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## Leaving a Legacy

by Ann Bamberger

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As I leave the AOSHS board after nine years, I realize the concept of leaving a legacy has several facets. One can leave a legacy of ideas, a legacy of actions, a legacy of organizational planning as well as a financial legacy. The board members have done the first three of these during the nine years I have been privileged to work with them. The last of these I have taken care of in my living trust. During the annual membership meeting held July 22 in Scottsdale, Arizona, I mentioned that if it were not for the generous bequests received from the Leute estate in 2003 and the Peterson estate in 2004, we could never have been in the position to purchase our office building in Wichita, or begin a private fundraising effort among our alumni. It must be remembered that it takes thousands to raise millions, and that is what we must do to make our vision a reality.

I received several questions after the meeting, and though we have had previous articles in the *Quarterly* about this topic, perhaps now is a time to repeat the information.

Our survey, sent in April to a sampling of members, indicated that many said they were considering putting AOSHS in their will or living trust, and several wanted more information. Below are outlined various ways this can be accomplished, along with specific information that should be included in the document.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 be eligible for a charitable income tax deduction.
- Consider giving appreciated assets to AOSHS while you are living. You can get a tax deduction and avoid capital gains. AOSHS has opened a brokerage account to directly receive gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Property, including real property, can be donated, and AOSHS can sell the property at its appraised value when donated and pay no taxes.
- Remember a loved one with a memorial gift.

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## About the Historical Society Databases

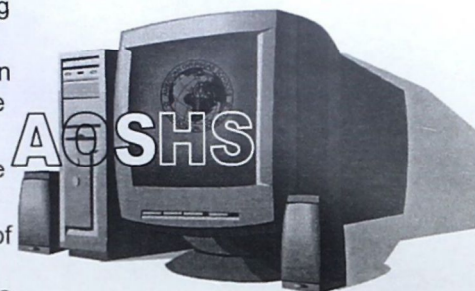
AOSHS has three separate personnel databases listing educators, administrators and students.

**Educators:** Included in every other issue of the *Quarterly* is an Archive Database Form. The educator form will alternate with the student form noted below.

**Students:** The Alumni Archive Database 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](mailto:archives@aoshs.org)



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<i>Memorabilia:</i>	AOSHS Archives, 704 W. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67203-6401
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<i>Alumni Database Info:</i>	P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201
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## ~~ President's Corner ~~

By Ann Bamberger

Congratulations, again, go to the DoDDS reunion committee, headed by Bill Hobbs, JoAnn Johnson and Alberta Brown. They have the reunion business honed to a fine edge, and it was evident in the planning of this year's event in Scottsdale. In spite of the intense heat and unusual humidity, people came, toured, and enjoyed the amenities at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort. The committee has taken up the challenge for yet another year, and announced the reunion in July 2006 will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

During the reunion, the Tenth Annual AOSHS Membership meeting was held. Further congratulations go to Jeff Martin, who was affirmed as a new member of the board, and to Margaret Palmer and Chuck Willis who began second terms. Scarlett Rehrig will serve as the new AOSHS president and Jan Mohr will be vice president, both serving for the next three years. The new board begins their term on September 1, and the first board meeting will be held on September 30.

In my talk to the members present in Scottsdale, I stressed the need for additional membership. Only with the dues generated by additional members can AOSHS make significant strides to reach our vision of the museum and archive complex. As I noted on page 1, bequests from members allowed us to make great strides this past year, but it is members' annual dues that will see us develop and grow. I cannot stress this too strongly – every membership is so important to the organization. If every member added a member, what a difference that would be!

In retiring from the board, I was asked what three wishes I would make. They were: 1) to have the money to build the museum and archive complex; 2) to be given a first class trip around the world over the course of a year; and 3) to have good friends to share it with. Unfortunately, no genie popped out of a bottle; we still need to raise several million dollars and I am still sitting at my computer in Scottsdale. Fortunately, my third wish was fulfilled. I am fortunate to have wonderful friends I have met over the forty years I have been associated with DoDDS, both while working and since I have retired. You have given support and encouragement, and I thank you. I leave the board of directors knowing AOSHS is in very good hands.

—Ann



## BOARD BULLETINS

### Board Bulletins

- Donated section of the Berlin Wall arrives in Wichita August 1.
- Nancy Hampel joins AOSHS as the new archive associate.
- Scarlett Rehrig and Jan Mohr begin terms as president and vice president, respectively.
- Jeff Martin joins the board of directors.



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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.

All estates are subject to income taxes. Few people realize that if an estate has income of slightly over \$9,000.00, 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 US Savings Bonds, when the estate sells them, taxes are due on the interest earned (\$25,000.00 in US Bonds, which cost \$5,000.00, is subject to tax on the \$20,000.00 gain).

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. Thus any charitable gift will come from the IRD income without tax on the interest. 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 ensure that the following information is included in your will or living trust:

**AOSHS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (IRS Tax ID# 71 - 0904488) incorporated under the laws of the state of Kansas.**

**The brokerage firm used by AOSHS is Edward Jones, and the account number for the donation or bequest of investment assets is: 138-10693-1-7.**

**The address listed for contact purposes should be: AOSHS, P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201-1500.**

Those who let us know that we are a part of their estate planning will be listed in the Muehring Circle, named after Mary Muehring, the first member to let us know we were beneficiaries in her trust. If you choose not to be named, you will be listed as "Anonymous," but it is important that in our official records we know you have included AOSHS.

We recently had a situation where we learned a member was deceased, but, after ten months, the estate had never notified us. We had to send for state records to get information and write to the trustee. The bequest the trustee described was not what our member had written to us. We finally asked for an affidavit verifying the text of the bequest to AOSHS, and it was exactly what our member had written it would be. We have received a portion of the bequest, and our attorney recently wrote yet another letter to request the final portion. This has been a 20-month saga that I'm sure our deceased member never dreamed would occur. If we hadn't had that letter, we would have never known about her legacy to AOSHS. Please notify us. We will ensure your anonymity, if that is your wish.

## Alumni Group/School T-shirts Wanted!



The AOSHS Archive is collecting alumni group/school t-shirts for historical recording, preservation and display to add to the Overseas Brats collection in the archives. The collection, in addition to "Overseas Brats Homecoming" and "Overseas Brat Gathering" memorabilia, already consists of t-shirts from Berlin, Bitburg, Dreux, Tehran and Yokota alumni groups, along with all-school reunion t-shirts. A SHAPE Seals (swim team) t-shirt was recently donated at the DoDDS reunion. Please add to this fun collection by mailing your alumni association or school t-shirts to:

**AOSHS Archives, 704 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67203.**



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## ***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

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# Tenth Annual Meeting Held in Scottsdale in July

The Tenth Annual General Membership Meeting of AOSHS was held during the DoDDS XVII reunion on Friday, July 22 from 9 to 10:15 a.m. at the Double Tree Paradise Valley Resort. Scarlett Rehrig conducted the meeting, which included a review of board actions this past year, as well as the election of one new board member, Jeff Martin, and the reappointment of Charles Willis and Margaret Palmer to their second three-year terms. Scarlett Rehrig and Jan Mohr were affirmed in their positions of president and vice president, respectively.

Dr. Eugene Hughes, President Emeritus of Northern Arizona University (NAU) and Wichita State University (WSU), addressed the membership and emphasized the need for federal support for the museum and archive complex, which is of national interest. He had formerly presented AOSHS with a banner from NAU, where the archives began; at this meeting, he presented a banner from WSU, which, along with the City of Wichita, is our partner in our request for federal funding.



Bruce Mitchner and Linda Sekiguchi proudly display their AOSHS Volunteer of the Year awards.

The board honored Linda Sekiguchi and Bruce Mitchner as the Volunteers of the Year. Linda and Bruce have been video-taping oral histories of those teaching or attending schools abroad when traveling around the U.S.A. Last October, they made a special trip to Wichita, and spent five days interviewing both educators and alumni in the Wichita area.

The AOSHS Flame Award was presented to Dr. Elizabeth Middlemiss, Principal Deputy Director of DoDEA, who was unable to be present. It is through her efforts that we now have a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between AOSHS and DoDEA to enhance the presence of AOSHS in schools abroad. Jan Mohr accepted the award on her behalf.

The President's Award was presented to board member Margaret Palmer for her outstanding work in monitoring the renovation, repairs, and painting taking place in our office

over the past six months. She was also instrumental in doing research to further our private fundraising efforts.

Ann Bamberger, outgoing president, was honored with a polished granite paver to be placed in a walkway or courtyard of the museum complex.

After thanking the Reunion Committee for another great event, the meeting was adjourned. Following the AOSHS meeting, Bill Hobbs took the podium and announced that the DoDDS XVIII reunion will be held from July 20 – 23, 2006, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Registration information will be available in the November newsletter.



Margaret Palmer (left) accepts the President's Award from outgoing AOSHS president Ann Bamberger

## JustGive.org — An Easy Solution

AOSHS is partners with Justgive.org, an organization which supports the fund raising efforts of nonprofit corporations. They host a website where interested persons can find information about any organization registered with them. Donations can be made to AOSHS via the internet, and it should be noted that 100% of the donation comes to AOSHS; there are no fees. This is a convenient way to donate for all members, and especially for paid Life members, who no longer need to renew annually. You may remember that two years ago a member suggested donating annually on ones birthday, a date one can hardly forget. **To donate, log onto the AOSHS website at [www.aoshs.org](http://www.aoshs.org) and click on the To Donate link at the bottom.**





# MEMORIAL FUNDS

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Ana Marie Davila** **November 1949 — June 2005**

Ana was born November 3, 1949 in Hidalgo, Texas. She grew up in Hidalgo and received her BA from Texas State University and an MA from National-Louis University in Heidelberg, Germany. Her first teaching experiences were in Kyle, San Marcos, and Houston, Texas.

Ana's first DoDDS assignment was in 1981 at Wetzel Elementary School in Baumholder, Germany. From there she moved to Japan where she worked in Misawa at Sollars ES and Yokosuka at Sullivan's ES with an intervening tour in Karlsruhe ES, Germany. Her last assignment was Argonner ES, Hanau, Germany. Throughout her professional career she was committed to working with children with special needs who benefited greatly from her love and dedication.

In her later years, her life was a profile of courage as she continued to enjoy life at its fullest, despite her final struggle. She taught us to celebrate life.

### **Eleanor Fuller** **May 1940 — November 2005**

Eleanor was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and graduated from Trenton State University in 1962 with a B.A. in primary elementary education. She taught 3 years in New Jersey before joining DoDDS in 1965.

Her first assignment was at Nürnberg Elementary School where she taught 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades for the next 5 years. It was there that she met and married Jake Fuller, a social studies and PE teacher at Nürnberg HS. In 1970 the Fullers transferred to Heidelberg where Eleanor taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Patrick Henry Village for the next 3 years. In 1973, they welcomed their daughter Beth to the family and, for the next 5 years, Eleanor became a full-time mother. During that time she had open-heart surgery and completed her MA from Boston University in counseling. She returned to DoDDS as an elementary school counselor at Mark Twain in Heidelberg and remained there until her retirement in June 2000.

Eleanor passed away on November 22, 2004, after returning from a wonderful trip to California.

### **Georgie Henrietta Richard** **February 1942 — July 2005**

Georgie was a native of Thibodaux, LA and a resident of Houma, LA at the time of her death. She taught in Goose Bay, Labrador, and in Germany at Hahn and Patch High Schools.

She was a member of the Krewe of Aphrodite and AARP. She loved books, movies, teaching, and traveling.

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

### **Ken Poverud** **1937 — 2005**

Born and raised in Minnesota, Ken began his professional life in 1958 at Sleepy Eye as a Social Studies teacher and librarian. He moved to Oklahoma City as Director of the Instructional Materials Center at Central Junior High School. He joined DoDDS in 1968 as a librarian in Iceland and transferred to Lakenheath Junior High the next year. In 1978 Ken quit DoDDS and moved to Orlando, Florida, working at the Sunland Center but returned to England in 1981 as Information Specialist at Fairford ES. Two years later, Ken became Assistant Principal at Greenham Common School. In 1985 he moved to the Atlantic



Regional Office as Coordinator for the Video Library/Host Nation and continued with the UK District Office after the 1995 restructuring. In August of 1997 Ken moved to Washington DC to become a Presidential Technology Team Member and switched to Information Center/PTS Audio Video, Print Technologies Coordinator in 1999, retiring in September 2004.

## **Gloria Lynch Ushida** **1944 — 2005**

Born Hiroko Watanabe on April 22, 1944 in Dairen, Manchuria, she became Gloria Hiroko Lynch in 1952 upon the marriage of her mother, Setsuko, to Edward J. Lynch, an American DoD civilian stationed in Tokyo. Gloria became a US citizen in 1956 and began attending American overseas schools, starting at Tachikawa Elementary and graduating from Yamato High School in 1963. She became very active in the life of her schools, serving in numerous clubs and committees, in the National Honor Society, and as a class officer. Her intelligence, beauty, charm, and all-encompassing friendliness won the hearts of every classmate and she was elected "Miss Yamato" in her senior year.

Gloria earned a B.A. in English from Tokyo's Sacred Heart University in 1967, then came to California where she took a job in San Francisco as a customer service interpreter for American Airlines. In 1972 she moved to Los Angeles and began work as a secretary for that city's community Redevelopment Agency.

In 1978, Gloria married Randy Uchida of Santa Monica, California, and continued to be active in the life of her church and her community. Although she was diagnosed with cancer in 1998, she continued her life with courage, grace, and cheer, and made it a point of honor to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of her Yamato Class of '63, where she shined brightly among her friends of long ago.

Gloria passed away on March 2, 2005. She is missed by her family and friends more that she, in her true modesty, would ever have believed.

## **Theresa Sandoval** **1946 — 2005**

Teaching was never just a profession to Tere, but rather a way to empower others by sharing her skills and talents. Having come from a large, caring and religious family, she understood the importance of accepting personal responsibility.

She started her teaching career in Colorado and then joined the Peace Corps and ran a nutritional clinic in El Salvador. Her career with DoDDS took her to the Philippines, Korea, Iceland, Azores, Crete, and Italy.

In the Azores, Tere was recognized as one of the base's outstanding women. Her dry sense of humor, fascination with gadgets, wealth of trivia information, facility with languages, keen math ability, and curious nature blended into a very remarkable woman.

After retiring and returning to Colorado, Tere became licensed as a pharmacy technician. Unfortunately, illness prevented her from seeking work. Always true to her family roots, she spent the last weeks of her life as a volunteer through her church, teaching children of migrant workers.

## **— Closed Funds —**

**Paul von Hendy**  
**Stan Willis**

**Ceramic Paver**  
**Brick**

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's memo line.

**AOSHS Memorial Program**  
**P.O. Box 4312**  
**Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

**E-mail: [memorialprog@aoshs.org](mailto:memorialprog@aoshs.org)**



## The AOSHS Memorial Program

**Memorial Program** – You may purchase a brick or paver in your own name, as a gift, in memory of a friend or loved one, or a school. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below for the correct order card(s). You may include a 300-word biography and a photo along with the check when you submit your order.

**Memorial Fund** – You may organize a fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the *Quarterly* so that others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine which item the fund will purchase. Write to the Memorial Program address to request a Memorial Fund Form, or go to [www.aoshs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.org/kiosk), click on Memorial Program and print the form.

**Donate** – You may donate to a fund already established by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial fund at the address below, and note the honoree on the memo line.

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**Following is a selection list of bricks and pavers offered in the program:**

Type	Size	Characters per line	Max lines	Total Characters	Cost
	(inches)	(including spaces)		(including spaces)	
Ceramic brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$ 100
Ceramic paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$ 250
Med. Granite paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Large Granite paver	16 x 16	25	11	275	\$ 1000
Premium Granite paver	24 x 24	35	17	595	\$ 2500

## In Memoriam – Alumni

We have had many names added to our Those No Longer with Us paver, where friends or loved ones have sent a donation to remember a special person in their lives, but did not wish to purchase a brick or start a memorial fund. Though this began as an educator remembrance, several of those recognized are alumni. Because of the increase in donations for this fund, we feel it appropriate to create a second paver specifically to recognize alumni. If friends wish to

remember a deceased former student, send the honoree's name, school, and year of graduation (if appropriate), and it will be included in alphabetical order on the kiosk page, which can be viewed by going to [www.aoshs.org/kiosk](http://www.aoshs.org/kiosk), then clicking on the Interactive Kiosk link, and following directions. This paver is listed under the letter A.

To remember an alumna/alumnus using this method, send a check payable to:

**AOSHS Memorial Program**

**P.O. Box 4312**

**Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

Please list the honoree's name on the check's memo line, and include a note requesting that this person be honored on the Alumni Memorial Paver.





## AOSHS Survey Provides Good Information

—by Ann Bamberger

The analysis of the AOSHS survey was provided to the AOSHS board this past July. A brief overview was presented at the General Membership meeting. The four-page survey took several weeks to analyze, due to the high volume of returns. A survey sent to the public at random generally brings a return rate of 4% to 5 %. One sent to a focus population, such as those who have a particular interest in the subject, brings an average return rate of about 13%. Our consultant, Richard Bradford, noted that in his almost 25 years in the business, the highest return he has seen was just over 20%—until now. We were all amazed that *39% of those who received the survey returned them*. Thank you!!

A few significant survey results follow:

- Ninety-six percent thought the “vision and purpose of AOSHS” was above average or outstanding.
- The primary strengths are dedicated volunteers, regular newsletter updates, and leadership of the board of directors.
- The greatest needs are increased membership, increased financial support, and increased public awareness.
- Sixty percent are willing to pledge specific financial support over three years.
- More than triple the number of people currently on our list have indicated they will consider putting AOSHS in their estate plans.
- Funding priorities cited were: 1) the archives; 2) the visitors’ center and administration building; and 3) the museum.

Although many comments were made, Mr. Bradford provided only a selected few in the report. He has, however, given us the complete list of comments to review during the next few months. It was interesting to note that 61% were unsure that our financial goal was attainable, yet some members with that concern obviously said they would be willing to pledge funds over a three-year period, as 60% indicated a willingness to do so. Almost 20% of those who signed their survey indicated they would consider volunteer involvement as a campaign leader or solicitor. Thank you very much. And for those of you who said AOSHS would benefit if you won the lottery, good luck, we are pulling for you!

Yes, it is a big undertaking, and it will not be easily accomplished. We do, however, have plans in motion in both the federal sector as well as a private fundraising plan to bring our alumni into the picture. Members will be kept up to date as plans progress.

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

— Anatole France

***A thank you to Marie Espinoza, who purchased a brick to commemorate the  
1995 DoDDS VII Reunion in Monterey, CA.***

***All reunions have now been sponsored.***



## Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East Schools

By Les Burch

Except for the heat, this year's DoDDS reunion in Scottsdale was a great event. The organizing committee did a wonderful job in both selecting a beautiful spot and in organizing a well-run event.

Thanks to several of you who were in Scottsdale, new information has enabled my lists of schools to grow. John Bauman must have been a very young principal when he closed a school in Bavaria in 1951 that was not on my list. He also added another school to the German list that long-deceased Morey Crum closed in the same year. Those schools will be included in the German lists that will be published sometime next year. Two schools in Japan have also been added to my list for that country.

Ken Zabrowski provided me with the name of a small site in Sanseca, Spain, which is south of Toledo. It provided an elementary program for about twelve students during the 1980's. I'll add that to the list for Spain.

Please note a correction from last issue's listing of schools in Belgium. Brussels ES and HS have always been a combined ES/HS, not separate schools as printed. Thanks to the school's first principal, Gordon Gartner, for noting this.

In this issue, I am naming the schools in Italy, Greece, Turkey, Bahrain, and Pakistan. As always, I welcome your comments regarding additions and corrections. I also keep a file on information you may have about particular schools, so please send what you have either to my e-mail or postal addresses.

Schools that are presently open are preceded with an asterisk.

### ITALY

Avellino ES

\* Aviano ES (formerly Aviano ES #1)  
Aviano ES #2

\* Aviano MS

\* Aviano HS

Brindisi ES, San Vito

Brindisi JHS, San Vito

Comiso HS

\* Gaeta ES (formerly Barney, Joshua ES/MS)

\* La Maddalena ES, Sardinia

(formerly La Maddalena ES/MS)

\* Livorno ES (presently Livorno ES/HS)

\* Livorno HS (presently Livorno ES/HS)

\* Naples ES

Pordenone ES, nr. Aviano

Rimini ES

Riverside ES, Verona

\* Sigonella ES, Sicily (formerly Decatur, Stephen ES)

\* Sigonella HS, Sicily (formerly Decatur, Stephen HS)

Taranto ES

Torino ES

Vajont ES, nr. Aviano

\* Vicenza ES

\* Vicenza HS

Vicenza HS Dormitory

### GREECE

Iraklion JHS

Kearns, J.C. ES (formerly Iraklion ES)

Larissa ES

Vari ES, nr. Athens

### BAHRAIN

\* Bahrain ES/HS, Al Manama

(formerly Bahrain International School)

Bahrain International HS Dormitory,

Al Manama

### PAKISTAN

Peshawar American School

### TURKEY

\* Ankara ES (now Ankara ES/HS)

Ankara JHS

\* Ankara HS (now Ankara ES/HS)

Ankara HS Dormitory

Çiğli ES

\* Incirlik ES

\* Incirlik HS

Istanbul ES/JHS

Izmir ES

Izmir JHS

Izmir HS

Karamursel ES/JHS

Karamursel HS

Karamursel HS Dormitory

Manzareli ES



## The Military Child Education Coalition Holds Conference

From an article by Kristen Wyatt  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Military kids typically change schools six to nine times before they graduate. Their paperwork gets lost. They're forced to repeat some studies or miss out on others. Education can be tough on the children of service members who move a lot or who have a parent deployed abroad. So a group of military parents and teachers are holding a three-day conference on how to ensure the children get a good education.

"A lot of people don't understand what we go through," said Kalie Larson, a high school junior who lives near Fort Hood, Texas, and is at her ninth school. "When I was younger, I didn't have a lot of friends, to be honest with you."

Larson, and others known as "military brats," visited the conference to share their experiences. The meeting, which began Wednesday, was organized by a group called the Military Child Education Coalition. The group formed about eight years ago to improve schooling for the 1.8 million children of service members.

The group trains teachers in stateside military towns to spot problems in the children of service members and lobbies the military to allow changes when possible.

Among the group's successes was an agreement five years ago by the Army and Air Force to allow soldiers and airmen to stay in one place when they have children entering their senior year, except for wartime combat assignments.

Teachers at the conference, many of whom have no personal military background, were looking for tips on how to reach out to kids who may feel shy or are behind in their studies.

There to help was James Mitchell, superintendent in Groton, Conn., where 26 percent of students have a parent on active duty.

In Groton, new teachers are required to take a "Navy 101" class and visit the local installation so they can relate better to their students. The district has streamlined its records process so that it's faster to see what courses students have taken and what they still need. The district also has joined MCEC's new "Student 2 Student" peer counseling program, which helps new students settle in.

"They're not different, they just have different needs," Mitchell said of the military kids.

The parent-teacher group is making military life easier for service members' families, said Wanda Cooper, who lives in Yokota, Japan, with two children and her Air Force husband.

Her kids, ages 13 and 19, have changed schools six times. "They're changing and trying to figure out who they are naturally," she said. "And then we take 'em out and put them in another school — in our case, a whole other culture."

Philip Denman can relate. A 17-year-old senior in Silverdale, Wash., he has changed schools five times. He remembers hating a new school "because everyone already had their cliques set." But he's now a peer counselor and helps other military kids see the bright side of a globe-trotting life.

"I know some people who have stayed the same place all their lives, and I don't know how they do that," Denman said. "It's hard to be a military kid, but it can be pretty cool, too."

On the Net: <http://www.militarychild.org>  
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## Final Recess at Rhein-Main

At Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, school is out forever. Halvorsen-Turner Elementary-Middle School closed in June 2005 for the final time. There had been a school at Rhein-Main for over 50 years.



Main entrance to Rhein-Main Air Base, the "Gateway to Europe."

The original school, like many early DoDDS schools, was a converted German building. Eventually, new schools were built. The base boasted Halvorsen Elementary School, named for Gail Halvorsen, the "candy bomber" of the Berlin Airlift (1948-49), and

Tunmer Middle School, named for Gen. William H. Tunmer, who commanded the Military Air Transport System (MATS), during the Berlin Airlift. Gen. Tunmer later became commander of the U.S. Air Force in Europe (USAFE). At their peak enrollments, both schools educated hundreds of students each year. With the drawdown of forces over the past fifteen years, the enrollments dwindled and the schools were combined to make a K-8 unit school, leading to the combined names used during its final years.

The students and teachers at the school have created a time capsule containing books, area maps, school newsletters, and clues as to how community members lived during their years at Rhein-Main. The time capsule has been sent to the AOSHS archives in Wichita, along with many boxes of memorabilia. Directions say to open the capsule in 30 years.

The final ceremony of the day saw a color guard from Ramstein Air Base lower the flag for the last time. As they stood in a horseshoe formation around the flagpole, a total of 218 students saw the colors retired.

The school buildings will be leveled to make way for the expansion of Frankfurt International Airport.



## New Archive Assistant, Nancy Hampel

Due to family concerns, Marilyn Kirby, the Archive Associate for the past year, has had to leave the AOSHS office. We are fortunate in that she still plans to volunteer at the office as her time allows. We are also fortunate to have Nancy Hampel join us as the new Archive Associate.

Nancy was born and raised in Wichita, and has lived there for most of her life. Several years ago, she earned a Medical Secretarial Certificate from Wichita Technical College. Most of her working career has been involved in transcribing, editing and proofreading reports and correspondence. As her children got older, she decided



New Archive Associate

Nancy Hampel

to return to school, and in May 2005 Nancy graduated with a 4.0 average from Wichita State University (WSU) with a BA in History and English Literature. While at the university, she served as a Supplemental Instruction Leader in the area of history and as a Writing Specialist with the office of Disability Services at WSU.

Nancy's son is a senior in high school, her two daughters are in middle school, and a new Hampel is expected in December. She plans to return to WSU to for a Masters' degree within the next two years. Nancy states, "I am excited to be a part of AOSHS and its goal of preserving and sharing history, and very much appreciate the opportunity to contribute to that goal."

Welcome aboard, Nancy!

*AOSHS Office Hours have changed.*

*They are now as follows:*

**Monday—Friday**

**8:30am—12:30pm Central Time**



# THE AOSHS ARCHIVE DATA BASE INFORMATION FORM

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

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_    Citizenship \_\_\_    Age when hired \_\_\_    State where hired \_\_\_    **Years of teaching experience when hired** \_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ This address may be shared with other AOSHS Members: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Educational Background:

BA \_\_\_ BS \_\_\_ Or? \_\_\_ School \_\_\_ Major \_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_

MA \_\_\_ MS \_\_\_ Or? \_\_\_ School \_\_\_ Major \_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_

Ed.D. \_\_\_\_ Ph.D. \_\_\_\_ Or? \_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_ Year received \_\_\_\_

Master Thesis, Project

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

Send to: **AOSHS Archive Data Base**

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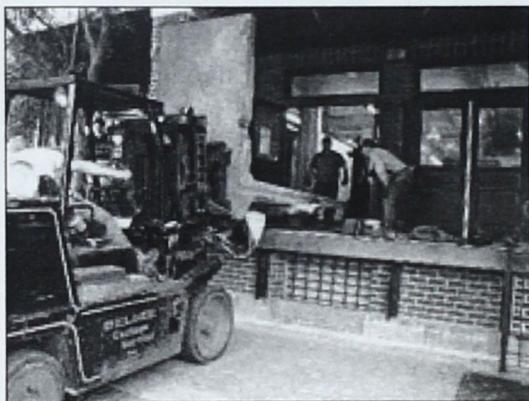


## A SECTION OF "THE WALL" ARRIVES IN OZ

It didn't follow the yellow brick road, but a 3½ ton section of the Berlin Wall made its way from Maryland to Wichita, arriving on August 1. In the May issue, we told you that the sale of a section of the Wall was brought to the attention of the Berlin Brats by a Stuttgart alumna, Patricia Hein '76. After quick work by a committee formed to authenticate and bid on the section, it was purchased by the Berlin Brats Alumni Association with the intent of donating it to AOSHS for display. Shipping of the enormous section was arranged with the assistance of John Kloke, Nürnberg '75. This was truly a cooperative overseas brat effort. The Wall was shipped on its edge for the trek across the country, with the upper wall portion and the base forming an L-shape as it lay on the flatbed truck. Once in Wichita, the truck made its way to the **Museum of World Treasures**, where the Wall section will be exhibited, on loan from AOSHS. The piece was then lifted by crane to a smaller truck, and placed face down with the base sticking up in the air, for easier movement and final transfer into the museum. This temporary base-exposed positioning also enabled Jeri Glass, director of the Berlin Brats, to list the names of the Berlin Wall acquisition team, as well as some of those in attendance at the arrival, on the bottom of it. It may be awhile before that part ever sees the light of day again, but the names are there for posterity.



*The Wall section is lifted by crane for transfer to a smaller truck.*



*Will it fit? Even following doorway modifications, the Wall section presented a formidable challenge to move indoors.*

Unloading at the museum took place over six hours, under sunny skies on August 2. A section of the receiving entrance gate at the side of the museum had to be dismantled to allow for needed space. By 2:00 p.m., the section was in place and arrangements were initiated to set up the Berlin Wall Exhibit. Dr. Jon Kardatske, founder and director of the museum, along with AOSHS, will host a formal unveiling of the exhibit on August 12, 2005. The exhibit opening will be featured in the November issue of the *Quarterly*.



Berlin American High School's Berlin Brats Alumni Association wishes to thank all who donated to the shipping costs. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

*Patricia Hein, '76 Stuttgart, (left) and Jeri Glass, '72 Berlin, point to the initials P.H. on The Wall. Pat swears they were already there when she first laid eyes on the section.*

*"All free men,  
wherever they may live,  
are citizens of Berlin."*

—President John Fitzgerald Kennedy,  
June 26, 1963, West Berlin



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- Who will preserve the legacy of American overseas schools?
- Who will archive the memorabilia of American overseas schools?

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## Reunion News

Send your reunion news to Scarlett Rehrig at:  
P.O. Box 1285, Blakeslee, PA 18610-1285  
Or e-mail to: [OverseasSchools@aoshs.org](mailto:OverseasSchools@aoshs.org)  
It will be published on a "Space Available" basis.

**Overseas Brats Gathering:** Oct. 13 – 16, 2005 at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel in Mesa, AZ. Registration particulars are available from Overseas Brats, P.O. Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201 or Telephone 316-269-9610 or e-mail [joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net)

**Kaiserslautern HS Class of '75:** 30<sup>th</sup> year reunion, Oct. 13 – 15, 2005 at the Phoenix Marriott Mesa Hotel in Mesa, AZ. This reunion is being held in conjunction with the Overseas Brats Gathering, and reservations can be made as noted above.

**DoDDS Florida:** Oct. 17 – 20, 2005 on a reunion cruise sailing from Miami to Key West to Cozumel, Mexico, for four days of fun. \$291 per person. Telephone 1-800-585-3977 and ask for Shelby to make your reservation by Sept. 15.

**Berlin HS:** July 27 – 30, 2006 at the Hotel Steglitz International on Albrechtstrasse in Berlin. For registration information, go to the Berlin HS website at [www.berlinbrats.org](http://www.berlinbrats.org)

**Vicenza HS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Oct. 17 – 21, 2007. Plan ahead so you can enjoy this grand event. Register online at [www.vhsalumni.com](http://www.vhsalumni.com) starting June 2007, when final costs are verified.



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Please submit articles to: **AOSHS, P.O. Box 1285, Blakeslee, PA 18610-1285.**

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