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**AOSHS celebrates our Volunteer of the Quarter***By Scarlett Rehrig*

Cynthia (Cyndi) Johnson has been the editor and publisher of the AOSHS *Quarterly* for the past three years. When our previous editor had to pass on the editorship, Cyndi had just recently retired from the Isles District where we had both worked. I knew Cyndi had wonderful technology and public relation skills; a perfect match for communicating with our AOSHS membership.



Cyndi is from Estelline, SD and lives at nearby Lake Poinsett. She earned her BA from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, after spending a junior year at Schiller College in Germany. She said this year of study gave her the travel bug. She earned her Masters of Education from South Dakota State University and also spent a sabbatical year of study at SD State.

Cyndi's DoDDS career includes teacher (mostly Social Studies, but also English, Journalism, and Spanish) at Mannheim High School, Naples MS, Brindisi HS, Incirlik HS, Wuerzburg HS, Stuttgart HS, and Bad Aibling HS. Cyndi has also taken educational leave to study at George Washington University and University of Virginia. In 1998 Cyndi came to the Isles District in the UK to become the Curriculum Coordinator of Social Studies, Service Learning, and AVID. She was also the district's Head of Public Relations.

One of her main activities since retirement in 2004 has been working on a grant called Horizons. This is a program to alleviate poverty in rural areas and bring enrichment activities to her community. The Missoula Children's Theatre will be performing this July in Estelline thanks to Cyndi's efforts. Cyndi also enjoys her work with the town's Historical Society which recently published a book for their 125th celebration.

Cyndi does ask herself from time to time, why she cannot say no. With a filled agenda of travel, attending nephew and niece's school events, staying close and connected with her large family, visiting DoDDS friends around the world, and most recently becoming the president of her church—the word retired does not fit this busy schedule. “Redirected is a better choice of words,” she commented. You will see Cyndi at the DoDDS reunion this summer in Louisville.

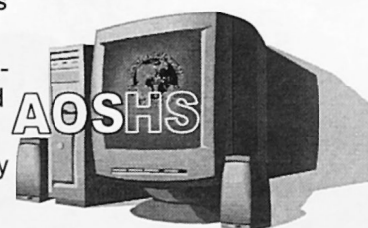
It is with great gratitude that we celebrate Cyndi Johnson and thank her for the commitment she made to AOSHS. Now we must ask another person to step up to the plate to continue the position of the AOSHS *Quarterly* editor.

About the Historical Society Databases

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.

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



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~ President's Message ~

By Scarlett Rehrig



Dear AOSHS Members,

Where have the days and years gone? I retired from DoDDS in August of 2002. That next year I became an AOSHS Board member with Ann Bamberger as President. In August of 2005 I accepted the position of President for a term. so I have served as your president for three years. It has been a term filled with great expectations, optimism, a mission and goals, some discouragement, and most definitely a realignment of what we can and will do as a viable non-profit organization. During this time, we had an outside firm (The Bradford Report) make recommendations of how we might do business. We found that people of influence and affluence associated with AOSHS saw us as a worthy organization, but that getting major funding for a project like a multi-million dollar archive, museum, and office would just not be something easily accomplished. We did attempt to obtain large funding from Congress, local governments, and private individuals. When this didn't work, we hired an advisor chairperson to head up how we might raise funds.

As the days and months passed, we realized that we needed to take a reality check and become an organization we could be proud of and do what our mission states. This mission is to collect, record, and preserve the unique history of educating American children and youth abroad. With this in mind we now are the proud owners of property on Douglas Avenue in Wichita, Kansas with an office, two part-time employees, an archive, and small museum. We have a partnership with the World Treasures Museum in Wichita. We have on loan to them large items for display like a section of the Berlin Wall. We also lend changing displays that use items from our individual and institution collections. We have cataloged and continue to record our collections through a program, Past Perfect.

We are most proud that our organization operates totally in the black. With a fragile economy and other organizations asking for our donations, AOSHS has no immediate worries. Our membership is a continued effort to get both educators and student/alumni to join AOSHS. We have two databases with information on educators, students, and alumni as to where they have been aboard and what education they achieved. We have a dedicated Board that often takes on a small responsibility after they leave the Board. This is something we want to continue. Lastly, AOSHS has a website that is updated and strives to stay current and with interactive components.

It is with great pride that I thank the membership and the Board of Directors for allowing me to be your President for the past three years. As I leave office this summer, I will have fond memories of coming to Wichita twice a year to see how we are growing and how we are evolving to become a research facility for people to use. I will not seek a second term for it is my time now to allow me to pursue my passion of living in the out of doors and working on projects such as "No Child Left Indoors". I am involved in my county township to create a natural preserve and hiking area for the public to use. Many of you also know that I am hiking the Appalachian Trail and still have miles to go before the complete 2,168 miles is highlighted on a map.

There is an AOSHS commitment I will make to the membership after I leave the Board this year. I want to create a location for us to put our Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers. This I intend to do with the help of people who can influence a location on the East coast where you and our future generations will come to honor those that had something to do with living, learning, teaching, and being abroad for the good of children and their learning.

Cheers, Scarlett

The further back you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see. -Winston Churchill.

Reunion Information AOSHS Website and Overseas Brats

George Dewey School – Hawaii Reunion, June 2008, Contact Susan Gage, E-mail: Susan.gage@navy.mil

Osterholz American High School, June 2008, Las Vegas, NV, Contact E-mail: oahs_2008reunion@yahoo.com

Nurnberg Alumni Association—A Gathering of Eagles, June 19-22, 2008, San Antonio, TX, Contact: T.D. Jorgensen, PO Box 669667, Marietta, GA 30066, E-Mail: NURN-BERG62@aol.com

Zaragoza High School, June 20-22, 2008, Denver, CO, Contact website: www.zaragozatoros.com

Fulda Falcons All Class Reunion including staff, students, parents, friends from all classes, June 20-22, 2008, Las Vegas, NV, Contact Ellie H. at adairmald@yahoo.com for information and help with planning. Reunion Website: <http://www.geocities.com/adairmald/FuldaReunionLasVegas.html>

Munich HS, Students/ Faculty from '60s, '70s, '80s, June 20-23, 2008, Portland, OR, Contact Leon Meade, LeonSQUEAK@aol.com

Frankfurt HS, Classes 1967 through 1971, Students and Faculty, July 3-5, 2008, Plaza Hotel Downtown, Seattle, WA, Contact: Kym Mingus Denmark, E-Mail: kymdsteved@aol.com

DoDDS XX Reunion—July 10-13, 2008, Louisville, Kentucky, . Reunion Website: <http://www.doddsworldreunion.com>

Kubasaki HS – '50s-'60s Reunion – July 17-20, 2008, Holiday Inn, Boise Airport Boise, ID 83705, Visit: www.kubasakihighschool.com

Pusan HS - Students and Faculty, July 18-20, Denver, CO, Contact: Chung Rigby at Rigs1953@aol.com, Website: www.pahsreunion.com

Kaiserslautern High School – Class of 1976, July 18-20, 2008, Denver, CO, Reunion website Link: <http://1976Raiders.classquest.com> Email: Mark Zdeb: ktown_raiders_1976@yahoo.com

London Central High School—Class of 1988 invites classes from 1986-1990, July 24-27, 2008, *The Carnival Sensation* from Port Canaveral FL to the Bahamas, Contact: Kim (Mezeska) Armstrong E-Mail: paytonjsplace@aol.com or Kris (Long) Blevins E-Mail: jhkris@earthlink.net

Munich Campus Alumni Reunion – August 7-10, 2008, Washington, DC, Visit: www.munichcampus.org

Ramstein Teachers/Friends Reunion – September 12-13, 2008, Holiday Inn Select in Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN Contact Nancy Solinger: (952) 876-8650, Email: nsolinger@hiselectmsp.com

Bushy Park Reunion – October 5-7, 2008, Nashville, TN, Contact Robert Lyle, 108 Hop Brook Road, Simsbury, CT 06070, E-Mail: rybvlyle@cs.com

Bushy Park Central HS – Class of 1958 50th Reunion, October 10-12, 2008, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, Contact: Ren Briggs, 1671 Monte Vista Drive, Bullhead City, AZ 86442, Phone: 928-758-2963

Chofu Reunion 2008 – October 9-12, 2008. Las Vegas, NV, Visit: www.chofu.org

Overseas Brats National Convention, All former students, alumni, faculty, "DC Metro Gathering," Oct 29-Nov 2, 2008, Hyatt Dulles, Herndon, VA, Contact Overseas Brats, Box 47112, Wichita, KS 67201, 316-269-9610, E-Mail: joeoosbpres@sbcglobal.net, Website: www.overseasbrats.com

AOSHS Honors Rex Gleason

It is not customary for AOSHS to publish an obituary in the Quarterly. We honor our members and colleagues through our memorial program. The following obituary is one of great interest for us, for Rex Gleason was one of the DoDDS pioneers and his time in DoDDS was significant.



Rex L. Gleason passed from this earthly life Saturday, April 12, 2008, at the age of 94. He was born Feb. 21, 1914, to Milo and Nannie Gleason in the small community of Cundiff, located near Jacksboro, Texas. As a child, he attended Forth Worth Public Schools and was a graduate of Central High School (now Trimble Tech). He received his bachelors degree from Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth, followed by a master's degree in school administration at Texas Christian University. He also attended the University of Maryland.

Rex taught at Mineral Wells High School before entering the Army in 1942 and was posted to various stateside bases before being dispatched to the South Pacific. He was stationed in Manila in the Philippines at the close of World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of infantry captain.

The Overseas Brats reported on Mr. Gleason's passing, "After the war, he was among the pioneering group of educators sent to Europe to organize a new school system for American dependents of overseas personnel. He started as a math teacher in Munich, and as well as teaching all levels. He lived in and supervised the boys' dorm, with no extra pay in those days. He became principal there a year or two later. He told wonderful stories about having no paper for the students to use that first year, so he had them bring in bags from the commissary on which they could do their math problems. He served as principal of the American Junior High School in Frankfurt, Germany, and later at George C. Marshall High School in Ankara, Turkey, before retiring in 1975. He was a true DoDDS pioneer.

Upon retirement, Rex returned to Fort Worth, where he served at All Saints Episcopal School as a beloved substitute teacher for many years. Memorials: The family requests that memorials be made in the form of contributions in his name to the Gladys Johnson Ritchie Library in Jacksboro.



Rex Gleason in
Munich HS 1955
yearbook



Meet you in Louisville for the DoDDS XX Reunion

The DoDDS XX Reunion has been scheduled for July 10-13, 2008 in Louisville, Kentucky. The 13th annual AOSHS general membership meeting is scheduled during the reunion, on July 10.. Check out who is registered by visiting the official reunion website: www.doddsworldreunion.com See page 14 for Louisville tourist sites.

Troop changes cause DoDDS school closures and reorganizations

By Cyndi Johnson

As the military numbers decrease in Europe, DoDDS schools either close or are reorganized. Nine schools closed last year and that same number will close in June 2008. These schools are: Argonner ES, Hanau MS/HS, Dexheim ES, Wuerzburg ES/MS, Wuerzburg HS, Grafenwoehr MS, Gaeta ES, Darmstadt ES/MS, and Neubruecke ES. A DoDDS spokesman says there are no school closure plans for next year.

Schools are busy with closure ceremonies. For example, on June 6, Wuerzburg HS will hold a ceremony to mark the school's closure after 54 years. Principal Walter Seely said it is disappointing to say goodbye to the beloved school and leave a community that many families have enjoyed being stationed in over the years. "It's very sad to see such a nice community leave," said Seely, who has served as principal since 2001. "This is a nice place to live, especially for the families." At the height of the Cold War, Wuerzburg High was one of the biggest Defense Department schools in Europe. At its peak, the school enrolled 1,000 students.



Today, there are about 160 students, Seely said. Some alumni are planning to travel from the U.S. to attend the closing ceremony. The school is selling black T-shirts to commemorate the event. The Schweinfurt students who attended Wuerzburg will attend Bamberg HS next year.

Two school areas are consolidating: AF North ES and AF North HS are becoming AF North ES/HS and Aviano MS and Aviano HS are consolidating into Aviano MS/HS. The increased troop movement to the Vilseck/Grafenwoehr area caused the need for construction of two new schools, Netzaberg Elementary, pictured above, and Netzaberg MS, which will open in August 2008. Construction on the school complex began in July 2005. Netzaberg MS is pictured above.

Dr. Tafoya announces his retirement as DoDEA Director

By Cyndi Johnson



Dr. Joseph Tafoya announced he will be retiring as the Director of DoDEA in June. He has served as the Director since 2000. He came to DoDEA in 1999 when he was named the Deputy Director of DoDEA for Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS).

Dr. Tafoya began his career in 1969 as a teacher with the San Diego city Schools. He then became the Assistant and then Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

During his eight years as the Director, Dr. Tafoya worked to standardize, unify and solidify their mission. Major accomplishments include the development of common staffing standards, curriculum initiatives, a common approach to planning for the budget, the employment of strong academic standards and consistency of instruction.

He sent an email to all the staff prior to the public announcement, and stated, "As some of you know, I have been a geographic bachelor the last nine years and I think it's time for me to go home and spend time with my family. I know that's a trite kind of saying for people in Washington, but for me, it's absolutely the truth."

More DoD Schools Made Known

By Les Burch

The list continues. In the last couple months, I've received information about two more DoD schools. Dr. Joanne Calhoun, from Ocean Springs, MS sent a letter after she had read the latest list of DDESS schools that were in the *Winter Quarterly*.

Dr. Calhoun writes, "I'm writing again, this time in regards to DDESS schools. I attended such a school on Langley AFB (then called Langley Field) from 1935 to 1937 and again from 1940 to 1942 when I finished 6th grade.

"In the early years the school was located in the area where the dirigibles were housed called "lighter than air". We rode 6x6 Army trucks to attend. When I returned in 1940, there was a well built elementary school in the main officer housing area. It went through the 6th grade. The school was operational during '37 to '40 as I had friends who attended during that period. I have no idea how the school was funded, but I seem to recall that my parents paid some tuition."

Dr. Calhoun also had good information about the school at Kirtland AFB. Her daughter attended it in 1967, shortly after it was turned over to the Albuquerque, NM Public Schools. This school, Sandia ES, was listed in the last *Quarterly*.

Another interesting discovery is from Marian Paulsen, who sent Tom Drysdale an account of her experience in Greenland. I intend to include the entire story of her experiences in Greenland in the Memories section of our AOSHS website.

After Germany occupied Denmark in April 1940, Greenland was placed under the protection of the U.S. to prevent Germany from building air bases that could be used to launch air attacks on the United States and Canada. The U.S. subsequently built 3 air bases on the island. One was at Narsarssuak near the southern tip. After the war, this air base was used as a refueling station until aircraft were developed that could fly the Atlantic non-stop. Families were eventually allowed to accompany their sponsors. The Air Force built family housing and a school became a necessity. Narsarssuak ES had about 60 students in grades 1-8. There were 3 classrooms. The few high school students took correspondence courses. Marian taught at Narsarssuak ES 1957-58, its last year of operation.

This school has now been added to the overseas list. I would appreciate information on a date when the school opened, and who was responsible for its operation.

All School and Alumni Associations listed on AOSHS website

Are you looking for an alumni organization or the total schools lists? For a complete list of all DOD schools, visit the AOSHS website, <http://aoshs.wichita.edu/> and go to "Overseas Schools". You will find four databases for "Overseas Schools and their Alumni Associations." The four are: Overseas schools listed by country, Overseas schools alphabetically by school name, Domestic DoD schools listed by state, and Domestic DoD schools alphabetically by school name.

MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Evelyn I. Firch

September 11, 1925 - December 26, 2007

Evelyn was born in Osco, Illinois, and received her B.A. from Western Illinois University. She later received her M.A. from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. She also received an Advanced Degree from the University of Heidelberg in Germany.

Evelyn taught in DoDDS schools all over the world. She entered the program in 1954 when she was assigned to Hamadera ES, Japan, where she later taught at Grant Heights and Misawa. Other postings were in Orleans, France; Vicenza, Italy; Heidelberg and Pirmasens, Germany; Peshawar, Pakistan; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and finally her favorite, Iraklion, Crete where she stayed until her retirement in 1984. Evelyn's favorites were the intermediate grades. She was active in all school functions and extracurricular activities.

She was devoted to her family in Alpha, Illinois, and would assist her sister at the family local diner during summer vacations. Among her hobbies were travel, corresponding with her former students, teaching Sunday school and avidly solving crossword puzzles.

James Lee Handorf

June 17, 1933 - January 1, 2008

James was born and raised in Iowa and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1954. He served in the US Army from 1954 -1956 in Japan and taught in Iowa at Marshalltown High School from 1956 to 1962. In 1962 his teaching career with DoDDS took him back to Japan where he taught business education at Johnson HS. It was there that he met and married his wife Nancie. In 1964 they moved to Germany where he taught for 2 more years at Kaiserslautern HS

Upon his return to the states, he taught at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. He earned his PhD from the University of Northern Colorado and taught in the UNI College of Business until his retirement in 1990..

He was active in many professional organizations at local, state, and national levels and received numerous awards for outstanding achievement and leadership in the field of Business Education. During retirement, Jim was an active volunteer with his church and various community groups. He twice received the Mayors' Volunteer Performance Award and received the Alumni Service Award from UNI in 1999.

James passed away in January of 2008 after a 22 year battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nancie, and his children Mellisa, Eric, and Stephen.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Frances Callahan

1927 - 2007

Frances Callahan was born and raised in Lewiston, Maine. She received her BA in history from Seton Hill College and her Masters from Boston College. Cal began her DoDDS career in 1953 when she sailed on a ship to Yoyogi, Japan. Her early assignments were in schools which are now closed: Merignac, France; Hahn, Germany; Laon, France; Bushey Hall, London, England; and Izmir, Turkey. Cal taught in Naples, Italy (Forrest Sherman MS) from 1969-1983 and in Kubasaki HS, Okinawa from 1983-1992.

Cal retired to Tampa, Florida where she and her cat, Nikko, held court. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends, playing bridge, volunteering for charitable causes, following Florida Democratic party politics, and telling a good story. To many, Cal was the true "Auntie Mame." Her Irish wit, entertaining stories, and unique sense of humor made a day in Ms. Callahan's classroom an unforgettable experience.

Raymond R. Hamlin

1930 - 2007

Raymond was born on September 25, 1930 in Uxbridge, MA. He was a graduate of Douglass High School and received his BA degree from Wisconsin State University in 1954. He also attended SUNY in Oneonta, NY, Worcester State College and UMASS Amherst. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the US Air Force.

Ray joined DoDDS in 1965 where he taught math and science at Boeblingen High School in Germany. He transferred to Heidelberg JHS and taught there until he retired in 1990. After retirement, Ray worked at a local drugstore in Uxbridge and as a gardener for the Uxbridge Public Library. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and the Uxbridge Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Ruth McCampbell

1923 - 2007

Ruth joined DoDDS after having raised her four beloved children. Following years in Bermuda, Cuba, Iceland and Bamberg, Germany, she applied for a Sabbatical at age 60, saying she needed to keep learning "like any other young girl". Ruth enjoyed her adventure as a coed at George Washington University, living in an efficiency apartment in Foggy Bottom. She returned to Germany until her retirement from Gelnhausen. She saw age as no limiting factor, often traveling with her philosophy of "a little culture, a little shopping, a little food". Ruth always had an extra "spark" to share with new teachers, friends facing romantic heartaches, and children needing help. Whether her classroom was in a W.W.I mess hall, a defunct slaughterhouse, or an antique orphanage, Ruth took the world in stride, and helped her colleagues do likewise.

Her dramatic flair cheered us all. We never got to actually meet her 'Ambassador', but Ruth regaled us with tales of his devotion to duty with dramatic gestures and a chorus of her signature song - "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes". Friends enjoyed her Valentines with photos of her 'searching' for him on a camel in Egypt or in front of the men's room. And no one could forget twelve hours in England, on a bus loaded with terrified, stranded passengers, buffeted by torrential winds and downpour, when Ruth held them entranced with her infamous 'striptease' by which she somehow created the illusion while removing only a wool muffler and gloves!

That's our Ruth - and all who were ever stationed with her have stories of her love of history, her sense of humor, and her devotion to our DoDDS family that we'll never forget.

Sebastian Michelena

June 16, 1940 - January 15, 2008

Sebastian Michelena was a resident of Buffalo, Wyoming. Following graduation from Arvada High School, he attended Sheridan College for two years, received his Bachelors Degree from Black Hills State College, and his Masters Degree from the University of Wyoming. Prior to teaching with DoDDS, he taught in Sheridan Wyoming, and Lovelock, Nevada.

His DoDDS experience began in 1969 as a secondary teacher in Brindisi, Italy. He then became the Art and Business Coordinator, working out of Karlsruhe, Germany, and created an innovative Business Laboratory well in advance of other programs at that time. While serving in the Mediterranean Region he was noted for arranging and conducting summer workshops for art teachers in historically important settings, broadening the scope of the Art Program by focusing on the contributions of the host country. In his following assignments as an Educational Coordinator for the Heidelberg District in Germany and the Mediterranean District in Vicenza, Italy, he continued to include host nation activities in his programs. He retired in 2005. Mich was a respected, dedicated educator, a gentleman willing to help when ever and where ever he was needed. Most of all, Mich was a good person and will be missed by his family, many friends, and his co-workers.

Closed Funds

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.

Martha Hilgeman—Brick**Ina Mae Cleveland—Brick****Charles Jennings—Brick****Judy Liebman—Granite Paver****Cecil Driver—Premium Paver****Madge Dawley—Granite Paver**

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:

| <u>Type</u> | <u>Size</u> (inches) | <u>Characters per line</u> (including spaces) | <u>Max lines</u> | <u>Total Characters</u> | <u>Cost</u> (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**.

Doris Baker's book recounts DoDDS memories

Book Review: *I'll Let You Know When We Get There*

The memoir, *I'll Let You Know When We Get There*, is a delightful romp in words and photos throughout post WW II Europe, North Africa, and Asia, written by Doris Baker and published in November 2007.

Doris Baker is described in the online book review as one of thousands of American teachers who "answered the call to staff schools on the U.S. military bases worldwide during the Cold War. These educators were the 'Greatest Generations' goodwill ambassadors, preceding the Peace Corps and creating an admirable image of our country abroad,"

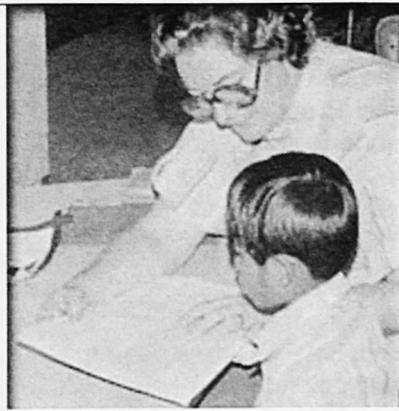
Today, thousands of these adventurous teachers, and the schoolchildren they taught (the "Overseas Brats"), hold reunions across America to share the memories of their first-hand experiences and first rate education across the globe. Baker's tales of her travels during a 30 year career as principal of the American school in Bad Tolz, Germany will delight and resonate with all Americans who grew up or served overseas.

This book is filled with wonderful anecdotes and personal encounters from Munich to Moscow, Bangkok to Burma, and Cambodia to Casablanca. Read it. Doris is an AOSHS member.



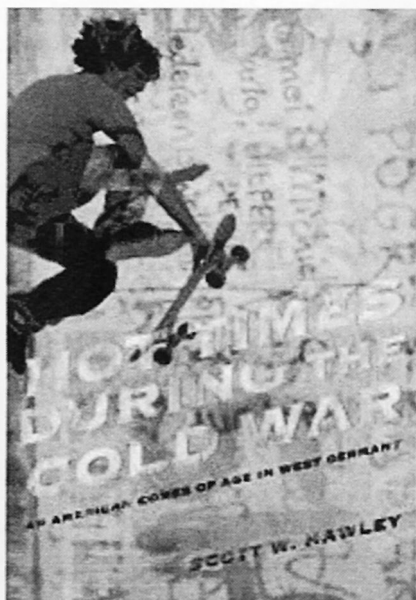
DoDDS photos needed

As you are sorting through your many photos, remember the AOSHS website is always looking for old classroom and school photos. Here are two examples from the website. Contact Dorie Parson (address on page 2) if you have photos you would like to donate.



Scott Hawley's book describes Frankfurt HS life

Book Review: *Hot Times During the Cold War*



By Cyndi Johnson

Scott Hawley is an Overseas Brat who attended Frankfurt High School from 1985-1988. He has written a book, *Hot Time During the Cold War*, which Scott describes as a "funny, poignant look at what it was like to search for normalcy under the most extreme set of circumstances." It was reviewed in the December 2007 edition of *Overseas Brats*.

After attending school in Frankfurt, Scott commented, "Twenty years later I published a book about life as an American teenager living in West Germany during the Cold War. And although I attended a different school than you and probably lived in a different foreign county, we certainly shared many of the same joys, challenges, and heartaches unique to being overseas brats."

Brats readers have found the book appealing, as indicated by portions of the next two reviews. "As a 1986 graduate of Frankfurt American High School the pages of this book took me back to a time when my life changed forever! Whether or not you are a graduate of FAHS, life as an American teen in Germany is written within these pages. Those of us who experienced our teen life in Europe can relate to this book word for word!"

"And while Hawley's individual memories are unique to his Frankfurt experience, the larger themes of his book: living in a barbed wire bubble; dealing with the base's front and back gates; terrorists trying to kill US servicemen and their families; and worrying about the Cold War becoming "hot" -- those were all things that became part of my DNA while going to school at Frankfurt."

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American Overseas Schools Historical Society – AOSHS has just been registered for GoodSearch and GoodShop as seen in Oprah Magazine. Brats and teacher supporters can raise money for AOSHS by using "GoodSearch" to search the internet and "GoodShop" to make online purchases!

GoodSearch.com is the search engine with a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo, so you get the same great search results, but each time you do a search, GoodSearch makes a donation to your cause—AOSHS! They donate 50% of advertising revenue to nonprofits and schools selected by their users.

GoodShop.com is the new online marketplace that donates a percentage of your online purchase to the charity or school of your choice. You simply select the charity or organization of your choice, search and they will automatically donate to AOSHS.

You can choose from hundreds of popular online merchants and the experience of shopping through GoodShop is the same as going to the retailer directly. The organizations that have made the most money through GoodSearch have emailed all their supporters and in turn they have made GoodSearch their homepage. www.goodsearch.com/GetInvolved.aspx#supporters

Margaret Brettschneider's three novels reflect her DoDDS career

By Cyndi Johnson

If you have attended a DoDDS reunion, you certainly have met Margaret Brettschneider as she and her husband, Eric, display the three novels Margaret has written since she retired. Margaret taught in Germany for 21 years. Her website, <http://www.mjbrett.com>, states that this teaching experience plus "marrying an Army pilot triggered her interest in the unique challenges of our nation's military families. From widow, to the single life, to officer's lady, Ms Brett has seen all sides of the marital enigma." Her three novels reflect this interest.

Mutti's War is based on the true story of Regina Wolff, a rather delicate young German mother who is forced to smuggle her three small boys out of East Prussia when the Russians surround it in 1944.

Shadows on an Iron Curtain illustrates the clashing tensions that existed between the Soviet Union and the United States from the end of World War II as seen through the naïve eyes of a young widow, Megan James. During the 1970's, the 2nd and 3rd Armored Cavalry troops and their support units defending East/West German borders were on constant Alert against



Margaret autographs books at the St. Louis reunion.

the threatening Soviet Army, thus increasing the pressure on soldiers, their friends, and families. *Shadows* also describes the challenge in learning to teach overseas for the Department of Defense Dependent school teachers.

Between Duty and Devotion is the story of a fast track career military officer, whose marriage is secretly on the rocks. For more information, check out Margaret's website or visit her booth at the Louisville reunion.

AOSHS seeks to fill Board of Directors vacancies

At the DoDDS Reunion in Louisville this summer we will conduct our AOSHS annual meeting on Friday morning, July 11. We will be seeking to fill the vacancies for the following Board members who have terms that will expire: Chuck Willis, Margaret Palmer, and Scarlett Rehrig

If you know anyone who will be interested in serving on the AOSHS Board, we welcome you to apply by contacting Tina Calo at tccalo@prodigy.net or by writing to AOSHS, attn. Board Member, PO Box 1500, Wichita, KS 67201.

We are also seeking a newsletter editor. Cyndi Johnson will also be vacating this position. You may use Tina's e:mail or write to our AOSHS office if interested. We furnish you with the software to publish the *Quarterly*.

Louisville site to explore

Check out some of the sites you can visit in Louisville.

Source: <http://www.gotolouisville.com/>

Churchill Downs: The racetrack is most famous for the oldest continuously run sporting event in the United States, the Kentucky Derby.

Louisville Zoo: has more than 1,300 animals from all over the world, exhibited in beautiful natural settings.

Kentucky Derby Museum: located next to Churchill Downs, captures the thrill and traditions of the Kentucky Derby every day in an exciting 360-degree high-definition multimedia show.

Belle of Louisville: was commissioned in 1914, is a National Historic Landmark, and is the oldest river steamboat still in operation.

Muhammad Ali Center: opened in late 2005. Shadow box Ali and watch legendary boxing clips.

Speed Art Museum: Established in 1927, the Speed is Kentucky's oldest and largest museum.

Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory: Exhibits at the interactive museum honors baseball's greatest hitters.

Louisville Slugger Field: is home to the Louisville Bats, farm team for Cincinnati Reds.

Frazier International History Museum: is a collaboration with Britain's Royal Armouries. Artifacts include Geronimo's bow, Custer's rifle and Roosevelt's "Big Stick".

Louisville Science Center & IMAX Theatre: includes 150 interactive exhibits and activity stations, a 4-story tall IMAX Theatre.

Website designed for DoDDS teacher travel

By Cyndi Johnson

Retired and current DoDDS teachers who like to travel may be interested in a new website, gogoteachers.com which is being created by two DoDDS teachers, Mag McGinley, a teacher in Heidelberg MS, and Vera Morgan, a teacher in Vicenza HS.

The purpose of the website is to provide information which will allow retired and current DoDDS teachers an opportunity to exchange their homes for a minimal cost. "You will be happy to know that you will be swapping homes with similar experience professionals," stated Mag McGinley.

This travel exchange website is only for retired and current DoDDS teachers around the globe. The website will allow you to post your house/apartment/condo for a vacation exchange. When you become a member, you will be able to post your location with a photo of your house and connect with others in places you have always dreamed of visiting.

So if you are interested in travel and don't like the cost and impersonal surrounds of hotels, check out gogoteachers.com. The website will be up and running in the fall.



AOSHS Individual Life Membership Program

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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We are looking for addresses

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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: _____

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.

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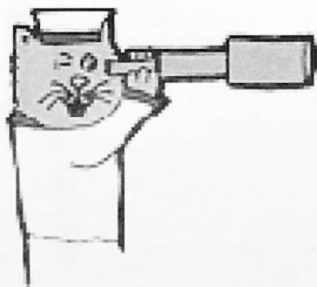
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What to look for in the next *Quarterly*

- *Reunion Photos*
- *Volunteer of the Quarter*
- *Outstanding graduates*
- *DoDDS Memories*
- *New AOSHS President*

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