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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 issue of The Quarterly, we will update activities in Washington, D.C., celebrating

**THE 50th ANNIVERSARY of MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
and DoD OVERSEAS DEPENDENTS SCHOOLS.**

We continue this focus from the last issue because all events, scheduled and unscheduled, will contribute probably to the happiest, most proud, four-day period of time in the history of DoDDS. Fifty year celebrations do not come around that often. THE 25th ANNIVERSARY, celebrated mostly overseas, recognized a remarkable achievement and is recorded and preserved in **The Archives**. This, THE 50th, will also be recorded and preserved, and hopefully, so will THE 75th, and maybe, even THE 100th!

During THE 50th, most of the people, -current and ex-overseas students, educators, their families and friends, -will converge, most of the time, in the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Daytime events include a DoD Education Activity Kick-Off of a DoDDS 50th Year Worldwide Celebration at the Fort McNair Officers Club on Friday afternoon, August 2, and the recently incorporated, not-for-profit, **American Overseas Schools Historical Society** will hold its First Annual Membership Meeting in the Omni Shoreham Hotel on Saturday morning, August 3.

Of special interest to Historical Society Members, their families and friends, will be a black tie optional, gourmet dinner dance cruise on the Potomac, in a new luxury vessel, ODYSSEY III. This event, sponsored by the **Historical Society**, will be on Friday evening, August 2. On the first of June, more than 225 had signed up for the cruise and by the time you receive this newsletter, many more, we are sure, will have arranged to be on board to renew old friendships and befriend others with similar rewarding and unforgettable overseas experiences.

This issue will also announce an extension of time for Charter Membership, highlight an interesting archival matter and report on past and future ODDSARA and DoDDS reunions.

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Update and Summary of Activities in Washington D.C., Celebrating the Overseas Education of American Children and Youth in Military Departments and DoD Overseas Dependents Schools During the Past Fifty Years

By early June 1996, more than 700 alumni and faculty had registered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Military Departments and Department of Defense Dependents Schools Abroad. It is anticipated that more than 1,000 will be in Washington, D.C., August 1-4, to participate in some or all of the planned activities.

Four days and nights of festivities have been scheduled by *Reunions Unlimited* of Englewood, Colorado. The *DoD Education Activity* in Arlington, Virginia and the *American Overseas Schools Historical Society* in Litchfield Park, Arizona have each scheduled a special event during this time.

GRAND REUNION '96 activities in the Omni Shoreham Hotel, include a Welcome Reception on Thursday evening, August 1, at 7:00 p.m.; Individual School Reunions and Dinner/Dance, on Friday evening, August 2, at 7:30 p.m.; a Homecoming Dinner/Dance, on Saturday evening, August 3, at 6:00 p.m.; and a Farewell Breakfast, on Sunday morning, August 4, at 9:00 a.m. Many other events are planned for the four day period. For further information, contact Reunions Unlimited at 6851 S. Holly Circle, #100., Englewood, CO 80112, (303) 694-3459 FAX (303) 694-6175 or by e-mail at: <Grand96@aol.com>.

A special DoDEA Commemorative Event at the Fort McNair Officer's Club on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. will feature awards and presentations, distinguished speakers, and an American Overseas Schools Archives multimedia retrospect of the first five decades of Army, Navy, Air Force Overseas Dependents Schools, and the later evolved DoD Dependents Schools. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is the Honorary Chairperson for this historical event, but the AOSHS has been unable to confirm that this means she will be there. We've crossed our fingers. Seating is limited! Those who wish to attend should contact DoDEA at (703) 696-4236 or e-mail at <DoDEA_50th_Anniversary@odedodea.edu>.

An AOSHS sponsored, black tie optional, dinner/dance/cruise, on board a new \$6 million glass atrium cruise ship is scheduled to pull anchor at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, August 2. During the check-in and boarding time, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dr. Lillian Gonzalez and members of the DoDEA/DoDDS Arlington staff will personally welcome those who come on board. ODYSSEY III will return from the cruise and dock at 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$68 per person all inclusive and \$34 for children under 12. Those interested in seeing the beautiful Washington, D.C. area and the national monuments at night, while having dinner and sailing down the Potomac with friends should contact AOSHS, Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, (602) 935-3939 or by e-mail at: <HMYQ24A@PRODIGY.COM>. **NOTICE:** The AOSHS Board of Directors suggests that those members who bought \$130 or \$150 Packages for all GR'96-sponsored events, but now want to have dinner on the Potomac, on Friday night, August 2 instead of at the Omni Hotel should contact *Grand Reunions* at the above address and request an unpublished recent GR'96 letter which evidently explains an uncomplicated, less expensive way to do this without forfeiting the T-Shirt and Memory Book. Seeing no reference to the letter in GR'96 Updates, we requested a copy, but have not received it. Therefore, we are providing this information, because the Board has repeatedly been informed that some members who had bought \$130 or \$150 Packages requested and received refunds, minus a \$10 cancellation fee and forfeiture of the T-Shirt and Memory Book, in compliance with *Reunions Unlimited published policy*. But, in the mean time, we have been told, others who had not requested a refund, but planned to do so, received the unpublished letter, and got a better deal. ☐

**THE FIRST ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OF
THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on Saturday August 3, 1996, in the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

THE AGENDA

1. Ratification of actions of the Board of Directors since incorporation on 7/20/95.
2. Election of Regional Representatives.
3. Amendments to the By-Laws.
4. Discussion regarding the relocation of the Archives.

THE
FIRST ELECTION
OF
AOSHS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The First Annual Meeting of the members of The American Overseas Schools Historical Society will be held on Saturday, August 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The election of Geographical Region Representatives (Trustees) will take place during this meeting.

In the Spring 1996 issue of *The Quarterly*, in the Important Notice on page 6, it was stated that members who would like to be nominated, or who would like to nominate other members, to serve as Regional Representatives, or as officers, should do so by June 15, 1996. By June 15, many members informed the Society that they would accept nominations for their regions, but nominations for others were not made. As a consequence, the Board of Directors has nominated 17, of those who stated they would accept nominations, to represent 17 regions, and be approved/elected by the membership on August 3. All are excellent candidates and strong AOSHS supporters. Their autobiographical statements, by regions, are enclosed in this issue of the *Quarterly* and all of the statements will be posted in the hotel prior to the meeting. **NOTE:** In the same notice on page 6 is the statement that those unable to attend the meeting may vote by proxy prior to June 15. It was intended to read, " by July 15," which has now been extended to July 20.

Elected Representatives will report recommendations and concerns of members to the Board of Directors and, as a group, appoint/reappoint members to the Board during annual meetings. This is in compliance with the by-laws which state that the membership will elect or appoint regional representatives who in turn will appoint officers annually. For continuity, officers will have overlapping terms in office.

The Historical Society By-Laws also state: "As a guideline, and not a direction, it is anticipated that each group of Enrolled Members residing in a state, territory or foreign country numbering one hundred (100) or less, would be represented by one (1) Trustee."

This guideline was written for long range planning. As of July 1, 1996, 262 members have been grouped in 17 regions with approximately the same number of members in each region. An


additional 168 have requested Charter Membership and regional boundaries will be adjusted, annually when necessary, as the membership increases. The current regions are as follows:

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| 1. APO, FPO-AP | 10. TN, KY, AL, GA |
| 2. WA, OR, NV | 11. FL |
| 3. CA (Northern)z | 12. VA, NC, SC |
| 4. CA (Southern), HI | 13. NJ, NY, PA, MA, NH, Newfoundland |
| 5. AZ, NM | 14. APO, FPO-AE (Northern) |
| 6. WY, CO, KS, MO, OK | 15. APO, FPO -AE (Southern) |
| 7. TX, LA, MS | 16. Denmark, England, Netherlands, Norway |

Representatives for each region will be elected by members in person, or by proxy at the meeting. Additional nominations, if any, with written approval of the nominees if not present, will be accepted. For those who will not attend the meeting but wish to vote a **Designated Person Proxy Sheet** is enclosed. This proxy sheet should be mailed to AOSHS, Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340 and postmarked not later than July 20, 1996. The proxy should be a designated person, or one of the Board of Directors listed on the proxy sheet who will attend the meeting. Members will vote only for nominees of their regions. It will be a matter of record that those who do not vote in person, or by proxy, neither approve nor disapprove the persons or teams nominated for their regions. Members present at the meeting will constitute a quorum. Those nominated, by region number and their places of residence, are:

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| 1. Scott Davis and Jeff Pellaton, Okinawa | 10. Richard Coss, Georgia |
| 2. Gerald Rucker, Oregon | 11. Sonja Schwentner, Florida |
| 3. Betty Lou St George, California | 12. Tina Calo, South Carolina |
| 4. Grant and Elizabeth Smith, California | 13. Frank and Joyce Vahovich, Pennsylvania |
| 5. Ann Bamberger, Arizona | 14. Bill Kilty, England |
| 6. Tawnya Kumarakulasingham, Kansas | 15. Robert Lykins, Germany |
| 7. Joy Bryant, Texas | 16. Ruth Van Oostrum, The Netherlands |
| 8. Gordon Robertson, Minnesota | 17. Werner Prigge, Germany |
| 9. Kermit Long, West Virginia | |

Scott Davis and Jeff Pellaton, Grant and Elizabeth Smith, Frank and Joyce Vahovich have been nominated to work as teams.

Enclosed are autobiographical statements of the nominee(s) from your region. 

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CHARTER MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Requests for Charter Membership were mailed on November 20, 1995, and the response has been encouraging. As of July 1, 1996, we had 262 Charter Members around the world and 168 others who had requested membership, but hadn't signed up

yet. Our ranks have been increasing steadily by about ten members each month.

The Society/Archive computer data base and card file listing of current and past overseas educators and students exceeds six thousand names and

addresses, but many more thousands are not listed, and we need to find some way to contact them. Perhaps you can be of help.

Dues and donations received since incorporation on July 20, 1995 have barely covered operational expenses this first year. Start up costs, including legal, accounting, publishing and recording fees to incorporate and qualify for IRS Recognition of Exemption from state and federal income tax, were mostly covered by donations. Operational costs, - paper, printing, postage, telephone, e-mail etc., have been covered by dues. Office equipment, - computer, soft ware, word processors, typewriters, telephones, file cabinets, etc., are personal property, the use of which have been donated by members. The Society/Archive operates in the black, and will continue to do so, but we have to watch and monitor expenses closely. We operate in the black mainly because we pay no rent, no utilities and no labor. Volunteers who have worked in the archives since 1989 and now with the historical society, have considered their work as a labor of love. They are now considering it also as a love of labor.

When we applied for tax exempt status, we were informed that the society would be approved in a short period of time, prior to the end of the year. Therefore we announced that our drive for charter members would end on December 31, 1995. Now, because tax exempt status was not approved until February 23, 1996, the Board of Directors has decided to extend charter membership to December 31, 1996, in an attempt to recruit others to join.

Yes, we need your help. Please encourage

your eligible friends to become charter members. Who are eligible? ARTICLE ONE (Membership), SECTION 1, of the By-Laws state that the Society shall have the following classes of members:

Enrolled Members: Enrolled members shall include all incorporators of the society and other individuals or organizations who donate funds (including membership dues), property or services to the Society for the advancement, development, organization or promotion of the Society, of sufficient value in the absolute discretion of the existing Enrolled Members, to be designated as an Enrolled Member. Charter Members, Contributors, Sustaining Members and Honorary Members shall also be included in the classification as Enrolled Members.

Charter Members: Charter Members shall include any Enrolled Member who enrolls prior to December 31, 1996.

Contributors: Individuals or organizations interested in the work of the Society and contributing funds, property or services to its support, of a value in excess of \$100.00, but less than \$1,000.00 shall be designated as contributors.

Sustaining Members: Individuals or organizations interested in the work of the Society and contributing funds, property, or services to its support, equal to or in excess of \$1,000.00, shall be designated as sustaining members.

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 Trustees. ☐

A PERMANENT HOME

FOR

THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES ?

The permanent relocation of the American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA), now located in Goodyear, Arizona, has received considerable attention, thought, speculation and investigation on the part of the Historical Society Board of Directors, during the past year. Aware of the Board's activity regarding this important matter, a number of Society members have expressed their concerns and made many recommendations. Those most frequently made, are summarized in alphabetical order below:

1. Relocate the Archives in DoD and/or DoS Dependents Education Offices in Washington, D.C. The Archives would: (1) Be of benefit to Overseas Education Programs, due to its collection of many Ed.D. and Ph.D. dissertations on overseas schools with recommendations for improvement; (2) Assist the staffs in their need for historical records of open and closed schools and above school level offices; (3) Establish a continually growing repository of important past and current documentation and memorabilia; (4) Continue the important development of a centralized, past and present, student and educator data base. The Society would give up ownership of the Archives, but they would be deeded back to the Society in the event of a DoDDS or DoS(A/OS) closing.

2. Relocate the Archives in a building owned by the Historical Society. This would require the AOSHS Board of Directors, with membership approval and legal guidance, to establish a building fund. The building could, for example, be built partially of bricks, inside and outside, permanently inscribed with the names of past and present overseas students, educators and support personnel. Walkways and garden walls could also be made with inscribed bricks. Donors could buy the bricks for say \$100, more or less. Architectural planning could include: (1) A Historical Society/Archive office; (2) An Alumni Consortium office supported by the many overseas alumni associations; (3) An Archive Museum and storage area and possibly, (4) a small efficiency apartment for out-of-state members qualified to assist the archive or alumni staffs for limited periods of time.

3. Relocate the Archives on a Military Post, Base, or Installation. On many military sites, museums and/or historical collections are operated for the benefit of the military and the public. The military departments have published regulations and instructions governing museums and collections, some assisted by or administered by volunteers. Certain regulations/instructions would have to be amended to provide for the operation of an Overseas Schools Archive. The Society would give up ownership of the Archives, but they would be deeded back to the Society in the event of a base closure.

4. Relocate the Archives on a Small or Medium Sized, non-denominational, College Campus. The College would need to be well established, very stable and not impacted by student body growth or declining enrollment problems. It would also need to be near a large metropolitan area where there would be a pool of ex-overseas students and educators available to volunteer. The college could benefit by integrating the Archives into the curriculum as a research repository and with the help of the Society, DoD/DoS, and the Comparative and International Education Associations, etc., could develop programs of study, on campus and abroad, for those interested in pursuing careers enhanced by a degree or major field of study in International or Comparative Education. The Society would give up ownership of the Archives, but they would be deeded back to the Society in the event certain contractual agreements on the part of the college could not be met.

5. Relocate the Archives in a Small or Medium Sized Town. The town would need to be stable and not impacted by growth or declining population problems. It would also need to be near a large metropolitan area where there would be a pool of ex-overseas students and educators available to volunteer. The town council could be involved and assist in finding a facility, possibly an addition to, or a part of the town library. The community would benefit by being put on the map, so to speak, by thousands of past and present overseas educators and students, many of whom could visit the town and volunteer time to work in the archives. The Society would own and operate the archives as a tenant, possibly assisted by interested town folk.

YOUR OPINIONS REGARDING THIS SUBJECT ARE VALUED HIGHLY.
PLEASE GIVE THE ENCLOSED SURVEY YOUR SERIOUS ATTENTION
AND MAIL IT TO THE AOSHS SOON.

The results of the survey will be a discussion topic at the First Annual Meeting of Members
in the OMNI SHOREHAM HOTEL in Washington, D.C.
on Friday, August 2, 1996



INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

In addition to the thousands of photographs, 2x2" photographic color slides, cassettes and video tapes in *The Audio/Visual Files of the Archives*, many personal collections contain black and white photographs of all sizes and shapes, some contain 2x2" color slides, and now some have videotapes in them. These audio/visual "trophy" cover all aspects of teaching, living and traveling overseas.

Last May, the Archives received perhaps the most complete, comprehensive and historic set of 2x2" slides to date—villages, cities and landmarks in Scandinavia, Europe, North

Africa and the Middle East, visited and experienced by dependents schools educators during the 1950's. The slides are all in excellent condition, and are in the donated collection of **Minna L. Herzig**. What makes the collection even more unique, is that it contains the original Leica, M-3, 35mm camera that took the pictures, leather case and straps, extra lenses and brushes, flash equipment, filters, shutter release cable, and instruction booklet, all in good condition. And guess what? Minna even included the 24 Feb. 1956 Post Exchange sales slip of \$244.50

for the camera and equipment. A Japanese photographer offered her \$3,000 for the Leica camera, but she sent it to the Archives, with the request that we never sell it. If there is ever an *Archive Museum*, we have assured Minna that it will be on display there with other unique and historic items. Until then we will proudly and carefully show it and the slides to visitors.



Since 1989, reunions for past and present DoDDS educators from around the world have been held in June or July at various cities in the US. A few ex-overseas students have also attended. The first reunion was held in Concord, CA, followed by Orlando, Chicago, Bremerton, Flagstaff, Las Vegas, and Monterey in 1995. The first five were called ODDSARA for something like Overseas Department of Defense Schools Annual Reunion Association. In Las Vegas, the name was changed by vote to the DoDDS Annual Reunion.

A few people have attended all of these reunions, and most have had great times visiting with old friends and reminiscing. At the beginning, a precedent was established wherein someone, or a few, would volunteer to host the next reunion. But in Monterey, plans for DoDDS REUNION VIII in Washington, D.C., to coincide with Grand Reunion '96 evaporated for one reason or another.

ODDSARA-DODDS REUNIONS

During the past year the Historical Society Office has received telephone calls and letters requesting information regarding the next reunion. We have heard the rumor that it might be held in San Antonio. We expect that this inquiry will surface during the AOSHS Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C., on August 3, and we want to alert everyone to be thinking about it. The Society would like to know who will host DoDDS REUNION VIII, so that word can be spread via *The Quarterly*.

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School age children among overseas Americans, number nearly a quarter million and attend a large variety of schools. Most of the children of military personnel, and some children of other government agencies, attend DoD Schools, and many private schools are attended by the dependents of Military personnel attached to US Embassies. However, most civilian agency children abroad attend non-government, coeducational, independent schools. Although these schools include those founded by US companies, church organizations, and individual proprietors, most are non-profit, non-denominational, independent schools established on a cooperative basis by American citizens residing in foreign countries. Many of the schools in this latter group have received assistance and support from the US government under a program administered by the above office. The schools that have received such assistance are referred to as "American Sponsored" schools.

Overseas Schools Regional Education Associations

One of the most serious difficulties overseas schools face is their isolation from current trends in education in the US. To help overcome these obstacles the DoS Office of Overseas Schools has long encouraged and supported, through technical and grant assistance, the development of regional associations to provide American-sponsored overseas schools with a variety of educational services. Their basic work is the in-service training of staff in the American-sponsored overseas schools. The regional associations are as follows:

Association of International Schools in Africa

Mediterranean Association of International Schools

Association of American Schools in South America

Association of American Schools of Central America, Columbia-Caribbean, and Mexico

Inter-Regional Center for Curriculum and Materials Development

European Council of International Schools

Central and Eastern European Schools Association

Near East South Asia Council of Overseas Schools

Combined annual operating budgets of the 190 sponsored schools in 1994-95 totaled more than \$400 million. Tuition payments are the principle source of financing. Many schools derive additional support from gifts and contributions from US and local business firms, foundations, mission groups, individuals and local governments, and all have received some assistance from the above Office of Overseas Schools, which totals nearly \$6 million annually.