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So Where Do We Go from Here? By Tina Calo

It has been most interesting and exciting since the last DoDDS Reunion and AOSHS Membership meeting: a few steps back but many steps forward. New ideas and new looks along with new associates working in the office have brought many changes already with many possible changes on the horizon. A look back and a look forward... How did we get to this point? How did Wichita become our AOSHS Headquarters over the years?

In 2001 AOSHS acquired land in Wichita. Our annual get-together was held there, and with the help of the city we held a ceremony on our land with the vision of a museum and archives being built on that spot. That never happened.

The 9-11 tragedy curtailed our quest for financial help from celebrated DoDDS students and advocates and eventually the project was scrapped. Setback #1. In the spring of 2004, we opened our first office in a rented facility in West Wichita in the same building where the relative of a Brat had his medical office.

That fall AOSHS decided to look for a building to purchase, and in the spring of 2005 bought the building on Douglas in the heart of the DeLano district near the river. The ribbon-cutting for the current office/archives took place in April 2005. Progress was slow, and we started working on raising funds, increasing membership, and getting our mission statement out in the public eye.



The next bit of excitement was working with Wichita to acquire space in a library to be built in the next couple of years. The library didn't happen, so our room for books and memorabilia did not happen. Another disappointment.

Again, things were quiet for a few years. This year we had another big set back in the office as we discussed in the last Quarterly, but from that we have taken a couple of leaps forward. We are now cautiously optimistic that we WILL find a home for our bricks and pavers, and we will find library/memorabilia space somewhere.

Getting started in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is a Military Family Museum (www.museumoftheamericanmilitaryfamily.org). The Director is our own Brat, Circe Olson Woessner, co-editor of the Quarterly with her father, Allen Dale Olson. Some of the Board stopped in Albuquerque to check out possible sites and to discuss the possibility of teaming up with the Military Family Museum in some way. Both building space and a memorial site were explored.

Another possibility that has come our way through the efforts of Board Members is to team up with the Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Again, optimism is high that one of these sites will become a home for bricks, pavers, and a display area for books and some memorabilia.

At this point, we want to keep our present Headquarters active because we have teamed up with Wichita State University and the Museum of World Treasures; and we now have volunteers who are well versed in archival development. We are moving forward. Look for updates in the next Quarterly.



Message from The Board

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Tina Calo

As part of our renewed emphasis on communication with members, we will try to give you updates on our meetings as well as what is happening with our members around the world. If you have interesting news/events to share, please send them to us, along with a picture if one is available.

Message from the President-

Greetings to you from your very hard-working board! One of the statements I used to hear from both the military and the DoDDS community is "When we work, we work hard, and when we play, we play just as hard!" Well, I'm here to tell you your board is still at the "working hard" stage with the following accomplishments and projects pending:

In the last Quarterly we talked about finding a home for our bricks and pavers, and looking at possible places to open a library room and/or a mini museum with the possibility of expanding our traveling exhibits. We continue to work on that.

Many AOSHS members don't know that memorabilia can be signed out for a reunion, a meeting, or a special display. We have a form to fill out and the cost of delivery and return is on the group who makes the request.

The fall board meeting in Wichita was quite upbeat for many different reasons. First, this is the first time in many years that all nine board members were present. Some had not been to Wichita, so that gave us all a chance to explore the archives to see the treasures we have received. We became better acquainted with our new staff, Iain Woessner and Ron Harrison. It was a bonus that they could join us for dinner while we were there.

During our brainstorming sessions, we decided to establish a connection with the university to see about student volunteers. Board members Evelyn Bauer and Lani Allison-Donoho went out to the university, made the necessary contacts, and returned with high hopes of interns and classes for Iain so he can learn more about the whole process of archiving and recording our memorabilia for history and research.

We also checked out our loaned items to the Museum of National Treasures. (The Berlin Wall section and the suit of armor.)

We are updating our cataloging system, as well as the building storage areas. New lights have changed the whole look and treasures hidden away for years are reappearing to the amazement of all. (Iain has said the electricians found a boat on the very top shelf in the back room!)

It's been a wonderful year for all of us!

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE—Here at the AOSHS Archives we have over 400 duplicate yearbooks, dating back to the late 50's and spanning the ages all the way up to the current day. We have a wide assortment of books from schools and bases like Augsburg, Wiesbaden, Kadena, Yokohama, Izmir—all over Europe, Japan and the Middle East. Duplicates come at the flat rate of \$50, and only while we retain a supply. If you'd like to bring home a preserved piece of history, reminisce over school days past, or just take in the sights and smells of history, come visit the AOSHS Archives in Wichita, Kansas, or call us for more information at (316) 265-6837



Ich habe mein Herz in Heidelberg Verloren

By Allen Dale Olson

According to a *Starts and Stripes* story in September, the Army by next fall will be closing all its activities and services in the Heidelberg and Mannheim, Germany, military communities, including all the schools. This is a year earlier than had been previously announced. Heidelberg High School is the last survivor of the original five high schools to open in Europe on October 14, 1946.

The article quoted U.S. Army Baden-Wuerttemberg Commander Colonel Bryan DeCoster as saying by the end of September, 2013, the post exchanges, commissaries, banks, and base housing areas will be closed. The decision was made because the garrison no longer could provide acceptable services to a "dwindling population." Some warehouses, a jail, and a security center in Mannheim will remain open until newer facilities can be found. Colonel DeCoster said some 18,000 troops, civilians, and their families will be moving to Wiesbaden, Kaiserslautern, and Baumholder, all in Germany.

Names like Patrick Henry, Mark Twain, and Ben Franklin for schools and housing areas will soon become only memories in Heidelberg and Mannheim. The *Stripes* article indicated that the schools would remain open till the end of the school year but that families should start their moving plans for "next spring."

The closures are a part of the Army's downsizing in Europe.

A great many DoD teachers and students have lost their hearts in Heidelberg as have a great many Mannheimers in their love of the Rhine-Neckar Region and the nearby royal tombs in Speyer

Something to Think About...

Remember we went to school in the only school system that's had schools closed by Charles de Gaulle, Ho Chi Minh, the Ayatollah Khomeini, Muammar Qadafy, and Mount Pinatubo. Dear old Podunk High just isn't in our league.

- Bob Richmond, Kaiserslautern '55, Maryville TN.

Blue Ribbons and Academic Excellence

Two Defense Department schools in Europe have been named 2012 National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education. Boeblingen Elementary/Middle School in Boeblingen and SHAPE Elementary School in Mons, Belgium, received the honor for overall academic excellence, Department of Defense Education Activity officials said in a news release Monday. Also given the honor for overall academic excellence was DODEA's Charles Turner Joy Elementary/Middle School in Chinhae, South Korea.

Cathedral.

News From the Back of the Archives

By Iain Woessner, AOSHS Office Manager

It's been an exciting time for us here at the AOSHS Archives. Wichita is cooling down and turning grey, and while our old building weathers the wind and the rain and the frosty air outside, inside things are heating up quite considerably. We've brought in two volunteers working three days a week between them, and both have been very passionate about keeping our lovely archives sailing smoothly.

The first of these is Anna Redinger, a student of history who currently works at the Wichita Museum of World Treasures. The second is Jessica Dunn, a full-time student currently working on her master's thesis. Both have a history of working in archives or around historical artifacts and both have proven invaluable in assisting me in keeping this place shipshape!

We've spoken to Dr. Jay Price, one of the heads of the history department at the local Wichita State University. In the future, we may be opening our doors to his graduate students to have them help organize and maintain our items as a means to acquiring their master's degree, but for the moment, we're just getting to know each other.

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Correction: In the last Quarterly we misidentified Joseph Steffen in the picture of him holding a Habu snake. Sorry Joe!

I'll be starting classes at WSU soon to augment my archival skills, so no doubt Dr. Price and I will have plenty of opportunities to speak in the future.

We're hard at work ensuring your AOSHS Archives is well cared for. Please support us on Facebook or through donations, either monetary or historical. We're always keen to take new items, as well as sell any number of our myriad duplicate yearbooks from around the world.

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE FOR THE QUARTERLY:

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Ruby Pearl's Flag

by Bob Uhrig

I met Ruby Pearl Anderson on the day Neil Armstrong walked on the moon...July 20, 1969. Three of us had transferred from Yakota, Hamura Annex, in Japan, and arrived in time to watch the Moon Walk on German black and white TV. While our orders to other locations were still valid when we arrived, Teacher Reception Hosts told us the orders had been changed and we would be working in Frankfurt.

Ruby Pearl Anderson, Principal of the Atterberry School, Frankfurt #2, picked us up at Rhein Main, and proceeded to take us to HER SCHOOL. It seems that Ruby Pearl had taken charge. Dr. Joe Blackstead, Superintendent in Japan, and Ms. Anderson had collaborated to bring Mary Jo Lohman and Kathleen Born and me, because we had been "cooperatively teaching" with three 4th grade classes during the previous school year at Hamura, and she saw us as an answer to one of her biggest problems that year.

The Atterberry School had an enrollment way over capacity for SY 1969-70, so she determined we would take the 4th grade students she had no room for in the main building. She was very gracious and open with

us; she did not know where we would teach, but we still had a few days before students showed up on the playground, and, in her eternal optimistic fashion, proceeded to negotiate with the military for space.

Eventually, it was the Chaplains of 3rd Army Division who offered space. They gave us the Atterberry Chapel for our classroom. On Sunday before the first day of school, we went to chapel services in that building and on the next day, we moved into the main sanctuary with our 90+ fourth grade students. Thank goodness there were no field exercises scheduled for that Sunday afternoon, because a large number of soldiers from Edwards Kaserne were available to move pews and altar furniture out and move 100 student desks and chairs into the space.

On Monday morning, we realized we didn't have an American flag. I went to see Ms. A. early that morning, asking for one so we could have the pledge. She was just a little flustered, but turned to a cupboard in her office and produced a flag.

For some reason, I opened the flag, and found it to be a 48 star flag. I said, "Ms. Anderson, this is not the correct flag--we need one with 50 stars." She said, "See...it is red, white, and blue...just hang it up and say the pledge and sing the song. No one will know the difference!"

By the start of SY 1970-71, Ruby had secured portable buildings for us to use. After a year in the Chapel, not only were we delighted to be closer to the main building, but we also had more than one toilet. I moved into my portable space, and again, put the 48 star flag up since I didn't find a newer flag in supply.

Ruby's flag served us proudly until one day in the spring semester, a young dental assistant visited to give the students fluoride treatments. When she left, she said, "Do you realize that is an inappropriate flag?" I told her that was My Commander's Flag, and I would have it in my classroom until she told me it was inappropriate. I always used that flag in my classroom while assigned to Frankfurt #2. When I left that school, Ruby's Flag traveled with me to all my assignments from 1969-2000.

Ruby's Flag has been forwarded to the AOSHS Archives.

EVER ASK YOURSELF IF YOU

MADE A DIFFERENCE?

Karlsruhe HS and Nurnberg HS alum Barbara Dunnam, class of 1984, remembers her teacher, Mr. Gerald Sadowski. She took his classes in 1978-1979 at KAHS.



I often think of Mr. Ski. I was one of very few girls at the time that took his drafting classes. I loved those classes. A few years later I was in school in Brooklyn at the end of my Sophomore year. They did not have any electives really open. The counselor said, "I am sorry but we will have to put you in advanced drafting. The teacher is used to getting overflow".

I told the counselor I had taken drafting in the 7th and 8th grade, and she looked at me like I was nuts. She said something like, "You took that willingly?" Then she rolled her eyes and handed me my schedule.

It turned out to be the only class at FDR in Brooklyn I actually attended on any regular basis. By my Junior year I was safely in Nurnberg and back among my own kind. Thanks, Mr. Ski, for not treating girls like we were imbeciles. Among the many things I learned from you was that pink paper can be thrown long distances, pencils come in more than number 2, and drawing something to scale does not have to be hard; just use the [darn] ruler!

FAMOUS BRATS NEWS

Julianne Moore Submitted by Bill Hobbs

Julianne Moore, daughter of an Army judge and 1979 graduate of Frankfurt (Germany) High School, has won an Emmy for Best Actress in a Miniseries and in the movie "Game Change." She has also won widespread acclaim for her portrayal this year of Sara Palin. Earlier in her career, she received nominations from both the Motion Picture Academy and Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress.

Amy Adams Submitted by Gail Butler Newchurch

Another Academy Award and Golden Globe nominee (three times each) is Army Brat Amy Adams, Vicenza, Italy. Among her roles was that of writer Julie Powell in "Julie and Julia" with Meryl Streep. Amy told David Letterman she named her daughter Aviano (Italy) for the town in which she was born.

Note to readers: News reports about the Famous Brats Section should be sent to Richard Smith at aoshsoffice@sbglobal.net for the files, verification, and formatting.

New Appointments in Europe

DoD Director-Europe, Nancy Bresell, has announced two leadership appointments: Dr. Terry Greene is the new Europe Deputy Director for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment; Steven Sanchez is the new Superintendent for the Heidelberg District.

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]

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

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

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Aucker May 13, 1922 - January 5, 2010

Ruth received her BA in political science in 1944 and an MA in Education and English in 1960 from the University of Iowa. Ruth started with DoDDS in 1954 as a dorm counselor at Kaiserslautern HS in Germany. After a year in the dorm, she taught English at the high school. In 1964, she transferred to Orleans HS, then to Lakenheath HS, Seoul HS, and E. J. King HS in Sasebo, Japan. She finished her 36-year career with DoDDS at Zama HS, Japan and retired to Florida.

Lloyd Johnson April 12, 1928 - February 25, 2012

Lloyd grew up in Buxton, ND and attended Mayville State Teachers' College, North Dakota, where he graduated in 1954 with a degree in Education. During the Korean Conflict, Lloyd enlisted in the U. S. Army where he served as a personnel

clerk and was stationed in Tokyo, Japan, for most of his military service. After his return from the military, Lloyd resumed his teaching career and in 1958, entered the overseas teaching program working as an educator of the U.S. Department of Defense. For the next 33 years, he taught 4 - 6th grade in Morocco, the Philippines, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Turkey, Ethiopia and Korea.

In 1991, he returned stateside to Scottsdale, AZ. It was at this time Lloyd began what would become another exciting and enjoyable career. He accepted a position with Special Services connected with athletic and entertainment events at venues in downtown Phoenix. Such events included ushering for the Phoenix Suns, The Arizona Diamond Backs, The Phoenix Coyotes, The Road Runners Arena Football, The Mercury Women's basketball, major league wrestling and numerous entertainment happenings - such as national ice shows, circuses, conferences, major international and national touring artists and attractions. During the next 16 years, Lloyd provided ushering services at over 5000 Phoenix events.

Lloyd returned to his home state of North Dakota on February 2, 2012 where he settled into the community of Wheatland Terraces.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ross Smith 1930 – 2011

Ross was born and raised in Ohio. He received a BS in Business Administration from Bowling Green in 1956, another BS in Elementary Education from Macalaster College in 1960, and an MS in Education from the University of Toledo in 1968.

In 1962 Ross joined DoDDs and taught 6th grade in Hanau, Germany. After two years, he transferred to Japan and taught at Johnson Elementary for the next four years. In 1971, he again went to Germany, teaching one year at Mannheim, six years at Grafenwohr, and two years at Prum. After fifteen years with DoDDS, he left to return to the states in 1980.

Outside the school arena, Ross was an avid cyclist. He biked all through Europe and covered the length of Japan during his assignments in each locale.

Ross retired in Minnesota where he lived until his death.

Carol Johnson, 1938 - March 1, 2012

Carol graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 1960 with a BA in Education, Fine Arts, Art, Social Studies and Professional Studies. After teaching 3 years in Tacoma, WA, she joined DoDDS and spent three years teaching in Okinawa, Japan, and Germany.

She returned to Washington State, where she taught for two years, then rejoined DoDDS. She taught for eight years in Germany and England. She took a short leave to earn her MA in Art from the University of Washington in 1976. She returned to England and spent 17 years as a full time art teacher at Woodbridge Elementary School. She then moved

to Feltwell Elementary School where she taught 5th grade until her retirement in 1995.

Carol retired to her beloved Chinook, WA, in 1995. She was active in the Friends of Chinook School, the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, the Peninsula Arts Association, and Chinook Evangelical Lutheran Church. She passed away on March 1, 2012.

Robert Van Epps October 4, 1947 - April 24, 2012
Bob spent much of his first 40 years in the general vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio (his birthplace) as a student and educator. He attended Mariemont High School, Miami University gaining a BA degree in Latin and Greek in 1969, and the University of Cincinnati where he earned an MEd. in Educational Administration in 1976. As an educator in Ohio, he served at 4 different locations, as a teacher of Latin and German, elementary school principal, and assistant superintendent. During this period of his life he married his favorite librarian, Sharyn Goldbach, in 1968.

In 1972, they traveled to West Berlin where Bob worked as a mathematics teacher and assistant principal at the John F. Kennedy School until 1975. From there he went to Bamberg ES as a teacher and Bindlach ES as principal. In 1990, he became Special Projects Administrator in the Med regional office in Spain, the IT Chief in Italy and Germany, and Deputy IT Chief in Washington D. C.

After being diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2002 and taking medical retirement from DoDEA, he volunteered to serve as publisher of the AOSHS Newsletter, a position he held until his death in April.

RECENTLY CLOSED FUNDS

Robert Ricci

Brick

Raymond Moser

Brick

Barbara Burke-Wyrick

Ceramic Paver

Georgia Burgess

Granite Paver

Friends For Life *by Joan Frey*

Those of us who have been DODDS educators have a kinship that is truly family. In 2011, when I, a former DODDS teacher, who began teaching in 1956, could not locate Joellen Atkins in Oklahoma City, I prevailed upon George Wilson, my former 1956-57 Burtonwood High School sophomore student. All I knew was that Joellen had gone to another assisted living facility.

George, Ruth Chandler (a former Darmstadt mother in the 1970s), and I had visited Joellen after the St. Louis DODDS reunion in July, 2004. George brought his Burtonwood annuals, as both Joellen and I had taught at Burtonwood in the late 1950s, but different years.



l. to r. - Barbara Elter and Jo Ellen Atkins

l. to r. - George Wilson, Joan Frey and Jo Ellen Atkins (seated)

Because George had been to the assisted living complex and was a good photographer, they trusted him to record their meeting. George explains that they are five DODDS friends who really care about each other. In September, 2012, Barbara Elter, a former music coordinator in Germany (now living in Oklahoma City,) visited with 93-year-old Joellen Atkins to share memories of DODDS, Wiesbaden and a few places in between

October 14, 2012 marked the 66th anniversary of the very first day of classes in the European Dependents Schools -- October 14, 1946!

Since October 14, 1946, there have been American schools on U.S. military installations in Germany. At one time, the European Defense Department Dependents Schools was one of the largest American school systems with an enrollment equivalent to that of the public schools in St. Louis.

For almost 50 years, one of those American school communities was in Munich. Like many of the other communities, the Munich Army community had an elementary school and a high school. Unlike the other communities, it also had a two-year university program which served graduates of all the dependents schools in Europe. It also had an AFN radio station and a *Stars and Stripes* bureau. The Munich military and school community was a very large American presence in a very desirable part of the city.

When the Americans withdrew in 1992, they left behind not only their schools and their housing areas, they left a church, a hospital, several movie theaters, a football stadium, a shopping center, and a lot of support facilities such as warehouses, motor pools, and office buildings.

As the city and state agencies, civil and private, began to move in, it became evident that both the surrounding German community and the American community knew very little about one another. Last October, the *Freunde Giesings e.V.*, led by its president, Dr. Karin Pohl, opened an exhibit in the *Giesinger Kulturzentrum*, aimed at closing the "gap in the city's memory," as she put it.

The exhibit reminded the people of Munich of the city's "American era." Pohl said that Germans knew they "owed a lot to the Americans: they fought the Nazis, liberated the concentration camps, guided the way to democracy, and stayed as protectors during the Cold War. But we really knew very little about how they lived their lives in Munich."

The exhibit featured photos showing daily life in places like McGraw Kaserne, Perlacher Forst, and in the schools and university. Exhibits dealt with questions such as "How did they live here?" "Where did they work?" "What was the role of the Kaserne during the Occupation and after?" "What was Munich's position with the Army both during the Occupation in the U.S. Zone and later in West Germany?"

There was a special showing of a documentary film on the tragic plane crash of December 17, 1960, which took the lives of 13 U of M students, seven American crew, and 32 German civilians on the ground.

There was a re-enactment of the AFN radio station, to include music and announcements of the time. There were readings from Mary Lou Darst's book about growing up military and a showing of Donna Musil's film "BRATS: Our Journey Home." The new U.S. Consul-General, Bill Moeller, helped open the exhibit and interacted with attendees throughout the first day.



The exhibit ran for three weeks and attracted many Americans as well as Germans. Dr. Pohl was impressed by and appreciative of the number of former University of Maryland students and DoD teachers who provided materials and ideas for the exhibit, especially to former U of M students Tom Thaw for his connections and for the suggestions of the Executive Director of the Museum of the American Military Family, Dr. Circe OlsonWoessner.

"Munich's American Era, 1945 – 1992" was housed in the historical *Giesinger Bahnhof*, today a Munich cultural center. For more info, contact Dr. Pohl at Karin_pohl@hotmail.com.



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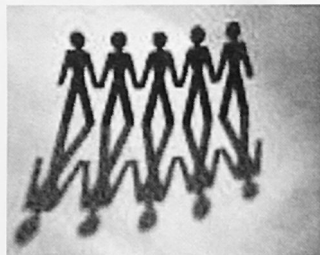
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- 1) the strong support of the membership is absolutely essential and must be recognized;
- 2) that although the Society greatly appreciates and recognizes all donations and gifts, it will neither recommend nor encourage its members to obtain the services or products of any company; and,
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