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### AOSHS Receives Würzburg University Banner By...Donovan R. Walling

Simone Gutwerk, a German teacher and graduate student, has been researching and documenting the history of the Host Nation Program. While working in the AOSHS Archive she noticed banners on display from Northern Arizona University (NAU), where the archive was founded, and Wichita State University (WSU), which assisted in the move from Arizona to the current archive home in Kansas. Both banners were presented by Eugene M. Hughes, President Emeritus of both universities.

Now employed by Würzburg University, Mrs. Gutwerk recently was instrumental in meeting with Dr. Axel Haase, the university president, who purchased from personal funds a banner that subsequently was presented to the AOSHS Archive, where it now hangs with the other two university banners.



A letter accompanied the Würzburg University banner, signed by the university's vice president, Dr. Georg Kaiser, and reads as follows:

"IN RECOGNITION OF: The long productive post war association of Würzburg University with the American Dependents Schools in Würzburg, Germany and

"IN APPRECIATION OF: The assistance the university and its graduate student Simone Gutwerk has received in recording and preserving the history of the Host Nation Program in all American Dependents Schools in Germany,

"IT IS REQUESTED THAT: On behalf of the Würzburg University, Dr. Thomas T. Drysdale, founder of the American Overseas Archives and Historical Society, present this Würzburg Banner, the Vol. XIV, No. 3 Summer 2009

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university sent to him, to the AOSHS Board of Directors and worldwide membership, at the archives office in Wichita, KS on May 15, 2009."

When the AOSHS board met in Wichita in May, members gladly received and hung the 3x5-foot banner bearing the name, Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, in the archive lobby, along with the framed letter.

### Important Historical Items Reviewed in the American Overseas Schools Archives By...Tom Drysdale

AOSHS will be twenty years old in November 2009. Since its inception it has recorded and preserved thousands of historical documents. artifacts, and memorabilia donated by current and retired educators, students, and alumni of U.S. Military and DoD Overseas Dependents Schools, A recently reviewed historical archive document is a December 1946 listing of the names and addresses of military dependents schools in Germany and the first American teachers selected to serve in them. Two of the teachers, Mary Brockmann and Hazel Westervelt, of the Bad Nauheim and Frankfurt schools. cooperatively researched and wrote a significant and historical paper of recommendations for all teachers in Germany. On October 14, 1946, they presented the paper, Our Responsibilities as Teachers in Germany, to the Dependents School Service, HQ, USFET (U.S. Forces, European Theater). USFET approved the paper and sent it to all the dependents schools in Germany. It soon became popular, especially with German Host Nation Teachers, following the establishment of the first German Host Nation Program by Alfred Beerbaum of Hq. Comd. USFET, whose name and business address is also on the list. Many AOSHS members are familiar with this paper, and hopefully they will enjoy reading it again. Following is Mary and Hazel's paper in the archive:

### Dependents School Service. HQ USFET. APO 757 Our Responsibilities as Teachers in Germany

What are the responsibilities of an American teacher in Germany? [Continues on next page ⇔]

To the people of Germany? To the children we have come to teach? To our fellow countrymen in this strange land? To our school and community back home and to ourselves?

Since we are uninvited "guests" in this land, let us first explore the possibilities of creating good will, understanding and co-operation with its people, of commanding their respect for us and for our democratic ideals. We may do this through:

Discovering the needs of the German children in our community and helping meet them. For example to meet their physical needs, let us find through the Church, Red Cross, or other organizations specific needy children; then write to our own school and community and let them share in perhaps a Christmas for these youngsters or help clothe them.

We should make every effort to get an understanding of the culture, the customs and language of Germany, so that we can communicate with its people with understanding.

We should conduct ourselves personally so that we will be of greatest credit to our American ideals and principles.

Our responsibility to the children and youth we teach is more obvious. In addition to giving them a basic varied program which will have unity enough to meet their needs as they move from community to community in Germany, it must meet the educational standards of the schools in the United States. It is of equal importance that we give them more than a superficial understanding of their environment and the German people, help develop in them humanity, understanding and wisdom in all their associations with these people. We must help them realize that

each of them is an ambassador for democracy and just what their responsibilities are as such.

We have a responsibility to the lay group of our own countrymen in Germany. It is comparable to our responsibilities as teachers in America — to encourage their active interest in the schools, to develop an understanding of our aims and goals and to gain their co-operation. But it is more than that. We must prove to them that we aren't the isolated provincial group that many seem to think, but can be — are — the builders of tomorrow's bulwarks of the world. The Eleventh Yearbook of the Department of Supervisors makes this statement — "The status of any culture is mirrored in its religion, its science, its literature and its educational system." Our work is surely the foundational building for tomorrow's world.

We have an obligation too, to the school and community back home that released us for this work. We should return with enlarged concepts of living, with understanding that should help us and our community to think in bigger international terms. As the prophet Isaiah says "we have enlarged the places of our tent" and "let them stretch forth the curtains of our habitation".

Lastly we have a responsibility to ourselves. This experience must enrich every one of us. Because we are humanitarians we are deeply touched by the desolation, the broken homes, the twisted lives. We have come into this country, the fortunate people, the conquerors. Let us humbly, and often evaluate our principles and aims and endeavor to live and work by them to the best of our ability, to "build more stately mansions" of our own lives.

2009 Reunion Information – AOSHS Website and Overseas Brats			
Site & Event	Date & Place	Contact	
Heidelberg High School, Germany - Mid to late 1960s	September 3-6 Estes Park, CO	www.heidelberg66.com/index.php?pr=Estes_Park_ _2009_Reunion	
Poitiers High School, France	October 9-12 Tucson, AZ	www.poitierspanthers.com	
Overseas Brats - Dallas/Ft. Worth, 23rd Annual	October 14-18 Plano, TX	joeosbpres@sbcglobal.net	
Yamato High School, Japan	October 16-18 Las Vegas, NV	www.yamatohs.com	
Ramey High School, Aguadilla, PR - "ALLCLASSBLAST"	October 22-25 Destin, FL	Shirley Edwards and Bob Woods www.classreport.org/usa/pr/aguadilla/rhs/	
Taipei American School, Taiwan	October 22-25 Taipei, Taiwan	www.taipeiamericanalumni.org	



# Message from The Board

By...Tina Calo

Little did I know when I got off the plane on Okinawa in 1967 (and was hit by a wave of heat and humidity) that I would still be so much a part of the USDESEA/DODDS/DODDEA family some thirty years later.

As mentioned in an earlier article, your board holds one of their meetings in Wichita at the AOSHS Office/Archive each May. This helps to give us an inside look what goes on, and we now have a better understanding of the tremendous task of preserving DoDDS history.

Our visit to the AOSHS Office in Wichita was a wonderful experience. How often do you reminisce or daydream about the "good ole days"? Most of us are at that age, you know. Well, in the AOSHS Archive those days come alive again! You open a box and find the sports events of Wiesbaden High School, the evacuation to a safe house during a typhoon on Okinawa, a walk through the markets in the Far East, pictures from trips, articles from Stars and Stripes, brochures and notes from school bulletins, flag orders to and from Berlin — I could go on and on. If you have been around DoDDS long enough or were a student through the grades, you will recognize people and places you haven't thought about in years. "Isn't that Dr. Mason - he looks so young?" "Look, that's our graduating class at Ephesus." And it continues.

I recently read a "chuckle" that went something like this: "If you can read, you will find it difficult to clean out an attic." That's how we all felt going through boxes to sort and catalog. Each contribution to the archive brought to mind a school where we taught or attended, a trip that we took, an award won by our school, a base school that no longer exists, and so on.

You really need to take a trip to Wichita and walk down your own memory lane. When you walk through the door you will be transported to a school lobby anywhere in DoDDS. The cases have yearbooks, school trophies, country memorabilia, flags and pictures — many recognizable in an

instant, others that will need Nancy or Sara to explain their reason for being there.

You're welcome to arrange a visit anytime. Simply contact the AOSHS Office for information. Several people have already made the trip and been amazed at the smooth operation of the office and the wealth of memorabilia in the archive.

Please remember none of this happens without your membership dues, your donations, and your gifts. Several members also have left a legacy, and we offer means for remembering those who have gone before us. Check out the AOSHS Memorial program elsewhere in this newsletter. One of my projects as your board member is to find a place for our bricks and pavers. It's time they had a home. Some suggestions have been finding a place in Wichita near the office, finding a place in the Washington, D.C., area, or adding to a memorial garden at a military museum. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please get them to the board. We learned that when you are brainstorming, no idea is outrageous. And my last pitch is this: If this sounds like something you'd like to pursue as a future board member, please get your resume in to a board member as soon as possible. This is your organization. It cannot exist without you.



#### Correction

In the previous Quarterly:

we misspelled Leona Lapinski Leute's name in the Leaving a Legacy feature, as we did with Gary Westhusen's name.

We apologize and hope that others also will help us catch any errors.

### 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. The selection of bricks/pavers appears below.

#### 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 or the e-mail address below to request a Memorial Fund Form, or print the form at www.aoshs.org/kiosk; just click on Memorial Program.

#### Donate

You may also donate to an already established fund by sending a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below. Please note the honoree's name on the check's memo line.

AOSHS Memorial Program, PO Box 4312 Scottsdale AZ 85261-4312 [Don't forget to indicate the honoree's name on the check's memo line.]

#### Memorial Program for Alumnae/Alumni

We have had many names added to our <u>Those No Longer</u> with <u>Us</u> 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 in this way, send a check payable to the AOSHS Memorial Fund at the address below.

Please note 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.

e-mail: memorialprog@aoshs.org

[Note: e-mails must include AOSHS in the subject area, to pass through our spam filters.]

Type Of Bricks And Pavers Offered In The Program	Size (in inches)	Characters/Line (includes spaces)	Maximum Lines	Total Characters (includes spaces)	Cost
Ceramic Brick	4 x 8	15	2	30	\$100
Ceramic Paver	8 x 8	15	5	75	\$250
Medium 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

### MEMORIAL FUNDS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS (MAX. 400 WORDS PLEASE)

### Sam Menniti

.....July 27, 1952 - May 31, 2009

Sam, a native of Ridgeway, Pennsylvania, received his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1974 from Youngstown State in Youngstown, Ohio. He held a master's degree in Curriculum Development from Georgia State University in Atlanta and certification in Gifted Education from the University of Florida, in Tampa. Sam also conducted postgraduate study at the University of Pittsburgh in Educational Leadership.

Sam began his career with the Department of Defense Schools in 1979 as a reading specialist at the Izmir Dependent School in Turkey. He went on to teach reading in Vicenza, Italy, and later held principal positions in Italy at Rimini, Aviano, Comiso, and La Maddalena. In 1990 he became the principal of Robert D. Edgren High School at Misawa Air Base in Japan. He went on to several additional assignments in the Pacific and returned to Turkey in 1996 as the principal of Incirlik High School and later became the principal of London Central High School.

In addition to his experience as a teacher and principal, Sam was Associate Superintendent in the Isles and Mediterranean District. He was promoted as Superintendent to the Korea District in January 2008. Sam died on Sunday, May 31, 2009, in Florida after a prolonged illness.

#### SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Paulene Paquette

...... February 11, 1925 - November 18, 2008

Paulene's career in DoDDS began in 1963 in Verdun, France. When foreign troops were ordered from French soil, she was transferred to SHAPE, Belgium, where she taught in the elementary school until 1993. Her students benefited from her interest in all things international when she accompanied them to classes at the seaside, in the Ardennes, and ski school in Switzerland.

Always active in the community, she was an avid darts player, participated in Phi Delta Kappa, and entertained with panache. Everyone who knew Paulie has a story to tell of involvement with horses, camping, her travels around the world, and her interest in antiques. She could keep one entertained for hours with her tales.

Even in retirement she could not slow down. In Agawam, Massachusetts, she was active in her church, vigorously supported the senior center, participated in senior Olympics, and collected anything that looked like Mickey Mouse. She treasured her little red Porsche during her years in Europe and missed the thrill of driving it when she returned to the States. For her 80th birthday, she treated herself to a little red Honda sports car that was admired by everyone who saw her tooling along in it.

### James (Jim) Creighton

...... August 24, 1923 - March 7, 2009

Jim was born in Galesburg, Illinois. After graduating from Galesburg High School in 1943, he enlisted in the Navy and was in command of an LST in the Pacific.

After the war, Jim graduated from Colorado College in 1947 and went on to Western Illinois for his advanced degree in counseling. He taught high school English in Moline, Illinois, from 1960 to 1966.

His first overseas assignment was at Stuttgart High School as counselor. From there he went to the Philippines, then Germany, and finally Iceland, where he retired in 1986.

### Dr. Robert Bureker

.....June 30, 1932 - October 29, 2008

Bob was born in Los Angeles, California, and graduated from high school in Eugene, Oregon. He attended college at the University of Oregon and was an Army veteran serving in Germany during the mid 1950s.

Bob began his DoDDS career in 1961 in Augsburg, Germany, and over the next thirty years served in a variety of positions in England and Germany. While in DoDDS, he was a teacher, a principal, an English curriculum coordinator, and Director of the Assessment and Development Center in Wiesbaden, Germany. In 1976, he received his doctorate from the University of Southern California.

In 1991, on learning that he had cancer, Bob retired to the Northwest to be near his children and grandchildren. He continued to be involved in education by doing workshops for DoDDS in Europe and becoming a student teacher supervisor for Washington State University.

#### Carol Burch

...... December 21, 1933 – January 8, 2009

Carol was born in Minnesota and earned degrees in elementary education from St. Cloud Teachers College and the

University of Minnesota. She realized a longtime dream of visiting Japan when she accepted a job to teach at Yoyogi Elementary School in Tokyo in 1960. In 1961 she transferred to Alconbury Elementary School in England. There she met her future husband, Les. They married in 1962 and moved to Tripoli, Libya, where they both taught at Wheelus Air Force Base. Her first child, Mary, was born at Wheelus; her second, Margaret, was born in Bitburg, Germany, and her third, Catherine, was born at West Ruislip in England.

While raising her daughters, Carol was active in PTAs, wives' club functions, and host nation activities wherever Les was assigned, including Chicksands, Lakenheath, and Harrogate in England; Royal Oaks in Madrid, Spain; and Bad Nauheim, Illesheim, and Heilbronn in Germany.

She returned to the classroom in 1983 at Sembach Elementary School in Germany. In 1987 she and Les moved to Camp Zama, Japan. Instead of teaching for DoDDS there, she chose to volunteer in the community and to promote Japanese-American friendships.

After thirty years overseas she and Les returned to the United States. Carol continued her love of travel by visiting at least one foreign country each year and by seeing much of the United States as possible. She was an avid reader who thoroughly enjoyed her book group discussions. She also loved her gardens, which drew praise from viewers.

### **CLOSED FUNDS**

Ann Daley......Brick
Janet Hinch.....Granite Block
James O'Brien....Ceramic Block

#### Commemorative Coin Medallions Still Available

Bronze-tone coin medallions commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the DoDDS reunions were available at the reunions in Louisville and Las Vegas and can still be purchased by mail. Each coin is approx. 1½" in diameter. The obverse features a high-relief rendering of the AOSHS logo, while the reverse is a raised-letter commemorative message.

The coins are available for \$6 each for a single coin or the first of several, with additional coins for \$5 each, which includes postage. Send a check or money order made out to AOSHS along with your order to Lee Davis, 2224 South Periwinkle, Mesa, AZ 85209-5128. These commemorative coin medallions are great as presents or for trading. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have a piece of history.





### The Way We Were: Memories from ??????

### Memories...Selected by Joan Oak

This is another excerpt from the memories of Gay Long. Her input covers many aspects of the DoDDS program and includes many adventures. In the last Quarterly, the excerpt was about Intercultural programs; this one is an answer to why many educators stayed overseas for many years. Below is Gay's exact wording as it appears on the AOSHS website. By the way, Gay was an art teacher — which accounts for references to art supplies. Also, if I didn't mention it before, Gay is the person who interviewed me for DoDDS at the University of Miami in February 1964. I remember being scared to pieces!

"How can you stay so long over here?" Why did I stay with the USDESEA Program? For a multitude of reasons!

In the beginning it was probably the never-ending challenge and exciting adventure of helping to build a school system "from scratch." Makeshift buildings, few and often inappropriate books, no desks or perhaps field tables and folding chairs, no equipment for special areas such as art, shop, science, typing, home economics, little or no supplies for anything. In fact, not anything but people, willing, eager, excited, earnest, hopeful, happy, ingenious people — students, teachers, administrators!

It was a challenge greater than any of us had ever known before and a continually changing challenge to all of us; for as one problem was solved, a new one presented itself, or an old one nudged and nagged to be improved on until there was just never any place to stop — to go away and leave it all unfinished. There was always something — great or small — to work toward, to go on to, to see finished; and, therefore, just no place to quit. How could anyone leave and miss any of the great, exciting adventure?

Then there was always the tremendous satisfaction out of even the smallest success — like finding a handful of nails in an old kaput house and presenting them, with great pleasure, to the students in the craft classes who could now put together a few more pieces of their scrap wood projects.

Or like discovering two wood lathes and a metal lathe in an old shed, and finding the right person and saying the right words to get permission to have the lathes brought to the school as the first pieces of equipment with which to start a shop class. Or successfully begging a kaput parachute from some now unknown surplus source and helping the students cut the sheer nylon material into blouses to be stenciled or block-printed or embroidered.

Or talking everyone from the sergeant to the general into giving me permission to take a group of high school boys to pillage the airplane dump for such craft goodies as scraps of leather, copper wire, plywood — anything that struck our imagination! (There was one day at the airplane dump, my imagination became very painful, I remember standing ankle deep in mud at the edge of a great heap of kaput airplanes, ripping some wire from a smashed panel and keeping an eye on the three boys at the top of the monstrous pyramid busily hacking and cutting away at the carcass of one of the planes. I remember their young faces silhouetted against the gray sky and their eager voices, "Hey look, this will finish Janet's leather guest book cover!" "Here's some plywood Harold can use for his in-lay coffee table." But, suddenly, to my eyes, that mass of twisted wreckage was no longer a marvelous source of supply for the craft and shop classes. It became in my mind what it really was, and I felt compelled to call up to the boys, "Could we say a little prayer for the guys who went down in these?" (There were tears for a moment in the boys' eyes too.)

What a lot of imagination we had in those days! And on this we survived! "There must be something we can do with this. Or this? Or this? Something useful? Creative? Instructive? There must be some place we can get wood to turn on the lathe? ... Some way to get more equipment for the shop class? ... Somewhere that we can find some decent watercolor paper? ... Some way to make a paint out of colored chalk? There must be a way, and we will find it!"

Such assurance! Never a thought but what we could, together, improve any given situation! That assurance made everything such a tremendous adventure in those early days. The exciting joyous conviction that the students and teachers and administrators together could, and were actually creating from imagination, ingenuity, boundless energy and effort, a SCHOOL! Together we were doing this! There was great joy in working toward such a goal with the students as imaginative, creative, and stubbornly determined to learn, to achieve, to build, to grow as were those students!

### Surfin' Our Websites

The Cold War gave rise to a number of U.S. military installations in France. For example, between 1950 and 1967 there were eleven major U.S. Air Force bases in the country, including the Châteauroux-Déols Air Base in central France. School for American dependent children began in a chateau there in 1952-53. By 1954-55 the school had acquired three permanent buildings, and the student enrollment had grown from 50 to 100. Like many American schools overseas, Châteauroux American High School, or Chad High, also had a dormitory for students from bases too far away for a daily commute. In the mid-1950s the school drew students from seven other bases. The photo shows Chad High as it appeared in the school's 1958 yearbook.

The school graduated its last class in the spring of 1966. More information can be found on the website at:

www.chateaurouxamericanhighschool.com.



# AOSHS Office Montage ...... Photos by Scarlett Rehrig

These photos offer a glimpse of the AOSHS Office/Archive in the historic Delano District of Wichita, Kansas. Visitors will find the large AOSHS sign over the door easy to spot among the other businesses, including several popular restaurants, on West Douglas Avenue. Once inside, there are wall displays, such as the woodcut prints, and cases of artifacts in the lobby. But the real inner sanctum is the archive itself with its shelves of neatly boxed and catalogued memorabilia.









### Las Vegas Reunion Coverage in Next Issue

The production schedule for the *Quarterly* did not permit time to cover the 21st DoDDS Reunion in Las Vegas. Look in the next issue of the *Quarterly* for full coverage of the reunion and the AOSHS general membership meeting.

## AOSHS Individual Life Membership Program – Discontinued

By...Tina Calo

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Effective August 1, 2009, the Individual Life Membership Program was discontinued. With the cost of operations continually on the rise, this seemed to be one of the economic moves to help us stay operational. Once we became life members, many of us (myself included) forgot that donations were still needed to help keep us afloat. Those of us who are life members are, of course, grandfathered in so please do not forget to send in a donation — use your birthday as a reminder, for example. For those of you who have an annual membership, please renew on time. Your renewal date is listed on the address label of the *Quarterly*. You also may pay ahead. Just be sure to indicate that on the form. Dues may be paid by check, money order, or credit card. Use the form as well to update your information. It's important to keep us informed about address changes, as the newsletter is not usually forwarded.

AOSHS welcomes new members to join using this form. Please feel free to pass it along to friends and colleagues.

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### THE AOSHS ARCHIVE DATABASE INFORMATION FORM

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## THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVE ALUMNI REGISTRATION FORM

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