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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. GAYLE VAUGHN-WILES

It has been a very interesting year! At home in Downeast Maine, the fall was drop dead gorgeous and the winter was long with lots of snow! The nor'easters dumped from a foot and a half to two feet of snow one week after the other. The snow was beautiful and winter scenery outstanding. It was extremely cold and bottom line we survived. At last "spring has sprung" and we are preparing for the summer.

Many exciting things have occurred with the AOSHS board. You will read about them in this issue. **Chris Kyrios** worked diligently to obtain funds to award scholarships to students in Puerto Rico. After the devastation in that country the seniors will be grateful. **Rebecca Dunn** has been updating the historical "Black Books" as well as researching the history of the Gutenberg typeset located in our

office. **Kelley Germaine** has been coordinating information for our PowerPoint to be presented at the **Annual AOSHS Meeting** scheduled to take place at the **DoDDS Reunion in Buffalo, New York on Friday, July 20, at 9 AM**. Kelley continually updates our website, and works closely with committees for the business plan and long-range budget. **Dee Edwards** worked the memorial program for most of the year before turning it over to **Monica Tiller** in the AOSHS Archive office. Dee was instrumental in the gathering of data for ordering the initial bricks and pavers. We now have a permanent display of Memorial Tiles mounted on our walls at the Archive. When I took the position as President of the AOSHS Board of Directors, I had a personal goal of purchasing the bricks and pavers and actually placing them in a designated area. Wow! A dream come true. Dee has done an outstanding job and due to her circumstances at this time, she will be leaving the board officially in July. We will need a person to replace her and assume her

responsibilities. If you are interested or you know someone who is interested, please contact the office at aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net.

Please read **Linda Connelly's** article on membership. It will inform you of our database and our plans for those members missing in action. **Ron Harrison**, our treasurer, has gotten his financial workout assisting with the long-term budget, monthly reports, developing contracts, and bouncing partnership requirements off his assistant, **Doug Kelsey**. What a pair! **Bob Germaine** continues to analyze our finances and enhances our awareness of financial projections that may impact us. Bob has been inquiring about methods of digitization as our organization moves in that direction. He works closely with the treasurer and assistant treasurer as we plan financial partnerships. **Tom Smith** has the "Million Dollar Challenge" which involves the united effort of all board members as well as AOSHS members and corporations. Not only is the project financially

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challenging, it is also a means of moving us forward.

Monica, our operations manager, continues to be an asset to our organization as well as the Brat community. Just recently a group of Frankfurt Alumni visited the office

and Monica had displays of their memorabilia and old yearbooks available. Read her article in the Spring 2018 *AOSHS Quarterly* to find out "the rest of the story".

There are many interesting items that I have alluded to but have not

addressed in detail. Please enjoy this edition of the *Quarterly* to get more detailed information. I hope to see you at our annual meeting in Buffalo, Friday, July 20, at 9 AM. Please join me and the board... everyone is invited to hear our great news!



GRANT WRITER

AOSHS is looking for an individual who has experience and qualifications to help us with the processes involved in grant writing for a nonprofit. This is a voluntary position. A nonprofit grant writer should have a bachelor's degree in communications, English, professional writing or a similar major; skill to meet tight deadlines, able to do extensive research, have excellent grammar skills, and the ability to familiarize him- or herself with our organization's goals and needs. Anyone interested in this position may contact **Gayle** at gayle.aoshs@gmail.com, or Vice President **Tom Smith** at tom.aoshs@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

This is a Board Member position, also voluntary. The Memorial Program chair oversees the Memorial Fund donations and the Memorial Program's Bricks and Pavers purchases, provides memorial articles from sponsors in each AOSHS Quarterly, and gives the organization's webmaster memorial updates for our website. As a board member, this position also requires the volunteer to attend the annual DoDDS reunion where our own annual membership meeting is held each July, the annual board meetings in Wichita, KS each September following Labor Day, and be available for the board's teleconferences every other month. For more information, contact **Gayle** at gayle.aoshs@gmail.com, and visit our website at www.aoshs.org.



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY

AOSHS AND DODEA COLLABORATE TO PRESERVE THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE HISTORY OF DODEA

DOUG KELSEY, Assistant Treasurer

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) and the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) are collaborating to pursue their common goal of preserving the history of the school systems that have educated the children of American military servicemembers for more than seventy years.

As AOSHS continues to develop and organize their archives and as DODEA, under Director **Tom Brady's** leadership, appropriately utilizes their resources to assist in this effort and to reach out to their current DODEA staff worldwide, this synergy will strengthen efforts to capture history that soon may be

unreachable. This initiative will also provide an opportunity to begin the digitization of all print materials currently in the AOSHS archives. The establishment of a museum in AOSHS's Wichita location will now become a reality. It is anticipated permanent and/or traveling exhibits may be established at DoDEA HQ, at the Pentagon and at other strategic locations. These efforts will enhance the public's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the contributions made by DoDEA employees to American military and military-connected families for more than seven decades.

As the window of opportunity to reach teachers from the late 40s is

rapidly closing, this renewed partnership is very timely. The graduates of high schools in the late 40s are now in their late eighties. Efforts can be focused on capturing information to fill the gaps in AOSHS's archives. The digitization efforts will enable the vast DODEA community to have access to materials in the archives.

This cooperative effort between DODEA and AOSHS will enable AOSHS to pursue and to reach their ambitious, but realistic goals. Through these combined efforts, the primary goal of collecting, recording and preserving the unique history of educating American military and military-connected children will be achieved.

Membership Update and Looking Ahead

LINDA CONNELLY, Membership

During March and April, 47 members renewed their commitment to AOSHS. Thank you so much for your continued and ongoing support! During that same time, only two new members joined our ranks. Clearly, we need to continue our efforts on *"Each One, Reach One"*. Can you convince one person to join us? Is there a friend who is retiring or

who has a birthday coming up soon? Why not "gift" a one-year membership?

There is a group of AOSHS members who were busily involved in updating our database last year. While it was a challenging task, many folks were contacted who haven't been active in some years. Some of them have rejoined our organization! Many were unreachable. That said, we need to do more.

The database spreadsheets that include all former and current members is sizable. For that reason, it has become apparent that we need to "clean up"

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that database even further. Our plan includes several points:

- Contact former members that we haven't had contact with for at least ten years via letter.
- At the DoDDS Reunion, make available the spreadsheet of these "missing" members and request any available information. (This met with some success at last year's Reunion.)
- Delete former members no longer interested in belonging to AOSHS or those with whom we have had no contact in the last decade.

We are always open to suggestions and your thoughts on helping AOSHS grow!



YEARBOOK INITIATIVE YIELDS RESULTS, BUT MANY MORE NEEDED

DOUG KELSEY, Assistant Treasurer

We will gladly accept donated yearbooks or you may loan us your yearbooks to digitize.

In last month's edition of the *AOSHS Quarterly*, a list of all high school yearbooks in the AOSHS archives was published, as well as a list of those yearbooks still needed to have complete sets for each former or current high school. This initiative generated some results, but there are still many, many yearbooks needed to complete the AOSHS archives. I would like to share one of the positive results obtained. A

gentleman from Washington state called and offered to loan us his copy of the 1947 yearbook from Frankfurt High School. AOSHS will receive this yearbook late this summer, make a digital copy and promptly return the yearbook to him. We hope to have many similar experiences to share in future newsletters.

AOSHS only needs yearbooks that we do not have in our archives. You may check this by looking at the previous newsletter (Spring 2018) or you may contact **Doug Kelsey**

at dskelsey@hotmail.com or 404-664-9128 to determine if we need the yearbooks you have. I can also email you a copy of the list of the yearbooks needed that was published in the last *Quarterly*. AOSHS is very happy to receive donated copies of yearbooks missing from our archives or we would also be grateful for you to loan us your yearbooks for 30 days while we make copies of them. We now have the capability to digitize print materials. If you are willing to loan us your yearbooks, we will make a digital copy and return the books to you. The only cost to you would be the postage to send the book(s) to Wichita. AOSHS will pay for the return postage. If the postage is an overwhelming burden, we have AOSHS donors willing to pay for the mailing of yearbooks from your home to our Wichita office.

AOSHS welcomes your support of this initiative as we strive to complete our archives. It will be a landmark day when we have a copy of all the yearbooks from each former and current high school in our archives or digital copies of these yearbooks.



TWO BRAT SENIORS AWARDED 2018 DR. DRYSDALE SCHOLARSHIPS

CHRIS KYRIOS, BRAT Representative

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) has awarded two \$1,500 **Dr. Tom Drysdale Memorial Scholarships** to Overseas Brat seniors



GENESIS JUSTINIANO
Antilles High School

Genesis Justiniano of **Antilles HS** and **Onelis Cardona** of **Ramey HS**, both located in Puerto Rico. Both winners were involved with volunteer activities related to Hurricane Maria. The awardees' applications, along with those of numerous other highly qualified applicants, were reviewed by a scholarship committee from AOSHS and Overseas Brats. Miss Justiniano will be attending SUNY-

Maritime (NY) and will major in Marine Environmental Science, and Miss Cardona will attend Carleton College (MN) as a pre-med student. We wish the scholarship winners and other applicants the very best in their academic endeavors.

Funding for this scholarship was initiated by Brats attending the Overseas Brats Gathering in 2013. The fund has since grown and been adopted by donors of the **Karlsruhe Alumni Association**, the **Colorado Brats Club**, and merchandise sales at the **DoDDS World Reunions** and **Overseas Brats Homecoming 2016**. Significant funding this year came from a successful Facebook fundraiser in early 2018 for which over 40 brats & educators made generous contributions.

For the 2018-2019 school year, AOSHS plans to award another \$3,000 in scholarships to Brats at overseas

schools. We are striving to award these scholarships annually, so developing on-going funding is critical. **Please help us in this endeavor** by making a tax-deductible donation to the Dr. Tom Drysdale Scholarship Fund. If you have an upcoming school reunion or regional meet, you might consider collecting donations at that event!

Please make checks payable to **AOSHS**, and mail to:

AOSHS
Attn: Scholarship Fund
704 W. Douglas Ave.
Wichita KS 67203

Or you can call the office at **316-265-6837** to donate by credit card.

For further information please contact AOSHS Board Member, **Chris Kyrios** at **kyriosc@yahoo.com**. We look forward to hearing about any fundraising ideas you or your school may have. Thank you for preserving the memory of Dr. Drysdale who was the visionary behind the American Overseas School Historical Society. AOSHS' mission is to collect and preserve the historical archival memorabilia of the entire American overseas school system, a unique chapter in the history of American education. **Visit our website at www.aoshs.org.**



ONELIS CARDONA
Ramey High School

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DR. TOM SMITH, Vice President

Everyone who has attended the Reunion knows that each year AOSHS sponsors a table with many wonderful raffle prizes.



Teaser #1

This has been one of the most significant financial support programs the organization has had during the last few years. All of the items are donated from our wonderful members and other Reunion attendees. We are asking any member who wishes to donate an item they no longer want but another person would value, to bring it with them to the Reunion. Please understand, we will accept all donations but respectfully request that you only

bring quality items. Thank you in advance for supporting AOSHS.



Teaser #2

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO TO AOSHS

DR. NANCY BRESELL, Secretary

AOSHS wishes to recognize this quarter's donors who support the Archives and our Operating Fund. While membership fees are definitely the backbone of our funding, member donations are vital to carrying out and expanding the work of the Society.

The Board agreed to run the annual recognition program from the beginning of the current DoDDS Reunion (Reunion XXIX – July 26, 2017 last year) to the beginning of the DoDDS Reunion the following year (Reunion XXX – July 18, 2018 this year). The names of donors within the Support Levels will have their names published in the 'Q' the quarter that their donation was received, or if missed, the following newsletter. **All donors for the year will be recognized for a final time in our Fall 2018 issue, and to all of you who found it in your hearts and pocketbooks to support the AOSHS mission, *we thank you.***

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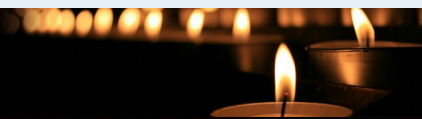
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IN MEMORIAM

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

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





MONICA TILLER, Memorial Program Manager, pro tem

In recent months the AOSHS Memorial Program has been undergoing some reorganizing as we move forward toward (*gasp!*) 2020.

One of the key elements in the Memorial Program, **Bricks and Pavers**, has, after two decades, come to fruition. As many of you who have been with AOSHS since its early days know, the initial plan for the installation of the bricks, ceramic blocks, and pavers offered in 1999 was to be part of the AOSHS Museum and Historical Park as elements in the proposed outdoor courtyard and walkways. When it became evident in the mid-2000s that we would not have the needed funding to make our museum complex and park a reality, board members sought other alternatives where we might have our “memorial park”, but to no avail. Each year solutions were discussed and researched, but locations, costs, and other considerations got in the way. When the option of tiles, both quarry and granite, was introduced as a resolution to the issue, and when we were able to have our own Memorial Wall at our archive facility at 704 W. Douglas Avenue in Wichita, the clouds opened, and the golden rays fell upon us! *Finally*, we could honor all those who had purchased either a memorial or individual brick or paver! With the collected monies through the years in its own fund, we began ordering the engraved tiles in April 2017 and, with only less than a dozen left to order, all have been purchased and delivered to the archive. Once they have all been installed, we will feature photographs of the permanent display in the *AOSHS Quarterly*. This brings me to our next item...

Throughout the years we have continued to refer to this auxiliary program as “Bricks and Pavers”, yet

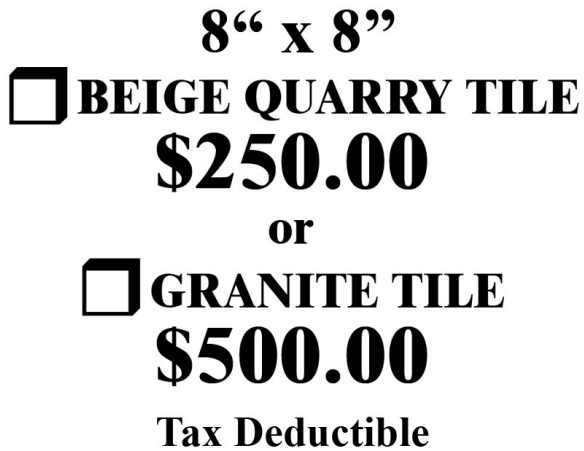
what we now have are tiles, so with that being the case we are renaming the program the **Commemorative Tile Program**. We still have 89 tiles available for sale in assorted sizes:

45 4”x8” Red Quarry Tiles	\$100.00
26 8”x8” Beige Quarry Tiles	\$250.00
16 8”x8” Polished Granite Tiles	\$500.00
2 12”x12” Polished Granite Tiles	\$1,000.00

Once these remaining physical tiles have been sold, the Memorials page on our website will then feature digital tiles in the form of a graphic image including an embossed inscription. *Side note: The Memorials page is currently down for maintenance while we update its information.*

We are still looking for one of our faithful members to take over the chairman position for the Memorial Program. This is a three-year, voluntary board position. Duties include overseeing incoming memorials sent in by Sponsors who wish to begin a Memorial Fund for a deceased friend or family member, providing their articles for the *AOSHS Quarterly* along with a Second Notice in the following newsletter, maintaining each fund’s status as people donate toward the fund, and providing our organization’s webmaster with memorial updates on our Memorials website page. As a board member, this position also requires the volunteer to attend the annual DoDDS Reunion in July where our own annual membership meeting is held as well as the annual board meetings in Wichita, KS, following Labor Day, and be available for the board’s teleconferences every other month. If interested, please contact **Gayle** at gayle.aoshs@gmail.com or the office at aoshsoffice@sbcglobal.net.

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Thomas T. Drysdale, May 4, 1921 - February 28, 2013

The AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AOSHS)

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

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

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

DONATIONS to help preserve the American Overseas Schools Archives (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.

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.

The AOSHS Policy

The Directors realize that to obtain all AOSHS objectives:

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

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