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AOSHS Finds a Home on the Old Chisholm Trail

The board is pleased to announce that AOSHS has purchased a building in Wichita to house the office, archives, and the work processing area under one roof. Following a year of paying extensive rental costs for both office space and archive storage—and knowing we would require even more space this year—we felt our funds were better utilized by purchasing a building to meet all of our needs.

About 18 months ago, Tom Drysdale had contacted a realtor about locating a suitable building for our use. Until now, what we had seen was either too large, too small, or in poor locations for our requirements. The 6,200 sq. ft. building selected is located on West Douglas Street, in the newly renovated Delano (De-lay-no) district of Wichita, just west of the Arkansas River and within walking distance of the Hyatt and Radisson Hotels and Century II conference center. It is just one-quarter mile from the corner of Douglas Street and McLean Boulevard, where the Chisholm Trail ended, enabling Wichita to become an important cattle shipping area around 1870. The Delano district has a colorful past, as you might expect, since it was at the end of this major cattle trail. Though first settled in 1869, it was not until 1880 that the area was officially annexed by the City of Wichita, becoming subject to Wichita laws and, for the first time, having the services of a police force. It had truly been the "wild and wooly West."

This location on West Douglas Street is also about 1.5 miles from the site where we will be building the museum and archive complex in the Museums on the River District. The building is divided into two sections. One 3,200 sq. ft. section will be occupied by AOSHS; the second part, 3,000 sq. ft., will be leased to an existing photography shop and generate additional income. By the time you read this, the escrow closing will have taken place; over the next two months, both the archives and office will be moved to the new site. This important step in our growth was made possible by significant bequests made to AOSHS in 2003 and 2004. The importance of these legacies cannot be overstated (see article, p. 7).

Until the move is made, all donations of memorabilia should continue to be sent to the AOSHS Archive address on 21st Street listed on page 2. Once the office and archives have been relocated, we will provide the new address in the May issue of the *Quarterly*.



Chuck Willis, Tom Drysdale, and Margaret Palmer look on as Pres. Ann Bamberger signs the escrow papers.

About the Historical Society Databases

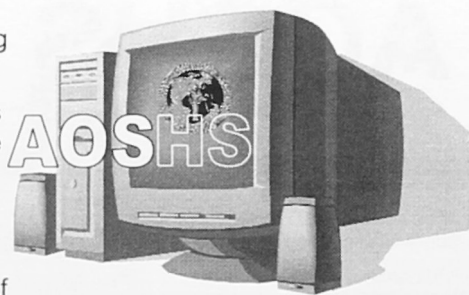
AOSHS has three separate personnel databases listing educators, administrators and students.

Educators: The second attachment in every other *Quarterly* is an Archive Registration Form. The educator form will alternate with the student form noted below.

Students: The Alumni Archive Registration Form will be available in every other issue of the *Quarterly*.

Deceased: All readers are encouraged to notify AOSHS of those deceased by writing to:

AOSHS Archives, P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS, 67201-1500, or via e-mail to: archives@aoshs.org



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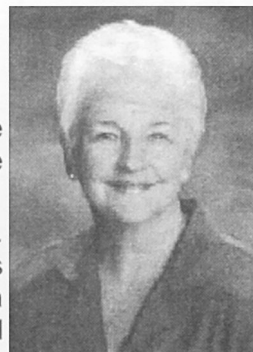
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<i>Alumni Registration Info:</i>	P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201
Wichita Office Address:	AOSHS, 654 N. Woodchuck, Wichita, KS 67212

~~ President's Corner ~~

By Ann Bamberger



This New Year is off to a busy start for AOSHS, beginning with the purchase of a building in Wichita. We expect this will be our last move until we make the final move to our address in the Museums on the River District.

You have no doubt noticed the new look and mailing format of the *Quarterly*. The newsletter is now printed and mailed by Postal Presort of Wichita. This process saves hours of work on the part of many people over the course of a year. We anticipate a smooth transition to this new process. The annual financial report on page 18 shows that AOSHS continues to monitor its assets carefully. In 2004 we had greater expenses and greater income than ever before, a trend that will continue as we gain ground towards our goal. The importance of gaining new members to support this growth cannot be emphasized enough.

This issue of the *Quarterly* recognizes those members who have contributed funds during 2004, as well as those who have made significant contributions over the extended period of their membership. Annual donations of \$5 or more are credited in various categories, while cumulative donations are recognized at the \$1,000 level and above. Members are reminded that donations can be made via our website, by clicking on the **TO DONATE** link. Please note: **If your check arrived after December 20, it was not credited until January 2005; therefore, your donation will be recognized in the February 2006 listing.**

The last page of the recognition article lists those members in the **Mary Muehring Circle** who have made AOSHS a part of their estate planning. We know we do not have everyone's name who should be recognized; please notify us if your name was omitted. If you do not wish your name listed, "Anonymous" will be used, but advising us will allow us to have complete, though private, records.

We were pleased to learn that the 110+ educators and their families in the Pacific who had listed as their holiday destination countries hit by the tsunami *all* returned safely to their DoDDS or DDESS schools. The extensive devastation and loss of life is hard to comprehend. Hopefully, it will bring the nations of the world a bit closer as they work together in the extensive relief effort.

—Ann

To accomplish great things we must not only act but also dream. Not only plan but also believe.

—Anatole France

BOARD U L L E T I N S

Board Bulletins

- AOSHS purchases building in Wichita
- Fundraising pamphlet designed and printed
- **Quarterly** newsletter now printed and mailed from Wichita
- One position open on board of directors

The Mail That Used to Come in the Mail

Following the announcement of the merger between Sears and Kmart, military brat Steve Otto wrote an article in the Tampa Tribune with the above title. It was sent to me, and many others, by one of our brat members, and soon the e-mails were flying around with remembrances of the importance of the Sears catalog in the lives of those overseas. I contacted Steve, and we now print excerpts of the article with his permission.

"I suppose you have to be a little older to appreciate Sears. I was a military brat, and there was a time when Sears was almost synonymous with America. We grew up, not just with Sears, but with the Sears catalog. The catalog not only had everything in it you could ever want or need, but also was a touch of home, a connection that reminded you of a land half a world away.

We arrived in Japan less than a decade after the end of World War II, and before Japan was producing everything there is to buy. We arrived with a couple of suitcases and that catalog. Christmas was not far off, and my mom ordered decorations and lights for the tree. Sears failed us that time, with the lights arriving just in time for Easter. At least she learned origami from a Japanese woman, and we had little birds and dolls made of paper on the tree.



But the catalog followed us back to the states and then on to Germany. Sears turned out to be the only place everyone on the base could order hula-hoops, which were the rage that year. The base exchange was not the place for teens trying to keep up with the trends of the rock 'n' roll generation back home. The hottest fashion was white buck shoes. One kid at the school had gone to the post exchange in Munich, gotten a pair and wore them to school. By the end of the day, every kid had gone home, dragged out their Sears catalog and asked their parent to order a pair. It would take Sears about a month to complete the orders – and it all happened on the same day. There were about two dozen teenagers on our small base

in Bavaria, and one morning all of them showed up at school wearing white bucks, except one really cool guy who managed to get a pair of blue bucks.

But that was what the Sears catalog was all about, a lifeline back home where you could get white bucks, hula-hoops or any of the necessities of life."

This reminded me that the cover and bolsters that turned my BOQ bed into a sofa came from Sears, as well as the drapes in my first off-base house. And many of you who were abroad in "the early days" could add a long list to the above. It's a nostalgic look at a time that couldn't have been that long ago...could it?



Whose Dues ??

Membership volunteer Tina Calo received a money order for \$25 dated 12/22/04. There is no sender's name on it, and the post office has a number to track it, but no name. The envelope has no return address, and though she tried checking the post mark for where it came from, that particular envelope escaped the postmark machine - wouldn't you know! So someone out there is likely upset that you received an overdue notice on your newsletter when you know you paid. To receive credit for this payment, please contact Tina via e-mail at membership@aoshs.org or by mail at P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587.

The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc. Nonprofit

Membership Program, P.O. Box 15861, Surfside Beach, SC 29587

New Member _____
Renewal _____

Printed full name _____

Address _____
Street or Box No. City (APO/FPO) State ZIP

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

I am a Former ____ Current ____ : Educator ____ Student ____ Other _____

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Exp. Date: _____ 3-digit code (*from signature strip on back of card*): _____

Name as it appears on your Credit Card: _____

Individual Life Membership (*See reverse*) or \$25 for annual dues and 4 issues of the newsletter \$ _____

Donation for the AOSHS Endowment/Building Fund. \$ _____

Donation for the Drysdale Archive Endowment Fund. \$ _____

Donation for the AOSHS Operating Fund. \$ _____

I have included AOSHS in my estate planning I ___ I _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Total: \$ _____
Thank you!

Referred for membership by (if applicable): _____

<http://aoshs.wichita.edu> **OverseasSchools@aoshs.org**

News Updates

- A reminder that P.O. Box 777 in Litchfield Park has now been closed.
- A thank you to Dan Stabile, who purchased a brick to commemorate the 1996 DoDDS VIII reunion in Washington, D.C. Bricks are now needed only for the 1990 reunion in Orlando, and the 1995 reunion in Monterey. To contribute one of these bricks, please send a check for \$100 to:
AOSHS Memorial Program, P.O. Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261
- DoDDS-Europe announced that schools in Ansbach, Bamberg, Grafenwöhr, Kitzingen, Schweinfurt, Vilseck, and Würzburg will hold spring recess from March 14 -18. All other schools in DoDDS will take the holiday as scheduled from April 11-15. The change is due to troops in the 1st Infantry Division, sent to Iraq in Feb. 2004, returning to their bases for leave during the March time-frame. They can now spend

time with their families without taking the students out of school.

- SHAPE American HS began a tsunami relief fund. Spearheaded by a few very dedicated students, an interested teacher, and supported by many generous students and community members, they raised \$5000 in only eleven days, with a verbal commitment from Andrews Federal Credit Union to match what was raised. Other schools we know of participating in tsunami relief efforts include Rota, Vicenza, Aviano, Ankara, Livorno, Incirlik and Naples. There are no doubt others, and we commend the effort of each.
- Educators who are registered in the AOSHS archives are reminded they should send their e-mail address to be included with their information. That feature has been added to the registration form. Please send your e-mail address to: **eduarchive@aoshs.org**

AOSHS Individual Life Membership Program

The Individual Life Membership Program (ILMP) offers convenience, as you no longer have to remember to pay annual dues, there are no future dues increases, and you can pay in up to three installments over three years.

<u>AGE</u>	<u>ILMP</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>ILMP</u>
21 – 30 _____	\$ 735	61 – 65 _____	\$ 295
31 – 40 _____	615	66 – 70 _____	250
41 – 50 _____	520	71 – 75 _____	210
51 – 55 _____	435	76 – 80 _____	170
56 – 60 _____	360	81 + _____	130

Please Note: The mailing address used on the front of this form is for **tax-exempt**

MEMBERSHIP DUES, ILMP, AND DONATIONS ONLY.

For all other correspondence please write to:

American Overseas Schools Historical Society

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Scottsdale, AZ 85261

Lester Middle School History

By Dick Nell

Lester Middle School is located on the Island of Okinawa, Japan. It opened in August of 1992 with grades 6, 7 & 8. Students came from Foster, Lester, Kinser, Courtney, McTureous, Plaza, Futenma, and Kishaba housing areas. On opening day, just as the buses arrived, there was a tremendous downpour. All the students were soaked! Even so, the students didn't seem to mind—after all, they were excited about coming to a brand new school.

Lester Middle School was named after Hospital Apprentice First Class Fred Faulkner Lester, U.S. Naval Reserve, who was born on April 29, 1926, in Downers Grove, Illinois. During the Second World War he served as a Medical Corpsman with an Assault Rifle Platoon attached to the 1st Battalion 22nd Marines, 6th Marine Division. He participated in the invasion action against the opposing forces on Okinawa on June 8th, 1945.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his outstanding valor and concern for the welfare of comrades. During the invasion he was seriously wounded, and yet he helped pull fellow wounded Marines to cover. He then instructed two of his squad on how to care for the wounded, refused medical attention, and directed that they help the others first. He died shortly thereafter. The school proudly bears the name of this war hero who put the welfare of others before his own well-being.

Lester Middle School today serves the 7th and 8th grades, and has an enrollment of approximately 600 students. Its colors are purple and white and the school mascot is the Wildcat. The first students of LMS chose this in 1992, and the mascot design was actually drawn by a student.

The Importance of Leaving a Legacy

We have received requests from individuals for specific information regarding leaving bequests to AOSHS through their will or living trust. Below are outlined various ways this can be accomplished along with specific information that should be included in the document.

- 1) Prepare or amend your will or living trust to provide a bequest to AOSHS. This can be a flat amount, a percentage of your estate, specific assets, or the residue of the estate.
- 2) Change a portion of the beneficiary designations of your retirement plans and tax deferred annuities to AOSHS. This is easy to do, and you don't need to amend your will or living trust.
- 3) Give an unneeded life insurance policy, or purchase a new one, naming AOSHS as the beneficiary. Depending on how you structure it, you might also get a charitable income tax deduction.
- 4) Consider giving appreciated assets to AOSHS while you are living. You can get a tax deduction and avoid capital gains.
- 5) Remember a loved one with a memorial gift.

Unless you have a strong feeling about leaving the bequest to a specific fund, we recommend that you leave it to be determined at the discretion of the board. Different needs will be apparent at different times, and having this discretion will allow the board to put the bequest to the best use at that time.

Most people are aware that only estates over \$1.5 million pay federal estate taxes, so most of us don't have that worry. However, even small estates are subject to income taxes.

Few people realize that if an estate has income of over \$7000, it will pay income taxes at a 35% rate. Estate income includes

earnings from US Treasuries, bank accounts, CDs, bonds or shares of stock, retirement funds and annuity payments. If you have U.S. Savings Bonds, keep in mind that when the estate sells them, taxes are due on the interest earned. (Example: \$25,000 in U.S. Bonds, which cost \$5000, is subject to tax on the \$20,000 gain.)

We have recently learned that the IRS calls this "Income in Respect of a Decedent" or IRD. If your will, living trust, or estate plans include gifts to nonprofit organizations, consider including the wording below. If you do, any charitable gift will come from the IRD income and avoid the tax. This clause is used for charitable bequests only.

"I instruct that all charitable gifts, bequests and devises should be made, to the extent possible, from assets that constitute Income in Respect of a Decedent (IRD), as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code."

For those considering a bequest, you should also ensure that the following information is included:

AOSHS is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization (IRS Tax ID# 71-0904488) incorporated under the laws of the state of Kansas. The address listed for contact purposes should be: AOSHS, P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201-1500

FEA Seeks Your Story

The Federal Education Association (FEA), formerly the Overseas Education Association (OEA), will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2006. In anticipation of the event, they are looking for anecdotes, photos and general memories of the major events of the past. They hope you will consider sharing some of your favorite memories.

If you would like to contribute, please contact the Communications Coordinator, Gary Hritz, at: fea@feaonline.org for details.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Mary Elizabeth Etter 1915 – 2004

In an era when most women stayed close to home, Mary Elizabeth Etter left her hometown of Palmyra, Pennsylvania, and headed for Wisconsin. She knew no one there and knew nothing about the area except what she had read about the Hillcrest School for Girls, where she had accepted a teaching position. This was just the beginning of a fascinating life.

After a tour of duty with the Navy during World War II and the Korean War, as well as several civilian jobs in the United States, Mary learned about an opportunity to teach in Japan with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. In 1960 she took what was intended to be a year's leave of absence from her job in Pennsylvania. Soon she realized what a good thing she'd found – a way to reconnect with the armed services while having the chance to see new places. Subsequent assignments took her to England, Germany, Libya, Spain, Okinawa, and finally to Clark AFB in the Philippines, where she stayed until her retirement at age 71.

Family and friends were real treasure to Mary. She made new friends everywhere she went and kept in touch with most of them throughout the rest of her life. At Christmastime, 7 – 8 page letters were sent to dozens of friends all over the country and around the work. But what gave her the most pride was serving the country she loved so very much.

Fred Welch 1927 – 2004

Fred was born in 1927 and grew up in the hills of West Virginia. The family eventually moved to Maryland, where Fred attended the University of Maryland. After serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he began his teaching career, which eventually led to the Department of Defense schools (then USDESEA), where he taught industrial arts and worked as audio-visual coordinator. In 1967, Dr. Joe Mason called him to Karlsruhe, Germany, to serve as a media specialist in the Directorate. When DoDDS reorganized in the early 1980's, Fred moved to Wiesbaden, where he finished his career as Media Coordinator for the Germany Region.

Fred and his wife Emilie retired in Karlsruhe, but made several trips to the U.S. to visit family and friends. Fred enjoyed good eating, good cars, his computer, and golf. Shortly before his death he purchased a new Audi. His last day was a happy one, playing golf with American friends at the Heidelberg course.



SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Paul Von Hendy 1945 - 2004

Paul passed away in the Azores on July 2, 2004, just after transferring there from Germany. He had taught at Stuttgart High School for many years until it closed in 1992, and then transferred to Bad Aibling, until it also closed. He served in several other schools before arriving at Stuttgart, so we are hoping that those schools, also, will join us in remembering him. Paul coached Cross Country track for many years and always ran with his team. He was particularly popular among his math students and always among his colleagues. Paul and his wife, Jutta, had two children, Vanessa and Stefan, who grew up in DoDDS schools.

James "Stan" Willis 1914 - 2004

Stan Willis was born in Richland, WA, on June 28, 1914. He and his wife of 63 years, Thelma, had four children: Kathy, Jim, Judy, and Brian.

Stan began his career in education as a teacher at Parkland Elementary School and subsequently principal at Parkland and Central Avenue elementary schools in Parkland, WA. He was a DoDDS teacher for 35 years, spending twenty years in Spain, twelve in Puerto Rico, and three in Germany.

Retirement brought Stan and Thelma back to Parkland where their roots began. Surrounded by mementos and friends from both their experiences abroad and their friends and relatives in the area, they enjoyed their children and grandchildren, their gardens, their commitment to PLU and their church.

Stan was a lover of animals and children, master pie maker and cook, creative craft buff, music lover and avid sports fan. Those who knew him would describe him as "remarkable, an all-around great guy". If you had asked Stan about himself, he would have focused instead on the rewarding life he and Thelma shared and his immense pride in his children and grandchildren.

Closed Funds

Margaret "Jill" Jillson

Ceramic Block

You may donate to a memorial fund by sending a check payable to AOSHS Memorial Fund to the address below, and noting the honoree on the check memo line.

AOSHS Memorial Program

P.O. Box 4133

Scottsdale, AZ 85261

E-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

A Recognition and Thank You to our Donors

AOSHS takes this opportunity to thank the members who have contributed to various funds during the 2004 calendar year. While membership fees are the backbone of the operating fund, your donations to this and our other funds are vital in carrying out and expanding the work of the Society. With this alphabetical listing, we recognize those whose contributions have allowed us to do so.

**Members who made
donations of \$5 to \$99 are
recognized as Supporters:**

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 Dean C. Wiles

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 donations of \$1000 to \$1999
 are recognized as Patrons:**

Marie Espinoza
 Ann-Mari Nordgren
 Wilma Pfiffner

**Members who made
 donations of \$2000 to \$4999
 are recognized as Benefactors:**

Anonymous
 Overseas Brats

**Members who made
 Donations of \$20,000 to
 \$49,999 are recognized
 in the Leadership Circle:**

The estate of Arlene and Allan Peterson

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Since AOSHS was first incorporated, many members have been consistent in their annual support. In recognition of this we honor the following members who over the past nine years, or less, have contributed impressive cumulative totals:

**Members who have
total donations of
\$1000 to \$2499 are
recognized in the
Associates Circle:**

Joyce Alpern
Dorothy Cox
Helen Dunbar
Marie Espinoza
LouCelle Fertik
Patricia Hein
Elizabeth Ann LeFevre
Patricia Munday
Ann-Mari Nordgren
A. Margaret Palmer
Wilma Pfiffner
Lois & Gordon Robertson
Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi
Judith Smart
Tehran American School Assoc.
John Walker

**Members who have
total donations of
\$2500 to \$4999 are
recognized in the
Partners Circle:**

Anonymous
Norma & Thomas Drysdale
Rex Gleason
Estate of Joan Wicks

**Members who have
total donations of
\$5000 to \$9999 are
recognized in the
Founders Circle:**

Helen Jean Close

**Members who have
total donations of
\$10,000 to \$19,999
are recognized in
the Fellows Circle:**

Insight, Inc.

**Members who have
total donations of
\$20,000 to \$49,999
are recognized in
the AOSHS Circle:**

Estate of Leona Leute
Estate of Arlene and
Allan Peterson
Overseas Brats

Leaving A Legacy

The **Mary Muehring Circle** was established in 2002 to recognize philanthropists large and small who have included AOSHS in their estate planning. Honored are friends who have made bequests through a will, trust, life insurance policy or retirement plan. AOSHS is grateful for these thoughtful contributors, who truly provide for the Society's future.

Anonymous	Mary Muehring *
Ann Bamberger	Ann-Mari Nordgren
Martha Dickey	A. Margaret Palmer
Sue Jackson	Arlene & Allan Peterson *
Leona Leute *	Scarlett Rehrig

Joyce Reust
Beverly Sillerud
Doris Thorson
Joan Wicks *
Carolyn Wilber

*Deceased

THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVE PERSONNEL REGISTRATION FORM

For all current and past educators and support personnel, American and foreign, of DoDDS, DDESS, and DoS

Name: First _____ MI _____ Last _____ Sex: M _____ F _____ Citizenship _____

E-Mail Address: _____ My E-mail address may be shared with other AOSHS Members: Yes _____ No _____

Maiden Name: _____ Age when hired: _____ State of Residency when hired: _____ Years of teaching experience when hired: _____

Educational Background:

BA _____ BS _____ Other _____ School _____ Major _____

Year received _____

MA _____ MS _____ Other _____ School _____ Major _____

Year received _____

Ed.D. _____ Ph.D. _____ Other _____ School _____ Major _____

Year received _____

Master Thesis, Project
and/or Dissertation Title: _____

DoDDS, DDESS, DoS Assignments

Dates at Site (Ex: 1968-72)	Position Title (Ex: Teacher, Asst't Prin, Math Coord, Sec'y)	Grade Level (Ex: K,3,7/8)	Subject (Ex: Eng, Math, SS, PE)	Name of School or above school office	Military Base or City	Country

Listings may be continued on the back of this form.

I understand the information I provide will be available for research in the archives.

Send to: AOSHS Archive Registration

Signature _____ Date _____

c/o Carolyn Wilber

9291 E. Windrose

Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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Reunion News

Send your reunion news to Ann Bamberger at:
AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261
Or e-mail to: OverseasSchools@aoshs.org
It will be published on a "Space Available" basis.

Würzburg HS: June 9–12, 2005 in Louisville, KY at the Seelbach Hilton Hotel. For more information contact Lena Duffy, 2111 Ashcraft Lane, Louisville, KY 40242 or call (502) 580-3868.

ACS Beirut: June 12–18, 2005 at the school campus in Beirut, Lebanon. To attend this all-school reunion contact Linda Handschin Sheppard, 13570 N.E. 54th Place, Bellevue, WA 98005 or call (425) 883-6197. E-mail: lh.sheppard@verizon.net

Am. Int'l School-Am. Embassy School New Delhi: June 17–19 in Arlington, VA at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott. To attend this all-school reunion contact the AIS-AES Alumni Assn., Inc., 7712 Gromwell Court, Springfield VA 22152-3134 or email KC@aisaes.org and have AISI/AES Delhi in your subject line.

Nürnberg HS: June 20-23 in Orlando, FL at the Doubletree Hotel at the entrance to Universal Orlando. To attend the tri-annual "Gathering of Eagles" contact Terri Jorgensen '62, 2002 North Woods Dr., Marietta, GA 30066 or call (770) 928-4948. To e-mail: NURNBERG62@aol.com

DoDDS XVII: July 21-24, 2005 in Scottsdale, AZ at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort, \$65 per room per night, single or double. This rate is good from July 19 – 26. For reservations call 1-877-445-6677 and say you are with the DoDDS reunion group. To register, see the form provided in the Fall issue of the *Quarterly* or go to www.doddsreunion.org to print a form.

George C. Marshall HS: August 12-14, 2005 in Dallas, TX at the Intercontinental Hotel. For more information about this Ankara reunion for those who attended in the 50's, 60's and 70's contact Timothy Wurtz '69, 1408 Barry Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025 or call (310) 914-1702. To e-mail: TEWurtz@aol.com

Rochefort HS: October 13-16, 2005 in San Antonio, TX at the AmeriSuites on the Riverwalk. To attend this all-school reunion contact Pat Riley Blackwell, 118 Fox Trail NW, Cleveland, TN 37312 or call (423) 476-6050. To e-mail: Patywak@aol.com

DoDDS Florida: October 17-21, 2005 aboard the Carnival Cruise Line "Fascination." The cruise departs from Miami with stops at Key West and Cozumel, Mexico. For information and registration forms write to Ray Guastini, 252 Ivy Lakes Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32259 or e-mail: MEONI@aol.com

HH Arnold HS, Wiesbaden: A reunion for the decade of the '80's will be held in October in San Antonio, TX at the Clarion Hotel. To learn dates and information contact Mickey Harris Dixon at: warrior84@sbcglobal.net

AOSHS Silent Auction

Would you like to help AOSHS with raising funds and at the same time get a unique treasure? This summer at the DODDS Reunion in Scottsdale AOSHS will be sponsoring a silent auction. This is the first year for this venture so it will be on a trial basis.

AOSHS is looking for art work, jewelry, artifacts and anything you think others might want to bid on. The items should not be overly large, since many attendees will be flying to the reunion and will need to carry them home. Each person is limited to donating one item. You can bid on as many items as you like and take home more than you brought.

This will be an auction of quality items, not a garage sale. Look through those treasures you have acquired overseas and select an item to bring with you to put on the auction table. Donated items are tax deductible. More information will be provided in the May issue of the *Quarterly*.

Schools in Great Britain

During World War II, the U.S. used many sites in Great Britain so we could conduct our fight against Germany and its allies. Following the war, they continued to be essential for our support in rebuilding war-torn countries and for assuring that the fledgling North Atlantic Treaty Organization would be a viable deterrent to the spread of communism across Europe. For the first time, families were allowed to accompany their sponsors, which resulted in the formation of American dependent schools overseas.

At the height of our military presence in Britain, only three countries had more DoD schools within their borders: Germany, Japan, and France. In this first issue of the *Quarterly* for 2005, I am providing the list of schools that I have been able to gather. Including high school dormitories, 58 schools are listed. Presently, only 13 are in operation. I thank those of you who helped me with this task, especially with the early schools that were open only a short time.

It has been suggested that I provide the years that schools opened and closed. Since I haven't been able to find much information in this regard, I am asking for readers' help. Please send any information, including corrections, to me at: Carlesburch@aol.com or 3460 Sam Houston Circle, Fort Collins, CO 80526. I'm also looking for help on the opening and closing dates of previously listed schools.

As always, thanks for your help.

UNITED KINGDOM

*Alconbury ES

Alconbury MS (formerly Alconbury JHS)

*Alconbury HS

Bentwaters ES

Bicester ES

Brize Norton ES

Brize Norton JHS

Bruntingthorpe ES

Burtonwood ES

Burtonwood HS

Burtonwood HS Dormitory

Bushey Hall ES

Bushey Hall JHS 1962-71

Bushy Park ES 1952-62

Bushy Park JHS 1952-62

Chelveston ES

Chicksands ES/MS (formerly
Chicksands ES/JHS)

Croughton ES

*Croughton ES/MS (formerly
Croughton MS)

Croughton HS

Denham ES

Eastcote ES

Edsell ES, Scotland

Fairford ES

*Feltwell ES

Greenham Common ES

Greenham Common HS

High Wycombe ES/ JHS

Holy Loch ES, Scotland

*Lakenheath ES

*Lakenheath MS, Feltwell (formerly
Feltwell MS, formerly Lakenheath JHS)

*Lakenheath HS

Lakenheath HS Dormitory

*Liberty IS, Lakenheath

Little Rissington ES

**London Central HS, High Wycombe
(formerly at Bushy Park and Bushey Hall)

*London Central HS Dormitory, High
Wycombe

Manston ES

*Menwith Hill ES/HS (formerly Harrogate
American School)

Molesworth ES

Molesworth JHS

Prestwick ES, Scotland

Princess Gate ES, London

RAF Upwood ES

*St. Mawgan Joint Maritime Facility
School, Cornwall

Scotia North ES, Burtonwood

Sculthorpe ES

Sculthorpe JHS

Shepherd's Grove ES, Stanton, Suffolk

Upper Heyford ES

Upper Heyford JHS

Upper Hetford HS

*West Ruislip ES

Wethersfield ES

Wethersfield JHS

Woodbridge ES

Woodbridge JHS

Woodbridge HS

* Schools open for SY 2004-2005

**London Central HS was located at Bushy Park in South London from 1952 - 1962. It relocated to Bushey Hall near Watford in 1962, and relocated again to its present location in High Wycombe in 1971.

Mannheim Teacher Selected for *Who's Who*

Who's Who Among America's Teachers honored a select 5% of our nation's educators for their eighth edition in 2004. Among those chosen was Ms. Julia George, a teacher at Mannheim American Middle School. Ms. George's selection is even more gratifying because she was recommended for this honor by a former student, Kristin Bohannon, who feels Ms. George made a difference in her life. Only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and The National Dean's list are invited to nominate a teacher, and they may nominate only one from their entire academic experience.

Ms. George has served with DoDDS for 25 years. Prior to Mannheim, she taught at Heidelberg Middle School, Karlsruhe High School, and Bad Kreuznach High School. While teaching at Heidelberg Middle School, she participated in the 1985-86 NASA Teacher in Space program.

Julia is married to Jeremiah George (U.S. Army ret.). Her two daughters, Julielle and Janelle, are graduates of Heidelberg American HS. We send our heartfelt congratulations to her as the recipient of this distinctive recognition.



Position Open on Board of Directors

One position is available on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in serving on the board, please understand that this is not a position in which one attends a meeting, votes on issues and waits for someone to perform the service. This is a working board; if you vote for something, you may be the one delegated to accomplish the task. Everything accomplished to date is the result of thousands of hours of volunteered time. Board meetings are usually held on a Friday. Directors unable to attend in person may participate via teleconferencing. The term of office is three years, to begin on Sept. 1, 2005, and end on August 31, 2008. Those interested should send a brief letter detailing their interest and listing areas of expertise that would be beneficial to AOSHS. Please also include the location of your school(s) abroad.

Letters of application should be received NLT April 20, 2005, and may be e-mailed to: OverseasSchools@aoshs.org or mailed to: AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.

American Overseas Schools Historical Society

Financial Statement

As of 12/31/04

Operating Account:	Bank of America	\$ 114,914.66	
	Total:		\$ 114,914.66
Memorial Program:	Bank of America	\$ 12,871.35	
	Bonds	\$ 28,315.34	
	Wichita Comm. Fund	\$ 65,250.52	
	Total:		\$ 106,437.21
Endowment Fund:	Bank of America	\$ 3,239.15	
	Bonds	\$ 80,451.15	
	Wichita Comm. Fund	\$ 68,731.97	
	Total:		\$ 152,422.27
Archive Fund:	Bank of America	\$ 23,550.96	
	Total:		\$ 23,550.96
Payroll Account	Bank of America	\$ 2,523.02	
	Total:		\$ 2,523.02
	Total Assets:		\$ 399,848.12

Totals by Location

Bank of America	\$ 157,099.14
Bonds	\$ 108,766.49
WCF	\$ 133,982.49
	\$ 399,848.12

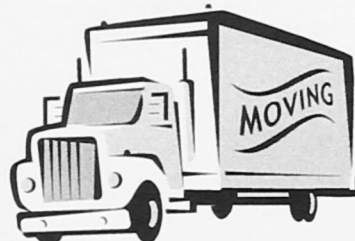


Making a Move Can Help AOSHS!

As a military "brat", Mark Henson (Yamato HS, Japan '69) knows about moving. He has lived in 8 states, 2 foreign countries, 20 cities and moved more than 30 times in his life.

Not surprisingly, Mark is now a relocation specialist with a nationally and internationally known real estate company. When an alumnus uses his services, for each referral processed, Mark donates \$100 on the client's behalf to either an overseas high school alumni association or to AOSHS, whichever the client chooses.

Mark began this policy last summer and AOSHS has already benefited. We thank him for his generosity, and appreciate his support of AOSHS.



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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 to: **AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.**

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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