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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Educators, former Brats, spouses recognized

By Les Burch

Every year, your historical society recognizes outstanding volunteer service by presenting the Volunteer of the Year Award at its annual general membership meeting. This year, the Board unanimously voted to recognize 3 couples, Scott and Carolyn Davis, Jeff and Shelley Pellaton, Larry and Gail Drake, who have volunteered in many ways over several years to promote AOSHS.

Readers who do not know this group may be interested to know that Scott, Shelley and Gail are siblings and Brats, having accompanied their dad, Lee, on his assignments as an overseas schools administrator. All three attended schools at Harmon Air Base schools in Newfoundland and Ramey Air Base in Puerto Rico. Scott and Shelley graduated from Ramey HS. Gail also attended junior high at Hahn Air Base, Germany, and graduated from Heidelberg HS.

After graduating from Ramey HS, Scott and Shelley accompanied the family to Hahn, because Lee wanted them to experience living in Germany. While at Hahn, Scott took college courses with University of Maryland. Upon return to the U.S., he completed his degree in elementary education at Eastern Illinois University. Shelley met her future husband, Jeff Pellaton, who was a security policeman at Hahn Air Base. Following his tour in Germany, Shelley and Jeff married in the U.S. After two years at Hahn, Lee accepted a position in Heidelberg where Gail completed high school. She then returned to the U.S. to attend Eastern Illinois University.

Following graduation from EIU, Scott taught 2 years in Illinois and then applied to teach in DoDDS. His first assignment was at Bitburg ES, where he taught for 5 years, 4 as a classroom teacher, and the last year as a PE teacher. He then transferred to Okinawa as PE teacher at Bob Hope ES. He also coached basketball at Kadina HS. He then moved to Kadina High, teaching PE, Health, and coaching basketball and girls volleyball. Scott met his wife, Carolyn, in Okinawa after she transferred from Sasebo, Japan to Bechtel ES. They married in 1991. Their two children, Sean and Colleen, were born in Okinawa. Both Scott and Carolyn were very active AOSHS volunteers in Okinawa, serving as district representatives until they accepted positions in Germany.

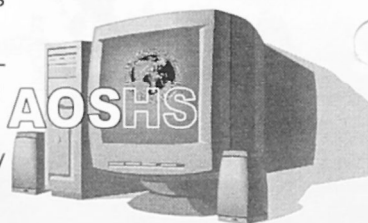
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AOSHS has separate personnel databases listing educators, administrators and students.

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.

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~ President's Message ~

By Scarlett Rehrig



It has been a busy summer with a DoDDS reunion in Salt Lake City in late July and the BRATS reunion a week later in Dallas.

AOSHS would like to thank Bill Hobbs and his committee for the excellent planning and organization of the DoDDS reunions for the past six years. Next year the baton has been passed to Patricia Hein and Joy Bryant, both DoDDS BRATS and AOSHS Board members.

This is the time of the year when some AOSHS Board Members have fulfilled their obligations. I want to thank Diana Kempton who has served two terms of office and is our designer for the Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers program. Di will continue to work with us until our Pavers program finds a home and the bricks, blocks, and pavers are installed. Replacing Di on the Board will be Joy Bryant from Denison, Texas. Like Di, she is a BRAT.

Dick Nell has served one term and will be replaced by Joan Oak from Sarasota Florida. Dick will continue to oversee the delinquent membership program. Both Dick and Joan were DoDDS educators. That will give us a full complement of nine AOSHS Board members for this coming year.

During the month of September, AOSHS will be mailing out reminders about membership dues and requests for additional donations. Many of our members are Life Members who no longer pay annual membership dues. However, AOSHS Operations are costly and include such items as paying the salary of a part time archive manager for our Museum/Archive Office on Douglas Street in Wichita, maintaining our owned property there, and paying the expenses involved in collecting, cataloging, and preserving the history of students who have been educated overseas.

At our well attended annual meeting in Salt Lake City we presented our Volunteer of the Year Award. This went to the Davis family (see article in this issue) for their dedication of spreading the AOSHS word and activities to many of the current students and faculties overseas.

Our Flame award was presented to Dr. Nancy Bresell, director of the DoDDS Pacific Schools. This award is presented to an individual or organization that has helped AOSHS reach a greater level of recognition in the public sector or has provided AOSHS with goods or services which have allowed us to take steps closer to our goal. Dr. Bresell is dedicated and articulates our Mission throughout the Pacific Region.

During the coming months, Jackie Gray who is our Advisory Chairperson, Jan Mohr, and I will be exploring locations on the East Coast to find a suitable permanent site for our Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers. There will be AOSHS members who will be joining us in the search. In the last issue of the Quarterly, we presented some designs. With possible designs and a trifold that states our goals, we have tools to assist us in evaluating potential sites.

You are receiving your Quarterly late for our editor has been out of the country in Africa and only returned in September. We recognize that all our Board members and the many people who help us with our work are all volunteers, and there are times when our business is delayed.

"....That the future may learn from the past."

Cheers,

Scarlett

Introducing Dorie Parsons, Volunteer of the Quarter, Webmaster

By Jan Mohr

Dorie Parsons, AOSHS webmaster, may have been born in the year of the Boar, but she certainly has not led a boring life!

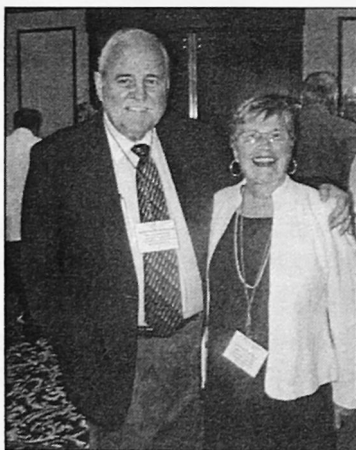
Buena Vista, Virginia was Dorie's first K-6 art job after graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University (previously known as Richmond Professional Institute). From there she went to Prince William Public Schools. She knew there must be a world outside of Virginia so she applied to the DoDDS Schools. She then began to see the world. The first assignment was Okinawa, a small island, but not as small as her next location – Midway Island. It was then back to Okinawa to teach art and photography. Her interests and course work took her to the area of computers. She worked as an ET for several schools and worked out of the District Office in the computer field. Having seen most of the Far East she transferred to Turkey and then continued in the Med DSO in Italy.



All of the ET experience Dorie gained while in DoDDS gave her the background to step up to the plate and take on the website for AOSHS. This volunteer job not only meant maintaining the website, but giving it a new and interesting look. One of the most difficult parts of her job is getting the AOSHS Board to give her suggestions and keeping their bios and pictures up to date! She is doing all this while teaching digital photography and basic computer skills on cruise ships and teaching and exhibiting digital photographs at several art centers on the Gulf Coast. To say that Dorie has retired to Orange Beach, Alabama, is an understatement. She is still traveling and capturing the sights of the world with her camera.

Because the members of AOSHS are scattered throughout the world the website is a very important part of AOSHS and its mission. We thank Dorie for making the website a reality!

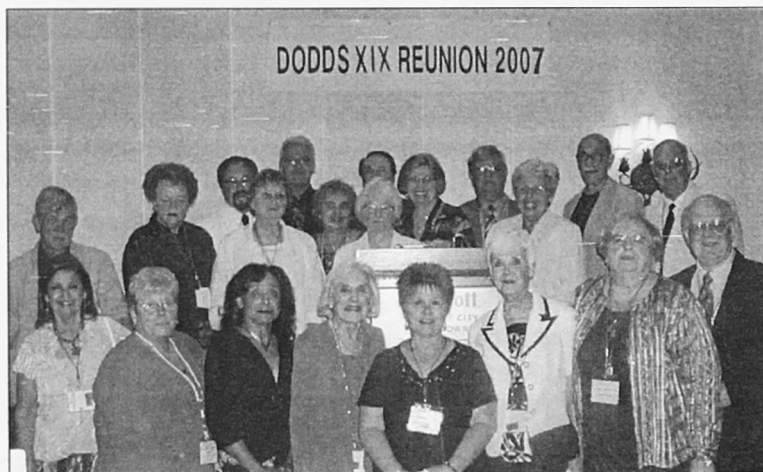
• Learn more about AOSHS programs and view Salt Lake City reunion photos when you visit the website at <http://aoshs.wichita.edu/>



Sebastian Michelena and Scarlett Rehrig, above, discuss retirement life. 26 mini reunions were held during the reunion. Pictured at right is the Stuttgart group. More photos can be found at <http://www.doddsworldreunion.com>

Many thanks, Reunion Committee, for six wonderful reunions!

Congratulations to the organizers of the XIX DoDDS World Reunion in Salt Lake City. Their tireless efforts and excellent organization made for another wonderful weekend of remembrances and renewal of friendships. After six reunions, Bill Hobbs and his committee have decided to step aside. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks. The committee members who were at Salt City posed for a final photo, below.



We want to thank the committee members who have worked over the past six years. They are: Clyde Atkisson, Lynn Barnes, Lee Bisland, Alberta Brown, Larry Burner, Tina Calo, Bob Coltrin (deceased), Judy Conner (deceased), Decimae Dennis, Joan Dingmann, Fred Evans, Max Gray, Cheryl Griffin, Jerry Griffin, Barbara Hartzog, Bill Heavener, Pris Heavener, Bill Hobbs, Sandy Hope, Kay Hosie, Ron Hosie, Mary Beth Hughes, JoAnn Johnson, Sue Jorgensen, Nancy Keienberg, Dale Kestel, Arvid Larson, John Malafouris, Mary Mantel, Norine Mathern, Larry Mathern (deceased), Emma McCoy, Lottie McCoy, Judy McDonald, Naomi Melby, Flo Mizgala, Steve Mizgala, Sara Nestaval, Lois Shook, Jim Shook, Alice Sax, Audrey Smigay, Richard Smith, Emily Van Sweden, Nancy Van Sweden, Marilynn Taylor, Carolyn Thomas, Brenda Travis, and Gary Westhusin.

Reunion Information

Greenwood Communications 2007

David Glasgow Farragut American High School - Rota, Spain All Classes Reunion, October 5-7 2007 Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia, (757) 425-9000, Reunion Contact: Michelle Lyttle Hauser '88, E-Mail: rotaadmiral88@gmail.com

George Dewey High School-Philippines, 1960s Classes Reunion, October 5-6, 2007, Econolodge, Bangor, Maine Phone: 800-393-0111 or 207-945-0111 Reunion Contact: Pene Forrest Southerland, E-Mail: penebrewer@aol.com Reunion website: <http://www.gdhs.org/treasure/reunions/bangor.html>

Overseas Brats Gathering, October 11-14, 2007, Holiday Inn, Boise, Idaho, E-mail: www.overseasbrats.com/nextgathering

Vicenza American High School, 50th Anniversary of School Reunion, All Classes, October 17-21 2007, Hotel Viest, Strada Pelosa 241, Vicenza Italy 36100, +39 0444 582434 Reunion Contact: candiinitaly@yahoo.com, Reunion Website: <http://www.vhsalumni.com/>

Rocheft American High School - France, November 1-4, 2007, Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria, California, Reunion Contact: Clara Dostal Reynolds, E-Mail: Clrrynlds58@msn.com, (805) 937-3273

Wagner High School-Philippines, All Classes Reunion, November 25- December 2, 2007, 7 Night Western Caribbean Cruise from Miami, FL Reunion Contact: Deborah Adams Lilly '74, E-Mail: deborah.lilly@verizon.net, Reunion Website: <http://www.whoa.org/reunions.html>

Nurnberg Alumni Association—A Gathering of Eagles, June 19-22, 2008, San Antonio, TX, Contact: T.D. Jorgensen, PO Box 669667, Marietta, GA 30066

DoDDS Florida Reunion 2008, October 16-20, 2008, Carnival Cruise from Tampa to Cozumel, Contact Ray Guastini, Jacksonville, Florida for more information.

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After leaving the Air Force, the Pellatons moved to Illinois where Jeff completed his degree in music percussion at EIU. He then became the percussion instructor at Mississippi Valley State University.

He might still be there, but with the births of two daughters, his salary barely met the needs of the family. Shelley encouraged Jeff to apply for DoDDS. He was offered a position at Kubasaki HS which was ideal, because Scott and Carolyn were able to sponsor them. At Kubasaki, he was the choral instructor and wrestling coach. They stayed in Okinawa for 17 years, which enabled their daughters to complete their K-12 education in one location, a rare occurrence in DoDDS. After the Davis's left Okinawa, the Pellatons volunteered to succeed them as AOSHS District Reps. In 2002 they accepted an assignment in Würzburg, Germany.

In addition to being successful teachers in Okinawa, Scott and Jeff made positive impacts to the athletic programs at Kubasaki HS; Scott coached basketball and women's volleyball and Jeff coached the wrestling team to several Far East championships. When they left Okinawa, both were paid special tribute by the *Stars and Stripes* with full page spreads.

Scott's initial assignment in Germany was at Sembach as a 3rd grade teacher. The next year he moved to Kaiserslautern HS to teach Health and PE as well being the Athletic Director. Carolyn initially was a special education teacher shared by Kaiserslautern ES and Sembach. She currently is at Vogelweh ES. One child attends K-town MS and the other is at K-town ES. Presently, each of the 4 Kaiserslautern schools is represented by a Davis. Scott and Carolyn continue to be very involved with AOSHS as district reps.

While in Würzburg, the Pellatons served as that district's AOSHS representatives. With the projected troop draw down in the Würzburg area, they moved to Ramstein in 2004 where they continue to volunteer their services for AOSHS. Both of their daughters have recently graduated from Northern Arizona University. Whether either of them eventually becomes a third generation DoDDS teacher is speculative at present.

After graduating from Heidelberg HS, Gail Davis attended Eastern Illinois University. She then moved to be with her sister in Mississippi before moving to Memphis, where she met and married Larry Drake. They moved to Nashville where their two daughters were born. Although not having any direct connection with DoDDS, the Drakes are very active in promoting AOSHS. When Larry was with the communications firm, In Sight, he was instrumental in getting that corporation to make a substantial gift of computers and software to our office in Wichita. Without his efforts, it is doubtful that our budget would have enabled us to replace all of the outdated and inadequate equipment our office staff was using. Gail is very active in her alumni association. Both she and Larry remain active supporters AOSHS.

There is a growing number of former brats who are now teaching in DoDDS classrooms, and their children are second generation brats. In this respect, the three families featured in this article are not unique. However, their contributions to the preservation of our historical heritage have been and continue to be commendable. Their noteworthy efforts serve as a challenge for everyone connected to the DoDDS schools to become involved in preserving its history through the American Overseas Schools Historical Society.

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.
-- Erma Bombeck

What is the most challenging task in the AOSHS Archives?

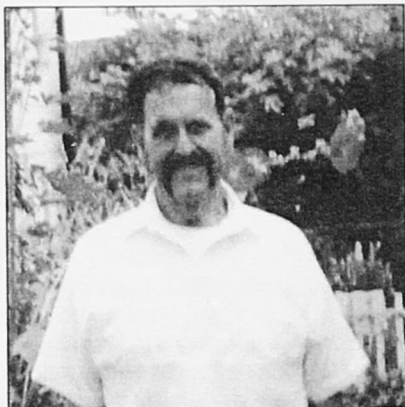
By Tom Drysdale

If it is not preserving the memorabilia and artifacts of the DoD Dependents Schools, their educators, students and parents, then what is it? *It is finding, encouraging, cajoling, and arm-twisting current and past educators and alumni to write the stories of their lives overseas. And why is this so important? So their stories can be recorded and preserved for research purposes and posterity in the Archives.*

Then why is it that so many AOSHS members do not realize the historical importance of their unique lives overseas, and how valuable their stories would be for research purposes, and of benefit to historians, writers, their heirs and posterity. Historians say that getting people to write the stories of their lives is harder than pulling teeth. The Archives staff fully agrees.

This procrastination or disinterest, on the part of many AOSHS members, has resulted in a huge loss of important historical information and learning about other cultures that would be of great benefit to universities, benevolent institutions, and the public at large. There are probably no other groups in the world that have more experience in bonding with other cultures than American educators and alumni, and who, if organized, would make a great contribution increasing international cooperation.

Encouragingly, there are some current and deceased members of AOSHS who are exceptions to this general rule of procrastination and disinterest and the current leader of the pack is none other than (James) Stewart Williams, a perfect example of cross-cultural-bonding, and who has just written an excellent book about his life abroad, and added it to his remarkable collection in the Archives.



James Stewart Williams

And the title is: *Echoes: Remembering Friends, Places and Music in Europe and Turkey 1969 – 2005.*

The chapters include Naples, Italy (Forrest Sherman HS), Karamursel Turkey (Karamursel American HS), Wiesbaden, Germany (H.H. Arnold HS), Brindisi, Italy (Brindisi HS), Giessen, Germany (Giessen American HS), Butzbach, Germany (Butzbach ES), Vicenza, Italy (Vicenza ES), Jeffersontown, KY (Reunion-Naples, Italy), and Overseas Addresses of the author.

Stewart's tome of 146 pages of text includes the nine chapters above and a six-page index. Additional pages are a *Forward*, *Congratulatory Comments from friends*, a *Dedication*, and *34 pages of color photographs, letters, and documents*. The book also comes in two versions — one that is bound and copyrighted for sale, and another, a loose-leaf three-ring binder, for future editing and revisions.

Stewart, as friends call him, spent more than three years in preparation of *Echoes* and has revised it many times. The number of interesting historical events and experiences, both planned and coincidental, is amazing. Readers soon get the impression that Stewart must have had pen and paper or a recorder in hand everywhere he went while teaching, visiting, and traveling. As a music teacher he also researched and recorded the lives of famous—and infamous—musicians in every country where he worked or visited. This makes his book well worth reading, but more important is his remarkable recall of events and people. That alone makes *Echoes* one of the most informative, interesting, readable, and valuable personal histories we have in the American Overseas Schools Archives.

And now Stewart's book has motivated me, one of those procrastinators, to write down my overseas experiences before it is too late. The Board of Directors, the Archives staff, and Stewart, also hope that other procrastinators will do so, before it is too late. And if you, the reader, happen to be bonded with another culture or cultures, and need help in recording your experiences, please inform the Archives staff. Being sympathetic, we will ask Stewart to come to your aid. *No one could do it better!*

MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



INA MAE "GINGER" CLEVELAND

October 18, 1919 - July 9, 2007

Ginger taught in Japan, Germany (Bitburg), England and Spain. After Generalissimo Elementary School in Madrid closed, she continued to teach third grade at Torrejon Air Base until 1984 when she retired to Florida.

MARTHA HILGEMAN

1929 - 2007

Martha Hilgeman died Thursday, July 26, 2007, in Crossett, Arkansas, after an extended illness. She was an educator who taught both in the United States as well as several overseas locations. She taught for the government of Guam from 1967 to 1969 and at Tehran American School in Iran from 1974 to 1977. From 1983 until her retirement in 1993, she was a business education teacher at Zweibrucken High School in Germany. Her husband, David Hilgeman taught math at Ramstein Junior High School for 26 years until his retirement in 2005.

CECIL DRIVER

July 2, 1923 - February 5, 2005

Cecil Driver, a loyal Virginian, grew up in Brink and retired in Blackburn. He was drafted by the military while at Wake Forest College, but returned later to earn a Bachelor's Degree. He received his Master's Degree at the University of Michigan and a doctorate at the University of Southern California. He and his Scottish wife had 3 children.

His military life was in the Philippines and Japan where he was part of General MacArthur's Honor Guard. He also served in the Korean War where he was awarded the Silver Star for capturing "Old Baldy" by cleverly using his helmet over a foxhole to attract fire. Hand grenades then sent the North Koreans scurrying down the other side of the mountain. Later that night, Sgt. Driver suffered wounds to his right leg.

Cecil's 38 years of teaching with DoDDs took him to Germany, France, England, and Norway. During this time he held various positions with OEA: Building Representative, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, President of OEA, Executive Secretary and OEA Director.

In retirement he wrote "The Law That Would Not Die", a history of his instrumental role in securing a more equitable salary scale for DoDDs teachers and the resolution of the back pay issue that had been under debate for 15 years. He will be remembered with gratitude for his efforts on behalf of all DoDDs teachers.

CHARLES A. JENNINGS

May 4, 1937 - January 5, 2007

Chuck was born and raised in Austin, Texas, where he graduated from Concord High School. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Concordia, River Forest, IL, and his Masters Degree from Phillips University in Enid, OK. He was a dedicated Lutheran school teacher and church musician for 15 years before joining DoDDs.

In 1974, Chuck, his wife Anna, and their young son Christian went to Taiwan for "just one year". After a year as the music teacher at Jonathan Wainwright in Tainan, he transferred to Steven B. Luce in Tso Ying to teach speech and music for grades 6 and 7. A second son, Matthew, was born that year. In 1976 the family moved to Birkenfeld, Germany, and Chuck taught grades 5 and 6 at Neubruecke American School. In 1980 he transferred to Rhein Main Elementary and taught music and grades 4 - 6 until 1996. He loved music and theater and directed many performances with local children and adults.

Chuck was active in all levels of PTA - local, council, district and state. As president of the European Congress of American Parents, Teachers and Students, he enjoyed representing DoDDS in Washington D. C. Other organizations he worked with included Phi Delta Kappa, ASCD, and the Advisory council on Dependent Education.

After 22 years with DoDDS, Chuck returned to Texas. He was principal at Grace Lutheran School in Killeen, TX, for 3 years and retired in 1999 after 39 years in education. He continued as a church musician until his death. Chuck died from injuries received in a car accident.

JUDY LIEBMAN

1941 - 2006

Judy was born on October 24, 1941, and was raised in the blue grass state of Kentucky. After high school, she graduated from the University of Miami in Coral Gables. Her first and last assignments were on Okinawa, Japan, and in between those years, she was also in Ramstein, Germany; Clark and Subic Bay in the Philippines; Yokota, Japan; and Seoul, Korea.

Her elementary classroom was always so full of life and activity that both the students and parents alike considered her an excellent teacher and for many parents, a friend. The glint in her eye and her warm and generous "Kentucky Heart" made you feel welcomed whether it was in her elementary classroom, in her crowded BOQ room or her off base quarters which was always tastefully decorated with overseas collections and treasures.

Judy retired from Okinawa in 1994. She returned to Frankfort, Kentucky, to an active life with her many friend and devoted family members. Judy and her sister Sarah ran an unofficial B&B with a five star cuisine that was opened to all of her DoDDS colleagues and friends who traveled through the state of Kentucky.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

MADGE MARTIN DAWLEY

1928 – 2007

Madge graduated from Shippensburg State Teacher's College and focused on Special Education. She taught in Pennsylvania and California, before joining DODDS. From 1959 to 1964, Madge taught in Japan, England, France and Germany. It was while she was teaching in Wiesbaden, Germany, that she met and married her husband, James Robertson Dawley. They had two children, Mary Jane (MJ) Dawley and James R. Dawley Jr.

PAUL GEORGE FRANCIS

1925 – 2007

Paul was born in Pittsburgh, PA on July 1, 1925. After graduating from Harvard University in 1947, he received a Masters degree in History from Boston University. While traveling in London in 1952, he was hired to teach for DoDDS. During his career, he taught in London, Casablanca, Morocco, Dreux and Paris France, and Brussels, Belgium. Paul retired after 43 years with DoDDS and moved to Palm Springs, California. He became very active in the art world, at St. Paul's in the Desert Episcopal Church, and with the organization Integrity.

BILLY EARL HARRIS

1924 – 2007

Bill was born in Texas and received his BA from Southwest Texas State in San Marcos and his MA from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. His first assignment with DoDDS was in 1968 in Guantanamo, Cuba, as a teacher and counselor. He transferred to Roger Chaffee Elementary school in Bermuda in 1971 as a principal and later, counselor. He continued as a counselor in Newfoundland, Iceland, Holland, Bahrain and Greece before retiring to Texas in 1984.

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EUGENE "GENE" BROWN**1939 - 2007**

Gene began his federal career with the FBI in the fingerprint Division. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. His teaching career began in Virginia and North Carolina but he returned to federal service with the HEW school at Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico. He transferred into DoDDS and taught at Japan, Okinawa, and Germany.

Gene retired from DoDDS in 1994 with 23 years of service. He returned to North Carolina's Albemarle Sound where he enjoyed fishing and golfing – especially the Northeast Senior Tour. Day trips were as much of an adventure as the cruises he enjoyed and his joy at discovering some "special find" at auctions was matched only by his love of his home and its scenic view.

LLEWELLYN "LIEW" LIEBER

Llewellyn was born in St. Louis, Missouri and earned her undergraduate degree at Harris Teachers College and a Masters degree at St. Louis University. After graduation, she put her talents to work both as an elementary teacher and a scriptwriter for a local radio station. Her award winning series on the Missouri Constitution probably influenced her concern about legal issues.

Liew's growing interest in world affairs led her into a very remarkable career with DoDDS. Assignments took her to Libya, Japan, and the Philippines. In Japan she started and was elected the first president of the American Teachers Union in the Far East and, after moving to the Philippines, she founded the Clark Federation of Teachers. Upon earning her doctorate at Santo Tomas University in Manila, she became a school counselor at Clark AFB and remained there until her retirement.

Llewellyn retired to California but later relocated to be near family in Indiana. Always concerned with the welfare of others, she generously supported many charitable organization involved with the environment, conservation, animals, education, and human rights. Llewellyn wanted her friends to always remember her as "a fighter". She passed away peacefully in hospice care at the age of ninety five.

JOAN MENDEL**1931 - 2006**

When she wasn't busy teaching precocious third graders, Joan was rescuing stray animals and collecting food and clothing for a local orphanage. In fact, it is almost impossible to walk through the halls of Yokota East Elementary School and not see something that Ms. Mendel hasn't touched!

In her 34 years at Yokota, Joan managed to create a legacy that is sure to last forever. She came to Japan more than 40 years ago and, after teaching a few years at Johnson elementary, she transferred to Yokota elementary. When Yokota East opened in 1973, Joan was one of the first teachers to staff the school.

CLOSED FUNDS**JULIA EASTMAN
G. D. WILLIAMS****Brick
Ceramic Block**

Completed pavers can be seen by going to the AOSHS Web site, selecting the Interactive Kiosk, the letter of the honoree's last name, and then the honoree from the list.

AOSHS Archives aid in Host Nation Program research

My name is Simone Gutwerk; I'm an educator and researcher at the University of Würzburg. I got to know the DoDDS system in 2001 when I began taking German student teachers, school administrators and professors to Würzburg Elementary School to let them have a glimpse into a different school system.

The visitations also had an impact on me: They evoked a thorough interest for a school system that already exists in my country for more than 60 years. A school system that spread out in many German cities, but surprisingly is barely known by the German population. I found this rather deplorable. Not only have American classroom teachers throughout the last 60 years taken their students to German cultural places, there are also native German teachers employed that teach American kids authentic German culture and language. This was, in my eyes, so extraordinary that I decided to write a dissertation about *"The Foundation and Developments of the Host Nation Program"*.

In 2005 I began inquiring at different schools in Germany for historical material, but the results weren't very yielding. In summer 2005, I ran into the homepage of AOSHS, and I started contacts with Dr. Thomas Drysdale, founder and director of the AOSHS archives. This contact turned out to be a real stroke of luck. I had the official confirmation that there is an institution that preserves and archives the history of DoDD-schools in Germany: The AOSHS-Archives.

You can imagine that for a historical researcher an archive is equivalent to finding a box of gold. But is there really gold in the box, or in my case useful archival material? In March 2007, my husband and I finally got the chance to visit the archives. My part of the trip was funded by a grant for extraordinary research study trips by the University of Würzburg. We spent six days in Wichita, Kansas, digging in the history of an extraordinary school system with an extraordinary language and culture program.

On our first day, we were introduced to the organization of the archive by Nancy Hampel. Nancy is taking care of all the paper work in the archive, deals all correspondences with AOSHS members, archives the material that is coming in, categorises and organizes them, etc. to put it short: Nancy is the "beating heart" of AOSHS-archives who is in constant contact with Scarlett Rehrig, the president and Tom Drysdale, the founder, informing them about what is going on a weekly basis.



Simone Gutwerk searches AOSHS files in Wichita

And there is lots going on, which is visible by the boxes that are coming into the Archives from schools all over the world almost daily. Most of the boxes are already categorized and archived. My husband, Stefan, and I were quite impressed by the fine archival work that has been done to preserve DoDDS-history in a computerized and well detected manner. We were impressed, because during our entire stay, Nancy has continuously pulled out historical data and material out of boxes that she located in her computer, after we gave her the key words of what we are trying to find: The Host Nation Program, Intercultural Relations, years 1947 – 1960, etc.

Since our time was limited, Nancy dug out boxes over boxes which contents had then to be reviewed quickly for its value for my research project.

This was my job: I don't know if you have ever had to scan written material in a limited time span? Have you ever done it in a different language? It was quite exhausting, but very successful. We found official documents stating the beginning agreements between German teachers and American schools. Very often we had sources of Al Beerbaum in front of us, the founder of the Host Nation Program who was – luckily for us – a meticulous preserver of its history. Let me give you some examples:

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One document showed that Beerbaum had been corresponding with Professor Erich Hylla, the leader of the "Deutsches Institut für Internationale Pädagogische Forschung" in Frankfurt, whom I was familiar with by his 300 page long description of the American democratic school system published in the year 1923. Another interesting document of 1976 stated the introduction of modern language laboratories in some DoDD-schools, etc.

These are only glimpses of our findings, but they are giving me the impression that the Host Nation Program was taken very seriously: both on the American side as well as on the German side. This in turn makes my work valuable, since I'm trying to document it for the first time in the existence of the Host Nation Program.

But back to our days in the archives: Those materials, I found precious, I passed on to my husband, who spent five days at the copy machine. The proof, that the materials were precious became obvious, whenever Stefan looked up from his copy work and stated his astonishment. For example: "Wau, Al Beerbaum hat über das Host Nation Program ja sogar in einem deutschen Fachbuch veröffentlicht!" ("Wow, Al Beerbaum has even published the Host Nation Program in a German reference book!). Throughout our stay, we both realized that we are excavating knowledge that has been resting in the nurturing soil of a distinguished archive and that we got acquainted with a rich arsenal of historical preservations.

From the perspective of a researcher, I can say that the archives truly succeed in their objectives:

"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". (AOSHS homepage: <http://aoshs.wichita.edu/AboutAOSHS.html>)



Find more information on
Museum of World Treasures
at [http://
www.worldtreasures.org/](http://www.worldtreasures.org/)

Another highlight of our stay in Wichita came on Tuesday: We were invited to the Museum of World Treasures". My friend, Dr. Tom Drysdale, has arranged a guided tour through the museum for us by board member, Mike Nollen, who introduced us to the diverse artefacts, which the archive is exhibiting in the museum. Since here my husband's interest fully aroused, so I'll let him take over telling you about our visit in the Museum of World Treasures in Wichita, Kansas:



Nancy Hampel helps Simone and Stefan explore the AOSHS Archives

Stefan: Since Nancy had her 1½ daughter Madelyn with her I decided, after introductions, to start with a little walk on my own, accompanied by Nancy's daughter. We started at the base level.

I was really surprised to see a piece of the Berlin wall, which is considered quite valuable in Germany. There are no more pieces commercially available. The Archive has acquired it in 2005(???). Photos, which are exposed in the archives, show the transport and the "installation" of the Berlin-wall section. It seemed to be quite a bit of work.

What I really like about the "Museum of World Treasures" is their way they display history. Next to the Berlin-wall section stands an East German border guard and a post that resembles a post you would have found at the border during the separation of Germany.

This is one example of the museum's way to teach history. They display an artefact and arrange personal history around it. I think this makes learning about the past a lot more vivid than in a lot of German museums where they tend to have a huge amount of text, with a lot of cross references, which does give you a lot of information, but wears you out after reading, say the tenth history table.

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Also the Egyptian exhibition left quite a big impression on me and Madelyn, since I have been in Egypt and I know that mummies are not really wide spread in the rest of the world. And here was the museums' way of giving personal history again. An Egyptian princess, well, rather her mummy, explained in brief but personal words, what life was like in her time.

Another thing I noticed at the base floor was the amount of "hands on activities". For example rubbing Buddha's belly (to get some luck), pounding a meditation gong or making stones glow in the dark (This one was in the geological department). Even these small activities help to keep and focus the attention.

After occasional visits to her mom we proceeded to second floor, which is largely dedicated to the Second World War. There we learnt, due to the explanation, some really strange embroilments. For example the discovery of a German war flag after the army postal service had lost it for some 60 years and the investigation following.

As it turned out the original sender, who signed the flag, was still alive and was very surprised that the flag at least showed up. The museum even has an original flag from the "Reichstagsgebäude", which is really rare, because most of them were destroyed after the bombing of Berlin.

The example of the flags also taught me something about the weird thinking, the Nazis had. Everyone pictures the Hakenkreuz as a Nazi symbol, but very few know about its origins. It was used by the Indians, Persians and some European folk groups as a religious symbol. Hitler and his henchman occupied later the "swastika" and made it their symbol.

Another astonishing display was the personal written documents, which belonged to Hitler and his leading party. Once again: This is what makes history vivid. A lot of the displayed artefacts came from DoDDS-schools, who bought them in the country their teachers were stationed in. They donated them to the museum to keep history and the memory of their temporary home-land alive.



After having been in Wichita, Kansas, we visited Mr. Thomas Drysdale in Phoenix, Arizona, for a personal interview for getting more data for my dissertation on his work within DoDDS and the foundation of the archives.

We ended our trip to the USA with visiting dear friends in Oregon; here I have started up my interest for the American school system as an exchange student in 1988.

Let us now state the result of our trip at the end: The outcome of the visit at AOSHS archive was a package of copied material that we sent back to Germany by UPS: 15 pounds of written documents. You might understand that I truly found my "box of gold", archival material about the Host Nation Program which is now my basis for the dissertation on the Host Nation Program – a wonderful example of German –American intercultural relations, right in the middle of my country: just with one minor deficit: nobody knows about it, yet, but I'd like to compensate this with my dissertation, which I'm planning to finish by the year 2009!



Tom Drysdale, provided data for dissertation

DoDDS Transcript Information

The procedure for requesting DoDDS high school transcripts has been revised. Previously the Educational Testing Service was the depository for all high school transcripts. Thompson Prometric has taken over this responsibility. The following procedures are now in place for requesting a transcript.

FAX the following information to Thompson Prometric at 609-895-5026: Full Name, Name of School, Graduation Year with dates of attendance, where you want the transcript sent, your contact information, and your signature (this is required).

You also can mail the request to Thompson Prometric, Attn: DoDDS, P.O. Box 6605, Princeton, NJ 08541-6605. Requests take 2 weeks to process. The transcripts are free of charge.

DoDEA celebrates 60 years

Reprinted from the DoDEA website, <http://dodea.edu>



The Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DODDS), was established following World War II. At the end of the war, there was no precedent to follow for establishing and operating dependents

schools in foreign occupied countries - quite often, parents organized small schools.

The Department of the Army established the first dependents schools, on and off military installations, in 1946 in the occupied countries of Germany, Austria and Japan. Within three years, there were nearly 100 schools which were operated separately by the three U.S. military services (Army, Navy and Air Force) in countries around the world.

In 1964 the Secretary of Defense combined the three separate school systems into the Department of Defense Overseas Dependents School System. The worldwide system was then divided into three geographic areas. The Army operated all schools in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. The Air Force operated all schools in the Pacific (Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan, the Philippines, Korea and Midway Island). The Navy operated all school in the Atlantic (Iceland, Labrador, Newfoundland, Bermuda, Eleuthera, Antigua and Cuba).



Makiminato MS (Okinawa, Japan), 1979

Photo, courtesy of AOSHS website

During the 1960s and 1970s, worldwide enrollment averaged 160,000. In 1976 a Joint House-Senate Conference Committee Report informed the three military departments that the Department of Defense was taking over the operation of the military dependents schools. A newly-established office in the Pentagon - the Office of Overseas Dependents Education, responsible to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs - took oversight of the schools. In 1979, the Office of Overseas Dependents Education became the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. The three geographic areas (Europe, Atlantic and Pacific) were reconfigured into six geographic regions (Atlantic, Germany North, Germany South, Mediterranean, Panama and Pacific); each with a regional director and several district superintendents. In 1983 the Germany North and Germany South regions were combined into a single Germany region.

Following the end of the Cold War, the number of DoDDS schools was reduced and combined with the U.S.-based Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS) to form the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

Today, DoDEA operates more than 218 public schools in 14 districts located in seven U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Guam and 12 foreign countries to serve the children of military service members and Department of Defense civilian employees. All schools within DoDEA are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies. Some 90,000 students are enrolled in DoDEA schools, with approximately 63,000 students in the DoDDS system and approximately 25,000 students in the DDESS system. DoDDS employs approximately 6,200 instructional personnel, and DDESS employs approximately 2,900.

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As of January 1, 2008 the Individual Lifetime Membership Program will increase their fees. There is a window of opportunity until December 31, 2007 to still become a lifetime member at the current rates. The AOSHS Board has recommended these changes as well as to discontinue the Life Membership Program in August, 2009. So it is important to ride the wave now and join the life members already aboard.

The chart below shows the increased rates starting January 1, 2008

<u>AGE</u>	<u>PRESENT FEE</u>	<u>FEE STARTING 01/01/08</u>
21-30	\$735	\$770
31-40	615	645
41-50	520	570
51-55	435	490
56-60	360	425
61-65	295	320
66-70	250	275
71-75	210	230
76-80	170	180
81+	130	140

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Bill Hobbs and Alberta Brown are checking out the final details at the Marriott Hotel for the XIX DoDDS Reunion at Salt Lake City. 620 from 47 states were registered for the July event. Ann Tracy, right, volunteered to work at the AOSHS registration table.

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, 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 Include subject area key word: AOSHS

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, then clicking on the Interactive Kiosk link, and following directions.

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

AOSHS Memorial Program

P.O. Box 4312

Scottsdale, AZ 85261

E-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

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. Due to the vast amount of spam mail received at memorialprog@aoshs.org, please include in the subject area the key word **AOSHS**.

The American Overseas Schools Archive 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: _____

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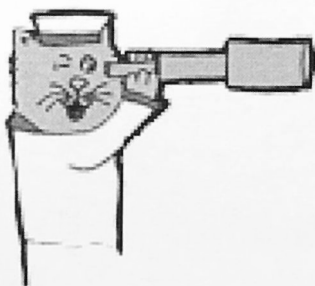
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