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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

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The main focus of this issue is the historical site dedication of the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park in the middle of The Museums on the River District in Wichita, Kansas.

The event was attended by approximately 500 current and past overseas educators and 400 alumni on a typically hot Midwestern July afternoon.

Round trip transportation to the site from the hotels was provided by a parade of 15 city buses escorted by city police. Many others drove or walked.

On the riverbank in a grove of trees, two large 15 x 40-foot tents, with chairs, had been erected and set up, but it was standing-room-only under the trees and in the sun for more than half of those who attended.

To the side of one of the tents, the 312th US Army Reserve Band from Lawrence, Kansas entertained prior to the event. Following Posting of the Colors by a McConnell Air Force Base Honor Guard, the band started the program with The National Anthem, sung enthusiastically and emotionally by most who were there.

The site dedication took place during the weekend of July 20–23, 2001 following a City Welcome to Overseas Schools Educators and Alumni in Century II, the Wichita Convention Center.

As a prelude to the Official City Welcome, foreign flags were posted on both sides of Main Street, and a large Welcome Banner waved for all to see at the airport, in the Convention Center Auditorium and in the trees during the site dedication.



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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATABASES



The AOSHS has three personnel databases maintained by: CAROLYN WILBER, 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 CAROLYN. If you have been, or

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ⇒ <u>Due to the request of many overseas educators, this issue of *The Quarterly* was mailed in early September to arrive following the busy beginning of school year activities.</u>
- ⇒ Those who attended the AOS Historical Park Dedication should keep all records of the event, e.g. photos, videos, stories, newspaper reports etc., for preservation in a Site Dedication Time Capsule to be burried at the site. Full information and guidance onwhat can and cannot be placed in the time capsule will be in the November iwssue of *The Quarterly*.
- ⇒ The address for The American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA) is 539 South Water Street, Wichita, KS 67202. Send historical items and memorabilia to this address.
- ⇒ <u>Site Dedication Medallions</u> We sold all the *Historical Park Site Dedication Medallions* while in Wichita. We had no idea how many to order in advance. We have ordered another 100. Hopefully they will arrive before October 1. We will fulfil your orders to buy medallions in the order received. Price plus postage will be:

Medallions \$3.00 each

Postage...... 1 or 2-50¢ 3 or 4-\$1.00 5 or 6-\$1.50

Example: 4 medallions - \$13.00

Make checks payable to AOSHS, addressed to Lee Davis, 2224 S. Periwinkle, Mesa, Arizona 85208.

- ⇒ AOSHS has Transported its Supply of Tote Bags, T-shirts, Caps, and Patches to Wichita, thus no mail order sales are available at this time.
- ⇒ Memorial Bricks for Reunions Personnel planning school reunions may want to take up a collection or consider as part of the registration fee, allocating \$100 for the purchase of a Memorial Brick commemorating your reunion or meeting. Some alumni associations have already done this. Contact: Memorial Program, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale AZ 85251. E-mail: <a href="mailto: <a href="
- ⇒ AOSHS Website: {http://aoshs.wichita.edu} The site, courtesy of Wichita State University, provides a wide range of information and web links of interest to current and former American overseas schools students and educators including the American Overseas Schools Archives (AOSA) and the future Museum and Historical Park..
- ⇒ Educators who taught at the Ernest Harmon High School in Stephenville, Newfoundland from 1963–1966 are requested to contact John Barchfeld, <john.barchfeld@sru.edu> Class of '67, who is working with a reunion group trying to locate former teachers. Their web site is: {www.geocities.com/perachit/}.
- ⇒ <u>DoDEA Positions on Recruitment Now Available on the WEB</u> A weekly updated list of job openings can now be reviewed on the DoDEA website {www.odedodea.edu/pers/}. Click on employment opportunities, then on Current DoDEA, DoDDS, DDESS Vacancies, then choose "all."
- ⇒ <u>Page 2 of The Quarterly</u> The Stateside Regional Representatives Program, listed on page 2 of *The Quarterly* since the November 1996 issue, has been eliminated due to improved communications. See article on page 3 of this issue.
- ⇒ Thanks To Tom Drysdale for allowing me to "hang on" to his coat tails for the past six years. It has been a great ride to a level far distant from my expectations in 1995. Thanks to the Officers and Board members for their help. We are still good friends. Thanks most of all, to you the membership. Your patience, encouragement, support and trust continues to motivate the Board toward positive action and success of this organization. Thanks again Lee Davis.

REGIONAL REPS THANKED FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

In 1995, Regional Representatives were appointed by the board for the purpose of providing assistance, information, and guidance to members and nonmembers during the development and growth of the newly formed nonprofit American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS). Much of the early success of AOSHS is attributable to their efforts in the field.

But during the past two years, it has become increasingly evident that the ease of communicating between members and the board has improved considerably due to: (1) an increase in membership use of e-mail; (2) the establishment of an AOSHS Web Site; and (3) expansion of the AOSHS Worldwide Communications Network.

Credit for the website, hosted by Wichita State University, goes first to Dr. Eugene Hughes, President Emeritus of Northern Arizona and Wichita State Universities and Dr. Don Beggs, current President of Wichita State University. Their continuing support and involvement is recognized, appreciated, and needed.

Credit for developing and maintaining the website goes to Michael Erickson, Assistant Director – WSU Computing in Wichita, KS; Lyn Fort – AOSHS Webmaster and President of the H.H. Arnold High School Alumni Association in Gainesville, FL; Fred Rae – Computer Consultant in Vero Beach, FL; and Glenn Greenwood – Ramey HS Puerto Rico Alumni Association and Programs Project Manager, Texas Education Agency in Austin, TX. Credit for expansion of the AOSHS Worldwide Communications Network goes to Glenn, the AOSHS Communications Director.

During the past two years, communication with current DoDEA and DoDDS employees has improved considerably. As a consequence, the largest category of AOSHS members by geographical region is, "currently employed DoDDS personnel." Credit goes to Joseph Tafoya — Director DoDEA; Jeff Martin — DoDEA Deputy Director's office Pacific; Jeff and Shelly Pellaton — Pacific Regional Representatives in Okinawa; Robert Lykins — DoDEA Deputy Director's office Europe; Scarlett Rehrig — Superintendent, UK District in Europe. Credit also goes to many enthusiastic overseas school level administrators and teachers.

Therefore, a quorum of members at the Sixth Annual Meeting of Members in Wichita, voted to end the Stateside Regional Representative Program, <u>but</u> expand the Overseas Representative Program and hopefully improve communications with several hundred private American International Schools.

AOSHS MEMBERS: TO THE RIGHT OF YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE ADDRESS LABEL OF THIS ISSUE IS A NUMBER. IF THAT NUMBER IS 23 OR LESS, THIS IS A REMINDER THAT YOUR DUES ARE DUE, UNLESS OF COURSE YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID THEM. PLEASE SEND \$20 TO AOSHS. TAX DEDUCTIBLE DUES AND DONATIONS ARE MUCH APPRECIATED.

AOSHS Life Membership Program Now Available

Prior to and during the Sixth Annual Meeting of Members in Wichita, an announcement similar to the following was distributed:

ANNOUNCING THE AOSHS INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The AOSHS Board has received many recommendations from members to create an Individual Life Membership Program (ILMP). It has now acted and done so.

Issues considered by the board prior to implementation:

- a.) convenience for membership, no annual dues;
- b.) convenience for AOSHS, less processing time;
- c.) increase needed cash flow;
- d.) no future membership increases for life members;
- e.) accumulated interest from long term membership provides discounted rates;
- f.) comparable to other life membership programs;
- g.) annual payments of up to three years; and
- h.) all dues are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

The board realizes that this program is not for everyone. However, as of this date AOSHS has an ILMP available for those who desire to participate.



The AOSHS INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM, announced in Wichita, has exceeded all expectations.

Forty-four members, some new, signed up on the spot. ILMP wallet-size Identification Cards, are now being printed and will be mailed soon.

Bracket	ILMP
21 – 30	\$ 640
31 – 40	535
41 - 50	450
51 – 55	375
56 - 60	310
61 - 65	255
66 - 70	215
71 – 75	180
76 - 80	145
81 +	110

Report of the Sixth Annual Meeting of AOSHS Members

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. July 21, 2001

Hyatt Regency Hotel Wichita, Kansas

- Following the Call to Order, and Welcome by 1st Vice President Lee Davis, the following members and visitors were introduced:
 - · Dr. Eugene Hughes President Emeritus NAU and WSU, Current Interim President of Eastern Kentucky University
 - Dr. Joseph Tafoya Director, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA)
 - · Dr. Nancy Bresell Deputy Director, DoDEA Pacific
 - · AOSHS Board Members, and Board Members Elect
 - · Mr. Glenn Greenwood AOSHS Communications Director
- II. Plans for the 2:00 4:00 p.m. AOSHS Site Dedication of the Future AOS Historical Park in the middle of The Museums on the River District were discussed, including transportation to and from the site in 15 city buses with police escort.
- III. The following individuals were recognized and honored:
 - Drs. Eugene Hughes and John Stremple were presented with AOSHS awards—glass "Flames of Appreciation," mounted on marble bases, inscribed "With Eternal Thanks." (Tafoya stood in for Stremple, who was absent due to illness.)
 - Mayor Bob Knight, City Manager Chris Cherches, and Dr. Joseph Tafoya were recognized for their strong and continuing support of the AOSHS Mission. (Knight was in Detroit, Cherches was in MO).
 - Teacher Ann Yore (not present) of the Mannheim Elementary School was recognized as the first Life Member of AOSHS, and for motivating the board to establish the Individual Life Membership Program (ILMP).
 - Retired overseas teacher and administrator Mary Muehring, was recognized and thanked for including \$75,000 in her will to go towards the establishment of a library at the AOS Historical Park.
 - Retired overseas teacher and administrator Rex Gleason, was recognized as an active contributing member, and one
 of the few remaining first teachers in Germany 1946–47.
- IV. Following a short break, members ratified the following actions taken by the board since the Fifth Annual Meeting of Members in Boston in July 2000.
 - A. Recommendation to establish AOSHS Endowment Funds with the Wichita Community Foundation, announced in the Winter 2001 Issue of The AOSHS Quarterly. Those objecting were requested to notify AOSHS in writing by March 15, 2001. No objections were received, therefore AOSHS established an Endowment Fund on April 1, with the WCF, and announced this action in the Spring 2001 Issue of The AOSHS Quarterly.
 - B. Carolyn Wilber was appointed by the board to replace Dr. John Brokaw (deceased) as Manager of the Database for Overseas Schools Educators. Announced in the Spring 2001 Issue of The AOSHS Quarterly.
 - C. Appointment of board member Dr. Ann Bamberger, as 1st Vice President, replacing Lee Davis. Appointments of new board members JeriLynn Glass and Diana Jean Kempton, replacing Donna Gillis and Susan Schubert. No other nominations received.
 - D. Elimination of Stateside Regional Representative Program due to (1) e-mail increase, (2) AOSHS Web Site, (3) expansion of AOSHS Communications Director's responsibilities.
 - E. Establishment of The AOSHS Individual Life Membership Program.
- V. The board announced, without the approval of Tom and Norma Drysdale, that the future Archives Building in the AOS Historical Park, should be named after them.
- VI. The meeting ended at 10:50 and the gavel was turned over by Lee Davis to Billy Hobbs of Tyler, Texas.



Following the Annual Meeting of AOSHS Members Bill Hobbs solicited from those remaining recommendations for the location of the next DoDDS Reunion. The group quickly decided that the next reunion will be in Denver next July.

City Welcome and Site Dedication

of the future

American Overseas Schools Historical Park Wichita, Kansas

ATTENDEES FIND CEREMONIES EXCITING! By Bill Hobbs <BillyjHobbs@tyler.net>

"The mood and genuine welcome were apparent when we landed at the airport and saw the city's 'Welcome to Wichita' banner! Later, the banner was displayed at the City's Welcome Ceremonies and then at the park site. In addition, Main Street was decorated with foreign flags honoring us, and even the electric marquee sign at the Century II Convention Center paid honor to Overseas Educators and Alumni! "It seemed the city had come all out for us!" exclaimed Jo Ann Johnson, now retired in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Beginning with an official "Welcome" on Friday evening at *Century II*, the Wichita Convention Center, city officials—Sharon Fearey, Jeanne Goodvin, and Ernie Garcia—speaking on behalf of Mayor Bob Knight and City Manager Chris Cherches—who were in Michigan and Missouri—did not hesitate to let us know about their appreciation and eagerness to please.

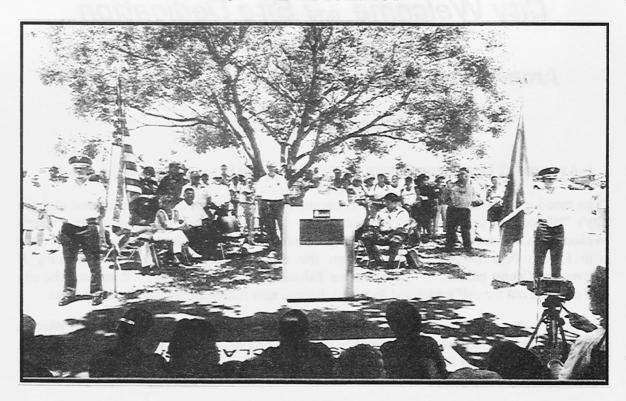
The "spark" of friendliness permeated the whole weekend, and openness and warmth greeted all of the attendees. Indeed, "the city was pristine in its own physical presentation as well, as if it had done so just for us," one attendee remarked.

The Wichita City folks certainly let it be known that we were "welcome," commented Alberta Brown, an AOSHS member now retired to Muskegon, Michigan. "What an impressive occasion, where everyone seemed so excited about being here, and the local citizens so warm and receptive."

At Friday's "City Welcome," overseas schools' educators and alumni were presented with the "keys to the city" as a large crowd of over 900 teachers, current and past administrators, alumni, students, and other friends of American overseas schools gathered for this historical event. No one could miss the friendliness and good spirit that prevailed! Impressive it was!

The Overseas Brats organization was holding its Homecoming 2001 simultaneously, so you can imagine the pomp and circumstance surrounding this event. The Homecoming coincided with the 13th Annual DoDDS Reunion, and needless to say, the climate was upbeat and enthusiastic all the way. Admittedly however, the climax to all the festivities was the actual site dedication for the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park, and the banks of the Arkansas River was lined with avid supporters!

SITE DEDICATION



American Overseas Schools Historical Park Site Dedication Schedule of Events

Wichita, Kansas July 21, 2001 2:00 p.m.

- I. McConnell AFB Honor Guard Posting the Colors
- II. 312th US Army Reserve Band National Anthem
- III. Site Dedication Speeches:
 - · Ms. Sharon Fearey, Wichita District 6 Council Member
 - Mr. Ernest Garcia, Special Projects Director for City Manager
 - · Dr. Tom Drysdale, President AOSHS
 - · Mr. Joe Condrill, President Overseas Brats
 - Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director DoD Education Activity
 - · Col. Ron Ladnier, Commander 22d Air Refueling Wing
 - · Dr. Jon Engelhardt, Dean College of Education, WSU
- IV. McConnell AFB Honor Guard Retiring the Colors

Site dedication speeches will be published in the November '01 issue of *The Quarterly*.

SITE DEDICATION CEREMONY by Bill Hobbs

"Enthusiasm" was the word when Wichita City officials literally lined up to welcome the AOSHS contingent for the site dedication ceremonies on Saturday, July 21. The "heat of the moment" coincided with the "heat of the day" but no one minded. This was an occasion everyone wanted to relish!

And, of course, this attitude of hospitality extended into the actual site dedication on Saturday, when literally hundreds braved hot temperatures to post our bid for posterity through the establishment of our very own Historical Park and Museum! It was "down by the riverside, like a Kansas go-to-meeting church social," stated Donna Boggs, one of the alum's from Colorado. Again, city officials and citizens, educators, alumni, and the military extended a great feeling of bonding. Many stayed around following the ceremonies pursuing their interests in the occasion! Television and radio crews were scattered about—and two TV stations liberally played the event on their evening newscasts.

Certainly the 312th US Army Reserve Band from Lawrence, Kansas, directed by Chief Warrant Officer Rob Claggett (www.midville. com/312) with its catchy marches and spirited National Anthem captured the tempo, and everyone was ready for a pleasurable event!

Some of the educators were most impressed with the enthusiasm of the occasion. Eldon and Mary Ann Mead (currently teaching at Ramstein High School in Germany) were among those impressed. "This is our first reunion and to have it coupled with such an exciting dedication is just too much!" they said, indicating that they fully expect to stay up with AOSHS and DoDDS Reunion plans. "We can hardly wait to see the finished product," Mary Ann added.

"I was ever so impressed with the police escort and the 15 city buses that carried us from the hotels to the site and back," commented Tina Calo, DoDDS teacher retired to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. "Most people in Wichita I talked with knew about us or were willing to listen to our tale. The 'funnest part' was visiting with everyone and enjoying the great friendliness of the Kansans."

Organizers, developers, city officials, and attendees alike found the site dedication historically important. The ceremony will be preserved for posterity in a time capsule, currently being readied, according to Dr. Tom Drysdale, AOSHS President. Indeed, combining the sentiments of the City of Wichita, current and past overseas educators, students and families, the site dedication more than lived up to its advanced notices! Some might call the actual ceremonies "Standing Room Only"!

The dedication of the five-plus-acre building site, located at the convergence of the Big and Little Arkansas Rivers between the Wichita Art Museum and the Mid-America All Indian Center Museum, was the first major step toward the construction of a landscaped park with memorials of overseas schools, alumni associations, educators and students, and buildings for a visitors' center, existing archives, a museum and auditorium.



Photos, courtesy of board member Diana Jean Kempton.

The 10sts Memorial Fund

PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261

The following is a recap of the memorial program currently available.

All purchases and donations are tax deductible.

- You may purchase a brick, block or paver in your own name or for a friend or loved one, living or deceased. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below for the correct order card(s). You may include a 300 word biography and photo with your order.
- 2. You may organize a memorial fund for a deceased friend or loved one. The fund will be announced in two issues of the AOSHS Quarterly so others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine how the funds will be used. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below to receive a Memorial Fund form.
- You may donate to a memorial fund already established. Make all checks payable to AOSHS Memorial Fund and note the honoree on the memo line. Send checks to the

Memorial Program, PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261. E-mail: <abamberger@juno.com>

Туре	Size (inches)	Max Characters per Line (including characters and spaces)	Max Lines	<u>Total Characters</u> (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

Who?

Who will pay homage to American children and educators who have died overseas and in the US? Who will record and preserve the history of American elementary and secondary education abroad?

Who will preserve the legacy of

American Overseas Schools?
Who will archive the memorabilia of
American Overseas Schools?
If AOSHS doesn't do it, who will?

Kiosk Site Debuts in Wichita — Now Available to You at Home

From Ann Bamberger

As the bricks, blocks and pavers, which are a part of the Memorial Program, have been purchased, the information provided has been entered into a computer program. From that program a kiosk has been developed to enable people to see who has purchased an item individually, as a gift for a friend or loved one, or in memory of someone. If a biography and photo were submitted, they are a part of the kiosk page. Attendees at the Wichita reunion had the opportunity to be on line and look at the biographies and see an example of approximately what the item will look like. On August 10, the site went on the Internet and can be accessed at: <www.aoshs.com/kiosk>.

The home page gives you five links: <u>Interactive Kiosk</u> – an alphabetical roster of who is entered in the program. Follow the prompts to find the alphabet page you want to see, click on the name to get the page to read the bio and see the photo (if submitted), then click on the word Brick, Block or Paver to see a facsimile of the item. <u>Historical Park</u> – tells about the projected park, with a map and photo of the architects' model. <u>Memorial Program</u> – tells about the program and lists items

that can be purchased, the details of each item and how to receive order cards. <u>Fund Donation</u> – lists the current funds which are open to receive donations, and tells where to send a donation. <u>AOSHS Home</u> – this link will take you to the AOSHS web site which can also be accessed at: <aoshs.wichita.edu>.

Those of you who have already purchased a brick, block or paver and have not sent in a biography and/or photo, are welcome to do so at any time. Please note: 1) The first time you go to the site, it may take a while for the pictures and colors to load onto your computer. 2) if you click on a paver, and it shows a blank, with no inscription, that is because none has been received as yet. When a memorial fund closes, it is often three or four months before the organizer of the fund submits the inscription desired. It is not the fault of this program or your computer. When the brick and pavers are eventually installed at the Historical Park, there will be a kiosk on site. Visitors will be able to read all of the above information, plus it will give the location of each item so they can view it in place.



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT MARTHA JEAN DAL SANTO (1928-1997) MEMORIAL FUND

Marti Spear was born in Carbondale, IL. She received her BS from Southern Illinois, and her MS from National-Lewis University, Evanston, IL. Marti and John Dal Santo were married June 6, 1959 in Cahokia, IL. After teaching several years in Illinois, they joined the overseas schools > and went to Germany. After spending two years in Bad Nauheim, Germany as the service club director for the U.S. Army, she began her DoDDS career in 1972 in Bitburg and then Nurnberg. She enjoyed successive assignments in Osterholz-Scharmbeck, Delmenhorst, Sorgel, Wiesbaden and Mainz, Germany. In November of 1995 the Dal Santos retired to Kerrville, TX. Marti died in November of 1997. She is remembered for her positive work ethic, radiant personality and for directing the enjoyable Mainz Elementary School Field Day program for ll students.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT LINDA SUE HARRIS (1950-2000) MEMORIAL FUND

Linda, born August 10, 1950 in Tacoma, Washington, spent her entire adult career as an educator. She was, first, a middle/high school science teacher and , lastly, an elementary teacher of the Talented and Gifted (TAG) in New Hampshire, where she received the Young Inventors Consortium National Award in 1996. Her entire DoDDS career was at Alconbury High School in England from 1977 to 1984. Everyone was inspired by her dedication to public education, her zeal in inspiring students, and she was the driving force in the school's participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Linda died on Sept. 19, 2000 from complications from pancreatic cancer. She is buried in Fairmont Cemetery in Denver.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT PATRICIA ANN LAWLER (1937-2001) MEMORIAL FUND

Pat Lawler Seep grew up as a military "Brat". (Though her married name was Seep, she continued to use Lawler professionally) Following two years in education in the U.S., she joined DoDDS from 1961-74 and enjoyed assignments in Turkey, Germany, England, Japan and Okinawa. Pat spent her career as a school counselor, psychologist and, finally, as director of Exceptional Children's Services at Camp Lejeune, NC. She was an outgoing, giving and caring educator who was admired by students, staff and community. Many students have indicated she made a lasting difference in their lives, and had kept in touch with her for more than thirty years. Pat died on May 17, 2001 after a long battle with diabetes.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT CLETA McGuire (1929-2000) Memorial fund

Born in Deighton, Kansas, Cleta was a child of the depression, and although her father worked for the railroad, the family was quite poor. She graduated from high school in Deighton and joined the sisterhood, receiving her education degree while a nun. After 12 years, she left the order and joined the DoDDS schools in 1966, being assigned to Okinawa. She remained there for several years before being transferred to Ansbach Elementary School in Germany. During her years there she enjoyed traveling in Europe. Upon leaving DoDDS she taught on the Zuni Reservation in New Mexico, eventually becoming vice principal. She then moved to Albuquerque and worked for the SocialSecurity Administration before her retirement. Cleta fought a 7 year battle with cancer and passed away June 9, 2000.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT HERMAN D. SEARCH (1908-2000) MEMORIAL FUND

Herman D. Search served in DoDDS from 1948 to 1981. Assignments included Nurnberg, Munich, Frankfurt, Orleans, Paris, Karlsruhe and Wiesbaden. His dedication to the overseas schools extended beyond the administrative positions he held. He actively recruited and assisted in the selection of new educators for the system, and supported the promotion of women educators. He remained an active member of the Karlsruhe (Germany) Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa during his tenure. He retired September 4, 1981 to Fort Collins, CO. Herman died August 28, 2000, and is buried in Hutchinson, KS. He is well remembered for his professionalism, friendship and unique sense of humor.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT CATHERINE BURDETTE STOLZER (1916-2000) MEMORIAL FUND

At the age of 54, Catherine embarked upon a new career as a teacher for the DoDDS schools. Widowed at age 34, she spent the next years raising her three children Charmaine, Gary and Wayne. When they were off on their own, she applied to teach overseas, and when told she could teach kindergarten in Okinawa, she said, "I'll take it." After hanging up, she wondered...where is it? Cathy taught in the Middle East, Europe, and finished her career back in Okinawa. She loved her travels and adventures around the world and referred to herself as the "gallivanting granny". Despite a setback with cancer surgery, she continued to be her optimistic self. She brought happiness to many students, fellow educators and her own family. She was a member of the Okinawa Writers Guild, and wrote her own eulogy, read at the service by her daughter, Charmaine Ragusa.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT MARY MARGUERITE TAYLOR WANT (1911-1996) MEMORIAL FUND

Marguerite Want, educator, painter, historian, gold Medal swimmer in the Senior Olympics, and NEA activist joined the DoD schools in 1965. After retiring in Gadsden, NM, she wanted to remain active in teaching, and add travel to the equation. For the next 21 years she served in Turkey, Spain, Philippines, Germany, Iceland, Taiwan, Okinawa and finally retired from Coevorden Elementary School in The Netherlands. She moved to El Paso, TX and enjoyed painting southwestern scenes. For her work as an historian in the Chamberino area in New Mexico, she was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus recognition from the University at Las Cruces, NM. Marguerite continued to swim up to 80 laps a day in her condo pool, and won 6 Gold Medals at the Senior Olympics. She is survived by her sons George of Phoenix, Walter of Newberg, Oregon, Gerald of Anthony, NM and her daughter Valeria "Sissy" Riley of Gilbert, AZ.

2002: A JIS ODYSSEY WILL BE A VOYAGE HOME FOR MANY

When Jakarta International School was first established in a converted garage in suburban Jakarta few would have guessed that, half a century later, the school would enroll more than 2,500 students from 65 countries on four different campuses. Originally named the International School, then the Joint Embassy School (JES), JIS is today an international school with a well-deserved worldwide reputation for educational excellence. graduated more than 4,000 students. but has educated as many as 20,000 who left before completing 12th grade. To all of them, their families, and to anyone who ever was connected with ЛS, the School extends a sincere invitation to participate in our 50th Anniversary Celebration and Alumni Reunion (June 2-6, 2002).



JAKARTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

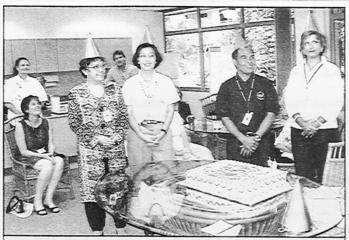
"2002: A JIS Odyssey" is the theme for the yearlong celebrations, with many activities and events planned for throughout the 2001/2002

school year. Our goal is to connect our present students, teachers and families and the JIS alumni community and together celebrate our

school's rich 50-year history and its bright future. The alumni reunion has as its theme "The Voyage Home," and will be four days of fun and festive events in June 2002. Hundreds of alumni (with spouses and children), former teachers, administrators, and parents are hoping to travel to Indonesia from all over the world to celebrate the School's golden anniversary. The 50th Anniversary Celebrations' steering committee, made up of



A team effort to launch the JIS 50th celebration. JIS elementary teachers Rozella Sutadisastra, Ibu Christine Susanto, Ann Rask, Pak Rame and Laura Schuster (L-R) blow out the candles on the JIS 50 year birthday cake.



Rozella Sutadisastra, Ibu Christine Susanto, Pak Rame, Ann Rask(L-R) JIS elementary faculty prepare to launch the 50th Anniversary celebration in style, taken together their record of service to JIS totals more than a hundred years.

Registration Information

Once the program is finalized and the venues and costs are confirmed, registration materials will be posted online on the <www.jisalumni.com> website and mailed to everyone with a valid postal address in our database. Registration forms should be available online by August 31, 2001 and will be mailed out soon after that date. All questions and suggestions should be directed to Michael Sheridan, our 50th Anniversary Program Coordinator, via e-mail to <50years@jisedu.or.id>.

alumni, parents, teachers, administrators, students and Indonesian staff, promises to make it a memorable event for everyone. It will include among other activities an opening reception, school-based activities and assemblies, a reunion dinner/dance, a barbecue and band, a golf tournament, museum and sightseeing tours, spa/beauty treatment, and special programs for children, all culminating in the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2002.



Mr Bill Titmuss, long term JIS teacher, slices into the 50th Anniversary cake on the first day of school.



Sylvia Des Tombe and Denny Lienau, their combined years of service to JIS total well over 50 years, cut the school's birthday cake.

INDONESIA



INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES



Over 500 current and past overseas schools educators attended the DoDDS-XIII Annual Reunion, July 20–23, 2001. Most flew in and out of the Wichita Mid-Continental Airport, but a sizeable number who drove to the reunion brought approximately a half-ton of overseas memorabilia for the Archives (AOSA).

All items donated to AOSA are considered historically important and are recorded and preserved in collections bearing the names of donors.

Additional items are frequently donated to established collections in the archives, and we take extreme pleasure in reporting two very unique additions, hand-carried to Wichita.

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We don't know what motivated Billie Jane Daniel "Janie" of Amarillo, Texas, to start collecting dolls when she first went overseas, nor does she, but collecting them she did. What makes this addition to her collection so unique is that the dolls, all about six to eight inches tall, are clothed in native costumes of the countries in which she bought them. When we saw the dolls, we understood why they were hand-carried to Wichita by Janie. The City of Wichita is now interested in putting them on display in the Visitors' Center or on the ground floor of City Hall, and not wait until the AOSHS Museum opens on the river. This has stimulated our thinking about not waiting —but displaying now—many other unique items in the archives.

You won't believe it until you see them, but Janie's dolls, all <u>authentically clothed</u> in native costumes represent cities and countries of Spain, Turkey (2), Singapore, Japan (2), Maderia Islands, Yugoslovia, Portugal, Greece, Malta, Italy, Germany (2), Morocco, Malaysia, Indonesia (2), Holland (2), France, England, Egypt, Sweden, Hong Kong (2), Scotland, Jordan, Lebanon (2), Australia, Korea, Thailand (2), Russia (2), Philippines, Taiwan, and Belgium. In addition to the clothed dolls, Janie also donated two small wooden Japanese dolls, four small wooden animals from Africa, and a fan from Mainland China.

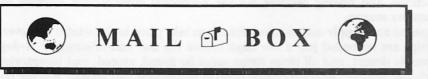
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During the DoDDS-XIII Reunion banquet in the Wichita Hyatt Hotel, Bruce Mitchener of Minden, Nevada brought a note to Tom Drysdale, at that time on the stage, from Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi, also of Minden, and who was at the rear of the room. The note said that she had brought to the banquet another item to be added to her collection in the archives. After reading the note she was summoned to the stage, and Tom announced that among the many items hand-carried to Wichita for the archives, here was something unique to share will all at the banquet. It was a heavy gold-colored telephone, removed from the Commander in the Pacific's Hotline in DaNang, at the conclusion of the Vietnam conflict by Christopher Stewart Sekiguchi, husband of Linda, who maintained the hotline. The phone was connected to the Commander in Chief Pacific Area (CINCPAC) Voice Alert Network (CVAN). Numbers could not be dialed from the Gold Phone that sat of the Commander's desk. On the base of the phone are only four buttons to push to immediately connect with subordinate Commanders in the Pacific.

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Other interesting collections will be described in the next issue of the Quarterly in November 2001, such as

- "OPERATION HOMECOMING" in the collection of Charlotte Miles in Beaverton, Oregon. It is a fabulous addition of photographs, stories, and newspaper accounts of the release of the first American Prisoners of War in North Vietnam to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, to begin their rehabilitation.
- ➤ A Nazi flag removed from the marble reviewing stand that Albert Spear built in Nürnberg for Hitler, by Captain Paul Aman, father-in-law of Terrence D. Jorgensen of Marietta, Georgia, during the capture of Nürnberg by American troops during WW-II.
- The record of a trip in a VW from Stuttgart, Germany to Yugoslavia in 1956 by teacher Judy Phillips Meyers of Greeley, Colorado.
- A visit to the Dachau Memorial grounds by John Mitchell of South Hadley, Massachusetts.



## What's a northwest Kansas boy by the name of James Ross doing on Ross Island in Antarctica?

We wondered this also, when talking to Chester Ross, James' father of Goodland, KS several months ago. He gave us James' e-mail address, and we followed up. James, his father and mother Ruth, have been members of AOSHS since March of 1999. After corresponding back-and-forth a few times and convincing James that we were really interested in what he is doing, we received the following e-mail from him at McMurdo Station on Ross Island, Antarctica:

As a "brat," I always thought traveling was one of the big benefits. Despite the turmoil caused by moves, particularly in High School, every new assignment was worthwhile as a life experience. The only long lasting problem with moving about every 18 months is, it is a bit infectious and seeing new places becomes an addiction.

While a camp follower, I was privileged to live in several interesting places. There was however, one place with no possibility of moving to—Antarctica. From my early years of television gazing, documentaries and biographies about Antarctica held my fascination. In the roughly 100–150 years of human contact there have probably been less than a half-million persons setting foot here. To be one of the few and privileged was a personal goal.

In 1999 I discovered the company acting as the prime base support contractor to the National Science Foundation in Antarctica. Using the wonders of the worldwide web it was possible to research the possible jobs and begin the job application process. Through a combination of persistence, moderately good health, and a usable job skill, I finally survived the hiring selection process and was whisked on my way south to "The Ice" for the 1999–2000 austral summer season.

I arrived for my first season during the late August 1999 airlift called WINFLY (Winter Fly-In) onboard a C-141 cargo plane. This group of about 200–300 persons arrives ahead of time of the main October-November summer deployment to assist the winter crew re-open McMurdo Station from its winter hibernation. It is almost an ideal time to arrive as you experience McMurdo Station before it becomes crowded, and also experience the transition from long winter nights to full daylight.

The summer season lasts from early October to late February. This is the season for field research, active field camps, traverses across the ice fields, and resupply flights to the South Pole Station. It is also the season when McMurdo Station mushrooms from the winter crew of 150–250 (plus WINFLY folks) to a summer population of sometimes more than 1,000 persons. This is the season of perpetual daylight, balmy temperatures (by local standards), wildlife, icebreakers, tourist ships, VIP visits, and the annual resupply ships.

What do most of us do in the summer? Work, work, and work. The standard day is nine hours and the standard week is six days. It is not unusual for some folks to do a lot more. While it is mostly work, we do get to play a little. Most of us are essentially restricted to McMurdo for the whole season, but we do have a few opportunities to escape "town" and visit the historic huts left by Scott and Shackleton, ride the icebreaker, and see penguins, seals, and whales. For the most energetic there are marked hiking and cross-country skiing trails.

This year, 2000–01, is my second trip to "The Ice." This time around, I'm staying a full 12 months. This means I will experience the full cycle of the sun from perpetual daylight to perpetual darkness and back to full sun. If the number of people who have set foot on the continent is small, the number who has wintered-over is a tiny fraction of that small number.

What do we do in the winter? Again, work, work, work, and work. The three primary activities in the winter are construction, maintenance, and supply management.

Construction primarily takes place in the winter because it will interfere the least with station and

research functions, and finding billeting for the additional construction workers would be difficult during the summer season.

The equipment and supply management functions take place in the winter for several reasons. First, the supply ships are unloaded just a few days before the last end-of-summer re-deployment flights, when most people depart, and all those items must be found, stored, and inventoried for winter and next summer's use. Second, with the drastic drop in population and activity it is the best time to repair and ready equipment for the next research season.

Overall, Antarctica is a wonderful experience and place shared by few. The "brat" experience is a definite asset in living here. You are already used to packing tight and traveling light, and living in McMurdo is hauntingly similar to living on a military base. So, it takes little time to adjust to living in dormitories (barracks), listening to or watching AFRTS, eating in the galley (mess hall), and working in a somewhat hierarchical organization.

Besides, it's kind of a plus living on "Ross Island."

Note: James Ross spent about 15 years following his USAF father around the US and on two overseas tours. (Lt. Col. Charles Ross retired in 1975 after serving as a gunnery instructor on B-29's, then 20 years as an Air Force Chaplain.) Most of the places where James lived, both CONUS and overseas, are no longer US military bases, and in some instances they have been destroyed.

James' overseas childhood experiences include attendance at three overseas schools: <u>Bushey Park Elementary School</u> (1961–62), near Hampton Court, London, England. Bushey Park was razed in the early 1960's and returned to parkland; <u>Eastcote Elementary School</u> (1962–64), London, England. Americans no longer occupy the facility; <u>Jonathan M. Wainwright K–12 School</u> (1967–69), Tainan, Taiwan. JMW was closed in the mid-70's, and razed by the 1990's.

## REUNION NEWS

## Reunion Celebrates Opening of US High School 50 Years Ago in Naples

A full report of this, and other historic reunions, will be covered in the November Issue of The AOSHS Quarterly.

NAPLES, Italy – In 1953, there were five students in the first senior class to graduate from the American High School in Naples. The first high school opened in 1951 and was called the Armed Forces Dependents High School. With eight students, it operated out of a spare storage room in the Hotel Britannique, a downtown hotel where several American families were living.

In 1953, the school became known as the Forrest Sherman High School, named after the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Forrest Sherman, who died suddenly while visiting Naples in July 1951.

More than 150 Naples American school alumni and faculty from the 1950's through the 1980's, along with many of their family and friends, traveled from points around the globe to attend a weeklong reunion, revisit former neighborhoods and hangouts, and rehash past experiences. During the weeklong celebration attendees enjoyed a variety of events like a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and commemorative homecoming dinner and dance, a family day picnic, a pool party and brunch, and tours to Pompeii and the island of Capri.

"When I learned this would be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of US schools in Naples, I jumped on the bandwagon," said Kay Galloway, the current Naples High School principal. Galloway said that about 25,000 students attended US Schools in Naples since it opened in 1951. A full report on this historic reunion will be covered in the November issue of *The AOSHS Quarterly*.