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## Pittsburgh in July—A Pleasurable Venue for Teachers of the World

*With reporting from Bill Hobbs in Texas, Alberta Woods in Michigan, Bruce Taft and Lee Davis in Arizona, JoAnn Johnson in Minnesota and Fred Evans in Wisconsin*

What could be more wonderful than meeting up with old friends from our teaching days overseas when, together, even the shortest trip, the silliest shopping, the shared gossip with cohorts finishing your sentences bring renewed and abounding laughter. There is nothing in teaching that gives us the rich rush of pleasure that comes from reconnecting with kindred spirits. It's the *raison d'être* of reunions.

This past summer Pittsburgh was the venue as the committee tries to rotate sites from West to Midwest to East each summer.

Over 900 showed up for Reunion XVIII this year, as Pittsburgh played host. By all accounts from Reunion Committee members, this was the most successful gathering in the five years the committee has worked together. "We've really gotten our duties, responsibilities, and roles down now," stated Richard Smith, who is the driving voice of the committee, as he's the emcee for the welcome ceremony and the banquet program. "It ran so smoothly, which added to the fun."

Registrar JoAnn Johnson reports that some 40 attendees registered "at the door," thus swelling the numbers. "Of course, we always have friends and colleagues who just drop by for short visits and don't register. Folks also bring their friends and family members, too," she says, "and that increases the numbers and the festivity!"

Alberta Brown, who coordinated the mini-reunions, says that more folks attended the Friday afternoon gathering. "We even had some spontaneous mini-reunions, too, and others promised to host during next year's Reunion."

The Reunion Committee on Friday nominated Salt Lake City as their choice for 2007. "We've examined the city and find it to be an exciting spot," comments Bill Hobbs, committee coordinator. "Our numbers keep growing and it's sometimes difficult to find hotels large enough to accommodate us, in total rooms, in banqueting space, and in room rates. We're certainly on the look out and welcome suggestions."



Photo: Cyndi Johnson  
*Bill Hobbs proposes Salt Lake City as next year's reunion site.*

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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*.



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## ~ President's Message ~

### IT HAS BEEN ONE YEAR...



In September of 2005, out-going president, Ann Bamberger, passed the presidency to me. The Board of Directors and I developed goals to provide focus for our work to carry out the mission of AOSHS and to best serve its membership. The goals are listed below as well as the accomplishments. When the results of the private initiative, the Bradford Report were studied, it was clear that a change of direction for AOSHS needed to be examined. The report has given the Board a new direction. That was published in the spring Quarterly and was articulated to the membership at the DoDDS Reunion in Pittsburgh, PA this past July.

### GOALS

To support and help with fundraising initiatives; both private and federal, without including DoDEA in any fundraising functions. The Bradford Report gave us a new direction on which to focus. As of this writing, we are looking at increasing our endowment so that some day we are able to give the function of the archive over to a university with an endowment to fund the operations of the archive. Currently there is \$153,5000.00 in the Endowment Fund. We have hired Jackie Gray to establish an advisory council and to promote increased membership at reunion and conference functions. She is also tasked with soliciting corporate donations for our endowment and operation funds.

To pursue all avenues of design and installation of the present bricks, blocks, and pavers so that AOSHS will have a footprint beyond our office/archive in Wichita, KS. The Bradford report has suggested to us that such a memorial should be constructed at a location where people go to visit other sights, such as the east coast and more specifically, the DC area. A venue is actively being sought in hopes of locating a site in the near future. The Memorial program has funds of \$131, 424.36.

To have a catalog numbering system for all forms, communications, and policies that are used by AOSHS. The system will be reviewed yearly to delete, add, and update forms and procedures. A notebook now exists with a numbering system for all forms used. We have updated forms and eliminated those no longer used. We are continuing to create a memorandum of function for every AOSHS operation. This includes developing job descriptions and defining how membership is accomplished among the many other operations of our organization.

To catalog all donated materials and have a summary and narrative entry for research retrieval purposes. We have visited the Museum of World Treasures to see how they catalog their artifacts. We recently purchased a software program that will serve AOSHS well. Our end goal is to be able to electronically retrieve items in the archive.

To increase our membership with a focus on our students and alumni. We list reunions and have a feature with a focus on our alumni and students in the Quarterlies. Jackie Gray is our advisory chairperson and an alumnus. Our next secretary will come from the alumni/student ranks, giving the Board four educators, four alumni/student and one who is both alumni/student and educator. Currently a Board member contacts all members who are delinquent in paying their membership dues. We have had a very successful rate of return of people renewing their memberships.

To review our readership for our website and to increase this by new virtual offerings. Our webmaster produced a program entitled "Where Were You When the Berlin Wall Came Down?" This is an interactive site and has even been used for research purposes. We will be changing this theme periodically. We are in the process of making corrections and updating the website by assigning Board members and a special projects person to monitor it for outdated and incorrect information.

## Reunion News

Send your reunion news to Scarlett Rehrig at: P.O. Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201  
Or e-mail to [OverseasSchools@aoshs.org](mailto:OverseasSchools@aoshs.org) Notices will be published on a "Space Available" basis.

Overseas BRATS "Northern Kentucky Gathering" Oct. 26-29, 2006 at Fort Mitchell, KY (near Cincinnati, OH). Contact Joe Condrill at [joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net)

Ramstein Teachers and Friends Reunion: October 20 and 21st, 2006; Marriot Hartford/Windsor Airport Hotel, Windsor, CT contact Barbara Davis, [skiotan@aol.com](mailto:skiotan@aol.com)

Hahn Reunion 2006 will be held from Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2006 at Peaceful Valley Ranch in Lyons, Colorado. For more information please visit our webpage at <http://groups.msn.com/HahnAirBase/hahnreunion2006.msnw>

George Dewey H.S. Reunion Dec. 27, 2006- Jan. 5, 2007 at Subic Bay, PI.  
Contact Sue Gage at phone: 843-442-4621

DoDDS Florida Reunion, May 18-20, 2007, Hyatt Hotel, Sarasota, FL. Contact TBA.

DoDDS Reunion July 26-29, 2007, Salt Lake City, Utah Contact JoAnn K. Johnson, DoDDS Reunion XVIII, PO Box 1277, Burnsville, MN 55337

All BRATS Homecoming Aug. 2-5, 2007 at Hyatt Regency, Dallas-Forth Worth, Grapevine, TX. Contact Joe Condrill at [joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeosbpre@sbcglobal.net)

Vicenza HS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Oct. 17-21, 2007. Register online at [www.vhsalumni.com](http://www.vhsalumni.com) **starting June 2007**, when final costs are verified

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## 2007 All Brats Homecoming Reunions

Many reunions are planned at the All Brats Homecoming, August 2-5, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Dallas-Fort Worth Airport in Grapevine, TX, for former students, alumni and educators. Joe Condrill reports the reunions associated with the following schools:

Ansbach HS/Germany (all)  
Baumholder HS/Germany (all)  
Berlin HS/Germany (all)  
Burtonwood/England (all)  
Forrest Sherman/Naples HS/Italy (all)  
Frankfurt HS/Germany  
Hahn HS/Germany (all)  
HH Arnold HS/Wiesbaden/Germany (late '90's and early 00's)  
Kaiserslautern HS/Germany ('60's)  
Kubasaki HS/Okinawa (all)  
Madrid HS/Spain (Class of '65)

Mannheim HS/Germany (all)  
Oslo American School/Norway (all)  
Rhein Main Brats/Germany (all)  
SHAPE HS/Belgium (all)  
Tehran American School/Iran (all)  
Verdun HS/France (all)  
Woodbridge HS/England (all)

For more information on these reunions, please contact OVERSEAS BRATS, P.O. Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201 (Tel): (316-269-9610), [joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.overseasbrats.com](http://www.overseasbrats.com).



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## Pittsburgh in July (continued from Page 1)

The ideas of getting together over the summer actually started with in 1989, organized for Department of Defense Schools (DoD) administrators and held in Concord, California. The administrators hit the links and waxed nostalgic. The pace was set. Held each summer from then on, it changed consistency as the mother organization evolved into Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS) and another organization formed, the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) to continue the conclaves.

In 1997, John and Barbara Williams organized the group for four summer days in San Antonio, Texas, which began to get a burst of retired and current teachers. The next year was Minneapolis guided by Walter Peik. The Williams continued the next few years, from San Diego, to Boston, to Wichita aided by Jeanie Goodvin, representing the city, at the AOSHS site dedication. Wichita continues to be the home office for the overseas archives.

Meanwhile, after the Williams duo announced in Boston that the following year would be Wichita and it would be their last year as hosts, people in attendance decided to take over the responsibilities as a larger committee. When the Wichita reunion arrived, the group was already with a proposal for 2002, and those attendees at Wichita unanimously agreed upon the Denver site for the next year.

The group ended with some 25 volunteers, lessening workloads, distributing efforts and times, all pretty much coordinated by Bill Hobbs and Alberta Woods. They, of course, claim the committee gets credit as a group. The schedule they enforced breached across an entire year of planning for each reunion. High on their list for city and hotel selections are costs, travel availability, and nice, large hotel lobbies with ample seating for endless conversations.

The group gained a boost in attendance—some 1,000 for the Denver reunion, an explosion of interest from the original 15 in 1981. To showcase the varied talents of many educators, a separate Hospitality Room became a necessity. In Pittsburgh there were 47 artists, writers, designers, and even a travel agent. AOSHS sets up for membership and sales. WESTAT, the firm that does the achievement tests for DoDDS and the US, features a recruiting team. Ron Howard, one of the recruiters, thinks DoDDS teachers make some of the finest testers.

Mini Reunions, another popular reunion addition, are receptions hosted by former teachers from far away schools. They provide a venue for teachers who've taught in the same locations.

The Denver group coordinated by Bill Hobbs included Tina Calo, treasurer; JoAnn Johnson, registrar, Sandra Hope, statistics and data, Larry Burner, website, Alice Sax and Carolyn Thomas, banquet arrangement, Lynn Barnes, menu coordinator; Fred Evans, publicity. Several volunteers handled security. Monthly newsletters kept attendees posted on events and city possibilities. Head table Emcees Richard Smith and Emily Van Sweden provided humor for the banquet that year. Richard, who continues to emcee, went on to do the web site this year, following Burner and Judy Conner.

The committee planned to be in effect for one year. "When we got to Denver and to the general meeting, there was no one else who'd host future reunions. Speaking for the committee, I agreed that we would work for one more year, but that everyone had to promise they'd work for the year after that," Hobbs said.



Photo: Cyndi Johnson  
Joan Maas, Evelyn Thompson and Bernie O'Neill reminisce about Stuttgart HS days.

Committee members all work on a volunteer basis, paying the fees at the same rates as everyone else. All members are responsible for transportation and hotel expenses. To keep hotel prices as affordable as possible, no commission is paid to the committee; however, hotels generally offer bonus rooms for participation, and the committee in turn offers free nights in a raffle announced at the banquet. "We have tried very hard to make our reunions affordable and fair, as our objective is to get as many people as possible to attend and affordable rates are important. We have not increased our registration fees in over eight years!" exclaimed Hobbs.

## **MEMORIAL FUNDS**

### **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **RICHARD CARY STRICKLAND**

#### **1925 – 2006**

Richard was born in Honolulu, HI, son of Cmdr. John and Louise Strickland. He served for four years in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Area.

He earned his BA in philosophy from Loyola University in Los Angeles in 1949, his MA in Educational Administration from the University of Southern California in 1958, and a PhD in sociology from Miami University in Ohio in 1971. His mastery was in K-12 education, and he was well known for his interest in students without regard to nationality, gender, or race.

Richard taught for 4 years in Los Angeles, California, before joining DoDDS. His first overseas assignment was as a 6th grade teacher at Generalissimo ES in Madrid, Spain, in 1955 and the following year taught at Ramstein ES in Germany. For 15 years he was principal at Generalissimo ES and Royal Oaks ES in Madrid and Ramstein ES and Pirmasens ES in Germany. In 1972 he became the Curriculum Coordinator for the North Sea District and in 1977, the Curriculum Coordinator in the Atlantic region. His accomplishments were well recognized and appreciated. Dick retired in 1991 to Steilacoom, WA. His passions included meeting new people and traveling, including family trips all over Europe and Asia. He passed away of a heart attack on July 9, 2006, while visiting in England. He is survived by his wife Beverly, and their children Andrew, John and Sally and their families.

### **RONALD ROY VOELLER**

#### **1938 - 2005**

Ron was born in Rugby, ND, and graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He received a master's degree in education from St. Thomas in 1964.

Ron began his teaching career in 1962 as a music teacher at a high school in Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. His first DoDDS assignment was from 1964 – 1966 at Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rico. From there he went to Karlsruhe, Germany, as a music teacher and became Music Coordinator for DoDDS-Germany Region in 1970. While in Germany he sometimes conducted musical productions, including 22 performances of "Jesus Christ Superstar". For seven years, he led seminars for German and American music students.

In 1980, Ron moved to Alexandria, Virginia, to become the Coordinator of Music, Visual Arts, Humanities, and Gifted and Talented programs. He conducted three two-week institutes at the Kennedy Center for humanities teachers in DoDDS schools. After retiring in 2000, Ron turned to writing and his two books, one of short stories and the other titled "Full Glass Half Empty: Public School Education – An Inside Look", are scheduled for publication. Ron passed away in Alexandria, VA, of a brain aneurysm.

### **JAMES (JIM) RICHARDS**

#### **1931 - 2006**

Jim died in his beloved Naples, Italy, one week after his seventy-fifth birthday. He was buried near his neighborhood church in Naples and interred in the family gravesite of his longtime friend, Ciro Guida.

After a long career with DODDS schools and dorms in seven locations in Asia and Europe, Jim retired in Naples; he was a true expatriate.

Known for his upbeat, bubbly personality, his enormous zest for life, his unique parties, his funny correspondence, his fresh fruit pies among so much else that made him legend, he shall be greatly missed by many.



## ADA "PERK" SIMMONS

Ada Louise proclaimed that she always wanted to be a teacher. Even when she was "slinging hash" at Hampton Beach during the 30's, she did it to get herself through school so she could teach. And what a teacher she was! Starting in a one-room schoolhouse where she taught (and fed) her ragtag class, up to the time when she expounded on the wisdom of the ages on her lanai overlooking Santa Barbara harbor, her extraordinary life was an inspiration to all. She came to DoDDS in 1976 as an exchange principal at Mainz elementary school in Germany. She had assignments in Okinawa and spent 8 years as a fifth grade teacher at Sullivan's Elementary School in Yokosuka, Japan, where she retired in 1989.

Perk was a traveler. She gained knowledge of the world and its people and she shared her love of life with people on every continent. As she learned, she imparted that knowledge to all of her family, friends, colleagues and students. Her adventures are legendary-- the Borneo longhouse where she was kicked by a granny and returned the favor, being carried up the stairs in a sling to the temples in Kyoto, tipping so much to the rickshaw driver in Katmandu that he tossed aside his vehicle and ran shouting through the narrow streets. She danced in the discos of Zermatt, drank in the Peninsula in Hong Kong, dined at the Del in San Diego, and laughed at the antics of the monkeys in India as she rode the rails. She thought she found one of her former selves in a crocodile well in Egypt, and she was sure Machu Pichu was a previous residence.

In her 93 years Ada Louise (Perk) Simmons touched so many lives in such a positive way that everyone who knew her is sure that on the day she died, a wonderful soul reentered the world and some very lucky baby will grow up to be a guru or the next Dali Lama. This faith in her return sustains all of us who loved and revered our greatest teacher.

## Marcy Yanoff 1945 -2006

Marcy was born in New York and began her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher. She always loved her New York roots and one of her favorite places was her apartment on Coney Island.

After joining DODDS in 1971, she taught at Bad Kreuznach and Kassel, Germany. In 1978 she returned to the states for four years and obtained her Library of Science degree. She then went back to Germany as a media specialist at Aschaffenburg, Germany, and Brindisi and Vajont elementary schools in Italy. She returned to Germany and worked in Babenhausen and Gelnhausen.

Marcy passed away in 2004 while serving as Gelnhausen's media specialist. She loved introducing students to using many multiple resources and information formats in learning.

She was an educational leader and was a participant in DoDDS media task forces, the European Parent Teacher Association Board, the American Association of School Librarians organization, and the Library Media Association of Germany. After her death, a special memorial collection of children's books was given to the Media Center at Gelnhausen.

## Fayette J. Fowlston 1933 - 2004

Fayette (Skip) Fowlston was born in Oneonta, NY, grew up in Franklin, NY, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Library Science from Genosea College.

Skip began her teaching career in New York and then continued in Texas, Maine, and San Diego, California, before joining DoDDS in 1970. Her first assignment was as a first grade teacher at Wurtsmith Elementary at Clark Air Base in the Philippines. Later that same year she became the kindergarten librarian and for the following two years, the high school librarian..

In 1973, Skip received a transfer to Frankfurt, Germany, as the middle school librarian. During her 16 years in Germany, she developed many friendships within the international community, traveled throughout Europe, tended to her vegetable garden, and enjoyed Christmas vacations in Austria. In 1988 she transferred to Okinawa, Japan, where she was the librarian at Zukeran Elementary. There she enjoyed new as well as renewed friendships with DoDDS colleagues.

Throughout her DoDDS teaching career, Skip fought a courageous and determined battle against cancer but in 1994, it became necessary for her to retire and seek medical care in the States. Sadly, Skip passed away on March 3, 2004, and was laid to rest in Franklin, NY.

## 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.

**AOSHS Memorial Program, P.O. Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261**  
e-mail: [memorialprog@aoshs.org](mailto:memorialprog@aoshs.org)

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**  
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**Robert "Bob" Kaufmann****1924 – 2006**

Robert William "Bob" Kaufmann was born Feb. 29, 1924 in Jersey City, N.J. He was a graduate of North Bergen High School and North Texas University, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. Before attending college, Bob served in the United States Army during World War II in Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland Campaigns. He received the European Service Medal, World War II Victory medal and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster.

In 1953, he joined DoDDS as a classroom teacher. During his 32-year career he served as an elementary and secondary principal. While working in Japan, Spain, Germany, Bermuda and England, Bob and his family were afforded the opportunity to enjoy wonderful travel experiences, some of his favorites being Russia, Morocco, Greece and France. On Dec. 12, 1971, he married Martha "Marti" Hollander in Aviano, Italy. Bob was a man of many interests and talents. He sang and performed in theater and musicals. His favorite roles include "The Crucible" for which he won a Best Actor award in a European-wide military competition and "The Diary of Anne Frank," in which he played the father of Anne Frank. He loved music. He played the drums and was the vocalist in a group called the Melotones who performed in and around Ruidoso, N.M. He played golf around the world and, in Sherman, loved being a part of the 'Noon Game' at Woodlawn Country Club. He was an enthusiast of all sports.

**Patricia Carolyn Marsh****1934 - 2006**

Patricia Marsh, was born in Fort Riley, Kansas – the first of many homes that Pat, her sister and three brothers would know as "army brats". In 1946, at the end of WWII, Pat attended the DoD school in Mannheim in Occupied Germany. Her classroom was located in what had been a private home right around the corner from her family's housing quarters in a suburb of Mannheim called Feudenheim.

Pat graduated from Chico State University in California and received her master's degree from Michigan State University. Although Pat's early teaching was in California, Alaska and Hawaii, she spent more than thirty years as an outstanding first grade teacher at M&K and Bob Hope Primary Schools on Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan. Her classrooms were structured in a marvelous array of learning centers where her students loved to read and to learn. Among her many awards, Pat was named a Distinguished Teacher by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars in 1991 and received an invitation to the White House where she accepted the award. Pat's love of teaching and her love of children continued to the end. She inspired and motivated us and will always remain a part of our fondest memories.

**SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT****Mary Frances (Fran) Brasfield****1915 – 2006**

Fran was born in McComb, Mississippi on November 19, 1915. She graduated from Mississippi College for Women in Columbus, MS, with a degree in elementary education and taught in Mississippi and Florida. During World War II she went to Brazil to teach English to Portuguese-speaking airline mechanics. Her first overseas schools assignment was in Fürstentfeldbruck, Germany, in 1953. Later she was stationed in Libya; Johnson Airbase, Japan; Iceland; Clark AFB, the Philippines; Sidi Slimane, Morocco; Greenham Common, England; Izmir, Turkey; and Chicksands, England. While in Izmir she became a librarian, which she continued until the end of her career.

Fran was known for her graciousness and warmth, always first to welcome newcomers to a school and make them feel at home. She was a wonderful hostess and an excellent cook. She enjoyed traveling, entertaining, and going to the theater; she especially loved the flowers and gardens of England. She had a knack for seeing the ridiculous in life, and had a great repertoire of funny stories; a legacy that she has left to her many friends. Fran suffered a stroke while celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with DoDDS friends who were in Jackson to share the festivities; she died a few days later on April 1, 2006.

A Chinese proverb says, "When an old person dies, a library is lost." Truly much DoDDS history has disappeared with Fran's death.

**RICHARD OSNER****1923 – 2005**

"Oz" served in the Pacific as a quartermaster during the Second World War. He was awarded the Purple Heart for service on the USS Yorktown during the Battle of Midway.

After the war he studied mathematics and began his career with DoDDS in 1962. He served in the Pacific for over 30 years as a curriculum coordinator, assistant superintendent and superintendent in Japan. "Oz" moved to Germany in 1996, serving as superintendent of the Würzburg district. He retired from DoDDS in 1999 following 37 years of service.

"Oz" and wife, Yasuko, retired to Albuquerque, NM where he passed away Nov. 10, 2005 from a fall and stroke. He is survived by Yasuko, six children and several grandchildren. "Oz" was known, respected, and loved by scores of friends and colleagues around the world.

**BARBARA E. TUCKER****1917 – 2006**

Barbara was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on May 27, 1917. She graduated from Framingham State Teachers' College in Massachusetts and taught school in Foxboro for several years before becoming a stewardess of American Airlines in 1944. She flew for American until 1957 and returned to teach in Foxboro for a year before beginning her DoDDS career. Barbara's first assignment was in Turkey at Izmir ES. She also taught at the elementary level in Japan; Seville, Spain; Wiesbaden, Germany; Lakenheath, England, and was a principal at Karachi, Pakistan. Lakenheath was her home for 15 years, until she retired in 1989.

Barbara then moved to Carmel, California, and enjoyed the warm sunshine and beautiful scenery of the Monterey Peninsula. In the words of a very close friend, "She truly loved England and everything to do with living there. She had an incredible interest in people and in helping people in need. In retirement, she tutored an adult in a literacy program through her local library. She also gave much assistance to her neighbors in her retirement community who needed rides or just cheering up. She was an incredibly thoughtful person who was much loved by her friends for her wit and charm."

In 2005, Barbara moved to the assisted living floor of the Hyatt Park Lane in Monterey. She continued to be a bright spark and was known for her warm smile, wry wit and humor, and her 'flashy' earrings. She passed away in her sleep on January 29, 2006.

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### The President's Message (continued from page three)

To co-produce the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video with DoDEA. DoDEA sent two employees to the archive to gather materials for the Anniversary video. It is planned to be ready by the end of calendar year 2006. Our communications director is working with DoDEA on this project.

To increase and make available to the public our oral history tapes. At present we have cataloged all the videotape interviews that follow a consistent format. At every DoDDS reunion there are dedicated volunteers who produce more interviews. All these are available in our archive. We had a presentation at our Annual General Membership meeting this year on a memory stories from our website.

To increase the documentation of our written stories in the Memories website. Entering the stories and memories is an on going process.

To have available traveling artifacts that may be used at reunions, celebrations, colleges, museums, and schools. We have the AOSHS Road Show boxes available with our notebooks of history, chronicles, charter members, and life membership. We have tee shirts and sweatshirts from many schools that we are able to include in the Road Show boxes. We are willing and do send out yearbooks and provide information to people who are giving presentations in their local communities. We have purchased a laptop computer and presentation equipment to show powerpoints, DVD's at reunions and conferences.

To recognize and celebrate our volunteers who work behind the scenes for the purpose of making AOSHS a quality non-profit organization. We need to continue to work on this goal and to recognize our volunteers by publishing their names in a Quarterly. The fall Quarterly will have names of volunteers.

*There are so many things that you really should know. And that's why I'm bothering telling you so.* - Dr. Seuss

Cheers, Scarlett



Photo: Richard Smith

### The Reunion Committee pauses for a photo

Poolside in Scottsdale; most of the committee takes a measured pause. Back Row: Kay Hosie, Ron Hosie, JoAnn Johnson, Mary Beth Hughes, John Malafouris, Bill Hobbs, Alice Sax, Carolyn Thomas, Lee Bisland. Front Row: Richard Smith, Alberta Brown, Lynn Barnes, Bob Coltrin, Arvid Larson, Sandy Hope. For many other committee members, duty called and they missed the photo.

# SCHOOL LISTS

By Les Burch

In issue # 1 of 2004 I began listings of DoD schools by naming those that were located in North Africa, all which closed many years ago. To date, names of over 300 schools located in 35 countries or U.S. territories have appeared in each issue of the *Quarterly*. In this issue, I begin the long list of over 200 schools in Germany. I intend to complete the last listing by this time next year. I encourage readers to let me know if I have missed a school. At our recent DoDDS reunion in Pittsburgh, I received the names of several schools that I didn't have in my lists. I thank Dick Wiedman for providing me with the names of three where he was assigned in Northern Germany. Ron Downing noted that a small school in Turkey was overlooked. I've now added Kadiköy ES, near Istanbul, to my Turkish list.

## SCHOOLS IN GERMANY-LIST 1

(Amberg to Frankfurt HS)

Amberg ES		+Bitburg ES	1952-
American ES, Bremen	1946-	+Bitburg MS	
+Ansbach ES		+Bitburg HS	1952-
+Ansbach MS/HS, Katterbach		+Böblingen ES	
+Argonner ES, Hanau		Bonn ES (formerly Bad Godesburg ES)	-1997
Aschaffenburg ES/JHS		Bonn HS (The American School on the Rhine)	
Atterberry ES, (formerly Frankfurt ES #2)			-1997
Augsburg ES	1946-1998	Bremerhaven ES	1946-1979
Augsburg HS	1946-1998	Bremerhaven HS	1946-1979
Aukamm ES, Wiesbaden		Büchel ES	
Babenhausen ES	1952-2006	Budingen ES	
Bad Aibling ES		Büren ES	
Bad Aibling HS		Buschlag ES, Rhein/Main	
Bad Hersfeld ES (originally Hersfeld ES)	1946-	+Butzbach ES	
Bad Homburg ES		Coburg ES	9/1950-12/1950
Bad Kissingen ES		Crailsheim ES	
Bad Kreuznach ES	-2001	Crailsheim JHS	
Bad Kreuznach HS	-2001	Crestview ES, Wiesbaden	
Bad Nauheim ES	-2006	Dachau ES	
Bad Tölz ES	-1991	+Darmstadt ES	
Bad Tölz JHS	-1991	+Darmstadt MS (formerly Darmstadt JHS)	
Bad Wildungen ES		Delmenhorst ES	-1991
+Bamberg ES		+Dexheim ES	
+Bamberg HS		Elizabethan ES, Frankfurt	
+Baumholder HS		Erding ES	
Bayreuth Dependents School		Erlangen ES	
Berchtesgaden ES		Flensburg ES	
Berlin HS (Roberts, Thomas A. ES)	1946-	Frankfurt MS (formerly Frankfurt JHS)	
Berlin HS (Roberts, Thomas A. HS)	1946-	Frankfurt HS (The American Community School)	1946-
Bindlach ES		Frankfurt HS Dormitory	

## *The American Overseas Schools Alumni Registration Form*

For all alumni, American and foreign, who attended DoDDS, DDESS and Dos Schools at any grade level.

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship (incl. both if dual): \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: M \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ City and Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

After graduation from high school, I: Entered the work force \_\_\_\_\_, Entered the military \_\_\_\_\_, Attended Trade/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_,

Attended a 2-yr. College \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_), Attended a 4-yr. College \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_),

Attended a Military Academy: Army \_\_\_\_\_, Navy \_\_\_\_\_, Air Force \_\_\_\_\_, Coast Guard \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_)

Highest Degree Attained: HS Diploma \_\_\_\_\_, AA \_\_\_\_\_, Bachelors Degree (list type) \_\_\_\_\_, Masters Degree (list type) \_\_\_\_\_,

Doctorate (list type) \_\_\_\_\_

Listings may be continued on the back, as well as sibling information.

I understand that the information I provide will be available for research in the AOS Archives.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: AOSHS Alumni Registration  
P.O. Box 1500  
Wichita, KS 67201-1500

Year or Years Attended	Grade Levels (e.g. K, 3-6, etc.)	Name of School(s)	Military Base or City	Country

Names of Siblings Who  
Attended Overseas  
Schools




## WEST RUISLIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FALLS SILENT AFTER 45 YEARS OF TEACHING

By Sean C. Kelly



Photo: Sean C. Kelly

RAF WEST RUISLIP, ENGLAND - School at West Ruislip Elementary is not just out for summer. It's out forever.

Following the drawdown of US Navy Forces in the UK the DoDDS school shut its doors for the last time on June 9 and waved a final goodbye to some 60 students and 5 classroom teachers plus staff. It marked the end of some 45 years of DoDDS educational history at the base 17 miles to the West of London. It's reckoned some 5,000 students attend the school over the years.

West Ruislip Elementary opened at the base in 1961 originally as a support school for USAF Third Air Force Headquarters when it was located at nearby USAF South Ruislip. The US Navy took it on in the early 1990s. When school ended this

year, teachers packing up everything as textbooks, tables, chairs, balls and equipment was shipped on to other DoDDS Schools.

Overseeing the closure was Principal Martha Parsons, a DODDS veteran of 28 years. She said the school had sent out more than 1,000 boxes of books and equipment.

"If it is connected to the wall or the building it stays," she said pointing to the still-in-place school chalkboards on a last walkabout. "Everything that is loose must go. Basically, if you were able to pick the school up, turn it upside down and shake it, nothing should fall out. It should be that empty."

Parsons, who comes from Gunnison, Colorado, and is going on to become Principal at Vicenza Elementary School, Italy paid tribute to West Ruislip Elementary School. "It's terribly sad to see it all go," she said. "The fact is that this has been a great school for 45 years but we have had to move on. Times change."

## Pittsburgh Photos

Camera were flashing in Pittsburgh. The Heidelberg teachers, at right, posed during one of the many popular mini-reunions. At the bottom, the Wuerzburg teachers gathered in the beautiful hotel lobby.



Photo: Cyndi Johnson



Photo: Cyndi Johnson

## Naples educators say goodbye

The following article is a portion of a story that was published in the June 9, 2008 edition of *The Stars and Stripes*. The reporter and photographer is Sandra Jontz, *Stars and Stripes*.

NAPLES, Italy — This time, Kay Galloway intends to stay retired.

Back in 1999, after 390 days in retirement, a phone message in September had an urgent request from her old bosses in the overseas military school system: the principal at Naples American High School had quit abruptly and would Galloway consider coming back, if even for just a little while?

She did. And stayed for seven years.

"Now, it's time for me to go. I mean, after 42 years, I think it's my turn to play, don't you?" Galloway, 66, said in a brief interview after she bid farewell to an assembled group of well-wishers who filled the stands at the school's stadium.

The Naples community said goodbye twice Thursday: to Galloway, and departing assistant principal Ofelia Robles, who retired after 33 years as an educator at both stateside schools and with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

Under warm, clear blue skies, military and educational leaders lauded the two women as exceptional educators who unselfishly gave much of themselves to their own passion — teaching.

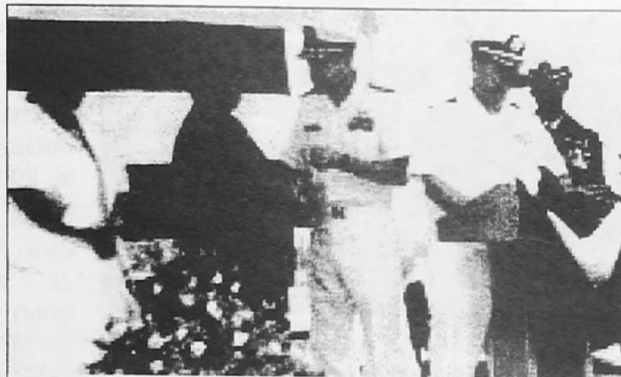
Galloway's leadership style was humble and modest, a most effective method, said Daniel Lizzul, president of the Naples Navy League chapter.

Galloway addressed her farewell to those who have meant most to her.

"Always conduct yourselves with honor," she told the students after advising them that, if they'd be embarrassed to recount to their grandparents something they had done, they shouldn't do it.

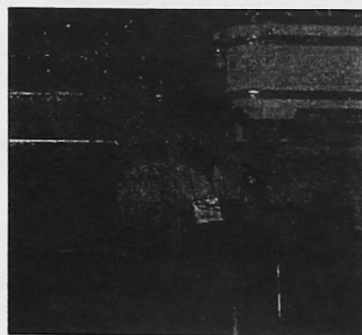
She commended the students for their intelligence and love, and, as she choked back tears, urged them to maintain their high standards. "Be true to the beliefs of your parents" and others who help shape their lives, she said.

Galloway said she plans to spend much of her days traveling, and if New Hampshire doesn't already have a tour book that charts every historical state marker, well, she's ready to take on that task.



Rear Adm. Noel Preston, commander of Navy Region Europe, congratulates retiring Naples American High School principal Kay Galloway on Thursday at her retirement ceremony -- Galloway's second time retiring -- while base commanding officer, Capt. Floyd Hehe, offers public remarks at the school's stadium.

Photo: Cyndi Johnson



**More Reunion Photos** - Ed Drozdowski presents a reading at the AOSHS annual meeting. Below are Ron Hosie, Mary Glass, Dot Scott, and Dottie McCarthy.

Photo: Cyndi Johnson



## Quarterly Notes

In the **winter issue**, look for news about the Berlin Reunion that was held last summer. Jeri Glass and others from the Berlin Brats Alumni Association had a memorable time in Berlin.



The **interviews of DoDDS teachers** continued at the Pittsburgh reunion.

Linda Sekiguchi and Bruce Mitchener conducted interviews, and a DVD is on file in the AOSHS archives. Those interviewed received a copy of their oral history. Many thanks the following who took the time to be interviewed: Les Burch, Lee Davis, Kay Jones, Pat Mattina, Ruth McCampbell, Lottie McCoy, Emma McCoy, Larry Merrill, Delpha Romero, Dode Thorson, Glynn Turquand, Gene Wagner, and Cathy Weir.

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