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**THE AOSHS  
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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*

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Members of the AOS Historical Society are well aware that American overseas schools have been involved, directly or indirectly, in national and international historical events. Not so with the American public, which is generally unaware that millions of American students have attended schools in many foreign lands, and that a large number of them have received most or all of their K-12 schooling abroad. Moreover, few Americans realize that government affiliated overseas schools for dependents, are essential to the accomplishment of the overseas missions of the Departments of Defense and State. In summary, the public is unaware that American educators and their students have been on the cutting-edge of history-in-the-making, and will be as long as the United States is involved abroad.

Therefore, it is appropriate, at this particular time in history, that this issue of *The Quarterly* be dedicated to the thousands of American educators, students and their families who are front-line witnesses to a different kind of war in the Middle East following terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. Hopefully none of them will be killed or harmed, as has happened in the past.

On pages 13 and 14 is a listing of schools closest to the current action in the Middle East, and many examples of "on-the-cutting-edge" experiences in the past. On page 15 we draw your attention to collections of Charlotte Miles, Linda Sekiguchi and Joan Sprague in the AOS Archives, regarding the schools at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and their involvement with the release of American prisoners of war in Hanoi, and the air lift of Vietnam baby orphans.



**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

⇒ **The AOSHS Memorial Program** – inscribed bricks, blocks, polished granite pavers in your own name, or as a gift for a friend or loved one, or in memory of a friend, loved one, school, alumni association etc., and **The AOSHS Memorial Fund** – for a deceased friend or loved one, have both been very popular. As a consequence, **The Memorial Program** and **The Memorial Fund** will each be described and announced as a **Special Attachment** at the end of each *Quarterly*, beginning with this issue.

⇒ **The Address for the AOS Historical Society (AOSHS)** is PO Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340. All correspondence, dues and donations should be sent to this address.

⇒ **The address for The AOS Archives (AOSA)** is 539 South Water Street, Wichita, KS 67202. Send historical items, artifacts, packages, boxes and memorabilia to this address.

⇒ **The AOS Historical Society Board of Directors** has investigated the benefits of incorporating the society as a nonprofit IRS 501 (c) (3) organization in Delaware or in Kansas. The results favor Kansas, and initial steps to do so have been taken with the objective of moving the operational headquarters from Litchfield Park, AZ to Wichita, KS following funding of the AOSHS Endowment announced in past issues of *The Quarterly*, and the employment of an Executive Director of the AOS Historical Park.

⇒ **The AOSHS Quarterly**: The first edition of *The Quarterly* was printed during the winter of 1996. Since then, we have had a few requests to send it by e-mail. This is an option we are considering for those it will benefit, or who request it. Those interested, please send an e-mail to AOSHS at <OverseasSchools@Earthlink.Net>.

⇒ **An AOSHS Credit Card Program** for the payment of dues and donations will be available soon.

⇒ **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: <abamberger@juno.com>. See Memorial Program attachment at the end of this *Quarterly*.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **AOSHS Letters of Endorsement** were received on July 22, 2001 from Kansas Governor Bill Graves and Fourth District Kansas US Congressman Todd Tiahart. Last March, AOSHS received a Letter of Endorsement from Dr. Lewis A. Grell, Executive Director of the Association for the Advancement of International Education. See article on page 4.

⇒ **McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita, KS**: The USAF Honor Guard at the AOS Historical Park Site Dedication in Wichita, KS was recently honored during a special McConnell AF Base Ceremony. Colonel Ron Ladnier, Commander of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing, presented AOSHS Letters of Appreciation and Site Dedication Commemorative Medals to the Guard, with his congratulations. The Airmen, Lester Braithwaite, Todd Dorn, Brian Esser, and Sean Villagomez performed with precision during the dedication and were a credit to the Air Force. Their attention to duty and standing unflinchingly in the hot summer sun impressed all in attendance.

⇒ **DoDEA Positions on Recruitment Now Available on the WEB**: A weekly updated list of job openings is on the DoDEA website {[www.odedodea.edu/pers/](http://www.odedodea.edu/pers/)}. Click on employment opportunities, then Current DoDEA, DoDDS, DDESS Vacancies, then choose "all".

⇒ **For Information Regarding Private International Schools Positions** contact Sherry Calef, Editor of the newspaper *The International Educator* at <tiedit@aol.com>, and {[www.tieonline.com](http://www.tieonline.com)}.



## AOSHS ENDORSED BY GOVERNOR OF KANSAS AND KANSAS MEMBER OF CONGRESS

During the DoDDS XIII Reunion banquet in the Wichita Hyatt Hotel on July 22, 2001, Jeanne Goodvin, Special Projects Director, City Manager's Office, read letters they had received from the Governor of Kansas, and the Fourth District Kansas Member of Congress, endorsing the AOSHS Historical Park project. Excerpts from the letters follow.

### From Governor Bill Graves:

Greetings: On behalf of the State of Kansas, welcome to the site dedication of the American Overseas Schools Historical Park and Archives Museum in Wichita, Kansas.

A vibrant, attractive city, Wichita is filled with numerous historical attractions. The Historical Park will surely add a unique piece of world history to the area. This park will serve as an invaluable site to educate the public about an untold chapter in the history of American Education.

It is a pleasure to welcome the American Overseas Schools Historical Society to Wichita, your newly adopted "Hometown U.S.A." Best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

### From US Congressman Todd Tiahrt:

Dear Board of Directors and Attendees: Congratulations on your ceremony this weekend. I am excited that your plans to locate here are proceeding. Today marks a great step forward for your organization in its quest to make a new home here in Wichita.

I am certain that the community and surrounding area will welcome and make you feel at home as you begin to establish your bricks-and-mortar presence. Your central US location will ensure access by all associated with the Overseas American School system throughout our nation. This fact alone will serve you well in regard to the number of visitors you will receive annually.

Again, I wish you the best of fortune in the next few busy and important years – please keep me appraised of your progress. Welcome to Wichita – we look forward to a long and prosperous future as your new "hometown."

*NOTE: The American Overseas Schools Archives and Historical Society also have letters of endorsement from the Departments of Defense and State, the National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the Federal Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the Association for the Advancement of International Education, and many overseas schools alumni associations.*

### AOSHS Individual Life Membership Program (ILMP) Now Available

Benefits include (1) Convenience; (2) No annual dues; (3) No future dues increases; (4) Can pay in three payments over three years; (5) Income Tax deductible.

**Make checks payable to AOSHS – ILMP**  
and send to AOSHS Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

AGE 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



## AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL PARK FUNDRAISING UPDATE

As announced in previous issues of *The Quarterly* the AOSHS Fundraising Plan of Action follows recommendations made by six progressive and successful military museums and historical parks in the United States.

The six museum directors\*, personally visited in November 1999 by then 1<sup>st</sup> VP Lee Davis, all endorsed the Historical Park Mission and Goals of AOSHS. Among the many “do’s and don’ts” recommended by the six, was to first establish an endowment fund to pay utilities, maintenance, and salaries of personnel. In other words, do not construct buildings until you have a dependable source of funds. Examples were given of museums across the country that built first, then sooner or later, discovered they had four options — pay the bills, declare bankruptcy, get “bailed out” by a city or charitable foundation, or close the doors. Other consistent “do’s” were to “not be in a hurry”, and to “go first class”. Interestingly the Navy Dependents Schools Offices in Pensacola, Florida during the early and middle 1970’s jointly occupied a small one story building with the start-up offices of the now famous National Naval Aviation Museum and daily witnessed the growing pains of what was to become one of the most successful museums in the country

Following the advice above, AOSHS began the solicitation of endowment donations from members, and in April 2000 established an endowment fund with the Wichita Community Foundation. By June of 2001 it was evident that potential funders could be convinced that the society had the backing of its members and plans were made to present proposals to them following the July 21, 2001 Historical Park Site Dedication. As most everyone knows, the Wichita City Welcome and Historical Park Site Dedication exceeded expectations. Mid September was then selected as a target date to start knocking on the doors of funders previously determined to be amenable to the mission of AOSHS.

On September 8, Tom Drysdale arrived in Wichita with the draft of a proposal, to be coordinated with local advisors and augmented specifically to meet objectives of six local potential funders. However, the unanticipated events of September 11, made it inappropriate to request funds from any outside source.

Following a daily review of the Philanthropy News Digest and foundation web sites, it was decided during an October 15 board meeting that AOSHS external fundraising should be delayed for the indefinite future, but that requests should continue for donations from the small percentage of members who have not yet contributed to the endowment fund. The goal is 100% membership participation.

The board will continue to investigate additional potential endowment funders in the Midwest and across the country, preparing for the day, hopefully soon, when it will be appropriate to call upon them. The Historical Park is a worthy and needed project, and we are confident that many funders will participate when they can.

We have also identified a number of foundations and corporations across the country that fund brick and mortar projects such as the AOS Historical Park. We will knock on their doors when we meet our endowment fund objectives, and when international events are more normal. Until then, we will continue to do what we do best — collect, record and preserve the history and memorabilia of American Overseas Schools, students and educators, and strive for the day when we will write and record that unwritten chapter in the history of American education.

The archives, now approximately 50,000 pounds in two buildings in Wichita, continue to grow.

\* (1) *The Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Heritage Museum in Savannah*; (2) *the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville*; (3) *the Naval and Maritime Museum in Charleston*; (4) *the National Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola*; (5) *the Battleship Memorial Park in Mobile*; (6) *the D-Day Museum in New Orleans*.

## NOTICE ALUMNI NOTICE

### The Madrid/Torrejón High School Association is making a challenge grant to the American Overseas Schools Historical Society Endowment Fund

The terms of the challenge are: The M/THSA will match contributions made to the AOSHS Endowment Fund by other overseas high school associations—as associations, rather than as individual association members or school alumni/faculty—by June 30, 2002. The matching will be on a dollar-for-dollar basis, up to a maximum total from the M/THSA of \$2,500.

In issuing this challenge, the M/THSA fully expects that the challenge will be met, and probably exceeded—that is, that the combined total received from other overseas high school associations will probably be greater than the maximum \$2,500 from the M/THSA.

Our purpose in issuing this challenge is to get other overseas high school associations involved, as associations, in actively promoting and financially supporting the AOSHS and its mission.

### AOSHS FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 2001

Cash on hand, rounded to the nearest dollar. All debts paid.  
Goods and other moveable property not included.

<u>West CU Luke AFB, AZ</u>			
Acct. Number	126289-2	Operational Fund	\$ 12,944
	126289-9	Checking	1,040
	151620-2	Endowment Fund	15,367
	130903-2	Building Fund	<u>4,467</u>
			33,818

<u>Armed Forces Bank Luke AFB, AZ Life Membership Program</u>		
Acct. Number	772003	11,893

<u>Bank of America, Scottsdale, AZ AOSHS Memorial Program</u>		
Acct. Number	0046-7153-7092	18,137

<u>Pentagon FCU, VA AOSHS Memorial Program</u>			
Acct Number	2363580-01-6	Share	52
	0-1613066-54-52	2 Year MM	10,712
	0-1603100-56-9	3 Year MM	<u>13,642</u>
			24,406

<u>Wichita Community Foundation, Wichita, KS</u>		
AOSHS Endowment Fund		45,160
AOSHS Memorial Endowment Fund		<u>13,810</u>
		58,970

Total Cash Assets	\$ 147,224
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## **A SECOND THANK YOU !** **TO** **REGIONAL REPS FOR A JOB WELL DONE !**

It was announced during the Sixth Annual Meeting of Members in Wichita, that Regional Representatives were appointed by the Board in 1995 for the purposes of providing assistance, information, and guidance to members and nonmembers during the early development and growth of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society, and that much of the success of AOSHS is attributable to their efforts in the field.

The "Reg Reps" are listed on page 2 of the Fall '96 through the Spring '01 issues of the Quarterly.

It was further announced that member/board communications had improved considerably due to an increase of e-mail, the AOSHS Web Site, and a Worldwide Communications Network headed by Glenn Greenwood in Austin, Texas.

Ease of contact with DoDDS employees also improved considerably and as a consequence it was reported that the largest geographical category of AOSHS members is *"currently employed DoDDS personnel."* Credit for this 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; Scott and Carolyn Davis – European Regional Representatives in Germany. Credit was also given to many enthusiastic overseas school level administrators and teachers.

Therefore, a quorum of members at the Annual Meeting, voted to recognize and record the jobs well done, but end the stateside program. The members then voted to expand the overseas program and also improve communications with private American International Schools.

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### **AOSHS ROVING AMBASSADOR**

During the July 21, 2001 Sixth Annual Meeting of Members in Wichita, Kansas, Lee Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> VP 1995-2001, head of a three generation DoDDS Family was recognized for his untiring efforts and dedication to the AOSHS Mission. In recognition of his frequent travels promoting AOSHS, President Tom Drysdale, presented Lee with a World Time Zone Clock with the inscription *"Lee Davis, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President AOSHS 1995-2001. This is presented at the Site Dedication in Wichita, KS July 21, 2001. With our thanks, The Membership."* It was also announced that the Board has provided for a ceramic block to be installed at the future Historical Park with the inscription: *LELAND E. DAVIS DODDS 1963 – 1990 AOSHS FIRST 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT.* Lee's continued support and assistance to AOSHS is assured.

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### **Drysdales Honored by Membership**

*From the Board of Directors*

The AOSHS Board of Directors, in the purposeful absence of Norma and Tom Drysdale, took action to insure that the archives when in place, would be known as the Thomas and Norma Drysdale Archives. When this was announced by outgoing 1st Vice President Lee Davis at the close of the annual membership meeting on 21 July 2001 in Wichita, the standing ovation and prolonged applause of the audience provided ample concurrence of this action. The Drysdales have invested over twelve years on the archive project and over seven years working toward the realization of an historical park to include an administration building, museum, and auditorium, as well as the archives. And that work is ongoing as they continue to function as the President and Sec/Treas., respectively, of the organization. It is a well-deserved honor. (The archive building is scheduled as part of Phase II of the proposed construction plan).



**AN UPDATE REGARDING THE  
AOS HISTORICAL PARK SITE DEDICATION  
in Wichita, Kansas**

During the afternoon of July 21, 2001 over 1,000 current and retired overseas educators, students, alumni and friends, in a parade of automobiles and 15 city buses, were escorted by police to a site on the Arkansas River in the middle of the Museums on the River District in Wichita, Kansas. The eight-acre site of the future American Overseas Schools Historical Park, is the cities' contribution in recognizing the need of a "Hometown" for millions of American children and youth, and their educators, from every state and territory in the union. The park will also recognize the contributions American educators, students and families, have made and are making, in the advancement of freedom and democracy abroad.

**DID YOU ATTEND THE SITE DEDICATION IN JULY?**

*By: JeriLynne Glass and Diana Jean Kempton*

If so, you are one of the lucky ones! You get to contribute to the Time Capsule! In our previous newsletter, we mentioned that we would be securing a time capsule to commemorate the Historical Park Site Dedication that would be taking place on July 21, 2001. Since the dedication has taken place, we are now ready to collect items for their inclusion in the capsule.

Please refer to the following guidelines when making your submission: We are looking for first hand written personal accounts of what it meant to you to be at the site dedication. If possible, we would like your story or article to be accompanied by a photo. Photos that depict the excitement of the day, the various speakers, the color guard, the band, our police escort, our transport buses and the land on which our Historical Park is to be built, with or without a story, are especially welcomed. However, please clearly identify each photo for us, providing full details. We are looking for newspaper clippings of the event. Please identify the date(s) and the newspaper(s) from which the article(s) was/were clipped.

We cannot accept video/sound recordings for the time capsule. As per guidelines set forth by the Smithsonian Institution, we need to avoid all machine dependent electronic media. These machines may become obsolete in the future. However, the Archives will gladly accept such recordings.

By overwhelming request, all speeches will be included in the capsule. Additionally, we are developing a list of all attendees, teachers, administrators and students for inclusion.

Finally with your submission, fully identify yourself as to where you taught, administered, or were a student and the years associated therewith.

Please submit your contribution no later than December 31 to:  
The American Overseas Schools Historical Society  
P.O. Box 777  
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Our cylinder capsules measure 6" x 24" so please do not submit items of larger dimensions. We will get as many capsules as necessary to record and preserve the history of the event. Thank you!

## AOS HISTORICAL PARK SITE



## MUSEUMS ON THE RIVER DISTRICT

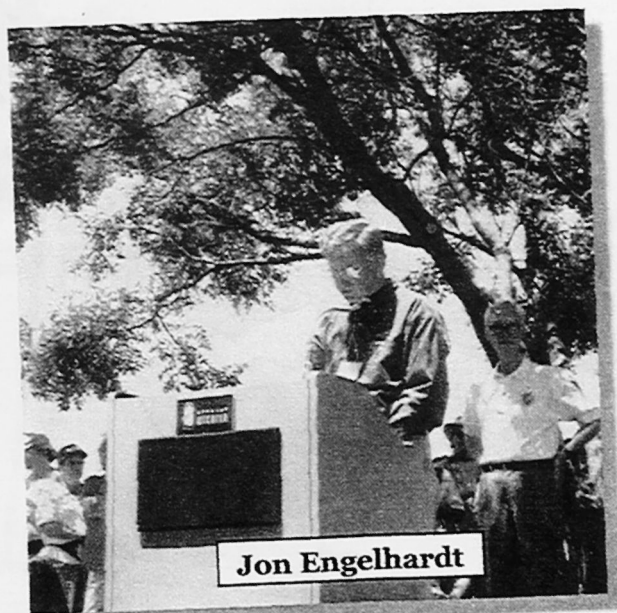
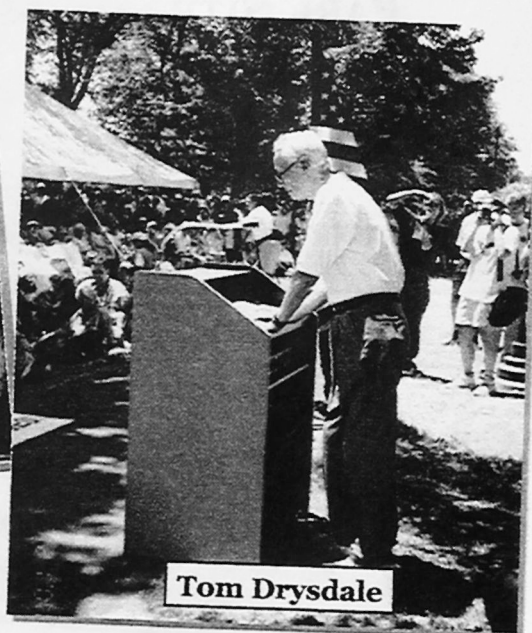


## WICHITA, KANSAS



JULY 21, 2001

## AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL PARK SITE DEDICATION SPEAKERS





## **Excerpts from Site Dedication Speeches**

### **Ms. Sharon Fearey, Wichita District 6 Council Member**

On this brutally HOT day in Wichita, I want to welcome you to our city and to our beautiful Museums on the River District. I would like to introduce you to my fellow council member Carl Brewer. We also have two city staff people here – Ernie Garcia and Jeanne Goodvin.

My name is Sharon Fearey, 6<sup>th</sup> District City Council Representative. You are standing in my district, which I think is by far the best district in the city.

On behalf of the Mayor and the City Council, I want to extend a heartfelt greeting to each of and every one of you. The City of Wichita is honored that you have chosen this community as the location for the future home of the American Overseas Schools Historic Museum and Archives.

When I came to the City Council three short months ago I was not aware of much about this museum except that Wichita was chosen as its location. In the short time span since then I have been privileged to become acquainted with Dr. Drysdale and to learn much more about what this museum will offer all of you, and the citizens of Wichita and everyone else who visits our great city.

For each of you who have had to call wherever you hung your hat home, it offers a place for the housing of your collective memories. We hope it offers you a place that your school memories, some pleasant and perhaps some frightening, can be stored in a way that you feel will always welcome you to a home that is something more than a hat hanging place.

For the citizens of Wichita this museum will provide a place for our children and us to understand experiences that are a world away from our everyday lives. For our school children it will offer a learning environment second to none.

For visitors to the city of Wichita, your museum will offer another opportunity for them to visit a world-class museum in this great museum district.

Wichita is proud of its heritage as a cow town, but also proud of the future we are building as a city devoted to art and culture. Above all we are a city dedicated to an open and welcoming spirit. We are a city where strangers greet each other and you don't have to go far to find a mutual friend or relative. We are a city that welcomes you with open arms and says "Thank you for choosing Wichita to call home for your unique and beautiful museum." We know that you have chosen wisely.

### **Dr. Tom Drysdale, President AOSHS**

How fortunate it is for all of us to be gathered here today, July 21- 2001, at the beginning of a new century and millennium. We are here to dedicate this site on the banks of the Arkansas River to past, current, and future American children and youth who have been, and will be educated abroad.

It is also dedicated to their teachers, both American and foreign, recognized by the US Departments of Defense and State as Unofficial American Ambassadors advancing democracy and freedom around the world.

Also how fortunate it is for all of us to be gathered here today in Wichita, Kansas. Wichita, three times selected as an All-American Model City, has recently been honored and recognized nationally for taking the lead in eliminating racial discrimination.

Regardless of what evolves on this site in Central USA during the next century and millennium, this dedication, and soon the burying of a commemorative time capsule, will be recorded as important happenings recognizing the unique history of the overseas education of millions of American children and youth from every state and territory in the union.

**Dr. Joseph Tafoya, Director DoD Education Activity**

Those of us who provide education to American students overseas owe a great debt of gratitude to the dedicated people on the American Overseas Schools Historical Society's Board of Directors for creating a home for us, our memories, and for the records generated by the devoted service and professionalism that have come to characterize teaching abroad. If the very creation of official archives was a feat, the establishment of a permanent repository for our historical documents is a nearly miraculous accomplishment.

**Dr. Jon Engelhardt, Dean College of Education, WSU**

I bring you greetings on behalf of Wichita State University, its President Donald Beggs and WSU's College of Education. As a former middle school math teacher, it is very comfortable and a pleasure to be here today with so many educators. I should also say that as a former military bandman it is a pleasure and a bit nostalgic also to be able to hear a fine military band like the one here today.

Almost 10 years ago, in Flagstaff, Arizona, we discussed the dream for an American Overseas Schools archive. We talked about the potential such an archival collection would have for preserving an important piece of American history:

1. By documenting American educational efforts around the world, especially during and after the 20<sup>th</sup> century,
2. By capturing the personal/educational experiences of both educators and students in American overseas schools, and
3. By systematically collecting and cataloging primary documentation from which education scholars could study US overseas schooling.

Today, with the dedication of this site, the realization of that dream and a permanent home for the collection is one step closer.

Occasionally dreams come true, but most often to fully realize such a grand dream takes a team of people all working together. I am proud that Wichita State University is a member of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society Team, working to help preserve the story of American overseas schools for future generations.

Congratulations on this first important step in establishing the American Overseas Schools Museum here on the river in Wichita and best wishes on the exciting next step in this adventure.

**Dr. John Stremple****Former Director of the DoD Education Activity**

Peace keeping is the main mission of our overseas military. Teachers and administrators who have served and continue to serve the children of our service men and women can take a great deal of satisfaction from the fact that their presence in foreign lands contributes significantly to this mission. Their dedication to and modeling of the principles upon which our country was founded serves as a guide to those who long for the American way. Their contribution to the overseas mission deserves to be memorialized; let us all rejoice in today's event.

*(Dr Stremple sprained his back shortly prior to leaving for Wichita and remained home on doctor's orders. He planned to deliver this speech during the site dedication).*

**Col. Ron Ladnier, Commander 22d Air Refueling Wing  
McConnell Air Force Base, Wichita**

*(Having just arrived in Wichita as the new 22d Air Refueling Wing Commander, Colonel Ladnier was invited to attend the site dedication ceremony. When asked to speak, he welcomed current and past overseas educators, students, alumni and friends, and to the delight of all "brats" informed them that he was one of them, having attended 7th grade in the Bad Toelz, Germany DoD Middle School in 1963 - 64).*

## ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Many American overseas educators, students and families, have been on the scene during news breaking historical events. This is generally not known by the public at large. A sizeable number of these national and international events have been peaceful, some involving presidents, kings, queens, ambassadors, heads of state and other dignitaries, both American and foreign. On the other hand, many overseas educators have witnessed war and terrorist activities and the frequent mounting of tension among their students whose fathers and some mothers were deployed elsewhere.

Some notable international events since World War II witnessed by American overseas educators and students, are: the close of Army dependents schools in Austria following the transfer of military personnel; the Soviet and East German attempted isolation of Berlin; the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall; the Berlin Air Lift; the seizure of the Suez Canal and the Six-Day Wars; the Soviet invasion of Hungary; the close of dependents schools in France and the relocation of NATO to Belgium; the Cuban Missile Crisis; the USS Pueblo/China incident; Taiwan vs Mainland China; the Korean and Vietnam Wars; Operation Baby Lift and the fall of Saigon; the POWs Arrival at Clark AFB; the invasion and liberation of Panama; the Gulf War; attacks on US embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam in East Africa; bombing of the Khobar Towers apartments in Dhahran; the USS Cole incident; and now the war in Afghanistan.

## SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

To further illustrate that American overseas educators and students witness historical events, approximately 12,000 students, nursery, pre school, and kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, were attending State Department Assisted Schools in or near Pakistan on September 11, 2001. The number of students in each school are listed below following the grade spread. Administrators of the four schools in Pakistan have not answered our e-mail inquires. The latest information from the Department of State Office of Overseas Schools is that the four schools in Pakistan are now closed.

## NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA

Bangladesh, Dhaka.....	P-12.....	558	<b>Pakistan, Islamabad</b> .....	N-12.....	521
India, New Delhi.....	P-12.....	944	<b>Pakistan, Peshawar</b> .....	P-8.....	54
Kuwait, Kuwait.....	P-12.....	1,294	Saudi Arabia, Riyadh.....	K-11.....	1,463
Oman, Muscat.....	P-12.....	172	United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi.....	P-12.....	621
<b>Pakistan, Lahore *</b> .....	N-12.....	432	India, Mumbai.....	N-12.....	291
Saudi Arabia, Dhahran.....	P-11.....	994	Jordan, Amman.....	P-12.....	355
Syria, Damascus.....	P-12.....	329	Nepal, Katmandu.....	P-12.....	235
Yemen Arab Republic, Sanaa.....	P-12.....	621	<b>Pakistan, Karachi</b> .....	N-12.....	338
India, Madras.....	P-12.....	160	<b>Qatar, Doha</b> .....	P-12.....	470
Israel, Tel Aviv.....	K-12.....	619	<b>Sri Lanka, Colombo</b> .....	P-12.....	313
Lebanon, Beirut.....	N-12.....	997			

Total Students: 11,781

(\* Shamaila Kahn, 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, Lahore, Pakistan American School, won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the 1998 AOSHS Logo contest).

Other private, non-assisted, International Schools were operating on 9/11/01 in Alexandria, Egypt; Kabul, Afghanistan; New Delhi and Kodaikanal, India; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Abadan, Iranzamin and Isfahan, Iran, and Kuwait City, Kuwait.

DoD Dependents Schools, elementary and secondary, operating in the Middle East, are located in Jaffair, Bahrain; Adana, Ankara, and Izmir, Turkey.

On the next page are typical examples of overseas educators and their students being "on-the-cutting-edge" selected from newspapers, personal letters, and e-mail sent to AOSHS:



## **PASIR RIDGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Balikpapan, Borneo, Indonesia:

As a veteran teacher of the American School of Kuwait during Desert Storm, Tim Callis was often called upon by new teachers to process events at hand and reassure them that all would be fine. While he always knew his family was not in harm's way, it was difficult to speculate the ramifications if he had been wrong. He now finds himself in a similar position and sends the following:

As the third largest Island in the world, Borneo sits astride the equator and is home to a great diversity of people. Indonesia is also 90% Islamic. In keeping with their culture, Indonesians tend to be a gentle, friendly, and tolerant people. Nonetheless there is a restless minority who are ready to test the limits of this newly evolving democracy.

Due to anti-American demonstrations, the community is on "Alert Stage Yellow", declared when security threats reached a level at which employees may become vulnerable to attack. If security breaks down further, or if anyone is threatened, the community may be placed on "Alert State Orange", and the entire school evacuated to Singapore.

Each teacher has already packed a 20-kilo box of teaching supplies that is being sent to Singapore. If evacuated, each will pack a second 20-kilo box of supplies, plus one 20-kilo personal suitcase and one 7-kilo carry-on bag, and following arrival in Singapore, the school will attempt to be reestablished in a downtown hotel.

## **BAHRAIN**

The educators who were assigned to Bahrain during Desert Storm can vividly remember their experiences and personally relate to the anxiety and frustration the current staff is experiencing.

They were on "Force Protection Delta", not allowed to go to the Naval Base, had a 7:00 PM curfew, the 'rumor mill' was operating at full speed, school was cancelled for four days in one week, and had a few bomb threats mixed in. But, they continued to teach at a high level of expectancy to a multi-national student body.

## **KAISERSLAUTERN, GERMANY**

When the nation dials 911, Ramstein Air Base answers "Kaiserslautern, Germany site locked down, ready to serve." (USA TODAY 10/19/2001).

For 600 teachers in eleven DoD Schools in the Kaiserslautern, Ramstein, Landstuhl, Sembach area, the workday begins at 5:00 AM, because security log jams at the gates have to be cleared before the school bells ring. Teachers stay late after school with the students, whose parents have been deployed elsewhere, to help them with home work and school activities.

Ramstein Air Base is always described in superlatives. It is the United States' largest concentration of Americans outside of the USA.

Immediately after the terrorist strikes on September 11, these bases were locked down with only essential uniformed personnel allowed in. That shut out 8,500 civilian workers, and thousands of family members who live on the economy, (all educators live off base). This action forced the closing of all schools, base exchanges, commissaries, etc.

Since then, security has been relaxed slightly, but, there are still hours-long waits at the base gates in the mornings as incoming vehicles are searched by guards toting M-16s and crews in machine-gun equipped Humvees (broad base, heavy personnel carriers) stand watch.

## INTERESTING COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES

In reference to the article *On the Cutting Edge of History in the Making* on pages 13 and 14, and due to the recent 9/11/01 events, it is timely to draw readers' attention to the **AOSA Collections of Joan Sprague, Charlotte Miles, and Linda Sekiguchi** of San Diego, Beaverton, OR, and Minden, NV respectively. Together, they have the most comprehensive compilation of newspaper articles, letters and photographs in the Archives regarding the 1973 release of POWs from Hanoi — **OPERATION HOMECOMING** — and the 1975 airlift of Vietnam baby orphans — **OPERATION BABYLIFT**.

Operations Homecoming and Baby Lift involved everyone at Clark Air Force Base, including families and students K-12 at Wagner High School, Wagner Middle School, Lily Hill Middle School, Grissom and Wurtsmith Elementary Schools.

Clark Air Force base was used transitionally as the first phase of rehabilitation for POWs who had spent many years behind barbed wire in the "Hanoi Hilton." Paraphrasing newspaper articles covering **OPERATION HOMECOMING**, Clark Air Base was a center of activity following a peace activity signed in Paris on Saturday, January 29, 1973. Officials had been under 24-hour alert awaiting further developments of the release of the prisoners from Hanoi.

Fathers of many Wagner High School students were involved in debriefing and transportation arrangements for the prisoners who were scheduled to be at the base hospital for three to eight days — some had been prisoners for eight years — so, emotional and physical problems were expected. Though it had been determined that the reception for the POWs would be low key, WHS students volunteered to be on standby to assist wherever needed. Then scores of media personnel from around the world descended upon Clark AB.

Some Wagner HS students were given official press cards entitling them to cover the return of the POWs and were considered official members of the press. They received credentials entitling them to privileges of distinguished members of the press. The students then worked with Carl Mydans, LIFE photographer and two-time Pulitzer prize winner; Peter Arnette and Eddie Adams, Pulitzer prize winners; Bill McLoughlin, CBS reporter, and many other well-known newspaper and magazine reporters from the US and Europe.

When the planes arrived, crowds of K-12 students,

many carrying signs saying "Welcome Home EX POWs, met them.

In the collections of Joan, Charlotte, and Linda, there are many letters of thanks sent to the students from the POWs when they arrived back in the states.

**OPERATION BABY LIFT** during April and May 1975 became known as "A Love Project." Clark students by the hundreds shared actively as plane loads of Vietnam orphans stopped over at the air base.

Elementary students helped by collecting clothing for the infants and children. Mattresses covered the floors of every available gym on base. By April 11, 310 babies, infants, and children in age from a few weeks to 12 years old were processed through Clark. An anonymous high school student wrote, "she didn't look at me. She just dug her little fingers into my arms as if her life depended on me. During the bus ride to the gym, even though I talked and sang to her, she never looked at me....At about 10:30 she settled down, but insisted that I hold her hand or keep my arm around her. When the replacements arrived in the gym at about 11 p.m., she sat bolt upright, frightened by the rush of new people. Then when a lady knelt down beside her mattress ready to take my place, she began to scream and grab me. It was all I could do to keep from crying as I left her in the charge of a stranger to both of us."

Sadly, the first plane load of 240 orphans crashed on April 4, 1975. An explosion occurred in a wing of the C-5A at 28,000 ft., and cargo doors blew off. The pilot attempted to land, but all 200 in the lower section perished.

Following Operation Baby Lift, the evacuation of American and Vietnamese refugees called for further volunteer assistance. The Wagner gym, the teen clubs, the Youth Center, the base gym and other buildings were used to billet newer guests, numbering in the thousands. A "Tent City" was set up to accommodate the overflow of people. Kelly Cafeteria and Dining Hall #5 were used to feed the refugees.

Volunteers, young and older, distributed food, clothing, diapers, water, and good cheer. They also led the visitors to chow, latrines, and quarters, and cleaned up the messes. Other students worked at Mobility Control Center at the flight line, greeted new arrivals, carried luggage and babies, and helped sponsors to understand the registration process.

Over 140 educators at Clark contributed more than 3,000 hours to **OPERATION BABY LIFT**.

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**INTERESTING COLLECTIONS – Cont'd.**

Among various school/class photos, travel guides, maps, city books etc., in the **“Early Days Collection” of Judy Meyers**, is the record of an automobile trip she and two teachers made in April 1956. *“Stuttgart to Athens in a VW—through Yugoslavia. Three DAC Teachers on an Adventure—April 1956”*

This historical record is introduced with: “While a teacher at Pattonville Elem School, Ludwigsburg, W. Germany in the 1955-56 School Year, we were given two weeks of spring vacation due to insufficient appropriation by Congress so ... two weeks!! Two fellow teachers and I decided to drive to Athens. Just one year before, Tito’s Yugoslavia had been opened to tourists so the route was open and we set out. It was April 1956 and we embarked on an adventure we would never forget.

“The following account was written to my parents—three installments—when we got back to work in the Army Dependents School. The editing was done for a later presentation back home. The photographs are from 35mm slides

taken en route.

“I still marvel at this and many other opportunities for adventurous travel open to me because of my employment for three years in US Army Dependents Schools in Europe.

In gratitude—Judy Philipp Meyers, Greeley, Colorado. July 2, 2001”

The account begins with an accurate pen and ink map of southeast Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and Greece surrounded by the Adriatic and Aegean Seas, Italy, Roumania, Czechoslovakia and the Ukraine. The round trip from Ludwigsburg to Belgrad, Athens, Dubrovnik, Trieste and back home is clearly illustrated. We assume Judy drew it.

Judy tells her story with 21 pages of single spaced typing—letters addressed to “Dear Mother and Daddy”—and illustrated with beautiful color photographs of scenes, villages, and natives, young and old, involved in their daily activities.

Judy’s story is recommended reading for all educators who have served in Germany or the Med. For those there during the 1950’s, many vivid memories will be recalled.

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The AOS Archives, now nearly 50,000 pounds contain many artifacts of historical value. One, is a flag, a very special Nazi flag with an interesting historical background. It is in the **Collection of T.D. Jorgensen** of Marietta, GA. The large red flag with a black swastika is one of four, taken down from flagpoles on Hitler’s reviewing stand in Nürnberg, by Captain Paul W. Arman, a forward observer artillery officer with the 5<sup>th</sup> US Army. He and his jeep driver were the first Americans to enter Nürnberg as the army advanced across Southern Germany in 1945. The viewing stand, built of marble by Albert Spear to last a thousand years, was across the street from what later became the Nürnberg

High School’s American style football stadium and track field. The flag was a personal gift to T.D. by Captain Arman, his father-in-law.

Interestingly, T.D. is President of the Nürnberg Alumni Association, Inc., and the flag will be in the Nürnberg American High School Exhibit in the AOS Historical Park Museum.

In T.D.’s collection there are photographs of Captain Arman and Sergeant Jeannine Medus in their 1945 Army uniforms. They met coincidentally in Bamberg in 1945, and became the first to be married in the Catholic Church there, following the beginning of World War II.

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 \* FOLLOWING YOUR NAME ON THE ADDRESS LABEL OF THE QUARTERLY IS A NUMBER. \*  
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**The American Overseas Schools Historical Society, Inc.**  
**PO Box 777, Litchfield Park, AZ 85340 (623) 935-3939**

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION\* \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL APPLICATION\* \_\_\_\_\_

Printed full name (Including Maiden): \_\_\_\_\_

Printed address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

City (or APO-FPO) \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Ex \_\_\_ Current \_\_\_ Overseas Educator.

I am an Ex \_\_\_ Current \_\_\_ Overseas Student.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check/money order for  
 a tax-exempt Individual Life Membership \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (ILM Program information on page 4)

Enclosed is my \$20.00 check/money order for  
 tax-exempt dues for one year, and four issues of  
 The AOSHS QUARTERLY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a tax-exempt Donation for the AOSHS  
 Endowment Fund for Historical Park beginning salaries,  
 utilities, and maintenance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (AOSHS is currently administered 100% by volunteers who receive no remuneration).

Enclosed is a tax-exempt Donation for the AOSHS  
 Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a tax-exempt Donation for the AOSHS  
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Attached are names of spouse and children  
 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Annual Dues \$20 effective 10/01/00

**Thank You!**

## REUNION NEWS

**It's the Rocky Mountains**  
for the  
**DoDDS XIV Reunion July 12-15, 2001**  
at the  
**Denver Marriott Tech Center Hotel**

Call 1-888-238-1491 for reservations.

To get the special \$79 per room rate from July 10 to 17, tell them you are with the DoDDS Reunion!

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Bill Hobbs, DoDDS Reunion Committee Coordinator says "Book early!"  
We have reserved 350 rooms, and they are going fast.

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To register for DoDDS XIV send \$85, with a stamped self addressed envelope to  
Tina Calo, DoDDS XIV Reunion Committee Treasurer  
PO Box 15871, Surfside Beach, SC 29587

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The fee is the same as last year, notes Tina, \$85 until January 31, then \$90 to June 30, and after that \$95. Any registration after June 30 will be done at the door.

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The registration fee includes \$75 for a Friday night opening Cocktail Welcome Reception, a Sunday night Banquet, and Monday morning's "Au revoir"/farewell Breakfast Buffet, and \$10 for expenses, e.g. printing, telephone, mailing etc.  
A cancellation fee of \$5 will be deducted from the original fee, with the balance returned after the reunion. Last day to cancel is July 1.

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**The official DoDDS XIV Reunion web site is:**  
**{[www.geocities.com/doddsivreunion/](http://www.geocities.com/doddsivreunion/)}**

Designed and maintained by  
Reunion Committee Computer Guru Larry Bruner.

The site contains info on the Denver "brewhaha", a guest book to leave or read a note from others, forms to download, a list of those who have registered, info about Denver, and a special treat to view pictures of the Wichita Reunion by Committee Member JoAnn Johnson, the Margaret Bourke-White of DoDDS XIV.



# The AOSHS Memorial Program

PO Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261

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

All purchases and donations are tax deductible.

1. **Memorial Program** – you may purchase a brick, block or paver in your own name, as a gift for a friend or loved one, or in memory of a friend, loved one or a school. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below for the correct order card(s). You may include a 300-word biography and a photo along with the check when you submit your order.
2. **Memorial Fund** – 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 that others may contribute. When the fund closes in six months, you will receive an accounting and determine which item the fund will purchase. Write to the Memorial Program address or the e-mail address below to request a Memorial Fund Form to complete and submit with your original donation.
3. You may donate to a memorial fund already established by sending a check 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>**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Size</u> (inches)	<u>Max Characters</u> <u>per Line</u> (including characters and spaces)	<u>Max Lines</u>	<u>Total Characters</u> (including characters and spaces)	<u>Cost</u>
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 overseas  
educators and their students?

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

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](http://www.aoshs.com/kiosk)>.

The home page gives you five links: **Interactive Kiosk** – 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. **Historical Park** – tells about the projected park, with a map and photo of the architects' model. **Memorial Program** – tells about the program and lists items that can be purchased, the details of each item and how to receive order cards. **Fund Donation** – lists the current funds which are open to receive donations, and tells where to send a donation. **AOSHS Home** – this link will take you to the AOSHS web site which can also be accessed at: <[aoshs.wichita.edu](http://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

#### ABIGAIL ASAKO ABE (1942-2001) MEMORIAL FUND

Abigail "Abbie" Abe was born October 3, 1942 in Pepeekea, Hawaii and attended elementary and high school there. After two years at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, she transferred to San Francisco State where she received a B.S. in Education. Abbie taught three years in San Francisco, then applied to teach in DoDDS. She taught one year in Okinawa and 28 years at Byrd Elementary School in Yokohama, Japan. As an outstanding English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher, Abbie lovingly gave numerous children academic as well as cultural instruction. Often she arranged exchange functions with local Japanese schools. She will be remembered for positively touching the lives of the children she taught, and the lives of her many Japanese and American friends. Abbie died at home in Hilo, HI where she had retired in 1998.



## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **DR. HAROLD (MIKE) BROWN (1927-2001) MEMORIAL FUND**

After serving in the US Navy during WWII, Mike earned B.S. and M.S. degrees, and later a doctorate. He began his DoDDS career in 1959 at Washington Heights, Tokyo, Japan. He was principal of Drake Jr. HS and Yokota Elementary School, and then moved to the headquarters of the Pacific Region in the Curriculum Division. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Okinawa and the Philippines. Mike then transferred to Germany as Director of the Curriculum Division. He retired in 1988 as Dean of Panama Canal College. Mike's commitment to education for all children and the recognition of his fine teachers and staff were his driving forces.

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **ELINOR (LIN) CHUHA (1933-1997) MEMORIAL FUND**

A native of Johnstown, PA, Lin was born February 9, 1933. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, she taught in Ohio before joining the DoDDS family. In 1960 she began her overseas teaching career at Lakenheath, England. After two years, Lin transferred to Wiesbaden, Germany. At her second home, H. H. Arnold High School, Lin taught French and English, and she met faithfully with the Knowledge Bowl team most noon hours for their practice. Lin was active in the Wiesbaden chapter of the Overseas Federation of Teachers. She and her husband, Jack Esztergalyos, arrived back in Johnstown shortly before her death on September 11, 1997.

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **GRACIELA GUTIERREZ (1928-2001) MEMORIAL FUND**

Graciela was born July 18, 1928 in Benavides, Texas. After graduation from Benevides High School, she went on to receive her B.A. from Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, TX. She received an M.A. in Music and later an M.A. in Elementary Education from the University of Texas. Graciela taught music in Benavides and Kingsville, TX, but was then hired by Creole Petroleum to teach at Camp Tia Juana on the shores of Maracaibo, Venezuela in the mid-1950's. Upon her return from Venezuela, Graciela applied for and was accepted to teach in the military's overseas schools. In the 1960's she was assigned to Mainz, Germany where she spent six years. She then transferred to Madrid, Spain where she spent the next 25 years. Graciela passed away on July 30, 2001. She will be remembered by her friends and family for her love of life and dedication to the teaching profession.

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **KAY JENSEN (1937-1999) MEMORIAL FUND**

Kay was born December 22, 1937 in South Dakota where she attended Northern State College in Aberdeen, SD. After teaching in the U.S., she applied to teach in the elementary schools of the overseas program. After a short time at the Yokota-Johnson complex in Japan, she transferred to Turkey. By the mid-sixties she was in Wiesbaden, Germany where she taught at Crestview and Aukamm schools until her retirement in 1993. Following retirement, she moved to Shawnee, CO where she passed away on June 10, 1999. Kay's gentle and thoughtful personality made her beloved by all who knew her.



## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **DR. EDWARD W. MANTEL (1943-2001) MEMORIAL FUND**

Ed Mantel was born in Townsend, Montana, later moving to Helena. He received a B.A. from Wheaton College (Illinois), completed a year of graduate work at Roosevelt University, then remained in Chicago to teach English and social studies at Harrison High School. After five years in Chicago, Ed joined DoDDS in 1970 with teaching assignments in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba then Nurnberg, Germany. Ed and Mary Gaige were married on April 24, 1973. Ed completed his M.S. with the University of Arizona and his D.Ed. with the University of California. He became an EPM in Nurnberg and then Osterholz-Scharmbeck. His last assignment as principal of Illesheim Elem/Middle School was a special joy for him. Ed was medically retired in January of 1998 and died August 28, 2001. Ed will be remembered for his care and concern for everyone he met, his wit and ready laugh, his ability to listen, and his wisdom.

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **BEVERLY NEVEAU (1935-1991) MEMORIAL FUND**

Bev Neveau was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She attended elementary and high school there, and graduated from Marquette University. She started her DoDDS overseas career in Newfoundland in 1968. She transferred to Japan where she was assigned to Sasebo High School (1970-72), then to Kinnick High School in Yokosuka (1972-80). Bev's final assignment in the Pacific was to Seoul High School, Korea (1980-87), and her final assignment in DoDDS was Frankfurt High School, Germany (1987-1989). She was medically retired and returned to Milwaukee where she died on January 7, 1991 after a long, debilitating illness. Bev made many friends, both teachers and students, during her DoDDS years. She is remembered for her joyful, active participation in theater, debates and speech projects.

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **SOLVEIG SATTRE (1913-1993) MEMORIAL FUND**

Solveig, the daughter of a college professor, was born September 16, 1913 in Moorhead, Minnesota. Before going to Yokohama High School in 1951, she had taught on an Indian reservation in South Dakota, and had worked as a civilian in Alaska during WW II. Solveig spent her entire DoDDS career teaching home economics and science at Yo Hi, (which became Kinnick HS). She produced many memorable yearbooks during her time there and served as a valued advisor to faculty members and students alike. She retired to Florida where she died in June 1993.



## **SECOND 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 all students.

## **SECOND 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.

## **SECOND 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.

## **SECOND 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.



## **SECOND 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.

## **SECOND 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.

## **SECOND 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.