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About Your New Board Members by... Donovan Walling

Winanne Murray was born in Batavia, New York, and grew up in a military family. From an early age, she realized what life was like living in a foreign country and what being a "brat" meant. Her father was in the Army and was transferred to Germany in the early 1950s. The family lived in Babenhausen and Bidingen. Her older sister and brother attended DoDDS schools on post and Winanne later followed. Other assignments followed, including Korea and Taiwan. The family didn't always go along, and so Winanne spent most of her school years in New York and Alabama.

Winanne's first teaching job was in Decatur, Georgia, where she taught second grade for five years and then decided to take a year's leave to earn a master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Auburn University. Afterward, says Winanne, "I knew I wanted to pursue a teaching position with DoDDS and relive the experience of life in a foreign country. I was hired in 1976 and sent to Buechel, Germany, where the entire school, grades 1-6, had thirty-eight students, two teachers, and a teacher-principal. Even though Buechel was considered a remote assignment, I quickly felt a sense of family with the community and my colleagues. I remember our amazement at how we could get the whole school on a Mercedes bus to go on field trips!"

After two years at Buechel she transferred to Hahn Air Base where she taught third grade. Hahn Elementary had more than 1,400 students but, like Buechel, provided another great experience—only on a much larger scale. Winanne took advantage of many travel opportunities and felt fortunate to live in

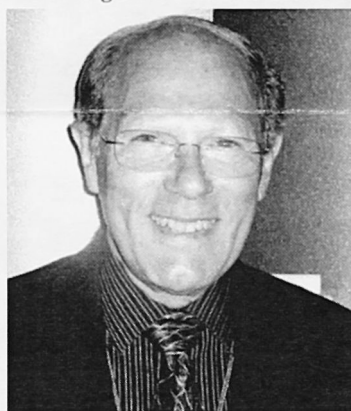


Germany, where travel arrangements could be made easily.

After only three years with DODDS, Winanne's life took a different turn, and she moved to California, where she has lived since 1979. After 30 years with the Vista Unified School District, she retired this past June and is now focused on a new phase of life, which, as she says, "will definitely include more travel!"

Comments Winanne, "When Tina asked me to consider joining the AOSHS board, I felt it a privilege and an honor! I hope to meet the expectations of serving on the AOSHS board and to work with the

other board members to achieve goals that have been set. I believe in the importance of continuing to preserve the AOSHS heritage now and in future years as well. It will be my pleasure to become a part of that process."



Tom Smith was an educator for forty-five years before retiring to an island paradise near Vancouver, British Columbia. He grew up in Portland, Oregon, and attended Lewis and Clark College, graduating with a B.Mus. degree.

Tom taught music in Portland and worked as a professional musician, which took him to many parts of the United States. Then, after receiving his M.Ed. from the University of Oregon, he and his wife of now forty-eight years, Denise, left the States to work in Europe in a traveling musical show. That trip led to a stopover in Wiesbaden, Germany, and an application to USDESEA.

Tom then spent the next sixteen years as a residence hall counselor and administrator ⇨

at Lakenheath High School, Ankara High School, Vicenza High School, and London Central High School. After receiving his Ed.D. from the University of Southern California, Tom was offered the position of deputy principal at SHAPE High School by Superintendent Tom Drysdale, later the founder of AOSHS. Subsequent principalships followed at Bermuda, Menwith Hill, and Alconbury. In addition to his DoDDS employment, Tom was active in Phi Delta Kappa International as president of three chapters and was the European representative on the PDK board of directors, as well as the member-at-large of the board. Tom is looking forward to being an active participant on the AOSHS board. ✍

Surfin' Our Websites

Several U.S. Embassy families, who wished to provide an American curriculum, English language education for their children, founded the International School of Ouagadougou in September 1976 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. For those who are unfamiliar with the country, Burkina Faso is a landlocked West African nation encompassing some 105,900 square miles. It is bordered by Mali, Niger, Benin, Togo, Ghana, and Côte d'Ivoire.



In its first year, the school was a correspondence program located in a room in the American Employees Recreation Center. The school has grown over the years and thrived with assistance from the U.S. Department of Overseas Schools, local entities, and international companies as well as parents and other concerned individuals. The school is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. For more about this fascinating school, see the website at <http://www.iso.bf/> ✍

How Do You Put a Newsletter Together?

by...Bob Van Epps

So glad you asked! ☺

Donovan (the *Quarterly* Editor) and I have become quite a team over the past many months.

He plans, assigns, begs, borrows, pleads, and gathers the many submissions, which I assume must involve beating bushes and even some AOSHS members to meet deadlines.

He then does his masterful job of proofreading, correcting, and whittling them down (or padding them), using MS Word for Windows, to fit the various column inches available. One thing I must say is: he is v e r y good at doing this and the copy he sends me is very easy to work with.

He then sends me two emails: one, with all the articles attached, another, with all the photos attached. He imbeds notes for me, suggesting formatting, and even includes the photo captions for me to use. Honestly, I couldn't ask for more!

[Special Note: you will read, at the bottom of page 5, that his term on the board is coming to an end and this means he will pass on the mantle of Editor to another interested individual. So, **P L E A S E** consider volunteering for this special project and contact Tina if you would be willing to serve as the *Quarterly* Editor!]

Once I get his emails with the submissions, I fire up my MS Word and begin pasting in each one, placing the pix and captions and adjusting for spacing.

Occasionally we will have to make more major adjustments, depending upon the amount of copy; in this edition, for example, did you notice that:

- We decided to omit two forms, usually appearing after the membership form? (*Which? The Archive Database Information & Archive Alumni Registration Forms.*)
- An article on page 4 "flows" onto page 9? (Something we don't have to do often.)

Once I've tweaked it as far as necessary, I send it to Donovan (with cc to the President) for final proofing. He returns his final critique and I make the fixes. Then I convert it to a pdf file, attach it to an email, and send it off to the printer. The Wichita office supplies the mailing labels and a few days later you're finding it in your mailbox.

...and that's how the *Quarterly* takes shape for you! ✍

"Best of Times" Sums Up Indy Reunion
by... Bill Hobbs

It was the best of times, to paraphrase Dickens. The DoDDS Reunion met with great success as more than 450 friends and colleagues from around the world descended on Indianapolis, July 30th, for the 22nd annual get-together.

Starting with the opening welcome reception on Friday, this reunion was on the fast track, to use an Indianapolis expression. "Glynn Turquand made us all feel welcome; his recollections of precious DoDDS experiences have the ability to hold anyone's attention," stated Nancy Keienburg.

Saturday's AOSHS meeting opened the day's activities, followed by a special presentation by John and Jayne Bockman, showcasing their recent Peace Corps involvement in China. "We enjoyed their presentation and seeing their photos of China. Wow, what experiences they have had," Kay Hosie noted. "In Indianapolis, it seemed like old times, walking into the hotel and seeing so many friends sitting around the tables in the bar and having a great time!"

"This year's reunion, as all the others I have attended, was a real highlight of my summer," commented AOSHS president Tina Calo. "It was an opportunity to visit with those friends there a little longer than usual. Once again I applaud the reunion committee for their labor of love and expertise. All this was apparent in another smoothly executed reunion."



AOSHS board members Kay Galloway and Tom Smith chat over a meal at the reunion.

That afternoon's slate of mini-reunions also drew heavily on the reunion attendees.

"What a great city Indianapolis turned out to be. Who knew? The mini Azorean reunion was all that I had hoped it to be. To me, that is the purpose of these reunions," said Gretchen Bain, who also celebrated a birthday during the mini-reunion sessions.

Friday evening's highlight was the Deutscher Abend, planned by Carol Mauch, which played to a sold-out, overflow, audience. "It was especially fun for those of us who had spent some time in Germany. We just sang and sang and chatted and danced and had a great time," said Danielle Abbott.

"I really enjoyed the reunion, especially the German taverna," exclaimed Betty Herakakis. "We were three busloads! The music was good, as were the costumes. Guess who won the yodeling contest? Me!" [continues ⇨]



Kay Hosie (left) received the AOSHS Volunteer of the Year award, presented by AOSHS President Tina Calo.

Special Thanks...

To Tom Ellinger, who donated more than \$600 to AOSHS—the proceeds from the sale of his book, *Around the World in 45 Years*.

More "Best of Times"...

Sunday was highlighted with the evening cocktail reception and banquet, hosted and emceed by Richard Smith. As is traditional, the Rose Memorial Ceremony presented by Alberta Brown and Tina Calo brought the evening's official activities to a close.

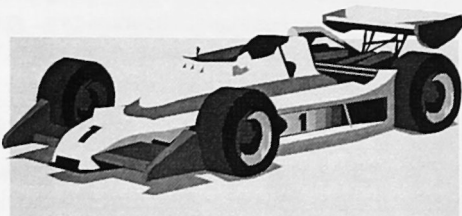


(Left to right) Les Burch, Tina Calo, and Donovan Walling were among several volunteers who worked at the AOSHS table in the hospitality room.

Concluding with the farewell breakfast on Monday morning, the bevy of reunion "cheerleaders" began to pack up and move on, vowing to meet again next year. "I think everyone had a great time," commented Arkansas traveler Mary Beth Hughes, a perennial reunion goer. "Indy is a wonderful city with much to do and see. With all of the memorials to our veterans, I heard many say how they enjoyed the history. The hotel gave us lots of room to visit and catch up on old and new times. It was fun!" ✍

To all who participated in the AOSHS raffle—

Donors and ticket-buyers: The raffle brought in more than \$600 to assist the society and historical archive. ✍



Once Upon a Time in Ankara by...Kay Galloway

Editor's note: Kay Galloway took some time at the AOSHS board's gathering in Wichita last May to interview former board member and archive volunteer, Les Burch, about his early career in DoDDS. With a little further tweaking by Les, here's the result:

It was the time to be young and strong of back.

Assigned to Ankara, Turkey, as the high school dormitory supervisor by the 3135th School Group (USAFE), Les Burch arrived in August of 1960. Little did he know when he arrived that there was no residence hall. Although the Air Force had ordered furnishings for a dormitory shortly after it was determined that one would be established, the delivery date was unknown.

Les' first task was to work with the facility engineer to find a suitable building or buildings for the students, who would be arriving from other bases in Turkey and other Middle East locations where no high schools existed. The original idea was to rent two buildings, one for the boys and one for the girls. However, this proved to be unattainable. Eventually a nearly finished seven-story apartment building was acquired across the city from the high school.

As time progressed and the date of the students' arrival neared, and with no fixtures and furniture in sight, these basics were obtained from the nearby airmen's billets. The airmen were moving furniture and bedding as late as the morning that the students arrived. Bedsheets were placed on the windows to give some privacy.

It is believed that this was the first co-ed dorm in DoDDS. In order to separate the sexes, the top three floors were set aside for the girls and the bottom three for the boys. The middle floor was for study and socialization.

Initially, six counselors were scheduled to supervise the expected 100-plus students in grades 9-12. As it happened, two positions were not filled; and one counselor, a late hire, arrived a month later. Fortunately, everyone was new to the program, and this experience was looked on as an adventure.

At the time there was neither heating nor hot water. Heating was not a problem in August in Ankara. Finally, the Turkish utilities company turned on the gas a couple days after the opening so that hot water was available.

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Message from The Board

Message from the Board by... **Chris Kyrios**

Note: Chris was appointed to fill Sunny Swentner's unexpired term on the AOSHS board of directors.

When I graduated from Karlsruhe American High School in 1975, many of us said goodbyes that were nearly permanent, a reflection of the nomadic lifestyle of the military brat. Who could have foreseen today's technology with its "tweets," social websites, and the ever-increasing ability to be connected and involved?

I was a brat—actually a DEG, USDESEA (my favorite acronym), DoDDsEur, and then just plain DoDDs brat. My father, Alexander (Al) Kyrios, began a forty-year overseas career in 1948 in Germany by arriving on a troop ship. He was among 600 other educators willing to take on the great adventure of educating military children in the shadows of a war-ravaged Europe. As a single man, my dad was sent to teach in Berlin, since the airlift had just begun, and families were being pulled out at that time. This was a good thing for me, for otherwise my father would not have met and married my mother, Gisela (Gie) Kyrios.

After becoming Berlin's first high school principal and adopting Harvard's crimson and white colors, my dad also coached every sports team. Every boy was on the roster for every team because the school only had a dozen or so boys during the airlift (the teams sat on bags of coal on every return flight from an away game!). My dad's career led him to Rochefort, France; Bremerhaven, where my sister Lisa, a future DoDDs teacher, was born; Heidelberg; and then to the DEG/USDESEA HQ in Karlsruhe, where he headed up the secondary education department and would guide the annual North Central accreditation inspections. His souvenirs from far-flung schools in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Wheelus, Libya; Spain; and the U.K., among others, still adorn my mom's home. My dad never retired. He passed away in 1988, still working for DoDDs in Wiesbaden. However his time in Germany allowed me to attend Karlsruhe schools all the way from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

Shortly after I graduated, we started having stateside reunions. Other overseas schools also recognized the special nature of our DoDDs experience and organized reunions. Add the Internet, and today every overseas school has reunions. Overseas Brats, led by Joe Condrill, has been instrumental in the reunion movement and is a big supporter, financially and otherwise, of AOSHS. Donna Musil brought us the documentary, *BRATS: Our Journey Home*, which explores the challenges and opportunities of the nomadic lives.

One thing we reunion organizers hear again and again is, "Where are my teachers?" The impact teachers had on millions of us brats is tremendous. Early on, DoDDs educators understood the global effect of this education system. Teachers, your enthusiasm and dedication provided stability and comfort, and the result was an education that exceeded what we would have gotten stateside and prepared us for the shrinking world we live in. My fellow students and I send out a huge "Thank you!" to all of our teachers and administrators.

As a "student" (53 year old!) representative on the AOSHS board, I hope to expand the interest of preserving our heritage to more former students. Reconnecting educators and students is one way to make this happen. ✍



Editor Wanted

As Donovan Walling wraps up his term of service on the AOSHS board of directors, he also will be winding down his time as editor of the *AOSHS Quarterly*. If you thrive on writing and editing and working with dedicated, interesting individuals, please consider indicating your interest in this volunteer position by contacting Tina Calo or the AOSHS office (contact information on page 11). ✍

AOSHS Connects Us to Our History

by... Jan Mohr

Going from the life of a brat to a DoDDS dollie seemed only natural. What I didn't know until many years later was that such a life would be packed with so many fantastic memories. When my father passed away last summer, the realization hit that I didn't have anyone left to ask about events in my brat life, but I was very lucky to have someone else document the events in my father's life.

Spiegel TV heard that a WWII P-47 was going to be brought up from the bottom of a lake in Austria, taken to the States to be refurbished, and flown again. The producer decided to dig into the background of the plane crash. My father was the pilot of that P-47 and was rescued by a young couple in a rowboat. He was taken to a German hospital and became the last official European POW of World War II. The date of his crash was May 8, 1945, and he was given back his gun and released as soon as the Germans heard that the war had ended.

I had never really heard all of the details about his crash until the TV crew came to visit my father and interview him for the documentary. The German film was eventually bought by National Geographic and is aired periodically on the National Geographic TV channel. It is titled "Shot Down: Search for the Lost Fighter." Watching that film makes me wonder why I didn't ask more questions about my parents' lives and at least write some of it down. Our daily events and trips are obviously not documented on tape but survive through memory, photos, and those endless boxes of slides.



Jan's father, First Lieutenant Henry G. Mohr, Jr., on the wing of his P-47.



Jan and her father at base housing at Itakuzke, Japan, in 1949.



Jan's mother and father, sisters Nancy and Pamela, and Jan (in glasses) getting ready to board the S.S. United States to return to the States in 1955 after three years in England.

We may not think that our past experiences are of any historic value, but it takes only one DoDDS reunion and hearing all the stories being told to realize that our educators have been involved in some of the most significant events that have shaped the world's history.

Next summer when you are at the DoDDS reunion in Orlando, stop by the AOSHS table and sign up for a taping session of your memories. The AOSHS archives are where our history is kept. ✍

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 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 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)

There are no first announcements for this newsletter.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Shurtleff

..... February 1940 - February 1, 2010

John was born in Concord, New Hampshire, and received his BA in education from Keene State College. Other degrees include a master's (1968) and a doctorate (1973) from the University of Southern California.

In 1965 John started teaching with DoDDS in the Azores and later transferred to Germany, where he was a teacher, an administrator, and a labor-management relations consultant.

Following retirement from DoDDS in 1992, he served as a senior lecturer at the University of Kiev, Ukraine, in the area of

constitutional law reform. He worked as a contractor to the U.S. Army in Sarajevo on five occasions, Kosovo twice, one tour in Saudi Arabia, and two tours in Afghanistan.

John lost his battle with cancer on February 1, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Heidemarie Degen Shurtleff, their two daughters, and a granddaughter.

Doris 'Dode' Thorson

..... 1935 - May 13, 2010

Dode grew up in Spring Grove, Minnesota, where she attended grades K-12. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1958 with a BS in education and earned her MA in education from Michigan State University in 1973.

In the fall of 1960 she went to the Azores, beginning her wonderful 32-year career with DoDDS. She also taught in Newfoundland, Korea, Okinawa, and at several sites in Germany before entering administration. Dode was

instrumental in formulating the Middle School Academy workshops in DoDDS-Germany.

In 1992 she retired as principal of Giessen Middle School and moved to Sun City West, Arizona. Dode joined the board of AOSHS in 2002 and served as secretary for three years. She was an active, vibrant woman throughout her career and into retirement. She loved to entertain and did it graciously and with flair. Dode passed away on May 13, 2010, from complications following surgery.

Shirley Eben

.....June 24, 1928 - February 14, 2010

Shirley went to school in Ohio and graduated from Ohio University. She taught in San Jose, California, before joining DoDDS. Her overseas teaching assignments included Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, and Woodbridge, England. She passed away in Ipswich, England, and is buried in Dayton, Ohio.

Fred Nakagawa

.....1920 - December 5, 2008

Fred Nakagawa, a career educator with the DOD schools, died on December 5, 2008, in his native city of Seattle, Washington. He was 88 years old.

Fred began his DoDDS assignment in 1962 at Heidelberg, Germany. After two years he transferred to Japan, where he taught for 24 years. He was based in the Tokyo area and taught at Grant Heights, Tachikawa, and Yokota.

Fred was fluent in Japanese, which he learned as a child. Consequently, his extensive experiences, acquired during his years with the DOD schools, produced a rare understanding of the complex Japanese culture. Fred generously provided translations and shared these many experiences with students, parents, and countless fellow teachers. In addition, he was an activist in his long support of teachers' rights and the advancement of minority rights.

While teaching in Japan, Fred developed an innovative math program for his students by introducing the soroban (abacus), which was commonly used in Japanese schools. He received the distinction of being the first foreign teacher certified by a prestigious Japanese soroban organization. Fred's leisure time included not only travel and helping his many friends but also building model airplanes, sumo, and opera.

In 1988 Fred retired in Seattle, Washington to be near his extensive family.

Lenora Nagel

.....September 6, 1930 - February 21, 2010

Lenora was born in Lawton, North Dakota, to August and Augusta Nagel, the fourth of their four children. She spent several years in the Women's Air Corps, stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi. She graduated from Mayville State Teachers College in 1960 with a degree in elementary education and taught in North Dakota until joining DoDDS in 1961. She taught elementary grades and, after receiving a MA in special education from the University of North Dakota in 1973, also worked with LD students in the elementary grades.

During her 29-year career with DoDDS she taught in France, Germany, Iceland, England, Bermuda, Cuba, Japan, and Okinawa. She enjoyed each of the countries and traveled extensively, learning about the people and their cultures.

Lenora retired to Tampa to be close to her remaining family — but not to sit in a rocking chair. She became very active with several groups, including the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, Manhattan Avenue United Methodist Church in Tampa, and her Winward Lakes community. She maintained friendships with people with whom she had worked and with children she had taught.

Her mission was to touch hearts, and she did that.

JoAnne Gallagher Mitchell

.....1943 - 2010

JoAnne joined DoDDS in 1967 and retired in 1997. She worked as an elementary teacher, a reading improvement specialist, and a secondary drama instructor. Her assignments were in Turkey, England, Okinawa, Germany, and for the last 17 years of her DoDDS career, in Panama.

Theater was JoAnne's passion, both as a performer and as a director. She often was given awards for both. She was certified as a theater director through courses taken at Yale University Drama School and in recent years directed shows as the Henegar Center for the Arts in Florida. Just prior to her death, she directed shows at the Vicenza Army Base in Italy, where her husband Jerry Brees is assigned as entertainment director. Together JoAnne and Jerry produced, directed, staged, choreographed, and designed well over 200 shows in their life and theater partnership.

To know JoAnne was to love her. She leaves a void in the theater world and in the lives of many. ☹

NO RECENTLY CLOSED FUNDS

Time Capsule

As a rule, the *AOSHS Quarterly* does not publish obituaries. Frankly, they would overwhelm our limited number of pages. But every now and then, someone merits special remembrance.

Virginia Caldwell Roberts (May 31, 1909, to July 8, 2010) is just such an individual. A lifelong resident (at least off and on) of San Diego, Virginia was born there and went to school there, including attending San Diego State University, where she earned a B.A. in education. She taught for two years in Japan shortly after World War II and later at the American school in Germany for two years. But what is truly distinctive is that Virginia was aboard the *SS Athenia* in 1939, when it was torpedoed by Nazi Germany and sank. She was on the last lifeboat to leave the ship. We suspect that this was probably a defining moment in her long life. ☹

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

Memories...Selected by Joan Oak

Jewel Cabana's career in government service began in 1941, when she was hired to work for the Navy Department in various positions, until 1956, when she was transferred to Washington, D.C. There she worked for the U.S. Air Force Overseas Dependents Schools Office, recruiting, selecting, and assigning teachers to teach the children of our military serving at overseas military bases located around the world. Later, all branches of the military merged their recruitment offices and became known as the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS). Jewel's work with DoDDS concluded with her retirement in 1974. In the 1990s she wrote an account for Memories, from which this excerpt is taken.

There were many memorable events that occurred during my tenure (1956-1974). One event that I can remember vividly happened in 1969 during the inauguration ceremonies in Washington, D.C., for our 37th President, Richard Milhous Nixon. Our office received a telephone call from the White House requesting an interview for Maureen Nixon, the niece of President Nixon, for an overseas teaching position. She arrived accompanied by two Secret Service Officers who stood guard outside my office while I interviewed Miss Nixon.

I was very apprehensive because I was certain she would expect preferential treatment, would insist on being assigned to a specific country, or possibly ask for waiver of qualifications, etc. I knew that under no circumstances would I ever approve of any exceptions or waiver of qualifications to anyone. I was always determined to select the very best qualified and devoted teachers to teach the children of our military men who were serving our country. I even visualized that this interview could result in the end of my long career with the U.S. Federal Government, if I had to tell the niece of a U.S. President that she did not meet the qualification requirements.

Miss Nixon came into my office and seated herself at my desk, introduced herself, and then she said, "Mrs. Cabana, I am a special education teacher in California, but I would like to teach overseas. I will go to any country, or anywhere I am needed."

Miss Nixon was very pleasant, humble, and sincere. She expressed real happiness when I offered her a special education teaching position in Okinawa. I advised her that she would receive an official letter by mail confirming the teaching assignment to Okinawa. Also, that she would be processed for the overseas assignment by the Overseas Personnel Office at Travis

Air Force Base, Fairfield, California, located near where she lived.

Several weeks later she went to Travis AFB for processing, and was sent to a Medical doctor for a physical examination. Sadly, the doctor discovered that Miss Nixon had a very serious heart problem, and she was disqualified for overseas duty. She was so grateful to the doctor for finding her heart problem. This was shocking news because several other family doctors had never diagnosed her serious heart problems.

About a year later, I read in the newspaper that Maureen Nixon married in California. This was the last news I ever had as to her whereabouts or how she was coping with her heart problem. ✍



Once Upon a Time in Ankara...continues from P. 4

The students walked four blocks to the airmen's mess to have their meals, much to the delight of the young airmen who had attractive high school girls eating alongside them.

Despite the difficulties in getting the year started, the students and staff adjusted well. Only three students couldn't adjust to this environment and returned home. The furniture finally arrived in late November.

Les was authorized to hire local nationals to supervise as night staff, which was a big help. In fact, one incident was very capably handled by a Turkish grandmother, who was the monitor at the time. The embarrassed ninth-grade offender pleaded not to have his parents notified.

During the year, various trips were planned on long weekends. The dorm students attended all after-school high school functions and were invited to local American homes during weekends and evening hours. One trip of note was on a long weekend, in the spring of 1961, to Cappadocia, where the students camped out in caves in the Göreme Valley that had been homes and churches for early Christians in the second and third centuries. Today it is a protected World Heritage Site visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world. In 1961, Ankara High School dorm students were the only visitors present, and there was no concern about protecting this unique spot. ✍

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.]

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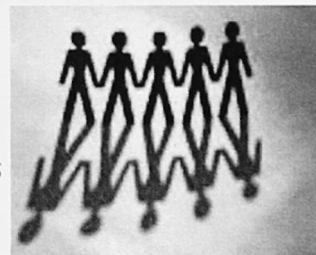
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