor a recently deceased colleague, post that person's name and other details on social media sites. Of course, this is the fastest way for colleagues to learn of someone's passing, but it does not automatically begin a Memorial Fund Account. A completed application and a \$25.00 deposit is required before the manager can make a First Announcement in the Quarterly. Please send ALL names

of the deceased to aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net, Attn: **Linda McCauley**, Deceased List Manager. DO NOT rely on social media, as this MAY invade privacy of family members.

Myth #3: The question, "...what happened to all the money...?" sent in over the years since the inception of the Memorial Program comes up frequently. Please know that our Treasurer keeps all the funds safely and separately in one account. We have started producing the first of the "bricks" and these will soon be visible on the website, but the AOSHS Board never approves borrowing from the Memorial Fund Account to pay for operational expenses.

The Application Form for opening a fund is available on our website at www.aoshs.org, along with all other forms for organizational operation. Please take the first steps to honor a colleague by completing that application, include at least a minimum dollar check, and forward the application to:

**AOSHS MEMORIAL
PROGRAM**

Attn: Dee Ann Edwards
P.O. Box 370962
Las Vegas, NV 89137

IN MEMORIAM

DARYL FREDERICK UMLAND
November 7, 1941-March 19, 2017

Daryl Frederick Umland was born to Freddie and Florence Umland in Luverne, Minnesota. He attended Luverne Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1959. After graduation, he attended Mankato Business College and joined the Minnesota National Guard. Returning home, he attended Worthington Junior College and married Jean Stanley on December 28, 1962. They moved to Bemidji, MN, where he attended what is now Bemidji State University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education as well as a Master of Arts Degree in Reading. After

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graduation in December 1965, Daryl began his first teaching position with Job Corps, a training program for inner-city young men run by the U.S. Forest Service. In 1972, he accepted a position with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools and courageously moved his family to Japan where he taught at Tachikawa Elementary School and Misawa Middle School. In August 1978 Daryl accepted a transfer to Germany, where he taught at Kalkar Elementary School, Spangdahlem Elementary School, and Bitburg Middle School. During his time in Germany Mr. Umland was an active member of European Council of Parents and Teachers and National Education Association. Daryl and his wife, Jean, retired to Las Vegas, NV in October 2000, where Mr. Umland continued his love of teaching at the Community College of Southern Nevada, and most recently at Nevada Student Care. He and Jean were blessed with son, Chris, in 1967 and daughter, Denise, in 1969. Daryl is survived by Jean, Chris (Laura); Denise (Brandon); and five grandchildren (Tyler, Grace, Colton, Faith, and Hope) and by his brother Lee (Sharon) and sister Ellen.

Sponsor: Robert Lykins

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Venita “Queenie” Georgieff, August 24, 1930—July 12, 2016

Mark Kramer, May 18, 1934—May 14, 2016

John Edwards Lee, December 10, 1921—December 31, 2016

is a museum a
dream or
reality?

DR. TOM SMITH, Vice President

Members of AOSHS who were around during the early days of our society will remember our founder, Dr. Tom Drysdale, going from meeting to meeting carrying a large three-dimensional display of the future home of AOSHS and a museum dedicated to the educators and students of overseas schools. The city of Wichita was going to provide a building site and Tom was raising funds to build his “dream” museum. The intervention of the tragedy of 9/11 put a stop to fund raising and the partnership with Wichita to develop the building site.

However, AOSHS was established in buildings purchased in the Delano district of Wichita. There were two buildings side by side. One has been used as the office and receiving/storage area for all the memorabilia and artifacts that have been donated to AOSHS since its inception. The second building has been rented or leased as a source of income. For many years, the board of directors has been searching across the USA for a suitable facility to display the items stored in hundreds of boxes. All the searches resulted in dead-ends.

The board has recently agreed that these treasures need to be seen and be accessible to people around the world;

therefore, we will be embarking upon a major development utilizing the facility “next door” to our current office/storage space. It is in this building we will build a “Physical Museum” and a work area to digitize the storehouse of articles on hand for a “Virtual Museum.” The virtual museum will allow us to share our treasures worldwide through the AOSHS website. Though this is in the early stages of development, it is envisaged that we will have a full-time archivist assisted by volunteers working on the virtual museum while being able to display in the physical museum many of the items currently assigned to boxes in the storage area.

Obviously, to undertake such a major development will require hundreds of thousands of dollars. Since we are currently operating on a shoestring budget, this will require many large contributions above and beyond our current capabilities. It is our goal to attract individuals, corporations and trust funds to support growing our “dream” into “reality.” If you are willing to provide financial support for this project, please contact the AOSHS office at **316-265-6837**. All contributions are tax deductible.

AOSHS by-LAWS

UPDATED

<http://www.aoshs.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Draft-Revised-AOSHS-By-Laws-dec-16.pdf>

The AOSHS By-Laws are being updated to reflect member comments received during the July 2016 DoDDS Reunion as well as the AOSHS Question & Answer Session after the membership annual meeting. Please view them online. For your convenience, the changes are highlighted in red. If you have any questions regarding this draft, please email them with the subject heading “By-Laws” to aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net.



KELLEY GERMAINE, Board Member

The AOSHS website continues to be improved and updated. We have a 5-prong approach that will enhance online donations, memberships and other features.

The Memories section of the website is being updated to blend seamlessly with the current look and feel of the website. The new changes will allow for more robust categorization of the memories created by our membership. This will allow visitors to the site to find memories that relate to time periods or specific locations. For example, you would be able to find memories specifically for Heidelberg in 1947 or just memories of Wiesbaden. Additionally, the changes will make this section easier for AOSHS to manage. By expanding the library of Memories, we can capture lost parts of history before they are gone forever.

We will also provide additional search functionality to easily find and update records within our Educator and Student Archives. These sections encompass phases 1 and 2 in our upgrades.

The new membership section will have payment modules and support for special member only sections of the website. The system will also send reminders and receipts for membership renewals. The current online Memorial Program will be updated including the Engravings, Donations Type, Stone Types and the donation history. We will have a revamped system on the way memorials are entered and maintained so that it is easier to manage and update. This will be a precursor to a new and improved online Memorial Program that will be developed and will offer exciting options. The benefits of a new Program are numerous. The most noteworthy aspect is that posted information will be available worldwide. There will be no need to travel to a specific place to view the information. All of this will be accomplished during phases 3—5.

Keep tuned for these upgrades to be completed later this year. If you ever have any questions, please contact **Monica Tiller**, Operations Manager, at 316-265-6837 or email aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net.



**VISIT AOSHS at www.aoshs.org
On FACEBOOK at**

**www.facebook.com/groups/169980156354700/ and
www.facebook.com/AOSHSArchive/**

**On TWITTER at <https://twitter.com/aoshsoffice>
On YOUTUBE at <https://youtu.be/SmBE9u1eIAM>**

AOSHS ARCHIVE FACILITY WOES

Built in 1925 in the historic Delano District of west Wichita, Kansas, the AOSHS Archive building has undergone many repairs and renovations; however, one neglected area was plumbing with only minor repairs to keep it in working order. In November 2016, merely running water in the bathroom sink caused a backup and overflow of the toilet, a clear sign that more needed to be done.

After snaking and water pressure could not remove all the debris, we faced 2-1/2 days of jack-hammering the concrete floor in the adjacent utility closet to expose the main pipe. Feeding a camera through the pipe uncovered the cause of the backup—a concave depression in the soil supporting the old metal pipe down the line made the it dip and rise, causing a buildup where it bowed. We had to open up more of the concrete flooring to access the area in question, fill and level it, and then replace the section of bent pipe for a normal, unimpeded flow. This repair was scheduled for the week after the holidays as boxes would need to be moved and shelving disassembled.



On January 5th, the plumbers started with the jack-hammers to cut out a 3-by-10-foot section of the floor.



All was going well until suddenly the fire suppression system alarms went off. Lights flashing and alarms blaring, Archive Manager **Ron Harrison** dashed to engage the abort button in the front office to shut it off to no avail.



With a **WHOOSH**, the overhead gas used to snuff out any fire while preserving our treasures blasted through the **entire** building, causing papers and light objects to blow all over the place. No one knew that the concrete dust created by cutting into the floor would set the system off, sensing smoke instead of a cloud of thick dust. All the surfaces were covered in a film of dust and powdery gas residue, and boxes from the tops of the shelves had been blown down.

While we were heartened by the fact that the accident demonstrated that the fire-suppression system worked, we still question the versatility of the aborting process. The sensitivity of the abort button itself was an issue. Additionally, the time programmed from the moment the alarms would go off to when the system deployed proved to be too short. The office staff were not able to reach the disarm button in the back to completely shut the system down in the needed time. Our office staff are working with the company to address these issues for the future.

Regardless, the plumbing construction and the replacement fill of the gas cylinders (a 100 lb. and two 650 lb.) were unplanned costs that were definitely not in the budget. This has made a substantial dent in our finances at a time when we've been striving to move AOSHS forward by modernizing our website and converting our rental property next door into a museum. As we close more and more overseas schools, and AOSHS receives memorabilia not just from schools, but from individuals as well, we need to utilize our entire building for storing and displaying our interesting collections!

We hope you understand the situation. If you can find it in your hearts to assist AOSHS, please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our operating fund. We would also appreciate passing on this need to others that may be able to contribute. And, if you can find the time, please drop in to the AOSHS Archives to see the incredible collection of memorabilia from our overseas schools.

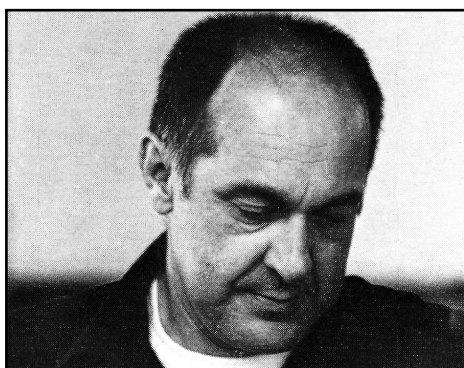
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Berlin American High School Coach Talks About the Berlin Duty Train

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If there's an expert on riding the Berlin Duty Train, it has to be **Byron Smith**, basketball and track coach at Berlin High School. When he brought his track team down to Wiesbaden Thursday night, it marked the 53rd time Byron has made the trip in his three-year tenure in the Walled City.



"A couple of weeks ago, the coach of one of the visiting teams said that coming to Berlin wouldn't be bad if it weren't for the long bus ride and the overnight train trip and I asked him how he'd like to do it for or five times a sports season instead of once a year or so—and he voiced the opinion that once in a while IS more than enough," Smith said recently.

52 Trips Out

"I've made 52 trips to the zone since I've been in Berlin," Smith

continued.

"That's a year of weekends riding the duty train. It's a lot of bother, but we wouldn't have any sports program at Berlin High School if we didn't ride the rails." Smith has become accustomed to the red tape involved in getting the teams out of Berlin.

"I don't really think, except for the number of trips we have to make, that it is as difficult for us to get out of Berlin as it is for teams coming in here to play us," Smith said. "We



have some sort of a priority and the transportation and RTO people really do a fine job for us. We can generally get flag orders within a day or two and it takes the other schools several weeks. And, the people at RTO always have a bus waiting for us when we get to Frankfurt."

What is a typical trip like? "It begins with the cutting of orders," Smith says. "Then in basketball season, we check in on a Thursday night for our trip to the zone. I have to collect all the passports and have all papers in order when we check in and I have to sign the required forms. We board at 8 and the train leaves at 8:30.



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After we board, I have to assign the boys compartments. We arrive in Frankfurt early Friday morning.”

But getting to Frankfurt is only the beginning for Berlin’s athletes. They still have to get to the site of the competition and more often than not that involves a long bus trip.

“As I said, the RTO people have been very great to us. When we get to Frankfurt, our bus generally is waiting—only once in the three years have we had to wait as long as an hour—and we take off for Rhein-Main Air Base and breakfast. Then, it’s on to our destination.

Sometimes, in the basketball season, we barely get to the site of the game in time to rest up before we play,” Smith added.

Smith has found out that the teams generally make out all right on



Friday, but they generally are dead when Saturday’s games roll around.

“The effect of the trip doesn’t really hit the kids until Saturday. They generally play a pretty decent game Friday night, but Saturday we’ve

found has taken its toll quite often—the boys just can’t seem to get going and some teams that we figure we should beat easily have given us fits,” Smith added.

“We play our Saturday game, usually early in the morning, and head back for Frankfurt and reverse the procedure. We arrive home early Sunday morning and I head right for home and go to bed for most of the day. Monday is practically a lost day as far as practice is concerned.”

Smith said that the Berlin Boosters Club has played a key role in making the arduous trips better for the athletes, citing the fact that many parents make all the trips to support the teams and also that the boosters pick up the tab for two meals a day for every boy representing Berlin High School on the fields of endeavor.

FROM PAUL ERICKSON Bad Nauheim Dependent School, 1953



MAY 1953

Combined 7th and 8th Grade students.

Teacher: Paul Erickson

Principal: John Hicks



THE REAL THING—Students of the Bad Nauheim Dependent School conducted a real “March of Dimes”. 230 pupils, grades one through eight, filed past a glass collection bowl, contributing \$23.08 to the Dimes fund.

(Army photo by Suprenant)

Nurnberg American High School A HISTORY

By Joan Kay McCarter Adrian, Graduate Class, 1949

The first dependents began to arrive in October 1946. The DoDD high school for the Nurnberg post area was located in one of the buildings of the University of Erlangen. Erlangen is located approximately 20 miles from Nurnberg.

When the school opened in mid-October, there were few books and supplies. Students whose parents were stationed over 50 miles from the school lived in the dorms. For that first winter, the boys were housed in a former German Army troop barracks. They had hot water, but no way to heating the building. The furnaces were old and inoperable. Many of the windows were broken and had been boarded up with wooden shutters. G1 cots were used for beds. One of the early male students told me that they would get in the shower and use the hottest water they could stand to get warm, then jump out, dry quickly, put on every piece of clothing that they had and then jump into bed with as many covers as they could get hold of. On a particularly bitter, cold night, one of the boys decided to build a fire so they could all get warm. He used one of the large metal garbage cans from the kitchen and filled it with paper and any scrap wood they could find, including an old wooden chair. The girls lived in a large house that was confiscated for their use.

The high school was small, with about 50-60 students for all 9th through 12th grades. Numbers fluctuated throughout those first few years since troops were being moved about to more strategic areas as tension between U.S. and Russia began to escalate. As buildings were repaired and put into more livable conditions, troop units would be moved in. Many of the early students that attended high school for 3-4 years would attend from 2 to 4 different schools.

The first graduating class of 1947 had 8 students. They were sent to Munich to graduate with their students as Munich it was larger and would be provide a more ceremonious occasion for the small Erlangen group.

At the beginning of the 1947-48 school year, the high school merged with the junior high and grade school in the building at 19 Tannenstrasse in Furth (Nurnberg-Furth forms a large metropolitan city). The building was built in 1906 as a German girls school, and during WWII the Germans used it as a hospital. After the war, it became an American hospital until converted for use as the DoDD American School in late Fall, 1946. The graduating class of 1948 had only 4 students, and again they went to Munich for their graduation ceremony.

By the time I arrived in January 1949 for the final half of my senior year, there were close to 100 students in the 9th to 12th grades and we ended the year with 23 graduating seniors. Mine was the first class to graduate in Nurnberg. The dorms were located about 2-3 blocks from the school and were large three-story private homes requisitioned by the American Army for our use. The two houses were next door to each other. Generally, there were about 15-20 students in each dorm. Two to four students roomed together depending on the size of the room. There was a dorm "father" and a dorm "mother" (teachers), as well as a live-in cleaning lady for each building. We were expected to keep our own rooms clean, but the cleaning lady did the mopping, sweeping, linen laundry, etc. There was a common social room. We had all our meals in the school cafeteria. Only the cleaning lady and the house mother could use the kitchen, but we could keep snacks in the kitchen. Dinner was at 6:00 p.m. and we had to be back in the dorms by 7:00 p.m. Study hours were 7:00 to 9:00, with lights out at 10:00. Classes ended around 3-3:30 p.m., and we could socialize until dinner time. Sometimes we would ride the street car into Nurnberg and go to one or the American snack bars or over to the PX. Any time we were out of the dorm we had to sign out stating where we were going. The Berlin Air Lift was still operating, and relations with the Russians were strained. Those students whose parents were stationed in Nurnberg went home each day and were only under parental rules, although I think there was a military-mandated curfew.

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For many years (I'm not sure how long), diplomas were presented in black leather cases. When occupation troops entered Germany, somewhere along the way a factory full of black leather that was to have been used to make the trench coats for the SS officers was confiscated. **General Max F. Schneider, Sr.** (Max Jr. was graduate of 1947) decided that some use could be made of all the black leather, and it was used for the seven American high schools in Germany at that time, with the name of the school embossed in gold letters on front of the cases. The cases were then lined with another German acquisition—parachute silk.

In January 1952, the students were moved to their new school building, built near the new American housing apartment complex. This building remained in use until the school's closing in June 1995.

Those of us from the early years never imagined that these schools would exist for so many decades. Nurnberg's final high school building was 43 years old

when it closed its doors. Many school buildings in the States do not have this much history. As we face the fact that many of our overseas schools have now closed, reflect on the impact that we had on the local population, as well as the opportunities afforded us to expand our own cultural horizons.

Note: This was originally written in the early 1990s. Since that time, I learned that for the first few weeks of school in the Fall of 1946, classes were held in a requisitioned home in Erlangen. The students sat on any chair that was available. There were only a handful of teachers to have arrived at that time, and none of the books had arrived. Many of the teachers brought their own textbooks with them and used those until supplies could catch up. Students had to write most of their material in notebooks as teachers read from the book. It was in late November 1946 that they were moved into the building on the Erlangen University campus. Many of the students that should have graduated in their acknowledged senior year had to attend an extra year because some of the required subjects had not been available that first 1 to 2 years. There were several in the class of 1948 that were supposed to have graduated that Spring, but they didn't have credits in the needed subjects. By the '48-'49 school year, most of the required subjects were in place and textbooks available for a minimum high school curriculum. —JMA

Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany

By Dee Ann Edwards

Intermediate Team, grades 5 and 6, Rhein-Main Elementary, 1973-1980

By all accounts, we were going to have a good day. Children were “not attending” because the day was an INSERVICE TRAINING/WORK DAY. I don't have much memory of what we were working on, but I do remember that all the staff was excited because we did not have to bring pot luck items. We got to GO OUT for lunch, and as usual, most elected to head for the Rhein Main Officer's Club across base.

We arrived to find that most of the military lunch crowd was ready to return to duty, and the club was almost empty. I spotted civilian

Johnny Carson across the room, but few, if any duty uniforms were in sight, so the teachers had the full attention of the wait staff. There were a few Wives Club members

visible, as they were decorating for the holiday season.

I had come alone in my own car as I had run errands prior to joining a table. We laughed while we ate, not often getting the chance to have an adult lunch. As I was the last to arrive, I found that I was the last teacher to leave the dining room as well. Before going to the parking lot out front, I went to the Ladies Room.



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Rhein-Main Air Base—continued

There I saw a young German woman standing before the mirror with one hand on a collapsible rolling cart which held a suitcase. I greeted her, and thinking she was a vendor with jewelry or something to sell, I asked if she was setting up “shop” before the dinner hour. She totally ignored my question, so I left, and started my trip back to Gateway Gardens and the afternoon session after noting there was only one car in the lot beside mine, a German-plated, Frankfurt car.

As I entered the work area, I noted a strange quiet among my colleagues. Finally, someone turned to me and said, “...THE CLUB is on fire!” I felt the need to argue with her and said something like “...but I JUST LEFT THERE! It was fine 10 minutes ago.”

As we soon learned, there had been an explosion and the club was a total loss but no one had been injured or killed. Needless to say, the

investigation involved the teachers who had lunched there that day. Many of us had personal interviews, and I recall spending at least 2-3 hours with a forensic artist in the next few days. Today I do not recall how I described the woman I saw in the ladies restroom, but later I learned that the offending bomb had been placed there prior to detonation. The **Bader Meinhof** group later claimed they had successfully planted the bomb.

CORRECTION SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT!

*The following correction to a statement in the Spring 2017 edition of the AOSHS Quarterly was submitted by **Joe Condrill**, President of the Overseas Brats Association. Thank you, Joe, for correcting the record.*

On Page 5 under the banner of **Help Us Keep The Memories ALIVE!** in the third paragraph, the following was written:

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

The second sentence is incorrect.

At no time leading up to 9/11 did AOSHS receive any government funding. Otherwise, President Emeritus Tom Drysdale would have made this announcement at the annual AOSHS meetings and in AOSHS publications, and he certainly would have shared this information with me.

Up to 9/11 there was a chance that funding from the U.S. government might have been possible, given the support the AOSHS Historical Park was receiving from the Kansas Congressional delegation and other U.S. representatives and senators. But yes, 9/11 did change that.

From Day One, AOSHS's funding has come from the loyal and dedicated Educators and Brats and others connected to AOSHS. —JC



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