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**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 we cover *DoDDS 50th Anniversary Celebrations* in Washington, D.C. and the election of 17 **AOSHS Regional Representatives** during our *First Annual Meeting*.

Stories about two ex-Overseas Brats are included. One happily written by **Joan McCarter Adrian** about an experience she had in 1949. The other, a recent account of a tragic event that nearly took the life of **Dr. Beck Weathers**.

The results of a membership survey last July regarding a permanent home for the Archives is reported, as is the valuable assistance to the Society by three members **John Brokaw, Helen Close, and David Grant**.

There are also announcements about the *Annual Overseas Brats Gathering* in Breckenridge, 17-20 Oct., the *DoDDS-Florida Reunion* in Delray Beach, 25-27 Oct., and *DoDDS REUNION IX* next July in San Antonio.

As of October 1, Charter Membership worldwide was over 400 and growing steadily. The recruitment of Charter Members will end on December 31, 1996, the end of the first year of successful operations for the *Historical Society*.

The Board of Directors, the Volunteers, and the Regional Representatives all wish you Happy Holidays during November and December and a Prosperous New Year. We also thank you for your support and interest in helping the Society and the Archives record and preserve the history of educating American children and youth abroad.



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AOSHS GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS

To be in compliance with the By-Laws and responsive to the needs and interests of members, the Board of Directors established 17 geographical regions around the world. At the first membership meeting (see article on page 7), geographical representatives were elected by members in each region, and the original Incorporators of the Society were reappointed as Trustees / Officers by the Regional Representatives. Representatives are also Trustees and have copies of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

Immediately following each annual meeting, and complying with the desires of the membership, the newly elected or reelected representatives will appoint or reappoint officers of the society whose staggered three year terms have expired. The officers—President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer, are also referred to as the Board of Directors. At the meeting of members in San Antonio next summer, Regional Representatives will be elected or reelected, and the 2nd Vice President on the Board of Directors will be appointed or reappointed.

The representatives are in the approximate same time zones as the members in their regions and will be working with them to record and preserve the history of the American Overseas Schools, to strengthen the bonds of past and present overseas students and educators, and inform the board of any member who could be helped in time of need. They will also forward the concerns and recommendations of members to the board in Arizona and will assist in the recruitment of new members in their regions.

The election of representatives is not meant to imply that members should not contact the board. In fact, direct communication between members and the board is encouraged. Dues and donations should always be sent directly to AOSHS, Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, and not to the representatives.

The Regional Representatives are all volunteers committed to improving the Historical Society and making it more responsive to the needs of members.

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REPORTS ON

CELEBRATING DoDDS' 50TH ANNIVERSARY**Washington, D.C., July 31 - August 4, 1996****GRAND REUNION '96**

By **Glenn Greenwood**
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They came to find their friends and classmates; they came to honor their dead; they came to tell their teachers how much they had influenced their lives and the teachers came to see how their students had turned out. But, much more than that, student and teacher alike came home in the summer of 1996 to Washington, D.C. for Grand Reunion '96.

Organized by Reunions Unlimited of Colorado and sponsored in part by Microsoft Incorporated, Grand Reunion '96 hosted more than 1,400 American overseas schools students, military brats, and more than 400 of their teachers who came to find each other during the first weekend of August.

Emotions ran high throughout the four day event, but none ran deeper than the feelings evidenced when wreath presentations were made at the Tomb of the Unknowns and the Vietnam Memorial to honor the classmates, friends and parents who couldn't attend, because they had made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

Additionally, a site was selected near the Vietnam Memorial for the planting of "The Brat Tree," a living reminder of millions of overseas and military brats who followed their parents around the country and around the world.

A trade show on Saturday featured demonstrations on the latest computer networking services designed to bring the brat community together; a DoDDS recruiting station; an AOSHS information and display station, and various school alumni association displays. A highlight of the trade show was "Operation Footlocker" a traveling vintage military footlocker, which collects donations of sentimental items from military brats for later inclusion in the American Overseas

Schools Archives.

Brat writers **Caroline Smith**, author of "The Absentee American" and **Mary Edwards Wertsch**, author of "Military Brats" were also on hand to autograph copies of their books. Saturday also featured the standing room only, first meeting of members of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society.

A banquet for both former teachers and students rounded out the event on Saturday night as a dance and visits in the various school alumni hospitality suites continued far into the early morning hours.

Ultimately, the time proved far too short for most attending, as evidenced by lingering final embraces and many tear stained faces on Sunday morning, when brats and teachers bid farewell to one another, Grand Reunion '96, like Brigadoon, faded away into the mists of time and memory.

**THE DoDEA
50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF
DOD DEPENDENTS
SCHOOLS**

By **Patricia Lambe**

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On the afternoon of August 2, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) hosted a program commemorating DoDDS fiftieth anniversary in the ballroom of the Fort McNair Officers' Club in Washington D.C. The event, attended by nearly 500 DoDDS alumni, current and retired Teachers and administrators, DoDEA staff and Pentagon officials, was coordinated by the DoDEA Office of Communications.

The U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass

Ensemble played a medley of patriotic music as a prelude to the program. The U.S. Armed Forces Joint Color Guard opened the event with the presentation of colors. As Honorary Chairperson, First Lady **Hillary Clinton**, sent a videotaped congratulatory message that set the tone for a program of inspiring, and often emotional speakers.

DoDEA Director, Dr. **Lillian Gonzalez** welcomed the audience and acknowledged the standards of educational excellence established by DoDDS educators in their half century of dedicated service to the children of the military. Deputy Secretary of Defense, **John P. White** in his keynote address, Assistant Secretary of Defense, **Fred Pang** and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Ms. **Carolyn Becraft**, in their remarks all cited the major contribution DoDDS has made to the quality of life of the U.S. military overseas.

Unquestionably, the most moving moments of the event were created by the eloquent reminiscences of five former DoDDS administrators. Mr. **Rex Gleason**, Dr. **Glynn Turquand**, Ms. **Susan Lenz**, Dr. **Dean Wiles**, and Dr. **Anthony Cardinale** shared very personal memories of their unique experiences in DoDDS and helped focus the event on the many people whose contributions made the first half century of DoDDS such a success.

The surprise of the afternoon was the granting of the DoDEA Spirit of Excellence Award to Dr. **Tom Drysdale**. In presenting him the trophy, Secretary **Becraft** and Dr. **Gonzalez** referred to Dr. **Drysdale** as, "... someone who has dedicated his life to the education of military children ... someone who so cherishes the importance of the education of American children overseas that he has established an organization, The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, to ensure that no one will ever forget the significance of that mission. He and his wife, with the assistance of a small group of lifelong educators, have spent literally thousands of hours collecting and organizing all the artifacts and documents that chronicle the history of the education of American children overseas."

The DoDEA program ended with a video

presentation that used photographs from The American Overseas Schools Archives, and period music to evoke the history of DoDDS over its five decades. The program was followed by a reception in a large tent set up on the officers' club lawn overlooking the Potomac.

DoDEA will schedule other activities throughout the year to commemorate DoDDS Fiftieth Anniversary. The anniversary year will end with a special program to be held during the summer of 1997.

THE AOSHS SPONSORED DINNER CRUISE ON THE POTOMAC

By the **Editor**

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Following the Fort McNair Kick-Off of a year of celebrations which will recognize and honor DoDDS first 50 years abroad, 332 current and past educators and students boarded ODYSSEY III, a new \$6 million, glass topped entertainment cruise ship at 6:30 p.m. at the Gangplank Marina in Washington, D.C.

It was a beautiful evening, and a once in a lifetime experience to glide under the bridges and view the lit up Washington Monuments and historical landmarks while having dinner, singing, chatting and dancing with old and new friends.

Distinguished guests on board were Assistant Secretary of Defense **Fred Pang**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense **Carolyn Becraft**, DoDEA Director **Lillian Gonzales**, and DoDEA Chief of Communications Ms. **Patricia Lambe**.

ODYSSEY III docked at 10:30, but many groups, reluctant to end the evening, stood talking on the dock until ... ?



From:

**Cruising on
Hitler's Yacht
on the Rhine
June 6, 1949**

To:

**Cruising on
Odyssey III
on the Potomac
August 2, 1996**

**Joan K. McCarter Adrian
a 1949 Nurnberg American High School Senior**

Did Just That!

The following excerpts are from an article Joan wrote for the August 1989 edition of *OVERSEAS BRATS*:

It was the best of times to be an American. We were still the winners of WWII; we were still the most powerful nation of this century and perhaps any century; we were winning the game with Russia over Berlin and the Berlin Airlift; except for Russian territories and China, being an American was a passport to any country. And our little group of around 300 American High School Graduates attending schools in Germany had the world as our oyster. Even Berlin American High School had airlifted their two graduates across the Russian Blockade. It was June 7, 1949 and we all came together in Wiesbaden for our Senior Trip on Hitler's Yacht.

Twenty-three Nurnberg American High School seniors, and three teachers arrived by bus in Wiesbaden on the evening of the 6th of June 1949. It had been arranged for the girls and the teachers to stay in one of the U.S. Army requisitioned hotels for the night and the boys were boarded out to some of the local Wiesbaden seniors. Some of the girls were picked up by Wiesbaden seniors and went to the local teen club for a pre-cruise party, but several of us decided to stay at the hotel. We discovered huge tiled sunken bath tubs, sort of early hot tubs and we decided to live it up. After getting a porter to bring a bottle of wine, several of us soaked and sipped, giggled and gossiped in our individual pools and felt totally decadent. We were out of school, nearly grown up, and still had our dreams ahead of us. We were 17 - 19 years of age with unlimited possibilities ahead of us.

The next morning we boarded the yacht. It was a lovely June day. They had a small combo for music and dancing on board as well as a snack bar with hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. Blue jeans were still not worn as a common uniform. Most of the boys wore them, but very few of the girls wore slacks, much less jeans. In fact during school hours, girls were forbidden to wear slacks or jeans. Shorts were not to be worn in public, especially in Europe. I was one of the few girls to wear jeans. Of course they were boys jeans, since manufacturers had not started making jeans styled for girls. Shoes were saddles or penny-loafers worn with white bobbie socks. Panty hose hadn't been invented yet.

Like the Eagle's Nest, Hitler had not spent much time on the yacht. It was another one of those 'gifts from the German people' that had been placed at his disposal. The yacht was commissioned around 1939, and was only ten years old when we used it. Shortly after the war, it had been placed in the hands of the U.S. Special Services and used for Rhine River excursions for the military and their families on leave.

The Rhine River on that sunny day was beautiful, with many castles and vineyards along the banks.

The day was spent dancing, sight-seeing, sunning, playing cards (poker was popular with the boys, girls preferred bridge), eating, lounging in deck chairs, making friends with students from other schools, exchanging 'war stories' and day dreaming about our futures. There wasn't a part of the ship that we didn't explore, even into the engine room. The main lounge was all wood panel and gleaming brass fixtures.

We passed the famous point called 'The Watch on the Rhine,' the 'Lorelei,' the 'Mouse Tower,' and castles and castles. The Mouse Tower was located in a small river bank village, and was said to be the inspiration for 'The Pied Piper.' A German legend says that an evil Burgermeister was trapped in the tower and killed by hoards of rats.

At the Lorelei we turned back toward Wiesbaden. By the time we said our good-byes, boarded the bus and returned to Nurnberg, it was midnight. There were the usual songs, card playing, stopping at snack-bars along the way, and snoozing. Military brats have a way of being able to entertain themselves. We would all be rich if we had a nickel for every hour spent in a car, bus, plane or train. ☐

A Postscript at the end of the article by the editor of *OVERSEAS BRATS* states, "Earlier this summer Jewish survivors of the 'St. Louis' (known to history as the 'Voyage of the Damned') sank Hitler's yacht, known as the Ostwind, off the coast of Florida."

Editor's Postscript: Forty seven years and a few days after Joan and her classmates sailed the Rhine on board Hitler's yacht, she sailed the Potomac on *Odyssey III* with another Nurnberg alumnus, Betty Thomas, class of '54, other overseas students and educators during the Celebration of DoDDS 50th Anniversary Overseas. Later that night after dinner, she and Betty were spotted on the deck leaning against the rail, looking out across the water. We wonder if Joan was reflecting back to that memorable day on the Rhine.

Survivor of Mount Everest Storm

Dr. Beck Weathers, 49, a pathologist in Dallas, and previously an eighth grade student of **Marie O. Espinoza** in an Air Force Quonset Hut Dependents School in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, was caught with eight other climbers, including a guide, in a Mount Everest freezing storm last May. He was the only survivor. They were between the highest camp and the top of the mountain.

His cheeks are scarred and a plastic surgeon has operated on his nose four times. His right hand has been amputated and his forearm fitted with a prosthesis that can grip and turn in response to impulses from his muscles. He has also lost the fingers and all but the base of the thumb on his left hand. But, believe it or not, Dr. Weathers plans to return to work as a pathologist diagnosing diseases by examining samples in petri dishes and on microscope slides at the Dallas Medical City Hospital.

Marie says that Beck was a hard worker, very driven, with a very good mind. She remembers his father, then **Major Arthur Weathers**, played

the piano for all the school functions. **Amy Lucille Hansen** was the principal of the school at the time.

We have been in contact with Dr. Beck's wife, **Margaret**. She said Beck is progressing, but can't accept telephone calls. She did mention though, that he would welcome cards and letters, especially from other brats. We encourage members to do this. His address is: 6645 Northaven Road, Dallas, TX 75230.

We have also been in touch with Beck's father, now retired, and his mother **Emily**, a retired teacher who substituted (combination grades) at the school in Saudi. They have added a very interesting and compassionate dimension to the story: Beck's younger brother **Dan**, an emergency room M.D., also in Dallas, when hearing about his brother, immediately flew to the Himalayas, and was at the base of the mountain when Beck was brought down. He was the first one to give Beck medical assistance. Arthur, who still plays the piano, and Emily live at 4133 Orchard Lake, Atlanta, GA 30339.

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

The First Annual Membership Meeting of The AOSHS was called to order by the President, **Tom Drysdale**, on Saturday, August 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. in the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. The meeting was held during a Grand Reunion 50th Year Celebration of DoD and Military Departments Overseas Dependents Schools. Well over 100 people were in attendance and 78 new applications for Charter Membership were received from visitors who also attended the meeting.

The members: (1) ratified all actions of the Board of Directors since the Historical Society was incorporated on July 20 1995, (2) elected 17 Geographical Region Representatives, (3) amended Article Three, Section 6. of the By-Laws, to accept applications for membership from citizens of foreign countries who have attended or taught or worked in DoD Dependents Schools.

By a unanimous vote, honorary lifetime memberships were bestowed on volunteers **Millie Pettitt** and **Rosie Sewell**, in recognition of the thousands of hours they have worked in the archives in charge of records management and the classification and recording of items in donated collections.

The 1st Vice President, **Lee Davis**, reported on the results of a survey mailed during July 1996 to all members soliciting their preferences in the permanent relocation of The American Overseas Schools Archives (1) in DoD/DoS offices in Washington, D.C., (2) in a building owned by the society, (3) on a military base, installation, or post, (4) on a small or medium sized college campus, (5) in a small or medium sized town near a large metropolitan area. The tally showed the membership preferred a society owned building, followed by DoD/DoS offices, a college campus, a military base and a small or medium sized town in that order. (See article on page 10.) **Joy Bryant**, suggested that the membership consider combining several of the options e.g., locating the archives in a small town, near a large metropolitan area, on a college campus, or involvement with a college, but in a building bought or built by the Historical Society. It was announced by the President, that an ad hoc committee will investigate all these options and report back to the membership at the next meeting during DoDDS Reunion IX in San Antonio.

Helen Close, reported on a listing she has compiled, and is constantly being updated, of friends and comrades who are gone from us now, but certainly not forgotten. The alphabetized list contained 260 names. She presented a copy to the Historical Society. (See article on page 9.)

In a discussion led by **John and Barbara Williams**, and **Bill Morris**, it was decided that DoDDS Annual Reunion IX, will be held in San Antonio next summer. (See article on page 10.)

John Brokaw, announced the establishment of a comprehensive overseas educator database. (See article on page 8.)

The meeting ended at 12:00 noon.

Immediately thereafter, an organizational business meeting of the Board of Directors and the newly elected Geographical Representatives was convened by the 1st Vice President, and in compliance with the AOSHS By-Laws, the following officers were reinstated for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1997: President **Tom Drysdale**, three years; 1st Vice President **Lee Davis**, two years; 2nd Vice President **A. Lucille Hansen** one year; and Secretary Treasurer **Norma Drysdale**, three years.

The meeting ended at 12:30.

NOTE: At the second annual meeting of members next summer, during DoDDS Reunion IX in San Antonio, Regional Representatives and the 2nd Vice President will be elected or reelected/appointed for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1998.

NEW DATABASES and COMPUTER ASSISTANCE for AOSHS

Members of the Historical Society, and others, will soon benefit, due to the volunteer assistance of **John Brokaw** in Indianapolis, IN; **Helen Close** at Hanau American High School in Germany; and **David Grant** in Austin, TX.

John and Helen have developed personnel databases listing past and present DoDDS educators, both living and deceased. The Archives since 1989 and the Historical Society since 1995, have been inundated by requests for assistance in finding lost classmates, teachers and friends. Now the dedicated efforts of John and Helen will focus on centralizing educator databases, that will be more efficient and responsive to requests of members, and others. The Historical Society has a database of more than 3,100 names and addresses of educators and students on diskettes which have been sent to John and Helen and there are another 2-3,000 on 3x5 cards, which will be sent when the data are recorded on diskettes.

The Historical Society is also looking for an ex-private American overseas schools student or educator, who has a computer, and would like to help in establishing a personnel database for these schools for the AOSHS.

David is working with AOSA diskettes containing 231 open

collections in the Archives donated by individuals, schools, and above school level offices. He is attempting to identify and cross reference like and similar items in the collections, e.g., special education, host nation curricula, yearbooks etc., to assist writers, researchers and historians. Open collections are those that have been opened and unpacked, the individual items classified (listed by category), recorded on the computer and in a back-up inventory catalog. Closed collections are those which have yet to be opened and unpacked. (See January '96 issue of *The AOSHS QUARTERLY*).

FROM JOHN BROKAW:

These are typical requests I receive every week via Internet e-mail: "I would like to find one of my former teachers to say thanks for the difference she made in my life," "Can you please help me find my 2nd grade teacher? She developed in me a love of reading which has lasted all these years," "We are having a school reunion and want to find more of our former teachers."

I have been very frustrated, because I can help so few of them, even though I am listed in several Internet Overseas Brats forums as the contact for educators.

At, and after, the recent Grand Reunion in Washington, one of the biggest complaints I received from educators, was that they don't know when and where reunions are held, and that they are not on any mailing list.

Even though there are several lists in existence, there has been no single place for people to send contact information. At the Grand Reunion, I talked with many teachers as well as alumni from many schools. They all shared my frustration. As a result, I have volunteered to try to pull this information together and provide a single source for sending and seeking these data. I may be sorry that I have taken this on, but I am determined to make a valid attempt.



The AOSHS seems like the logical place to gather and maintain this information. I will be doing this project for the AOSHS.

Every educator can help by sending the following information to me:

- NAME (Including Maiden)
- MAILING ADDRESS

- TELEPHONE NUMBER
- FAX NUMBER
- E-MAIL ADDRESS
- COUNTRIES AND SCHOOLS WHERE WORKED
- YEARS AT EACH LOCATION
- INCLUDE GRADE LEVELS/ SUBJECT/POSITION FOR EACH LOCATION.

Educators who think they are listed can still help by sending the information again, so we can fill in data not on file and verify others. **Please send the information by post, e-mail or FAX to me at:**

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FROM HELEN CLOSE:

Those of us who attended the Sixth Annual ODDSARA Reunion in Las Vegas, NV on July 20-21, 1994 were given a list of names of 155 deceased DoDDS Educators on it. I circulated the list during Counselor Conference Meetings for DoDDS European Area in January of 1995, and at other conferences. Counselors/teachers added additional names. I compiled the names on my personal computer, and gave copies to Grand Reunion '96 and to The AOSHS. **Please send the names of deceased overseas educators to me at:**

Helen J. Close
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Editor's Postscript: On the front page of Helen's expanded list of 260 deceased educators is a statement written by Donald L. Grant of San Diego, CA., as follows:



IN MEMORIAM - We honor our DoDDS school friends and comrades who may be gone now, but they are certainly not forgotten. We recall with pleasure the shared experiences and lifelong friendships made throughout the years in the United States and all over the world. God Bless Them.

- Don Grant

OVERSEAS BRATS, INC. TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 17-20, 1996

BEAVER RUN RESORT
BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

For ten years, *OVERSEAS BRATS* and its annual *Gatherings* have helped in uniting alumni with their alumni groups, provided forums to learn, share, preserve and motivate. The *Gatherings* have helped many Brats find old friends and classmates, make new friends, discover new opportunities, receive help for their alumni groups and reunion committees, and have a great time. The *Gatherings* have been attended, in the main, by Brats who went to school overseas from the 1940's to the 1990's, and also by those who have taught abroad. All overseas schools alumni and educators are encouraged to attend the next *Gathering* in Breckenridge.

COSTS AND OTHER ESSENTIALS

Registration: After October 1st: \$145 per person, \$220 per couple.

Includes six meals/snacks (excludes Thursday night dinner and Friday lunch), a *Gathering* guide, specially-made name badge, participation in all *Gathering* activities, entertainment, and a memory publication of the event. *The American Overseas Schools Historical Society*, will be the focus of one of the five General Sessions scheduled during Friday and Saturday.

Pro-rated fees: Friday morning and afternoon sessions (excludes lunch) \$15 per person. Friday evening program and dinner, \$35 per person, \$60 per couple. Saturday day sessions (includes luncheon) \$45 per person, \$60 per couple. Saturday evening dinner/dance \$50 per person, \$85 per couple. Sunday breakfast \$15 per person.

Procedure: Send your check, payable to *OVERSEAS BRATS*, to: P.O. Box 29805, San Antonio, TX 78229.

Resort: \$76 single or double occupancy in the hotel. Condos are available at a higher price, but would be less expensive, if more than one splits the cost.

Location: Breckenridge is in the center of the state, almost.

Procedure: Call Beaver Run Resort at 1-800-525-2253 to RSVP. Tell them you will be attending the *OVERSEAS BRATS Breckenridge Gathering*.

DoDDS-FLORIDA REUNION

Delray Beach, FL Oct. 25-27, 1996

From: Chuck & Dixie DiMassio (561) 276-6013

Friday, Oct. 25. Check in time at the Holiday Inn Camino Real 3:00 p.m. Register at the DoDDS table in the lobby 12:00-4:00 p.m. Social Hour 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Atrium. No host bar with Hors d'Oeuvres.

Saturday, Oct. 26. Day of leisure. Golf-9:00 a.m. \$15.00 (9 hole ride). Buffet dinner 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the Ballroom.

Sunday, Oct. 27. Breakfast buffet in the Ambrosia 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Contact Chuck or Dixie at Box 94, Delray Beach, FL 33447

The Holiday Inn Camino Real is located on the northwest corner of Atlantic Ave. and A1A (Ocean Blvd.). Make your own reservation. Call 1-800-23-HOTEL and reference code: DOD. The Grove Condo Rental Apts. are behind the Holiday Inn and have studio, one and two bedroom units. Call (561) 276-7729.

There are several day trips: Everglades, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Palm Beach. "Art and Jazz on the Avenue" will be held in Delray Beach Thursday night-stores will be open, restaurants serving, and music everywhere—a great time to "Stroll the Avenue."

1997 'REUNION ROUND-UP' SCHEDULED FOR SAN ANTONIO

From Barbara Williams: The DoDDS' ninth annual reunion is being planned for July 1997 in San Antonio. Hotels along the Riverwalk have been contacted and are returning bids. The dates are tentatively set for the week after July 4th., 7-10 or 10-13, depending on most desirable hotel rates and least expensive air-fare days.

Registration will be \$60.00 covering admin expenses, a reception/cocktail party, a sit down dinner DoDDS entertainment and a farewell breakfast.

Planners are **Marilyn and Terry Taylor** of San Antonio and **Barbara and John Williams** of Dana Point. **John Brokaw** of Indianapolis is compiling listings of retirees and current DoDDS employees who might be interested in attending. Overseas Brats and Reunions Unlimited are not involved in planning DoDDS IX. Therefore please **direct all correspondence to the Williams' at 24882 Dana Fir, CA 92629-1151. Phone and Fax: (714) 443-9709.**

Save the week after July 4th and plan for a great time in San Antonio. Be thinking toward 1998 too. How does a cruise sound? Three or four days to Mexico or the Caribbean? Other suggestions?

A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES

In the Summer 1996 issue of THE AOSHS QUARTERLY a questionnaire was included listing the five most frequent recommendations from members regarding the permanent location of the archives. Seventy eight members returned the survey. Many others telephoned or wrote saying they preferred to leave this matter up to the Board of Directors.

The results of the survey was presented and discussed during the First Annual Meeting of Members in Washington, D.C., on August 3, 1996 and is summarized below:

1. 26% recommended that the AOSHS buy or build a building for the archives, a museum and an alumni consortium office.
2. 24% said the archives should be relocated in DoD and/or DoE offices in D.C.
3. 19% preferred the archives be on a small or medium sized college campus.
4. 17% chose a military base, installation, or post.
5. 14% suggested a small or medium sized town near a large metropolitan area.

During the meeting, **Joy Harper Bryant** of Denison, TX took the podium and suggested that the five most frequently recommended alternatives should be considered collectively and not separately. For example, she felt a proposal to locate the archives in a small town near a large metropolitan area, either in it's own building or on a college campus, would better meet the needs of the society, and be rated higher by an evaluation committee, than proposals focusing on just one of the five alternatives. She further stated that the Denison / Sherman, TX area had just the right combination of alternatives.

It was then announced that the Board of Directors would appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the five alternatives, separately or combined, evaluate proposals and bids, and report back to the membership at the Second Annual Meeting of Members during the DoDDS IX Annual Reunion next summer in San Antonio, TX—if not sooner.