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



**The Board of Directors and Regional Representatives wish all readers  
Good Health and Safe, HAPPY HOLIDAYS.**

In this issue you will learn why *Wichita State University* President, **Dr. Eugene M. Hughes** and his wife **Dr. Margaret Ann Hughes**, an ex-DoDDS school teacher, anticipate the day they can walk in the AOS Historical Park Sculpture Garden and browse in the archives and museum. You will also notice that *Wichita Mayor Bob Knight* will become President of the *National League of Cities* in the year 2000. This is a great honor for the City of *Wichita*. The League represents 17,000 cities nationwide.

Announcements and articles in this issue are varied. They include: research by members **Dr. Steven Phipps** of the *University of Missouri*, **Dr. Donald Knapp** of the *International Community School of Abidjan* in West Africa, retired *Michigan State University* Professor **Dr. Ruth Hill Useem**, and *University of California* graduate student **Donna Alvah**; a workshop to be conducted by *Flagstaff Psychologist Dr. Michael Gerner* next April in Las Vegas; and a highly descriptive poem "To Pinatubo," written by retired teacher **Jan Hinch** of *Destin, Florida*.

As scheduled, (1) the AOS Archives have been moved to *Wichita*, (2) an initial Fundraising Plan of Action—now in draft form—has been coordinated with **Joan B. Cole**, Council Member for *Wichita District VI*, in which the AOS Historical Park will be located, and (3) suggestions for the AOS Historical Park were collected from "brats" and educators at the *Overseas Brats Gathering of Alumni Associations* and the *DoDDS-Florida Reunion* last October. The Society anticipates the receipt of additional suggestions by the end of the year. All members are encouraged to return the enclosed questionnaires.



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The AOSHS has three personnel databases maintained by: JOHN BROKAW for past and present educators; TINA CALO for deceased educators; and MARGIE PRATER KUGLER for the alumni of all overseas schools. The three 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 and fax numbers; e-mail address; countries, schools, and above school level offices where worked; years at each location, including grade levels, subjects, and positions to JOHN.

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## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY?

By Ann Bamberger, Board Member

### A Big Thank You - Merci - Gracias - Danke - Grazi - Domo

Following a request in the August '98 newsletter, we received over 940 names and addresses of potential members. Some people sent one or two names, some sent 15 to 20, while others sent lists from school reunions of over 150 names. After checking the membership rolls and cross checking the lists, we were able to send out 823 letters and membership applications. Following the mailing, another 85 names came in. These have been reduced down to 71. As soon as we have 200, another mailing will be done, since that is the minimum required for a bulk mailing rate by the post office.

I hope each of you who didn't get around to sending in names and addresses will take the opportunity to do so now. Make it an early New Year's Resolution! Send to Ann Bamberger, c/o AOSHS, P.O. Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340, or e-mail to <abamberger@juno.com>.

A big THANK YOU to each of you who did send in names. Our goal is to double the membership by the July '99 reunion in San Diego, and you have helped us take a giant step in that direction.

## LAST CHANCE

*to have your overseas experiences, 1946 - 1956, published in THE EARLY DAYS BOOK. As soon as this book is published, we will start the, as yet untitled, 1956 -1966 book, followed by books for each ten year period. So, early birds, please send your stories, in your own words, (we only correct for spelling) to AOSHS by January 1, 1999. The book will be available, at cost, to overseas students, educators and relatives. More importantly, these fabulous stories will be recorded and preserved in the AOSHS Archives for the enjoyment of all, for generations to come. So, please do your part. Your story is very important! We plan to have to book for review at the next Annual Meeting in July 1999.*

*To date the following overseas educators have submitted the stories of their lives overseas from 1946 to 1956. We also have the experiences of many of them, including some who have passed on, for the books that will follow: Faye Calvert Abrell; Ruby Pearl Anderson; Julia Muirhead Armstrong; Ruth Eleanor Aucker; Alfred W. Beerbaum; Ada B. Bodmer; Giulia Bruehl; Jewel Callicot Cabana; Alice Kiley Nicholson Cadley; Mary E. Carr; Heidi Krogsrud Choate; Alma J. Clarino; LouCelle Nelson Fertik; Elizabeth Clemmons Fry; Harry K. Heiges; Dorothy E. Horne; Mae L. Jackson; Ann Hetherman Johnson; Vilma I. Campreghor-Kahn; Robert W. Kirkpatrick; Thomas M. Larner; Llewellyn Lieber; Alice A. Dunlap-Lindsay; Gay Alta Long; Mabel F. Candee Kinner-Marcotte; Mary Hilkalena Meuhring; Ada Beckman Murnane; Wilma J. Leide-Pfiffner; Gordon Robertson; John Sigler Robertson; Nancy R. Julian-Siler; Ida Squatrito-Simpson; Betty L. Mjellem-St. George; Richard C. Strickland; Ralph H. Stutzmen; Arlyn G. Sweeney; Rena Faye Toliver; Vera Benstead Turner; Joan LeSeur-Valenti; Grace Van Wert; Richard C. Walsh; Dorothy C. Weihe; Donilda Dollard-Whitcomb; Barbara Willey; Loren Sylvanus McCartney; Wylma C. Woolard; and Robert Woznicki.*



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IN  
**WICHITA, KANSAS**



The above photograph is of the AOS Historical Park Site, on the north side of the Arkansas River in The Museums on the River District, immediately west of downtown Wichita.

To the right of the trees, at the right side of the picture, about 1/3 of the distance down from the top, can be seen one of the white concrete slabs described in the Summer '98 issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*.

There was concern, rightly so, on the part of many members, that the site was perhaps inundated with water during the recent flooding of much of SE Kansas and NE Oklahoma last September.

Flooding also became a concern of the AOSHS Site Evaluation Committee when, during last April, they visited the site which is at the convergence of the Arkansas and Little Arkansas Rivers.

They soon learned though, that about 40 years ago, with the help of the Army Corps of Engineers, construction began on what now is the "Big Ditch," which shunts water around Wichita and controls the water height of the rivers in Wichita. So, during this Once-in-a-50-Year-Storm, Wichita inside the Big Ditch got wet for sure, during the eight inches of rain downpour, but was not flooded. The flooding took place outside the "Big Ditch."

This beautiful park setting, provided by the City of Wichita, has ample space for a Visitors' Center, Archives/Museum, and future expansion. Other amenities, e.g. landscaping, generic statuary of teachers and students, inscribed bricks, and a picnic area for visitors, are being considered. Construction is targeted to begin at the turn of the century in 2001—with no fear of flooding.



## THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES *Temporary Location*

As planned and announced in the Summer '98 issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*, the archives were moved from Goodyear, AZ to Wichita, KS last September by a professional moving company. The shipment included seventeen-thousand pounds of overseas schools' and alumni associations' two- and three-dimensional memorabilia, and the personal collections of many individuals.

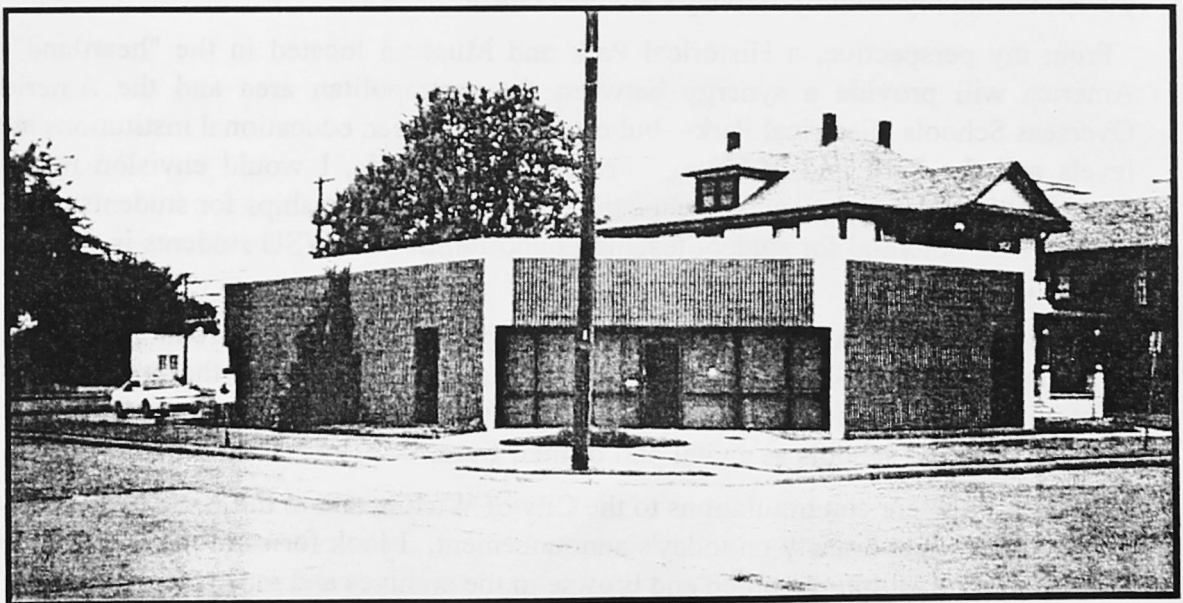
The archives are temporarily located in a modern one-story brick building in a commercial district at 539 South Water Street, just four blocks south of the Wichita Convention Center. The building has a reception area and office at the front, a central hall with three to four rooms on either side, large restrooms,

and a shower. In the back is a kitchen and two work rooms. Most rooms have new carpet. From the back of the building to the alley is a concrete slab for loading and parking. The building and furniture are provided by the city until occupancy at the Historical Park is ready. The only cost to AOSHS for use of the building is utilities used.

Unpacking and reorganizing the three archives will take several months. Then, volunteers will help in the laborous, but enjoyable process of classifying, recording, and repairing. This will benefit researchers, writers, historians, visitors, and the public at large. Wichita State University staff have also volunteered their assistance.

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• **Until further notice, please continue to send your letters, packages, and**  
• **boxes of memorabilia to AOSHS, BOX 777, LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ 85340.**  
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• **We are not prepared to receive mail at the Wichita address.**  
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# AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL PARK ANNOUNCEMENT

MONDAY, JULY 13, 10 AM

BOARD ROOM, WICHITA CITY HALL

REMARKS BY EUGENE M. HUGHES, PRESIDENT  
WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

*Note: Three days following the selection of Wichita for the Historical Park at the Annual Meeting of Members in Minneapolis on July 11, 1998, Mayor Bob Knight and WSU President Eugene Hughes made joint public announcements in televised interviews in the Wichita City Hall. Mayor Knight's announcement was printed in the Summer '98 issue of The AOSHS Quarterly. At that time, we had not received a copy of President Hughes' announcement, which is printed below.*

It is a distinct pleasure and privilege for me to have been invited to share the podium with Mayor Knight this morning. My interest in the American Overseas Schools Archives goes back to my years as president of Northern Arizona University when Tom Drysdale came to me looking for a home for the archives. His presentation was persuasive, and I readily agreed to provide space for the archives at NAU. Subsequently, I retired at NAU and then agreed to accept the presidency of Wichita State University. Tom and his lovely wife Norma stopped to see Margaret Ann and me a couple of years ago. As we renewed our acquaintanceship, Tom brought us up to date as to the fate of the archives and told us of plans to build the American Overseas Schools Historical Park. We were so enthused at the prospect that we began to share the concept with others, eventually leading to today's announcement.

From my perspective, a Historical Park and Museum located in the "heartland" of America will provide a synergy between the metropolitan area and the American Overseas Schools Historical Park—but especially between educational institutions at all levels and the Park and Museum. From the WSU side, I would envision research opportunities for faculty and students, the possibility of internships for students; and, as at NAU, the potential for student teaching opportunities for WSU students in American Overseas Schools.

My wife, Margaret Ann, was a teacher in a Department of Defense school in Germany in the early 1960's. She shares my excitement and enthusiasm for the project and for Wichita becoming the "hometown" for the "brats" and faculty who share their experiences in overseas schools as a vital part of their lives.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the City of Wichita and to the American Overseas Schools Historical Society on today's announcement. I look forward to the day that we can walk in the sculpture garden and browse in the archives and museum.

## Wichita Mayor Bob Knight Elected to National League of Cities Post

Wichita Mayor Bob Knight was elected as Second Vice President of the National League of Cities during the organization's annual Congress of Cities in Philadelphia in December 1997. **He will be appointed as First Vice President in December 1998, and become President of the National League of Cities in the year 2000.** As President, he will frequently testify before Congress and make dozens of national appearances, all of which will mean visibility and recognition for Wichita by national political and business leaders.

"I believe public service is a high calling, and the National League of Cities stands for all that is positive and honorable about public service," Knight said after his election by the voting delegates at the annual Congress.

The National League of Cities was established in 1924. It represents more than 17,000 cities nationwide. NCL serves as an advocate for Cities in Washington, D.C. It develops and pursues a national urban policy that meets the present and future needs of our nation's cities and the people who live in them, offers training, technical assistance and information to municipal officials to help them improve the quality of local government. The NCL also undertakes research and analysis on topics and issues of importance to our nation's cities.

Mayor Knight, during his many years of public service, has supported and recognized the importance of cooperative international projects. As a consequence, he was asked to be the Co-leader of The 1998 Sister Cities International (SCI) Mayoral, Business and Friendship Mission to Brazil from the 6th to the 21st of November, 1998. The Mission was unprecedented in the history of SCI, and marked the first time that a delegation of local elected officials traveled to Brazil under SCI auspices to share best practices in municipal government with their Brazilian counterparts. **Dr. Eugene M. Hughes, President of Wichita State University; Chris Churches, Wichita City Manager; and Tim Witsman, President of Wichita Chamber of Commerce accompanied Mayor Knight on the trip.** All four are advocates of AOSHS and the Historical Park.

During a November 10 evening reception at the Sao Paulo home of the U.S. Consul General, Dr. Hughes stressed the importance of recording and preserving the histories of the private American schools in Brazil and solicited his assistance in the involvement of the schools with the AOS Archives and Historical Park in Wichita.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AOSHS AND ITS MEMBERS

1. Please send to AOSHS the names and addresses of students who acquired most or all of their elementary (K-6) or secondary (9-12) schooling overseas, and especially those who attended overseas schools for all or most of their K-12 schooling. We want to consider them for an important new study.

2. Please send to AOSHS any information you have regarding isolated, closed overseas schools. Due to their isolation these schools were generally very small, but historically important.

3. Please contact Dr. Steven Phipps, Department of Communication, University of Missouri, 8001 Natural Bridge Road, St. Louis, MO 63121 <phipps@jcnl.com>, if you have any information regarding the small Navy elementary school that operated in the early 1960's in Gölcük, Turkey. The school has a web site at <http://www.jcnl.com/phipps>.

4. A qualitative investigation describing historical bases of two current issues—probably of interest to most international school educators and communities—was the focus of a dissertation recently completed by Dr. Ronald S. Knapp of the International Community School of Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire West Africa. The two issues studied were (1) Local-Hired and Overseas-Hired Teacher Relationships, and (2) Community Perceptions of the U.S. Embassy at International Community School, Abidjan. The dissertation was submitted in partial satisfaction for the degree of Doctor of Education to Florida International University in 1998.

5. Dr. Michael E. Gerner, President, CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGISTS, has recently received approval by the National Association of School Psychologists to conduct a workshop at the next NASP Conference in Las Vegas, April 6-10, 1999. The workshop "School Psychology Abroad: What you need to know to live and work in an International School and Community," will expose psychologists to the knowledge necessary to work at international schools and to live in the overseas communities

served by these schools. Dr. Gerner can be contacted at 101 N. Park St., Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (520)556-9531. <MGernerPsy@Aol.Com>.

6. The first draft of Dr. Ruth Hill Useem's "A Third Culture Kid Bibliography," is available. The term "Third Culture Kids" (TCKs) refers to Missionary Kids (MKs), Military Brats, Business Kids, and Global Nomads. The bibliography contains works by and about them from the viewpoints of various disciplines and from various genres and venues. Dr. Useem, Michigan State Univ. Professor Emeritus, has collected these materials over the past 46 years in her travels and as an educator. The cost is \$20 per copy including shipping in the U.S. and abroad. Contact Dr. Ruth Hill Useem, Attn: Sonya Schryer, Research Assistant, 227 Chesterfield Pkwy, E. Lansing, MI 48823. <seschryer@juno.com>.

7. Vivid memories, emotions and awe well up in those who experienced the Mt. Pinatubo volcanic eruption in the Philippines a few years ago, when they read a poem "To Pinatubo," written in the fall of 1991, by Jan Hinch, DoD teacher, who was there. The AOSHS has printed copies of the poem, suitable for framing, and will sent to those who request them. Jan can be contacted at 655 Forest Shore Dr., Destin, FL 32541.

8. The AOSHS has an excellent, small audio/visual library—2x2" slides, audio and video tapes, and thousands of photographs of all sizes. A. Lucille Hansen, AOSHS 2nd Vice President is taking charge of this collection. She will soon request your help, and provide guidance in obtaining additional video cassettes of the overseas experiences of educators and students. In time the archives will transfer data on these cassettes to compact discs.

9. The AOSHS is interested in recruiting the temporary voluntary assistance of a philatelist. Any member interested should contact the society at the address on the cover of *The Quarterly*.

10. Attached as the last two pages of this issue of *The Quarterly* are two questionnaires. Please fill out and mail them by the end of the year. One questionnaire requests your ideas and suggestions regarding the AOS Historical Park in Wichita. Your ideas and suggestions are important; they may not have been duplicated by others.

The other questionnaire is a follow-up due

to the interest generated by Donna Alvah's article in the Winter '98 edition of *The Quarterly* entitled **COLD WAR FAMILIES ABROAD: Writing the History of America's Unofficial Ambassadors 1945-1960**. Those educators and students who were abroad during this period of time are requested to fill out the questionnaire and send it to Donna. The results of this historical research is important to the AOSHS.

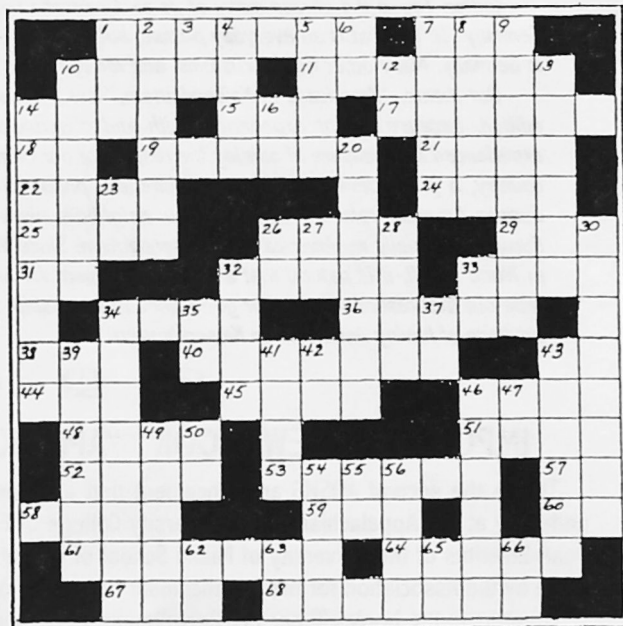
Below is a "trial balloon" sent up by the staff of *The Quarterly*. We have been told that approximately 1/3 of the American population regularly enjoy crossword puzzles. So, board member Ann Bamberger prepared the puzzle below with some DoD school references. Another puzzle with private overseas schools clues will be printed in a later edition, if this "balloon" is not shot down.

## ACROSS

- 1 Pedagogue  
7 Processing point for employees (abbr)  
10 Lily of chapeau fame  
11 Unpredictable change  
14 Sch. for actors in London  
15 Partner of neither  
17 Don't come to class without one!  
18 NBC hit  
19 Gold at the rainbow's end?  
21 French state  
22 Sci. course  
24 Bear  
25 Vanderbilt and Kennedy girls, e.g.  
26 Like a skinny chicken?  
29 Spec. Ed. lesson  
31 Law degree  
32 Farewell to Paris  
33 Read intently (over)  
34 Party in Maui  
36 USDESEA director  
38 Slender runner  
40 Cautious  
43 Literary after-thought  
44 Pan Alley  
45 Part of NEA  
46 Farm storage area  
48 Take charge  
51 Spice Girls' fan  
52 Tibetan holy man  
53 Cloth merchant  
57 Location of USA  
58 So. American monkey  
59 Self  
60 Symbol for Thallium  
61 Nullified  
64 Be \_\_\_ to  
67 Formerly, The War Dept.  
68 Tastelessly up-to-date

## DOWN

- 1 Temporary duty, Navy style  
2 Sch. Organ Conf  
3 Companion of oh  
4 One won't buy much  
5 Tan  
6 Egyptian sun god  
7 Handy when fishing  
8 One of a seagoing trio  
9 Special event  
10 Fixed the hole  
12 Mail category (abbr)  
13 No choice?  
14 Change the schedule again  
16 ...not my cup \_\_\_ tea!  
20 Football positions  
23 It may be your type  
26 30's-40's two-time Oscar winner (init.)  
27 Diphthong  
28 Shanghai shopping need  
30 Private  
32 Distinctive air  
33 River in Italy  
34 Marked with lengthwise lines  
35 UPI competitor  
37 Rel. of ave.  
39 Longtime Pac. director  
41 Employed  
42 Ms. Shore (init.)  
43 Lots  
46 Stretch  
47 That is  
49 Pal in Sevilla  
50 Prosecutor (abbr)  
54 Make again  
55 Reno, e.g. (abbr)  
56 John Paul  
62 Madison Ave. specialty  
63 Printers measure  
65 \_\_\_ station (abbr)  
66 Celebration day, May 8, 1945



## INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

The personal collections of individuals, schools, and above school offices in the Archives, contain thousands of overseas schools yearbooks. A number of the personal collections contain two very unique yearbooks. What makes them so unique, is that during the mid-1950's and early 1960's, the yearbooks of Army high schools in Germany were combined in one large two-inch-thick volume entitled **ERINNERUNGEN** (Memories), and the yearbooks of Air Force high schools in Europe, the Mediterranean and Middle East, were also contained in one volume of equal size entitled **VAPOR TRAILS**. These large books are priceless. Some are in poor condition, others in fair and good condition, and a few are almost like new.

We now bring **ERINNERUNGEN** to your attention, to again emphasize the importance of the current research of one of our members, **Donna Alvah**, who is writing a dissertation in partial fulfillment of a Ph.D. in History to be awarded by the University of California at Davis (see page 9, and a questionnaire at the end of this issue of *The Quarterly*). The title of her dissertation is: **"Unofficial Ambassadors: Cold War American Military Families Overseas, 1945-1960."** What is interesting, in comparison with the title of Donna's dissertation, is that the high school students of the Army High School in Kaiserslautern, Germany had recognized by the end of school year 1954-55, that they were **"Junior Ambassadors"** in Europe, and said so in their yearbook published in **ERINNERUNGEN**, and as quoted below:

*Gutten Tag is the phrase many of us as Americans hear while walking down the narrow streets of Kaiserslautern, Germany. To us, that is an everyday phrase, but in years to come, it will be only a typical German phrase once spoken in Germany. Many other words, customs, and foreign ideas will also be fond remembrances.*

*Our theme, "Americans in Kaiserslautern," has been selected by the annual staff of the Erinnerungen, 1954-55 edition, because of our experiences with and observations of ways of living in Kaiserslautern. Some of us have experienced the pleasure of gaining the respect of our German neighbors because of the inherent pride we feel for our country, a pride developed from our American philosophy of individual Freedom. We feel that we have furthered German-American relations by making our neighbors aware of the beliefs we hold. We are all "Junior Ambassadors" in Europe, especially we Americans of Kaiserslautern. Since this historic town was partially destroyed by American forces in World War II, it is natural that a slight resentment for Americans still remains. We, as Americans, have a chance to wipe out that resentment by our good will and friendship. We want these people to look at us and say, "We have the privilege of having Americans in Kaiserslautern!"*



## IMPORTANT NEW BOOK "AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS: 2000"

This is the second AOSHS announcement that a review of American education enterprises in foreign nations is underway at the Appalachian State University College of Education. The Coordinating Editor is *Dr. Robert Simpson*, Dean-Emeritus of the University of Miami School of Education, recently elected to the International Education Hall of Fame by the Association for the Advancement of International Education.

Chapters in the book will be: (1) Recruitment, Applications and Screening; (2) Orientation and Culture Shock; (3) Host Nations and Communities; (4) Governance, Boards, and US Interests; (5) Management of Overseas Schools; (6) Stewardship; (7) Programs and Activities; (8) Students, Parents and Other Clients; (9) Personnel Administration; and (10) Miscellaneous (such as non-K-12).

The book will have an introduction giving brief histories of the different organizations, plus an index of contributors, and will provide information for the general public, overseas schools, current and past educators, students, and parents. AOSHS member *Donovan Walling*, Special Projects Editor for Phi Delta Kappa (PDK), the book's publisher, is serving as ex officio on procedural matters.

Target date for publication is January 1, 2000.

Current and past overseas schools educators, students and parents are encouraged to submit anecdotes, essays, and articles of any length, and a brief biographical sketch to AOSHS. Writers' rewards will be the professional contribution and recognition. The AOSHS has contributed a brief history of the education of U.S. military dependents during the 19th and 20th centuries, and a number of essays and articles.





## REUNION NEWS

### ROCHEFORT ROCKET RENDEZVOUS 1998 REVISITED

*Note: Wouldn't it be great if all American Overseas Schools Alumni Associations could visit the sites of their former alma maters?*

On Friday, Sept 25, 1998 two groups of alumni, friends and family left New York and Atlanta for Rochefort, France. For some, this was the first time in 40 years to be reunited.

Sunday, they arrived in Rochefort, and after dinner reminisced at the Arsenal Arch, through which they used to enter the Army post. Spotlights shined brightly on the arch, which had an American flag flying in honor of their visit.

Monday, they visited their former school, now an AIR BUS parts company. The winding staircase leading to the second story was still in place. Former dorm students showed where their dorms had been behind the school. They then visited the reconstruction site of LaFayette's frigate The Hermione, and were met by an English speaking guide. At the close of the tour, they presented her with a donation from the RAHS Alumni Association. She was grateful and remarked that they were the first Americans to do so. They were then scheduled to meet the Mayor of Rochefort, Monsieur Jean-Louis Frot, and presented him with gifts from their states of residence. The mayor responded and presented them with a bronze Medal of LaFayette, and a banner with the picture of The Hermione, in honor of LaFayette's departure from Rochefort to Boston aboard the ship on March 10, 1780, to notify the colonists that the French were coming to help fight the British. *(Note: Both of the items will be donated to the AOS Archives in Wichita, KS by the RAHS AA).*

Wednesday night, two former Rochefort High School sweethearts, who previously had lost contact with one another, were married by the mayor, draped in his official regalia including a red, white and blue sash. They both had been married before. Following the ceremony the bride and groom were toasted and a French wedding cake served. Gifts from the city to the newly married couple included a framed print of the frigate and copies of local newspapers from the 50's era. After dinner the city and the mayor were presented with a beautiful inscribed clock commemorating the visit by RAHS Alumni, 40 years after the school had closed. The bride and groom then toured the city in the back of an American Jeep driven by two Frenchmen wearing American GI uniforms of the 1950's.

On Friday, the group returned to Paris, and eventually to the USA.

### BRENT SCHOOL, PHILIPPINES

Students and faculty from the Brent School, Baguio, Philippines had their first-ever reunion during the November 21-22, 1998 weekend in San Francisco. Members will remember reading about the Brent School in the first issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*: it served as an underground American high school in a Japanese prison camp during World War II. **James Thompson**, an American engineer, taught high school chemistry (???) in the prison camp school, unbeknown to the Japanese. After the war the students of Thompson who attended colleges in the United States, including the prestigious Colorado School of Mines, received full credit for their "prison camp chemistry" schooling. The Brent School was originally organized by a **Father Gowan**, who also served as Headmaster for many years prior to the war.

## Back Thru the CHINA GATE

Due to the huge success of the Taipei American School Stateside Alumni Association's reunion last summer, and what was billed as a potential "Last Blast," turned out to be simply a "Last Blast for this Century." We are now pleased to announce that the next major reunion for the association will be held in the year 2001, the first year of the new Millennium, probably during the last week of June or the first week of July. Contact **Steve Eisenbaugh** at PO Box 804, Stephens City, VA 22655-0804. A internet registry for "Tigers" from all classes is located at: [www.infophil/Taiwan/Alumni/TAS](http://www.infophil/Taiwan/Alumni/TAS).

## CELEBRATE 75 YEARS !!

All American and non-American Schutzites, their relatives and friends, are cordially invited to attend the 75th year anniversary of the Schutz American School located in Alexandria, Egypt. The gathering will take place at Slippery Rock University, in Slippery Rock, PA, 65 miles north of Pittsburgh, July 23-25, 1999. The university's 610 rolling acres will provide a quiet atmosphere for reuniting with old and new friends. Contact **Jean Stultz** at 326 Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15237-1949.

## HOMECOMING '99: The Celebration of a Century

This will be an all-schools reunion for all associated with overseas schools. More than 50 groups or schools will be holding get-togethers at this event scheduled for August 5-8, at the Hyatt Regency Dallas-Fort Worth Airport in Grapevine, TX. Former students and educators from an additional 60 schools are planning to attend HOMECOMING '99. Contact Overseas Brats, PO Box 29805, San Antonio, TX, 78229-0805. Phone/Fax (210)-349-1394. <OSBPres@Aol.Com>, and visit their web site at <http://www.overseasbrats.com>.

## DoDDS X—(past tense) and DoDDS XI—(future tense) REUNIONS

**Walter Peik** and his excellent committee of 13—nine former DoDDS faculty, two former DoDDS students, and one civilian—mailed over 1700 invitations, resulting in the largest DoDDS reunion to date, almost 500 attendees. It was some extravaganza; held in the Marquette Hotel in downtown Minneapolis, 9-12 July, 1998. The welcoming reception, the Friday evening banquet on the 50th floor of the IDS Tower, and the Saturday evening dinner cruise on the Mississippi are just three of the many memorable highlights of this gathering of closely bonded friends. The third Annual Meeting of Members of AOSHS took place during the reunion, and members approved Wichita, KS as the site for the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park.

The planning for **DoDDS XI** is now in the capable hands of **Barbara and John Williams**. The reunion will take place July 4-7 in the U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. The details, still being worked out, will be in the next issue of *The Quarterly* in February 1999. In the meantime, contact John or Barbara at 32371-128 Alipaz Street, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. (714) 443-9709, <[jswBigBark@Aol.Com](mailto:jswBigBark@Aol.Com)>.

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## **The American Overseas Schools HISTORICAL PARK AND MEMORIAL**

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) and the representatives of 38 overseas schools alumni associations embarked on a history preservation project. Plans are now underway to create an historical park and memorial, including a visitor's center and museum to house, exhibit, and interpret all three existing archives.

The park will: (1) recognize the important roles these schools have played in the education of more than four million American students, (2) recognize the contributions these students, educators, and schools have made in advancing American ideals and democracy abroad, and (3) Honor the dedication and service to the United States by American overseas students and educators from every State and Territory in the Union.

**Please help us in the planning of this new facility by offering any ideas you may have regarding the following:**

What kinds of amenities, activities, or attractions do you visualize should be included in the outdoor park ?

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What kinds of amenities, activities, or attractions do you visualize should be included in the visitor's center ?

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What kinds of amenities or equipment do you visualize should be included in the archives center to assist research projects ?

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What kinds of educational or skill development programs do you visualize should be included in the museum ?

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