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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.



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



In this issue we report on an important change in policy regarding the AOSHS Memorial Gift Program. A program for those who wish to make a gift in memory of a loved one or friend, or as a living tribute in honor of someone they care about. The revised policy streamlines the whole procedure. It should be easier to understand, and more convenient.

Members will be pleased to read that the IRS Five Year Probationary Period for AOSHS ended on December 31, 1999. The IRS classified The Society as a 501(c)(3) publicly supported nonprofit corporation for five years. We have now provided the IRS with substantiating evidence that AOSHS has been, and is publicly supported.

We also report on recent visits to six government-related museums—some not yet opened, by First VP, Lee Davis, and list recommendations these museums have made specifically for AOSHS.

A new book, Overseas Schools, has just been published, and we are pleased to announce that in an arrangement with Phi Delta Kappa, the publisher, AOSHS members will be able to obtain copies at a reduced price. Stateside educators, those who have lived abroad and those who are contemplating a foreign sojourn will find a wealth of information in this highly readable volume.

Reports on DoDEA student academic achievement should be of interest to all members—educators and students alike. Recent coverage by the media regarding DoDDS and DDESS student test scores on the National Assessment of Education Progress shows that DoDEA minority and non-minority students Tops the Charts, when compared with students in 39 states and the Virgin Islands.

Members should also take note that there will be another Boston Tea Party next July, but this time it will be a "T" Party, as in Terrific Teachers Taking Time To Talk Together.

The Fall 1999 issue of The Quarterly was not enclosed in an envelope. This procedure will have to be improved before we do it again. Some Quarterlies came apart in the mail. A number of members informed us of the problem, and we hurriedly mailed copies to them — in envelopes. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.



AOSHS POLICY

The Trustees realize that to obtain all objectives: (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 not recommend nor will it encourage its members to obtain the services or products of any company, and (3) the Society will not discriminate on the basis of lifestyle, race, sex, religion or political affiliation.

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The AOSHS has three personnel databases maintained by: **JOHN BROKAW**, **TINA CALO**, and **MARGIE PRATER KUGLER**. If you have been, or are an overseas educator, 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**. If you have been, or are an overseas student, please send your name, (including

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ News Release 1/13/00 from the DoD Education Activity (DoDEA) in Arlington, Virginia. Mr. Ray Tolleson, the Interim Director for DoDEA, recently announced at a meeting of DoDDS Europe Superintendents that Dr. Candace M. Ransing, Superintendent of Schools, DoDDS Italy, has been named the DoDEA Superintendent of the Year. In her nomination of Dr. Ransing, Ms. Diana Ohman, Deputy Director, DoDDS Europe, stressed Candace's leadership skills. "I am a new DoDEA leader and Dr. Ransing has been a competent and professional advisor to me. I have observed her interaction with colleagues, commanders, and students. With each of these audiences, she has established herself as 'The Superintendent of Education' in the Italy District."

Dr. Ransing, from Lancaster, PA served as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Germany for 20 years prior to her appointment as Superintendent in Italy in August 1996.

⇒ Attention Arizona Members. Nominations are now being accepted from Arizona members for the position of 2nd Vice President of AOSHS. The term of office will be from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003. The incumbent is Dr. A. Lucille Hansen of Mesa, AZ. An election/appointment will take place at the Annual Meeting of Members during the DoDDS XII Reunion, July 15-18, 2000 in Boston, MA. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Members of the AOSHS Board of Directors must be residents of the State of Arizona. Also at the annual meeting, members will vote on a motion to extend the residential boundaries of board members beyond the State of Arizona.

⇒ The new address for The American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA) is 539 South Water Street, Wichita, KS 67202. Send historical items and memorabilia to this address. The address for The American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) remains the same: PO Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. Send correspondence, membership and renewal applications to this address. Send e-mail to <OverseasSchools@Juno.Com>

⇒ The AOSHS has a supply of T-shirts, caps, and patches. AOSHS logo patches are \$5.00 and AOSHS caps \$16.00. Basic white or ash gray T-shirts, with an AOSHS logo on the upper-left front are \$16.00 and available in sizes M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL. These items make great gifts for your current and past overseas friends. Make checks payable to AOSHS and send your order to Lee Davis, 2224 Periwinkle, Mesa, AZ 85206.

⇒ A University of Kansas College of Education Scholarship is named after an overseas schools educator. The Gladys L. Mason Scholarship was established in 1987 as a memorial in her name. She taught at the junior high, senior high, and community college levels in Kansas, and was Superintendent of American Military Schools in Sendai, Japan during the Korean War. The scholarship is for students in education at the University of Kansas who have graduated from a Kansas high school.

⇒ Many members have submitted excellent articles for *The Quarterly*, most of which would be of interest to members, but are too long to print. The authors' patience is requested until accurate digests and excerpts of their works are condensed to fit available space.

⇒ AOSHS Website. As announced in previous issues of *The Quarterly*, Wichita State University will host an AOSHS website; an agreement was signed on November 11, 1999. The agreement outlines the general terms and conditions under which WSU will provide computer server space to host the website for AOSHS, the parent organization for The American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA). But, WSU-Y2K preparations and other follow-up work continue to delay implementation. A press release with the website address will hopefully be issued prior to March 1. The website, developed by a team of AOSHS volunteers, will have reciprocal links to related education associations, overseas schools, and overseas schools alumni groups. WSU and AOSHS expect that both institutions will benefit from the interchange of ideas and practices generated by the site which will be maintained by AOSHS.

⇒ Requests in previous issues of *The Quarterly* for names and addresses of students who have completed most or all of their K-12 schooling overseas have resulted in the identification of 74 individuals who have attended DoD and private international schools. But we want to include more students who have attended private international schools. The purpose for the requests is to obtain a representative database of overseas schools students to be used in a comparative study with their stateside counterparts. Although 74 is a good sample size, covering several

in a comparative study with their stateside counterparts. Although 74 is a good sample size, covering several decades, we would like the number to reach at least 100. We therefore encourage members and nonmembers to submit the names of current students and alumni who qualify—those who have attended either DoD and or private international overseas schools at least six years of K–12, or four years of 7–12, or four years of K–6.

⇒ Membership Renewal Notices. *The Quarterly* is mailed to members four times each year during the middle month of each quarter—February, May, August, and November. The first issue of *The Quarterly* (#1) was mailed during the first quarter of 1996. This issue of *The Quarterly*, in February 2000, is #17—see the chart below. Here is how the Renewal Notice System works. In this issue of *The Quarterly* is the statement: "To the right of your name on your address label is a number. If that number is 17 or less, your dues are due." For example, if you joined The Society during the fourth quarter of 1998, the number to the right of your name will be 16, one year after you became a member, and indicating you are behind in your dues because 16 is less than 17. If for example you joined during the third quarter of 1999, the number to the right of your name will be 19, indicating your dues will not be due until the third quarter of 2000. With each issue of *The "Q"* you will be informed of your status.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
February	#1	#5	#9	#13	#17	#21
May	#2	#6	#10	#14	#18	#22
August	#3	#7	#11	#15	#19	#23
November	#4	#8	#12	#16	#20	#24

⇒ Beyond the Fields—World Travels. A recent 349-page book of autobiographical memories—part travelogue, part memoirs—by LouCelle Nelson Fertic, retired DoD music teacher, is recommended reading for those who have lived or taught abroad. She taught in Japan and Germany 1952–58, and in India 1978–82. From 1948 to 1998 she traveled to 99 foreign countries, spending a great amount of time in many of them. The book has been a good seller, and the publisher sent 100 copies to the Archives Building in Wichita, KS to be sold in the AOS Historical Park Gift Shop when it opens. Copies are available from Vantage Press in New York for \$14.95.

⇒ First Brick Sold for AOS Historical Park. Obviously thinking of the future, Jean C. Derby, of Mill Valley, California, was the first person to buy a \$100 brick, to be inscribed with her name, overseas career highlights, and placed in the AOS Historical Park in Wichita, KS. She bought the brick on December 16, 1996, following the First Annual Meeting of Members in Washington, DC. This was long before AOSHS developed policy and plans for bricks, blocks, and pavers. See the articles on pages 7 and 8.

⇒ AOSHS Representative for Guam. Maria Rubio has volunteered and been nominated to be the on-site representative for the Island of Guam. The AOSHS Board of Directors has appointed her to serve in that position pending ratification by members at the next Annual Meeting of Members, during the DoDDS XII Reunion in Boston, July 15–18, 2000.

⇒ Inside the Nuremberg Trial - A Prosecutor's Comprehensive Account, by Drexel A. Sprecher, Assistant Trial Counsel at the first Nuremberg Trial. This two-volume book is the most complete account of the famous trial witnessed by students and their teachers of the American Nuremberg High School. Joan K. (McCarter) Adrian, a 1949 NAHS senior was there at the time, and recommends it highly. The organization of the book permits readers to select those subjects that are of special interest to them. Twenty-two leaders of Nazi Germany were tried. Representatives of the US, UK, FRANCE and the USSR conducted the trial. The trial set precedents for the trial of future war criminals. Twelve defendants were found guilty of conspiracy or of crimes against peace or both; 17 were found guilty of war crimes or crimes against humanity or both. Three were acquitted.

Copies of the two-volume book can be ordered from D. A. Sprecher at The Elizabeth, #608, 4601 North Park Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815, at the author's special discounted price of \$63, which includes shipping.



Future Historical Park Museum—Update

The AOS Historical Society, sponsor of the AOS Historical Park, to be built in Wichita, Kansas is closely, but unofficially, affiliated with the Departments of Defense and State overseas directed and assisted schools, their students and educators past and present.

To commemorate past and present overseas educators and students the Historical Park will have a museum, archives building, visitors center, several plazas, and an auditorium. Future plans are to establish cooperative affiliations with DoD, military, and DoS supported and endorsed museums in the United States and abroad. Examples are: the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene, Kansas; the Cosmosphere and Space Center in Hutchison, Kansas; the 101st Airborne Museum in Fort Campbell, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas Army Museum; and the American Air Museum in Britain.

To assist the society in this endeavor, Lee Davis, AOSHS First Vice President, visited with administrative personnel at six military-related museums in the southeast US during November 1999. The purpose of these visits was to learn from their successes and mistakes. The museums visited were The Mighty Eighth Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah, Georgia (in its third year of operation); The Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, North Carolina (scheduled to open this year); The Naval and Maritime Museum Foundation in Charleston, South Carolina; The National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida; The Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile, Alabama; and The "D" Day Museum (Amphibious) in New Orleans, Louisiana (scheduled to open June 5, 2000).

The personnel at each museum were very interested in the AOS Historical Park and volunteered to be of further help. They understood what we will be going through when we establish an overseas schools museum. The list of their top recommendations follows:

1. Establish a website as soon as possible. (This we have done with Wichita State University. It will be announced soon.)
2. Don't be in a hurry. Do it correctly the first time. (This is our plan.)
3. Create an endowment fund for both operational and maintenance expenses. (We plan to establish endowment funds for the salaries of staff and for maintenance of buildings and grounds prior to starting construction.)
4. Be careful about making public statements of intent prior to the first year of operation. (This we will heed.)
5. Hire professional personnel at least a minimum of one year before opening date. (We plan to do this with the establishment of an endowment fund.)
6. Don't be discouraged by grant rejections. Learn from unsuccessful presentations. (We will try.)
7. Do not employ professional fundraisers: Do it yourself. (We have received this advice from other museums and institutional development officers, as well.)
8. Create an educational program in conjunction with the city school system. (We have taken this step with the Wichita Public Schools, the largest school district in the four-state region—Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa. With a faculty of more than 3,200 teachers, 220 administrators, and 1,800 support staff, they are very interested in our museum and historical park, and think it will be of benefit to their students and educators. Near the historical park site on the river is the Riverside Cultural Arts and History Magnet School, with a waiting list of students from all over Wichita. Recent yearlong school themes have been People of Our Past, People of the World, and People of Impact. The principal is anxious to become involved with us.)
9. As soon as possible become members of national and state museum associations. (This we will do.)
10. Visit and develop a positive relationship with other museums in the city and county, and with local universities and colleges. (We have a beginning relationship with museums in the river district, which have offered their help. We will develop this relationship further, and hope to become cooperatively involved with 16 other Wichita area museums. We have had a strong cooperative relationship with Wichita State University since 1996. We also plan to develop cooperative relationships with Friends [Quaker] and Neuman [Catholic] Universities in Wichita, and Bethel College [Mennonite] in nearby Newton.)
11. Don't skimp: Go first class on everything. (This has been our objective from the beginning.)
12. Estimate your storage needs and multiply by 10. (We take this recommendation seriously based on our experiences with the archives.)
13. In Phase Two of the building project, provide space for a snack bar. In Phase Three, provide space and equipment for a restaurant. In addition to providing visitor convenience, it will be a source of major income and provide opportunity for meetings, catering services, and special activities for both members and local personnel. (These recommendations will receive full consideration following construction of the Visitors Center in Phase One.)

END OF IRS FIVE YEAR PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR AOSHS

The IRS Probationary period for state incorporated nonprofit organizations is five years. The probationary period for AOSHS ended on December 31, 1999. On January 24, 2000 AOSHS sent IRS Form 8734-Support Schedule for Advanced Ruling Period and attachments to the IRS Director of Exempt Organizations in Cincinnati, OH. The support schedule and attachments presented evidence that AOSHS was a publicly supported organization during the past five year probationary period.

Some information on Form 8734 should be of interest to members because it illustrates our growth in membership and dollars. It is briefly summarized below (rounded to the nearest dollar):

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Grand Totals
Donations	\$ 1,235	\$ 2,290	\$ 6,207	\$ 8,335	\$ 42,971	\$ 61,038
Dues	\$ 1,880	\$ 2,150	\$ 4,910	\$ 7,615	\$ 11,645	\$ 28,200
Interest	\$ 6	\$ 127	\$ 299	\$ 634	\$ 728	\$ 1,794
Yearly Totals	\$ 3,121	\$ 4,567	\$ 11,416	\$ 16,584	\$ 55,344	\$ 91,032

Note dues for 1998—\$7,615 and 1999—\$11,645. Divide these numbers by ten (\$10 annual dues), and the results are 761½ and 1,164½. We don't have any half-members. These two figures include \$15 for dues paid by a member in 1998 and 1999, resulting in one year's dues paid in advance. Note also that \$11,645 divided by 10 would indicate that we had 1,164 members in 1999. That was not the case. At the end of 1999 we had over 1,500 members, but normally about one-third are behind in paying dues, some even a year or more, and we can only report dollars received. We have found that our members have good reasons for late renewals. Retirees frequently travel throughout the US and abroad for extended periods of time, and many current DoDDS members (our largest geographical grouping) are either involved with PCS transfers, or are retiring and relocating in the United States. A very small number retire overseas. Therefore, we don't drop members unless they are delinquent for three years. This has happened only a few times. We have found that those who are delinquent catch up and renew and make donations on their own. So, we don't notify or bill members until the third year. We just indicate when dues are due with numbers on address labels of *The Quarterly* (see pages 4 and 15). We have checked with several large popular US magazines and found that our renewal rate is considerably higher. It is obvious that we have a very loyal and dedicated following.

As of January 1, 2000 AOSHS was clear of debt. Cash available in Luke AFB Federal Credit Union was: Checking—\$2,078.15; Operational Fund—\$11,493.76; and Building Fund—\$17,970.55. The largest single expense during 1999 was \$16,000.00 paid to SJCF Architects in Wichita, KS on February 2. Most all other expenses were printing, postage, communications, and office supplies. Members donated office space, computers, printers, scanners, telephones, copy and fax machines. Travel expenses of board members were not reimbursed by AOSHS. All services by board members and Regional Representatives were donated.

Possible Alliance of Organizations with Common Objectives

In the Fall '99 issue we announced in an article *Attention All Brats Worldwide* that we had captured the attention of other organizations. Since then we have met collectively in Wichita with Marc Curtis and Vann Baker of Military Brats Registry and Military Brats Online; Sam Britten of TCK World; and Reta Nicholson of Operation Footlocker. Glenn Greenwood, AOSHS Communications Director also attended the meetings. Following several brainstorming sessions, we then met as a group with Wichita Mayor Bob Knight, Council Member Jean Cole, and Jeanne Goodvin of the City Manager's office. In summary, these organizations (and possibly others) want to "Join us at the park in Wichita." At present, AOSHS is working with them on the draft of an alliance to present to our membership for approval. The alliance would be an agreement of mutual (non-monitory) support and assistance of organizations with overlapping objectives, that want to make Wichita their hometown. Each organization would remain independent, and there would be no commingling of funds.

The Story of Bricks, Blocks, and Pavers for the AOS Historical Park in Wichita

Second Printing by Ann Bamberger and Lee Davis

Over the past two years, we have been looking around the country at paved areas with engraved bricks, blocks and pavers, and making notes about or photographing them. In early October 1999 we met with the architects in Wichita, providing photos which indicated our preferences in color, pattern, size and texture. This will allow the architects to design an appropriate pattern when the time comes to install them in the courtyard, walkways or walls of the museum/archive complex. Our plan is to ensure they will be long lasting, attractive and easy to identify by location.

New Policy. When purchasing these items either in your own name or in memory of someone, please know that the money derived from sales will be used solely for the purchase, transportation, engraving, installation, and maintenance of the project, plus a computer program with biographies and photos of the honorees for the use of visitors. The computer program will also identify the specific location of each memorial in the park. Buying a brick, block or paver, ensures the construction and maintenance of the program for generations to come. Plans include the establishment of an endowment for the Bricks, Blocks Pavers Program.

The items will come in four sizes: 4x8 inches, 8x8 inches, 16x16 inches, and 24x24 inches; and in two different textures: ceramic and granite. This allows a family to purchase a larger block to include the parents and students and possibly their graduation dates, or a former student might list all the schools attended or countries where he/she lived, an alumni association may choose to recognize its alma mater or specific students in a special way, a graduating class may want to be recognized, or an educator may want to list the various locations where he/she taught. An item purchased as a memorial may include a short poem. It will allow individuals or groups a greater choice to meet their needs.

If you choose to do so, at no extra cost you may include with your order a 300-word biography of yourself or the person memorialized for inclusion in a computer program which will be designed to identify the location of each brick, block or paver, when a person's name is highlighted on the screen. The biography would also appear at that time. **With all this in mind, the following items are offered for your consideration:**

Type	Size (inches)	Max Characters per Line (including characters and spaces)	Max Lines	Total Characters (including characters and spaces)	Cost
Ceramic Brick	4x8	15	2	30	\$ 100
Ceramic Block	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 250
Granite Block, Polished	8x8	15	5	75	\$ 500
Granite Paver, Polished	16x16	25	11	275	\$ 1,000
Granite Paver, Polished	24x24	35	17	595	\$ 2,500

Order forms for bricks, blocks, and pavers are enclosed. Your donation is tax deductible.

Please be aware that the placement of these items will not be initiated until after the completion of Phase I and possibly Phase II of the building plan. They will be placed only when we are sure further construction needs will not cause undue wear or damage. Your understanding and patience is appreciated and, we trust, will be rewarded by an outstanding display when completed.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Carolyn Wilber has volunteered to manage the data base information for the Memorial Fund. When bricks, blocks or pavers are purchased, Carolyn will input the data, track the closing date if it is a memorial donation, and provide the accounting information for the board using a computer donated by INSIGHT Enterprises, our first large corporate sponsor. She taught math and computer science at Wagner High School in the Philippines; Kadena High School in Okinawa; Kaiserslautern, Bitburg, Ramstein High Schools in Germany; and Soesterberg High School in The Netherlands. The board appreciates her willingness to help as we grow and expand our programs.

SECOND PRINTING—WITH IMPORTANT REVISIONS*The AOSHS Memorial Gift Program*

*Make a gift in memory of a loved one or friend.
Or make a gift as a living tribute in honor of someone you care about.*

On page seven of the November '99 issue of *The Quarterly*, we requested a 100-word paragraph to announce the establishment of a Memorial Fund, be sent to Carolyn Wilber at her home address. This procedure has been changed, as follows, and hopefully will be more convenient for members. Carolyn will manage the Memorial Fund Database, list contributors, amounts of contributions, and keep totals.

1. To establish a memorial fund, send a written request to AOSHS for a **Memorial Fund Form**, a 100-word announcement regarding the honoree, and a check made out to:

The AOSHS Memorial Fund, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261

2. When the form is returned, the 100-word announcement will appear in the next two issues of *The Quarterly*. During this six-month period the fund will be open for others to make contributions.
3. Prior to the end of the six-month period, it is recommended that you send a 300-word or less biography and if possible a 3x5 or 4x6 colored photograph of the honoree. Visitors at the Historical Park will then be able to read the biography and see the picture on a computer monitor, which will also identify the exact location of the memorial.
4. At the end of the six-month period the requestor will be informed as to the total amount contributed to the fund and determine the memorial to be purchased—a ceramic brick or block, a polished granite block or paver. See the chart on page seven.

Repeat: Individuals, families, schools, alumni associations, and other institutions, who wish to establish a Memorial at The American Overseas Schools Historical Park in Wichita, Kansas should send (1) a written request for a **Memorial Fund Form**, (2) a 100-word announcement regarding the honoree, and (3) a check made out to:

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The cost for a Memorial Ceramic Brick, 4x8-inches, with two lines of inscription will be \$100. A Memorial Ceramic Block, 8x8-inches, with five lines of inscription will be \$250. A Memorial Polished Granite Block, 8x8-inches, with five lines of inscription will be \$500. Polished Memorial Granite Pavers, 16x16- or 24x24-inches, with eleven or seventeen lines of inscription, will cost \$1,000 and \$2,500 respectively. Additional brick, block, and paver information is on page seven.

We have been asked if higher priced pavers can be purchased in increments spreading over two or more years. The answer is a resounding yes! For example, if you send paperwork for a 16x16-inch polished granite paver and a check for \$500, you will receive a receipt for \$500 showing a balance of \$500 due on your pledge. Then, within 12 months you pay the balance and your order is transferred to the paid list.

Following are both first and second announcements for memorial funds that have been established. If you choose to contribute to one or more of these funds, please make your check payable to the AOSHS MEMORIAL FUND, with the honoree designated on the memo line of the check. Mail to AOSHS Memorial Fund, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DUNCAN WEIR (1964–1998) MEMORIAL FUND

Duncan, the son of DoDDS educators Bob and Cathy Weir, was educated at Clark Air Base schools, graduating in 1982 from Wagner High School. Following engineering and computer science degrees from Washington University in St. Louis, he became a highly successful chip designer at Hewlett Packard in Fort Collins, CO. His greatest accomplishment was the positive impact he had on those around him. A book about Duncan, by HP associates, is dedicated: In honor of a dear friend whose loss has left an irreparable tear in the fabric of our lives. Though he is no longer with us, his joyous spirit lingers; memories persist; laughter remains. We are grateful that we had a chance to witness his rare and beautiful soul."

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DR. JOHN L. STEELE (1911–1994) MEMORIAL FUND

From Johnsbury, VT, John received BA and MA degrees from Boston University, and a doctorate from Columbia. He served with the Army in Europe and Africa during World War II, and in the Korean conflict. He taught high school in Vermont and Connecticut, was a student counselor at Boston and Harvard Universities, and associate dean of Springfield College. From 1957–63, he was Superintendent of Army Dependents Schools in Europe and North Africa. During his service with the Army, he received many awards, including the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal. He was highly regarded and respected by teachers, administrators, parents, the military, and foreign nationals during his tenure as Superintendent of Dependents Schools in Europe and North Africa.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

THE DR. HARRY HEIGES (1914–1999) MEMORIAL FUND

From York Pennsylvania, Harry was hired in 1948 to teach science and coach at Heidelberg American High School. From 1949–57 he was Principal in Bremerhaven; Supervising Principal in Wiesbaden; Superintendent of European Northern Area Command Schools; and as Admin. Assistant at School Headquarters in Karlsruhe, Germany where he completed Harvard University doctoral studies. His dissertation was "Development of Programs for American Schools in Germany to Promote Social Interaction Between Americans and Germans." From 1958–72, he was Superintendent of Schools in Collingale, Pennsylvania. In 1972 he returned to Europe as Superintendent of Schools in France, and Principal of Bitberg, Germany and Upper Heyford, England Elementary Schools. He retired in 1981. This Memorial is a tribute and expression of gratitude for his contributions to the overseas schools.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**THE JOYCE A. DION (1942-1999) MEMORIAL FUND**

From Willimantic, Connecticut. Joyce was a graduate of the University of Connecticut, where she also received a Masters Degree in Languages. She later earned a second Masters Degree in Counseling from Ball State University in Indiana. Following successful teaching experiences in her home state she entered the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in 1967. Her second career took her to Japan, Philippines, England, Spain, Okinawa and back to Japan. Primarily she was a teacher of French and Spanish. For nine years prior to her retirement she was the Language Coordinator in the Pacific Region. Joyce retired in 1996 and returned to her home in Connecticut.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**THE RAYMOND BABINEAU (1938-2000) MEMORIAL FUND**

Ray first served his country in the US Navy. Upon completing his enlistment he decided that being an educator was going to be his life's work. He was hired by DoDDS in 1973 and taught in Berlin. He was forced to retire in 1992 due to a progression of MS, the disease that finally took his life on January 10, 2000. We knew Ray as a devoted father, beloved teacher and a great soccer fan and coach. We shall miss his infectious smile, his wit and his great desire to survive.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**THE ALTA R. NORRIS (1937-1995) MEMORIAL FUND**

From Foster, RI, Alta received her BA degree from Rhode Island College of Education. In Heidelberg, Germany she received her Master of Science in Education from the University of Southern California. Alta entered DoDDS in 1960 as an elementary teacher in Ankara, Turkey. The following year she transferred to Lakenheath, England and remained for three years. During her stay in England, she married Fred Norris who taught in the high school. In 1964 Alta and Fred transferred to Rhein Main Halvorsen Elementary-Junior High. Alta remained there for 28 years, retiring in 1992 to Keene, NH. She received many teaching awards during her career with DoDDS.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**THE DR. HAROLD L. (HANK) HENRY (1930-1990) MEMORIAL FUND**

Dr. Henry worked in DoD Dependents Schools in Germany, Ethiopia, Spain, England, Belgium, The Netherlands, and Norway before cancer forced him to return to the United States in 1987. Dr. Henry was dedicated to providing the very best education to overseas students. As an administrator, he also showed great concern for "his teachers." He is remembered by colleagues, friends, and his wife and family for his positive, helpful attitude. His vigorous enjoyment of life inspired others to benefit from the opportunity to live, work, and play within another culture.

FILM FINANCING CONFERENCE SELECTS BRATS DOCUMENTARY FOR POTENTIAL BUYERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND SALES AGENTS

An update from Donna Musil

On January 14–17, Donna Musil and Beth Goodwin, producers of *Brats Growing Up Military*, were invited to attend IFFCON 2000, a prestigious film financing conference in San Francisco. Every year, IFFCON invites producers of 60 feature and documentary films from around the world to come and pitch their projects to potential buyers, distributors and sales agents in a relaxed, intimate setting. BRATS was among the 60 projects selected by this year's 10-member panel, including representatives from HBO; Miramax; PBS, the Independent film Channel; and others.

Brats Growing Up Military is the first one-hour television documentary about a hidden American subculture—over four million children raised on military bases around the world. Their shared experiences have shaped their lives so powerfully, they are forever different from their fellow Americans.

Using archival film sources, home movie footage, and provocative interviews, including General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Dr. Hunter "Patch" Adams, John Hopkins psychiatrist Dr. Kay Redfield, author Mary Edwards Wertsch, and other famous and not-so-famous brats, BRATS tell the story of this lost tribe of children finally reuniting and recognizing the existence and impact of their unique heritage.

BRATS has been in production since August 1999 and hopes to complete shooting by the summer of 2000. The project was very well received at IFFCON. Significant contacts were made regarding distribution, both domestically and internationally. Substantial travel and production costs, however, still need to be funded.

The producers are also searching for home movie footage; frequent flyer passes; new blank Beta SP videotapes; stories about brats who died and were buried overseas; brats who were stationed in Japan right after WW-II; Hispanic and Native American brats; and teenage brats whose parents are still in the military.

If any members fall into any of the above categories, or would like to make a contribution (no matter how small), please contact Donna Musil at Brats Productions, Inc., 115 Riverview Drive, SW, Eatonton, GA 31024 <BratsProd@aol.com>.

Brats is a Section 501 (c)(3) non-profit project, fiscally sponsored by IMAGE Film and Video in Atlanta, one of the most respected non-profit media arts centers in the country. All contributions are tax deductible. Because BRATS is a non-profit project, fees will not be paid for interviews or footage. (*See the Winter '99 issue of The Quarterly*).



UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADORS

An update from Donna Alvah

The dissertation "Unofficial Ambassadors: American Families Overseas and Cold War Foreign Relations, 1945–1965" is in draft form and currently undergoing revision. It will be submitted to the Division of Graduate Studies at the University of California, Davis in May 2000.

Those of you who have not returned questionnaire responses to Donna, but still would like to participate in the study, should mail them (along with signed consent forms) prior to March 15, 2000. Her address is: Donna Alvah, Department of History, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616. For those who have not requested questionnaires, there is still time to contact her, and participate in this important study which is anticipated to be of benefit to the AOSHS.

Donna will submit a copy of the dissertation to the AOSHS Archives. After completing the dissertation, she will set to work on transforming it into a book manuscript. Copies will be available in the AOS Historical Park gift shop. She very much appreciates the interest expressed by many people who have contacted her over the last few years with valuable information for this study. She thanks all of you for your help. (*See the Fall and Winter '99, and Winter '98 issues of The Quarterly*).

From Phi Delta Kappa International

12/15/99. The 272-page book "American Overseas Schools" has gone to press (see Spring and Fall '98 and Fall '99 issues of *The Quarterly*). It is a trade paperback, and is priced at \$22.00 (PDK and AOSHS members \$16.50). A description of the book fills the entire inside front cover of the January 2000 issue of the PHI DELTA KAPPAN. Following are quotes: Two major types of American overseas schools exist: schools operated by the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) and 'independent' schools, which include those aided by the US Department of State Office of Overseas Schools, multi-national companies, expatriate communities, and those operated for profit by private entrepreneurs. Other American schools abroad have a sectarian purpose and get support from US religious groups. This volume touches on all of these types of American overseas schools.

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DoDEA Tops the Charts on Student Academic Achievement

The academic achievement of minority and non-minority students in DoD Dependents Schools has recently captured the attention of the nation. Articles on the subject have appeared in the overseas newspaper Stars and Stripes, military base newspapers, US newspapers and magazines, and especially **The International Educator**, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, LA Times, and New York Times. Editorial writers have had a field day. Current and retired AOSHS members have been "popping their buttons." AOSHS prefers the December 1999 TIE article starting with headlines on the front page, parts of which are reprinted below:

"On the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on Writing, DoD students led the nation. Among the thirty-nine participating states and jurisdictions, no system scored higher than the DoD domestic schools (DDESS), and only one state, Connecticut, scored significantly higher than DoDDS, the DoD overseas schools system. Also of note, DDESS had the highest percentage of students in the nation scoring in the 'Advanced' category on the exam.

"DoD minority students performed exceptionally well on the NAEP exam. **Eighth-grade African-American students in DDESS ranked first and DoDDS students second**, when compared with their peers nationwide. **Eighth-grade Hispanic students in DoDDS and DDESS achieved identical scores, to claim first place** as compared with their peers nationwide.

"The success of DoDEA (*parent organization of DoDDS and DDESS*) students on the NAEP tests has received coverage in several major publications, including USA Today and The Washington Post. More information on the NAEP results can be found on the DoDEA website at www.odedodea.edu."

Below are descriptions of charts in the TIE article ranking test scores of students in DDESS, DoDDS and 39 participating states and the Virgin Islands:

A chart listing eighth grade students in the 1998 NAEP study on writing, shows Connecticut first with 165 points, **DDESS second with 160, and DoDDS third with 156**. Following are Maine and Massachusetts-155, Texas-154, Virginia and

Wisconsin-153, Oklahoma-152, Colorado-151, Montana and North Carolina-150, Oregon-149, and the **National Average-148**. Listed below the national average are 24 other states, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands, the bottom score being 124.

A second chart lists in rank order DoDEA African-American eighth-grade students with their stateside counterparts in the study on writing. **DDESS students scored the highest in the nation with 150 points, DoDDS was second with 148**, followed by Texas-146, Wisconsin-141, Virginia and West Virginia-140, Connecticut-139, Massachusetts-135, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Rhode Island-134, California and New Mexico-133, Colorado, Georgia, Nevada, New York and Tennessee-132, Maryland and Washington-131, and the **National Average-130**. The others were ranked below the national average, the lowest score being 121.

A third chart comparing eight-grade Hispanics who took the same writing test, shows **DDESS and DoDDS tied for first place with 153 points**. Virginia second with 146, then Texas-144, Connecticut-139, North Carolina and Wisconsin-136, Florida-135, New Mexico and Oklahoma-134, Montana and Oregon-133, Colorado and Delaware-132, Wyoming-131, Arizona-130, and the **National Average-129**. The others ranked below the national average, the lowest score being 108.

Finally a fourth chart comparing grade four students on the 1998 NAEP Reading Test shows Connecticut in first place with 232 points, Montana and New Hampshire-226, Main and Massachussets-225, Wisconsin-224, **DoDDS-223**, Colorado, Kansas and Minnesota-222, **DDESS-220**, Wyoming-219, Kentucky, Rhode Island and Virginia-218, Michigan, North Carolina, Texas and Washington-217, Missouri, New York and West Virginia-216, and the **National Average-215**. The others ranked below the national average, the lowest score being 178.

(TIE is the official publication of the International Educator's Institute published by the Overseas Schools Assistance Corporation, a private, non-profit corporation chartered in Massachusetts. The AOSHS Quarterly and The International Educator have a reciprocal agreement to reprint articles, quoting sources).

INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

In addition to thousands of items in the Archives pertaining to the K-12 education of American children and youth abroad, there are many other items which reflect the life styles and overseas experiences of American educators and families. For example, in the Archives Collection of Joan Frey of Liberty, IL is a 16-page November 1970 edition of FOCUS on GERMANY, a Special Monthly for the Allied Forces in Germany, published by the Press and Information Office of the German Federal Government. This issue is of interest because it reports on a massive airlift of more than 11,000 Army troops, mostly from Kansas, across the Atlantic for a brief period of training in Germany. US army and air force bases in Germany were also involved in the exercise named Reforger II. We wonder how many of our school alumni members remember Reforger II due to the involvement of their fathers and mothers.

The lead article on the front page

states, "Germans were interested in the manner in which 11,000 men were airlifted across the Atlantic in Reforger II. They hope all the boys enjoyed brief passes in their midst, as did the fellows who got their neckties ceremoniously slashed off in Nuremberg." The article continues with, "It would be interesting to get the reactions of the persons aboard the train. They were riding serenely along the banks of the Main River, near Bamberg, when suddenly all hell broke loose. Four Phantom jets shrieked past. Demolition charges exploded on both sides of the tracks. The sky filled with helicopters. As the passengers read in their papers the next day, it was an American-staged 'spectacular,' kicking off the field training phase of Reforger II."

The reference to "necktie slashing" is explained in an article on page seven. "Reforger troops did have some opportunity, however short, to see Germany. One group of enlisted men

found their way to a cellar student hangout in Nuremberg, and were quickly taken into the group. They particularly enjoyed the singing, which included *We Shall Overcome* (they were surprised that the Germans knew the words to that one), several songs in German that they couldn't understand (it was just as well), and a song which required everyone born in January, February, and so on throughout the year, to stand and chuckaluck.

"After a fair amount of chuckalucking it was noted that the Americans were wearing neckties, an item of apparel that is becoming passé in German student circles. A young man with a sharp knife ceremoniously corrected this sartorial oversight, and hung the severed neckties from the ceiling. He assured the Yanks they would remain there perpetually as part of the bar's decoration. The soldiers swear they will return to Nuremberg after their discharges to see whether this is so."

How many members remember the words to the famous song Eins, Zwei, Gsuffa? Not only do we have the German words in the Archives; we have the word for word translation in English. Anyone interested?

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS ARCHIVES (AOSA)

The organization of AOSA follows advice from The National Archives in Washington, DC wherein all items are classified (80 categories and growing) and recorded in the names of donors. Donors are individuals, schools, above school level offices, alumni associations. For example, The John and Mary Doe Collection and The Sampson Schools, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Collection. Items in each collection are kept intact under the name of the donor. This arrangement is in the interest of descendants/heirs of donors, writers, researchers, historians, and biographers. This results in the duplication of some items, which is good. Good because an item in one collection, e.g. a historical document or book, may be "dog-eared", torn, and fragile, but the same item in pristine condition may be in other collections. This is particularly the case with yearbooks, many of which include brief histories of the schools.

Another example is the book DoDDS

Pacific Region 1946-1986, of which there are many in the Archives. Walter Peik, of Hutchinson, MN, who has a large collection in the Archives, was the historian on a staff of six that wrote the book. We are quoting a few paragraphs from it hoping it will stimulate those who served in the Pacific, to look in attics, closets, basements, garages, and maybe find a listing of the first teachers there in 1946.

"The U.S. Missouri, the scene of the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945 was the end of the war for the entire Pacific Area. A year later, Johnson Army Air Base, Irumagawa, Japan was the scene of the opening of the first school in an occupied country, September 7, 1946. The date is a Saturday.

"A mimeographed 'GENERAL INFORMATION FOR DEPENDENTS COMING TO THE TOKYO AREA' pamphlet issued by the General Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Pacific APO 500, dated April 6, 1946 states:

"The War Department has announced it will assume no responsibility for the education of dependents of military personnel in occupied countries. However, this does not mean that the Army is unaware of or indifferent to the problems of providing education for dependents. This headquarters stands by to assist in professional advisement and planning of such schools which must from the outset be self-supporting. There is considerable opportunity for cooperative planning and action on the part of members of the American colony. Regardless of the possible availability of a few civilian instructors in Japan, a more likely source of teachers will be from the wives and other dependents themselves.

"The first dependents arrived at Johnson AAB, Japan, on 10 May, 1946. With the arrival of dependents finally taking place, many discussions were held and plans made prior to the schools opening in the Fall of 1946."

REUNION NEWS

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