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The AOSHS exists mainly for the preservation of The American Overseas Schools Archives.



The  
**AOSHS  
QUARTERLY**

*A Journal for All Past and Present American  
Overseas Schools Personnel, Students, and Families*



In this second issue of THE QUARTERLY, the main focus will be on the 50th Anniversary Celebration of DoD Overseas Dependents Schools in Washington, D.C. next July 31 – August 4.

Although the celebration will recognize and honor the DoD achievement of spawning, developing, and operating a large accredited American school system on foreign soil, and in U.S. Territories for the past 50 years, it will also be attended by many past and present non-DoD schools personnel, students, families and friends. Why? Because thousands of DoD and non-DoD dependents have attended both DoD and private American schools abroad, and many educators, American and foreign, have served overseas in both DoD and private American schools.

This 50th year celebration will be a ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME joyful and memorable event for all who attend, and a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships—old and new.

So, it is with this issue of THE QUARTERLY that members of the HISTORICAL SOCIETY encourage all past and present DoDDS and private overseas educators, families, and friends to join their students, teachers, alumni, sons, and daughters at the OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL in Washington, D.C. for THE REUNION OF REUNIONS—GRAND REUNION '96—certainly to be the GALA EVENT OF THE CENTURY for all American overseas educators and students, past and present.

Also included in this issue are important announcements regarding: (1) DoDDS' FORMAL KICK OFF of a YEAR LONG 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, and a ONE-OF-A-KIND EVENT, sponsored by the AOSHS, both scheduled for Friday, August 2, and to which all are invited to attend, (2) the first annual meeting of the AOSHS scheduled for Saturday, August 3, at the OMNI SHOREHAM, and (3) the charitable, public supported status of the AOSHS, approved by the Internal Revenue Service on February 23, 1996.



**GRAND REUNION '96 UPDATE**

This REUNION OF REUNIONS will be held in the OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL, 2500 Calvert Street NW, Washington, D.C., July 31 through August 4. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-843-6664. Be sure to mention GRAND REUNION '96 to receive the special \$98 per night, single or double occupancy room rate (reduced from the regular summer room rate of \$195-215 per night).


More than 550 alumni and retired faculty (about 250 each) are currently registered for GRAND '96. The following DoD and private American overseas schools are currently represented. More will surely be added prior to July 31:

Ankara, Ansbach, Augsburg, Aviano, Bamberg, Bangkok, Baumholder, Berlin, Bindloch, Boeblingen, Bremerhaven, Brindisi, Burtonwood, Cairo, Chateauroux, Chaffee, Chofu, Clark, Darmstadt, Dewey, Dhahran, Forrest Sherman, Frankfurt, George Cannon, Goose Bay, Grant Heights, Guam, H.H. Arnold, Hahn, Hanau, Harmon, Heidelberg, Incirlik, Izmir, Johnson, Kadena, Kaiserslautern, Karlsruhe, Keflavik, Kindley, King, Kinnick, Kubasaki, Lajes, Lakenheath, Laon, Lima, Lindsey, Linz, Livorno, London Central, Mahan, Makiminato, Mannheim,

Misawa, Munich, Naha, Naples, Narimasu, Nouasseur, Nurnberg, Orleans, Oslo, Osterholtz, Patch, Pattonville, Poitiers, Prestwick, Pusan, Ramey, Ramstein, Rhein Main, Rio de Janeiro, Rochefort, Rota, W.T. Sampson, Sendai, Seoul, SHAPE, Soesterberg, Stuttgart, Sullivans, Tachikawa, Taipei, Tehran, Thomas Roberts, Tokyo, Torrejon, Toul, Tsoying, Upper Heyford, Vicenza, Vienna, Wagner, Wainwright, Wheelus, Wurmsmith, Yamato, Yokota, Yoyogi, Zama, Zaragosa, Zweibrucken.

The registration fee of \$150.00 per person covers: Thursday night opening reception, Friday night dinner, Saturday night dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, three nights of entertainment and dancing, Grand '96 T-shirt, and a memory book.

Events A la Carte' (separate event prices do not include memory book and T-Shirt) are: Thursday night opening reception \$20.00, Friday night Reunion Festivities \$50.00, Saturday night Homecoming Celebration \$60.00, Sunday morning farewell breakfast \$30.00.

Registration fees should be sent to REUNIONS UNLIMITED, 6851 S. Holly Circle, Suite 100, Englewood, CO 80112. Those not staying in the OMNI SHOREHAM can pick up their registration packets in the east lobby of the hotel. 

**ANNOUNCING  
the  
DoDDS FORMAL KICK OFF  
of a  
YEARLONG 50th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will kick off a yearlong schedule of activities celebrating the 50th Anniversary of DoDDS with a commemorative event on Friday, August 2, 1996. The First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton has graciously agreed to be the Honorary Chairperson for the event which will take place at Fort McNair Officers Club in Washington, D.C. from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The event will feature distinguished speakers, a multimedia retrospective of the first five decades of DoDDS, and awards presentations. Admission to the event is free, but seating is limited. Anyone wishing to attend should reserve a seat by contacting DoDEA through the internet at: [DoDEA\\_50th\\_Anniversary@odedodea.edu](mailto:<DoDEA_50th_Anniversary@odedodea.edu>).

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On March 10 and 11, Dr. Lillian Gonzalez, Director DoDEA and Executive Officer for DoDDS, paid an official visit to the *American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA)* temporarily located in Goodyear, AZ. Dr. Gonzalez was enroute to Washington, D.C. from an American Association of School Administrators meeting in California. She was joined by Ms. Patricia Lambe, the new DoDEA Communications Officer, who stayed through the 12th identifying items in *AOSA* collections to be photographed and used in the KICK OFF of the DoDDS YEAR LONG 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

During the evening of March 10th, the *AOSHS OFFICERS* personally hosted a reception for Dr. Gonzalez and Ms. Lambe, attended by available retired DoDDS educators in Arizona and two officials from Northern Arizona University.

Following is the text of a letter sent to Dr. Gonzalez on March 27, 1996, by the president of the society. **It is provided as information for society members:**

AOSHS, INC.  
P.O. BOX 777  
LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ 85340

Dear Dr. Gonzalez:

We are sure that all members of the *American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS)* will be pleased to learn that the first lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton recognizes the importance of their experiences overseas as students, families and educators, and has agreed to be the Honorary Chairperson for your celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. We also appreciate your sharing of the preliminary plans for your formal kick off of what will be a yearlong, world-wide celebration. We are also sure that all members of the *AOSHS* and their families will support, and to the extent possible, participate in the planned activities.

The occasion is of such great significance to our members, and indeed to anyone who has an affiliation with DoDDS, that we would like to do something more than just support DoDEA's event on August 2. We therefore plan to sponsor an evening activity that will hopefully bring the DoDDS community together in a very elegant, unique, and memorable setting. As Washington, D.C. is the one location that all DoDDS people have in common, our event will use the beautiful monuments as a backdrop. We are sponsoring an evening dinner cruise on *Odyssey III*, a new one-of-a-kind cruise ship that serves a gourmet dinner during a four-hour reception and sail on the Potomac River. Entertainment on board will be provided by a dance band, pianist, and vocalist.

We hope that you, and all DoDEA employees, will join us at 6:30 p.m., Friday, August 2, 1996 for this special celebration. As you know, the *AOSHS* is a non-profit organization without the resources to underwrite tickets for people wishing to join us for this special dinner and cruise. Therefore we must ask that anyone who wants to be a part of our activity buy his or her own ticket. While the regular price for this dinner/cruise is \$77.00 plus tax, fees, and gratuities, we have negotiated a special discounted price of \$68.00 per person including tax, fees, and gratuities, and \$34.00 all inclusive for those under 12 years of age.

We respectfully request your support of this *AOSHS* activity by disseminating information about the dinner/cruise to everyone in the DoDEA and DoDDS organizations. All checks should be made payable to *AOSHS*, and sent to the above address as soon as possible. Your support of this *AOSHS* sponsored non-profit event will surely be appreciated by the membership.

We thank you for taking the time to visit the *ARCHIVES* and see some of the invaluable personal collections and other records, mementos, and memorabilia reflecting the first five decades of Military Departments and DoD Dependents Schools abroad.

Sincerely,  
Tom Drysdale, President



ANNOUNCING  
the  
**AOSHS SPONSORED**  
*non-profit, non-fund raising, once-in-a-lifetime*  
**EVENT**  
**TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE DoDDS 50th YEAR ABROAD**

### THE CRUISE

An experience beyond your expectations on the beautiful Potomac River, in Washington, D.C. 6:30–10:30 p.m., August 2, 1996.

The cruise will take place on board **ODYSSEY III** a new \$6 million, 600 passenger entertainment cruise ship, uniquely constructed to pass beneath the bridges which traverse the historic and scenic Potomac. With its lean, low, mostly glass design (at 240 feet long, 63 feet wide and an out-of-water height of 16 feet 6 inches), the **ODYSSEY** looks something like a floating mall, or a greenhouse at sea.

The floating glass atrium is designed after the grand river barges in Europe. The interior of the deck is climate-controlled for all seasons. The exterior boasts a 6 foot perimeter deck.

**ODYSSEY III** houses a state-of-art sound system, adjusted individually in various areas. All dining and observation areas are *handicapped accessible*. Coat check and cellular phone services are available. Restrooms (heads): six women's and eight men's are conveniently located. Smoking is permitted on the outside perimeter deck.

**ODYSSEY III** has three large rooms, taking up the full length of the enclosed portion of the ship: **The San Mateo Room** seating capacity 240, dining area 3,100 sq. ft., full service bar, pianist/vocalist, dance floor 13 x 20; **The Marin Room** seating capacity 220, dining area 3,050 sq. ft., full service bar, five-piece dance band, dance floor 16 x 22; and **The Carneros Room** seating capacity 140, dining area 1,275 sq. ft., waitstaff bar service, entertainment, and various options.

If the **AOSHS** has confirmed reservations (received payment by checks) for 140 people, or less, **The Carneros Room** will be assigned to us.

If we have more than 140 reservations, but less than 220, we will get the larger **Marin Room**. With 221 reservations or more, we will be assigned the largest room on the ship, **The San Mateo Room**. All passengers have access to the outside deck, which circles the entire ship.

If we are fortunate enough to get 461 reservations or more, **ODYSSEY III** as a special tribute to the 50th Anniversary of DoDDS, will let us have the entire ship to ourselves, even though it is licensed for 600 passengers.

During the first hour, the 6:30–7:30 p.m. boarding time, members of the sponsoring *Historical Society* and Dr. Lillian Gonzalez and staff will personally welcome those who come on board for the DoDDS Celebration. Dr. Gonzalez and her staff are particularly interested in meeting society members, retirees, and alumni. Following this one-hour reception the cruise will start at 7:30 p.m.

At times when wind and tide conditions prevent navigation to the Kennedy Center and Georgetown, an alternate route south on the Potomac and past historic Old Town Alexandria will be taken. In the unlikely event that the weather is so severe that the Coast Guard will not allow ships on the Potomac, the event will be held on board at dockside.

### THE DINNER

The glass atrium dining rooms have unobstructed views of the national monuments, spacious dance floors, and live music—everything from classic jazz to contemporary favorites—from a five-piece band to soft piano music.

The executive chef and galley staff prepare distinctive hors d'ouvres, entrees, and desserts on board daily.

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## MENU

### Soup

*Cream of Tomato with Wild Rice,  
Scallions, Fresh Coriander*

### Appetizer

*Assorted Baby Field Greens with Apple  
Prosciutto, and Rosemary Croutons  
Tarragon, Balsamic Vinaigrette*

*Home Smoked Salmon Pate  
Pumpnickel Bread  
Chive Caviar Relish*

*Chilled Eggplant Ratatouille  
Gorgonzola and Pinenuts*

### Entree

*Oven Roasted Chicken Breast with  
Fennel, Fresh Tomato, Saffron Broth*

*Canadian Salmon Fillet  
Savoy Cabbage and Smoked Bacon  
Chardonnay Cream Sauce*

*Homemade Penne Pasta with  
Assortment of Wild Mushrooms  
Parmesan Cheese  
Marsala Reduction*

*Grilled Beef Tenderloin, Fresh Herb and  
Red Wine Compound*

### Selection of Desserts include:

*Triple Chocolate Truffle Cake  
Caramel Apple Cheese Tart  
Fresh Seasonal Berries  
Tiramisu*

*Coffee, Hot and Iced Tea Served  
During the meal*

*Attire  
Jackets are Recommended*

## THE LOCATION

*Odyssey III* departs from the Gangplank Marina, 6th and Water Streets, SW Washington, D.C. The *Odyssey* parking lot is directly across from Hogate's restaurant at 7th and Water Streets. Parking is complimentary at the time of the cruise. From the parking lot, proceed to *Odessey III* by crossing over Water Street and continuing down to Waterfront. Turn left at Waterfront and continue to Gangplank Marina. (See enclosed map.) **The Marina is within walking distance from the Green Line/Waterfront Metro Station.**

While the regular price for this Dinner/Cruise is over \$100 (\$77 plus tax, fees and gratuities) *The AOSHS is pleased to announce a special discounted price of \$68 per person including tax, fees and gratuities, and \$34, all inclusive, for those under 12 years of age.* Once again, this is special recognition of DoDDS 50th Anniversary by Bob Shaw, President of *Odyssey Cruises* in Boston, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.



*"The meeting exceeded everyone's expectations. We have had nothing but fabulous feedback regarding the ship, the food, the service, the entertainment ... the views!"*

Hilton Hotels Corporation



*"The cruise set the tone for the meeting and everything just fell into place wonderfully. *Odyssey* is the only choice in Washington, D.C. for an unforgettable experience."*

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The First Annual Meeting of AOSHS Members will be held in the OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL in Washington, D.C., at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 1996. The first purpose of the meeting will be to ratify the past activities of the Incorporators/Officers and to explain, discuss, and approve recommended procedures for the annual elections of AOSHS Regional Representatives and Boards of Directors/Officers (see paragraph 4 of 8/7/95 memo—the Second Update on the Formation of the AOSHS). The election of representatives and the appointment of officers for 1997 will also take place during this meeting. The July issue of *THE QUARTERLY* will provide information on those nominated to be representatives and officers (see paragraph 5 of the above referenced memo).

Members who would like to be nominated to serve as Regional Representatives, or as officers, should inform the AOSHS office, in writing, by June 15, 1996. Members who would like to nominate other members to run for Regional Representatives, or as officers, should do so in writing to the AOSHS office, by the same date.

Members who are unable to attend this meeting may vote by proxy executed in writing and received by the AOSHS office prior to June 15, 1996 or by his/her duly authorized Attorney-In-Fact (By-Laws: Article Two, Section 7).

The members actually present at any regularly called meeting of the members of the society shall constitute a quorum at such meetings for all purposes (By-Laws: Article Two Section 6).

The second purpose of the meeting will be to propose a non-permanent realignment of AOSHS regional boundaries (see paragraph 4 of above referenced memo). AOSHS membership is heavier in some areas than in others, and non-existent in some states and foreign countries, so a flexible realignment of regions, with approximately the same number of members in each, will be recommended to the membership. 

### CHARITABLE STATUS APPROVED FOR AOSHS


On February 23, 1996 the AOSHS was informed by the Internal Revenue Service that it is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period that will end on December 31, 1999 the IRS will treat the AOSHS as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation.

If within 90 days after the end of the advance ruling period the AOSHS establishes that it has been a publicly supported organization the IRS will classify the AOSHS as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as it continues to meet public support requirements.

Therefore, grantors and contributors may rely on the IRS determination that the AOSHS is not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of the advance ruling period which will end on December 31, 1999.

Donors may deduct contributions to the AOSHS as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to the AOSHS or for AOSHS use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the code. Your CPA, attorney, or income tax advisor can help you understand all this. In future editions of *THE QUARTERLY* we will provide further assistance.

The AOSHS officers will ensure that support requirements during the advance ruling period and thereafter will be met. 

On the reverse side of this page  
you'll find a flyer promoting the  
AOSHS sponsored dinner cruise.  
We encourage you to distribute it  
to help us advertise this gala event.



# ***DON'T MISS THE BOAT!!!***

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*Join us for an elegant evening on the Potomac  
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