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THE AOSHS QUARTERLY

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Donations to help preserve the American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA) for posterity and historical research are appreciated.

Readers are encouraged to submit short, factual articles of human interest regarding their experiences overseas. Articles printed may or may not reflect the opinions of the AOSHS.

The AOSHS exists mainly for the preservation of
The American Overseas



The
**AOSHS
QUARTERLY**

*A Journal for All Past and Present American
Overseas Schools Personnel, Students, and Families*



We are pleased to announce that The Historical Society had 524 members on May 1, 1997, a balance of \$6,857.00 in the Luke Federal Credit Union, and no outstanding debts. This reflects a steady growth since the society was incorporated nonprofit on July 20, 1995. Much of the credit goes to the society's seventeen regional representatives.

In this issue we officially announce The Second Annual Membership Meeting, and a Luncheon Meeting of the Board of Directors/Regional Representatives, in San Antonio, July 9, 1997. There will also be a special Luncheon Meeting for Arizona members on the same day, to elect or re-elect the 2nd Vice President for The Historical Society.

Patricia Lambe, Communications Officer, DoDEA, will show two videos during the second half of the membership meeting. The videos will be First Lady **Hillary Clinton's** congratulatory message to DoDDS, and the DoDDS 50th Anniversary Celebration Ms. Lambe produced, narrated and edited, using photographs from The Archives. Both of these videos were shown during the DoDDS 50th Anniversary Celebration at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. last August. They were a big hit, especially Pat's production, and have been in great demand.

We also report on a joint educator/alumni plan of action for an American Overseas Schools Historical Park; a great cultural and educational opportunity for a teacher; an Archives Workshop; and two historically significant collections in The Archives, donated by **Donna Gillis** and **Katherine Egolf**.

We end this edition with Reunion News, reporting the latest information regarding DoDDS IX Reunion in San Antonio next July; **Joe Condrill's** Overseas Brats Gathering in Covington, KY next October; quarterly meetings of "old DoDDS types" in the State of Washington; and a Commemorative Reunion for Americans in Chateauroux, France next September.

We anticipate a joyful and rewarding reunion in San Antonio and invite all members, and non-members alike, to attend The AOSHS Second Annual Membership Meeting during that time.



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AOSHS 1996 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Dues and donations from date
incorporation on 7/20/95 to the
end of fiscal year 12/31/96 \$ 7,770.00

Luke FCU checking and savings
accounts balance 12/31/96 4,001.00
\$ 3,769.00

EXPENSES

Incorporation, Nonprofit. State of
Arizona Corporation Commission \$ 349.00

Legal fees 1,000.00

IRS application and recognition as
a 501(c)(3) organization 465.00

Accounting fees 300.00

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Post Office Box 87.00

Telephone and E-mail 208.00

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\$ 3,769.00

CASH ON HAND 12/31/96

Luke FCU AOSHS Savings Account # 126289-00 \$ 3,982.00

Luke FCU AOSHS Checking Account # 126289-09 19.00

Luke FCU AOSHS Building Fund # 130903-00* 1,348.00

*Donations by overseas schools alumni at
Grand Reunion '96 in Washington, D.C. on
8/03/96 and Overseas Brats Gathering in
Breckenridge, CO on 10/20/96 \$ 1,367.00

ASSETS

Current Assets 12/31/96:

Cash \$ 5,349.00

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities 12/31/96: None

AOSHS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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**THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1997 ANNUAL MEETINGS**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 1997 - 9:00 -11:00 AM

THE MENDER HOTEL BALLROOM
204 ALAMO PLAZA
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

AGENDA

9:00 a.m.

- I. GENERAL MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
- II. CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM
- III. REPORT FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND RATIFICATION OF 1996 ACTIONS BY THE MEMBERSHIP
- IV. THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS AND ALUMNI HISTORICAL PARK PROJECT
 - A. Update
 - B. Plan of Action
- V. OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS
 - A. Questions and Answers
 - B. Discussion and selection of next location for DoDDS X Reunion.

10:00 a.m.

- VI. VIDEO PRESENTATIONS
 - Patricia Lambe, Communications Officer DoDEA
 - A. First Lady Hillary Clinton
 - B. DoDDS 50th Anniversary

11:00 a.m.

- VII. ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

12:00 Noon

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCHEON MEETING

- Review of 1996
- Plans for 1997

ARIZONA MEMBERS LUNCHEON MEETING


Nominations for AOSHS 2nd Vice President, beginning 1/1/98. Incumbent: A. Lucille Hansen

- Write-in Nominations
- Nominations from the Floor
- Introduction of Candidates
- Voting

ATTENTION ARIZONA MEMBERS

During the First Annual Meetings of the Board of Trustees and Members in Washington, D.C. on August 3, 1996, the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer were elected to serve three, two, one and three year terms respectively, beginning January 1, 1997. This action was in compliance with Article Four, Section 1, of the By-Laws: Thereafter each elected officer will serve for a term of three years, and must reside in the State in which the Archives are physically located.

This announcement is official notice to all members who reside in the State of Arizona, that the 2nd Vice President, A. Lucille Hansen, whose term of office will end on December 31, 1997, will run for reelection at the next Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees and Members in San Antonio, TX during the DoDDS IX REUNION July 7-10, 1997.

Those members in Arizona wishing to nominate another Arizona member to run for 2nd Vice President of the Society for the term of January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2000, should submit the nominee's name and a concise biography to the Board of Directors as soon as possible, for proper introduction at the annual meeting. Nominations from the floor during the annual meeting will also be accepted. 



THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL PARK AND MEMORIAL

The Final Draft of A VISION

The origin, evolution and development of American education abroad during the 19th and 20th Centuries, is a remarkable human and educational success story. It is a rich heritage of which coming generations should not, and will not, be deprived.

During the past 150 years, several million American students have received part or all of their elementary and secondary education in more than 900 American owned or supported schools overseas. More than 300 of these schools have closed their doors, probably forever.

Today the Departments of Defense and State operate or sponsor 357 schools for minor dependents in 125 foreign countries. Additionally there are approximately 350 private American owned or

supported schools abroad.

To enhance public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the sacrifice, effort, and service of American educators and their students in foreign lands, particularly since World War II, the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS), a nonprofit corporation, and the representatives of eight overseas schools alumni associations embarked on a history preservation project during the winter months of 1996/97 (See The AOSHS Quarterly, Vol. II, No 1, Winter 1997).

The project soon established the need for a Historical Park on American soil. The park will have a building or buildings for existing archives, a museum, and a visitor's center. Memorials for schools, students, educators and alumni

associations will be constructed on the grounds. The Park will:

- (1) Honor and recognize the sacrifice, dedication and service, to the United States by overseas students and educators from every state and territory in the union.
- (2) Recognize the contributions American students, educators, and schools have made in advancing American ideals and democracy abroad.
- (3) Recognize the important roles these overseas schools have played in educating several million American children and youth.

PLAN OF ACTION:

During the remainder of 1997, The American Overseas Schools Historical Society will identify the most desirable location for the Historical Park. Most probably it will be in or near a large metropolitan area where there are retired educators and alumni interested in assisting, as volunteers, in the archives, museum, and visitor's center. The Park, although nonprofit, will eventually employ an archivist/librarian, a museum curator, two or three secretary/clerks, and a shipping-receiving clerk.

The Park will have the support and/or involvement of the metro area and a college or university. The physical site will be one of three alternatives described below. When the site location is determined, and the Historical Society/Archives Board of Directors and local community leaders are in agreement, the support and involvement of the

metropolitan area, society members, overseas schools, and overseas schools alumni associations will be solicited to assist in the development of a coordinated, fund raising, plan of action.

ALTERNATIVE # 1:

The Park will be owned by the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS). The acreage or grounds for the Park will be procured by, or donated to, the AOSHS. Buildings will be constructed; or if existing, modified, using AOSHS funds.

ALTERNATIVE # 2:

The Park will be located on a government or military installation.

ALTERNATIVE # 3:

The Park will be located on the campus of a university or college.

In both alternatives # 2 and # 3 buildings will be constructed, or if existing, modified using AOSHS funds. Additional landscaping, maintenance and upkeep will be the responsibility of the AOSHS. ☐

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OPPORTUNITY

Bill Kilty, AOSHS Region 14 Representative, sends this message:

I have a Turkish friend in Istanbul who wants a tutor (live-in) for their nine year old daughter. The family would like to prepare her over the next three years for admission to an English Boarding School at age 12 and eventual study at an American or English University. The position is available from July 1997, for one year minimum, but extendible to three years if things work out. The family would like the tutor to be a successful teacher, who would be like a member of the family, with the entire family benefiting from the tutor's English language. The father speaks excellent English, but the mother's and daughter's English is lacking. The salary is negotiable.

*If interested call Bill ASAP at (44171) 723-2532, or write him at
PSC 821, Box 119, FPO AE 09421 or at 72 Westbourne Terrace, London W2 6QA, England.*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATABASES

The AOSHS has two personnel databases maintained by John Brokaw and Helen Close for past, present, and deceased overseas schools educators. Both databases contain information regarding AOSHS members and non-members.



If you have been, or are an overseas educator, and have not already done so, please send your name (including maiden); mailing address; telephone number; fax number; e-mail address; countries, schools, and above school level offices where worked; years at each location, including grade levels, subjects, and positions to:

JOHN BROKAW
8727 PEMBERTON CIRCLE
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46260
<jbrokaw@aol.com>
Fax: (317) 228-9446

All members are also encouraged to send information regarding deceased overseas educators to:

HELEN J. CLOSE
HANAU AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL
CMR 470, BOX 7404
APO AE 09165



ARCHIVES WORKSHOP

Submitted by Steve Eisenbaugh

It certainly wasn't your typical weekend clearing up a garage as seven members of the Historical Society decided to visit the Drysdale's home in March and see the Archives. Overwhelming is how I'd best describe it. The group consisted of myself, Joy Harper Bryant, Pat Riley Blackwell, Jeri Glass, Glenn and Cindy Greenwood, and Nicole Talbot. Each of us had individually volunteered to visit and help with some of the cataloging of school/alumni memorabilia. I'd decided it might be fun to do it as a group project.

My reaction to viewing for the first time the tremendous mass of just a couple of school's yearbooks, to some of the largest collections consisting of many boxes of athletic trophies, banners, yearbooks, photos, etc., the realization of the importance of the Archives to ALL of us had a great emotional impact on me and the others. I hope that everyone will continue to give the Archives all the support it so vitally deserves. The worth of its existence to preserve our heritage goes far beyond what I could possibly put into words.

Editor's Postscript: Five of these seven overseas schools alumni are members of the ad hoc committee appointed to assist the AOSHS Board of Directors brainstorm the concept and feasibility of an Overseas Schools Historical Park (see the AOSHS Quarterly, Volume II, No. 1). Steve lives in Stephens City, VA. Jeri is from Breckenridge, CO. Pat hails from Cleveland, TN. Joy, Nicole, Glenn and Cindy, are from Denison, Pearland, and Austin, TX respectively. They diligently worked two full days, the 14th and 15th of March, and were excitedly involved in opening the collections of several individuals and schools. They classified and listed each item in each collection in preparation for recording in the AOSHS computer and Inventory Catalog. The work they accomplished fills twenty-five 12x10x15 inch and three 12x6x25 inch storage boxes.

INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

PANAMA, DECEMBER 1989

We have always benefited from on-the-scene reporting of current events by the dispatches and writings of adult professional reporters and photographers. But how often has the public benefited from the drawings and writings of the children caught up, on-the-scene, in history making events?

The AOSA is fortunate to have a number of history making events, in various foreign countries, recorded by American children on-the-scene. We would not have their writings and drawings, had not their teachers recognized the importance of recording the events, as seen through the eyes of their students. We share with you in this issue, the efforts of a number of teachers who organized their classes to take advantage of their students, and themselves, being on the cutting edge of history-in-the-making. The events took place in Panama during December 1989, and are recorded in the Archives in the two personal collections of **Donna Gillis**, and **Katherine Egolf**.

The stories are illustrated by the student authors. Their action drawings of damaged buildings, people and soldiers - friend and foe dead and alive, bombs, guns, cars, tanks, airplanes, and yes Noriega, are historically priceless. Makes us wish, for example, we had the stories and drawings of boys and girls caught up in The American Revolution, and Civil War, as well as other historical events witnessed by children in the past.

From the Katherine Egolf Collection

Katherine has on file a 46 page booklet, **JUST CAUSE**, written and illustrated by the fifth grade students at Balboa Elementary School, Republic of Panama. School Year 1989 - 90. The fifth grade teachers were **Brian McGee** and **Carolyn Little**. Other contributors were **Jacqueline McGee** and **Mary Schulte**. Editors were **Jacqueline McGee** and **Katherine Egolf**, and the project manager was **Brian McGee**.

Ethnic composition of the fifth grade authors is :16 Americans, 13 Pan Americans, one Pan-American & USA, one Panamanian & USA, one Korean & Pan-American, and one Panamanian.

The Preface to the book was written by **Brian McGee**, and is as follows:

"Over the last several years, children living in Panama have seen many events that one hopes no one, even adults, will ever have to see. They lived in an atmosphere of heightening tensions as the relationship between the United States and Panama grew increasingly worse. They lived in the focus of world attention as news people and others wondered what would happen here. The children watched as crimes escalated because of worsening economic conditions. They saw and sometimes experienced harassment as relations continued to deteriorate between the U.S. and Panama.

"Last May, they watched as Panama prepared for elections. They experienced the elections and the riots and unrest that followed. They, or fellow students, were uprooted from homes when President Bush ordered all American families sponsored by the U.S. Government onto bases. If they lived downtown and did not move on base or were not eligible to move on base, school bus transportation was permanently cut off. Parents had to find their own transportation for their children. They saw PDF barricades go up following the elections and the arrival of U.S. troops in

armored personnel carriers which forced the roads open again. The 1988-89 school year ended three weeks early because of the political tension and upheaval.

"As the new year began, they saw soldiers set up machine-guns to protect them while they went to school. They watched as soldiers went through their lunch boxes and book bags, searching for possible bombs being smuggled into their school. They watched as the final straws began to break: Noriega declared himself 'Maximum Leader', and announced his country to be in a state of war with the U.S.A., Noriega's troops shot and killed a marine, beat up and threatened another marine, and verbally abused his wife.

"Because of where most of the children who attend Balboa Elementary live, many, ultimately, watched the actual invasion and destruction of the Noriega military machinery. The invasion was also very disturbing for many of these children because some possess a mixed American-Panamanian heritage. Many of the children had friends or even relatives that had links with the existing power structure in Panama, the PDF.

"The children hope that in allowing them to share their views of the actual liberation/invasion, or 'Just Cause', you will glimpse a little of the terror, the horror, the happiness and the hope these children felt when they think back on that unforgettable Christmas. They strongly hope for two things: one, that our world will evolve into a more peaceful world where people not only learn to get along with the environment, but also with each other; and two, that the people of Panama will regain control over their own destinies, thus returning the sense of pride people once felt when they called themselves Panamanian."

From the Donna Gillis Collection

During Operation Just Cause, **Donna Gillis** taught social studies at the Curundu Junior High School. Her collection contains her personal accounting, of Operation Just Cause in a 12 page, single spaced, journal "1989 INVASION OF PANAMA, RECOLLECTIONS OF DECEMBER 20 - 26". Also in her collection are the personal accounts of Just Cause by her 7th and 9th grade World Geography classes, and writings projects by students in an 8th grade Advanced English Class at Curundu JHS, taught by **Luis Husted**. Following are excerpts from the cover letter Donna sent to The AOSA with the writings of the Curundu JHS students:

"My 7th and 9th grade students were excited at the prospect of contributing their written work on Operation Just Cause to The American Overseas Schools Archives.

"Students were encouraged to submit drawings to be considered for the cover of the compilation of writings. Each class voted on the one they liked best, hence the difference in covers. Each student received a copy of all writings completed in their class. They had a great time reading about the experience of each student.

"**Cliff Drexler**, Principal of Corundu Elementary School and past president of PDK, read your request for information at the February PDK meeting. I have encouraged many people to submit their writings to your office, reinforcing your statement that one does not have to be a good writer, teacher of English or history, nor does one have to worry about syntax, sentence structure, or grammar.

"I am enclosing my journal of December 20-26, 1989, writings of 7th and 9th grade students in World Geography, and 8th grade writing projects completed in an Advanced English Class at Curundu Junior High School."

R E U N I O N N E W S

**DoDDS Reunion IX July 7 - 10, 1997****The Menger Hotel 204 Alamo Plaza San Antonio, TX****To register, contact Barbara or John Williams at:**

24882 Dana Fir, Dana Point, CA 92629-1151 Phone and Fax: 1-714-443-9709

As of April 14, 295 people had registered. A registration fee of \$60.00 per person includes: (1) a reception and cocktail party with light hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine on Monday, July 7; (2) a complete dinner with live "DoDDS entertainment" on Wednesday, July 9; and (3) a farewell breakfast on Thursday Morning, July 10.

The hotel can accommodate only 375 people for dinner and breakfast, so you should not procrastinate in sending in your registration. Information on how to obtain hotel rooms, at reduced rates, (single and double rooms \$89.00 + 15% tax, \$99.00 plus tax for triple and quad rooms) will be sent to you when you register with Barbara or John.

Following is a schedule of activities:

MONDAY, JULY 7

Check in at Hospitality Room	9:00 - 4:30
Tour of San Antonio. Twenty to thirty persons minimum, \$20.00 per person.....	12:00 - 4:00
Reception at hotel	5:00 - 8:00

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Tour of LBJ Ranch, Fredericksburg, Johnson City, TX White House,	
Admiral Nimitz Museum. Minimum 20 persons, \$40.00 per person.....	8:00 - 4:00
"Lone Star Event"-Tour, Bar-B-Q, Dancing.....	5:30 - 10:00
Hospitality Room open.....	9:00 - 5:00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

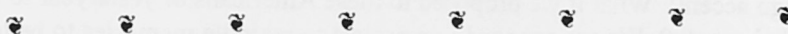
Second Annual Meeting of the Historical Society and Plans for DoDDS X.....	9:00 - 11:00
Day Tour of San Antonio. Minimum 20 persons, \$20.00 per person.....	1:00 - 5:00
Hospitality Room open.....	9:00 - 5:00
Banquet and Entertainment	7:30 - 10:00

THURSDAY, JULY 10

Farewell Breakfast.....	7:00 - 10:00
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For those wishing to go to Monterey, Mexico, 6:00 a.m. Friday, July 11 to early Sunday evening, July 13, contact Barbara or John - \$185.00 each for a double and \$210.00 for a single. Must be prepaid by June 1. To assure a place on a tour or tours, during the reunion, contact Barbara or John ASAP. Make all checks out to TRAVEL HELP - DoDDS IX.

Regarding a cruise for DoDDS X in '98, eighty-nine have said yes. (See the Winter issue of The AOSHS Quarterly. Vol. II, No.1).

**OVERSEAS BRATS 1997 GATHERING IN COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**
October 23-26 1997

From **Joe Cordill**, President of Overseas Brats

P.O. Box 29805, San Antonio, TX 78229 <OSBPRES@aol.com>

Here's your special invitation to the premiere event in 1997 for all associated with overseas schools! Since the first Overseas Brats Gathering in 1987, alumni and educators have participated representing more than 100 overseas schools. The Overseas Brats "gatherings" are an 11 year tradition of fun and service to the overseas schools community. More details, and a schedule of events will be in the Aug. '97 issue of *The Quarterly*.

COSTS AND OTHER ESSENTIALS

Registration: \$130/person; \$205/couple before October 1, includes six meals, "gathering" guide, name badge, participation in all "gathering" activities, entertainment, and a memory publication of the event. To register, write or e-mail **Joe** and give him the name of the school and year of your high school graduation, or the number of years you taught/worked abroad.

Hotel: \$80 single/double occupancy. Suites available, and less expensive if more than one splits the cost. Call 800-292-2079 and identify yourself as attending the OVERSEAS BRATS Northern Kentucky Gathering at the Quality Hotel Riverview, Covington KY. Covington is across the Ohio River from Cincinnati.

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REGIONAL GATHERINGS

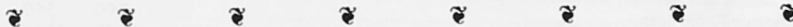
Most everyone is aware of the Annual DoDDS-Florida Reunion, attended not only by those living in Florida, but by others from around the world.

For a long time we have been aware of various mixed groups of current and past overseas educators and alumni who get together now and then, formally and informally, to renew old friendships, and make new ones. And of course, we all know about the Annual DoDDS Reunion held in a different state every year, many annual overseas schools alumni association reunions, and the Annual Overseas Brats Gatherings.

We will gladly announce, and help spread the word in *The AOSHS Quarterly* about such events, large and small, unorganized and organized. Here is the last one we have received from an ex-DoDDS administrator, **Vernon A. Kohout, Sr.**

A group of old DoDDS types get together here in the great state of Washington on a quarterly basis. The group includes Milt and June Alexander, Fred and Shirley Antrobus, Sonja Evans, Arnie and Betty Goldstein, Bob and Florence Kirkpatrick, Roy and Joanne LaPlante, John Love, Leon and Anne Rivers, Dick and Beverly Strickland, Warren and Joann VanZee, Stan and Thelma Willis, Don Luby and Chris Adkins, Vernon and Georgia Kohout. One time guests have been: Joe and Tally Larkin (ID), Jan Zebrowski (FL), Lowell and Grace Piepers (FL). We rotate our gatherings which include good conversation, good home cooked food(s) and a little libation. It's good fun! Lots of nice people!!!

The Quarterly will continue to print the names of those who attend small gatherings, space permitting.



From Ms. M. Chabenat, 29 Boulevard Arago, 36000 Chateauroux, France



COMMEMORATIVE REUNION

Chateauroux, France

September 1997 (Dates to be announced)

From 1951 to 1967, the American presence on the largest NATO logistical base in Europe gave the Berrichons a Chicago accent! What if we proposed to these Americans of yesteryear to revisit where they spent part of their youth? We are engaged in a project to rekindle memories to better prepare for the future.

OUR PROJECT

Permit the return visit of Americans (Air Force and Army) who from 1951 to 1967 were stationed at the Chateauroux-Deols, La Martinerie area in various capacities, permitting them to recollect part of their life, to bring back memories, to renew acquaintances and friendships and for some, to visit their families. We can also foresee including the generation of children born at Chateauroux-Deols (and the region) during this period.

Editors Note: *Plans for this project are to be under the auspices of: 1) the US Embassy; 2) the Parliamentarians of the (French) Indre Department; 3) the Chateauroux-Deols Marcel Dassault Airport; 4) the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars; 5) civilian and military officials of the (French) Department and Region; and cities and communities in the region. If interested, contact Ms. Chabenat ASAP.*