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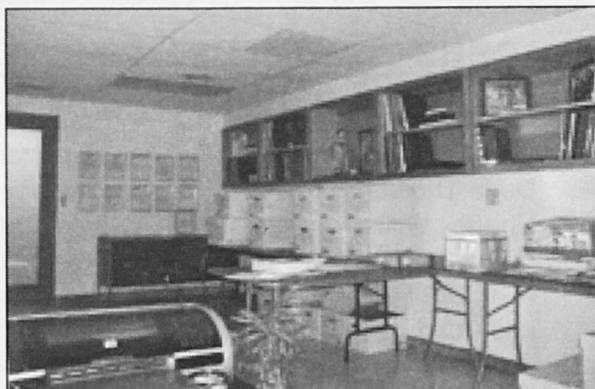
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AOSHS Offices in Wichita: Open for Business

The AOSHS office in Wichita, Kansas opened its doors on June 14, 2004. The office has two computer work stations, storage shelves to hold boxes that are being processed in the office, work tables, display shelves along one wall, and an area where visitors can sit and peruse through available materials.



The new AOSHS office space in Wichita, Kansas

The first week it was open brought two visitors. One was a volunteer in another office in the building. She had attended school in Germany and was quite excited when she saw the sign. The second person saw the sign as she drove by and stopped because her husband attended high school in Japan. Copies of the newsletter, brochures, and membership forms are available to visitors.



Marilyn Brown Kirby,
our new Archive Associate

Meet Marilyn: The office is staffed by the very efficient Marilyn Brown Kirby, graduate of Augsburg AHS, class of '61. Marilyn is the oldest of four children born to Richard and Anita Brown. Her father was in paratrooper training at Ft. Benning, Georgia when Marilyn was born in Wenatchee, Washington, which she considers her hometown. Her first sojourn overseas was to Tokyo, where she attended first grade. Their house sat on a high bluff with a view of Fujiyama from the back windows. The second assignment abroad found the family in Yokohama, where Marilyn attended grades five and six. The next five years were spent in Stillwater, Oklahoma, while her father was

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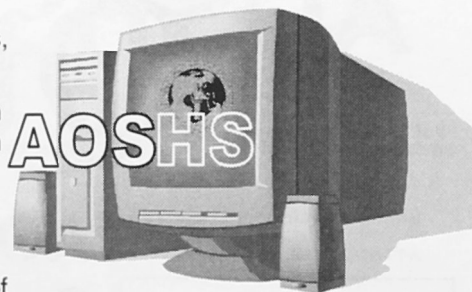
About the Historical Society Databases

AOSHS has three separate personnel databases listing educators, administrators and students.

Educators: The second attachment in every other *Quarterly* is an Archive Registration Form. The educator form will alternate with the student form noted below.

Students: The Alumni Archive Registration Form will be available in every other issue of the *Quarterly*.

Deceased: All readers are encouraged to notify AOSHS of those deceased by writing to
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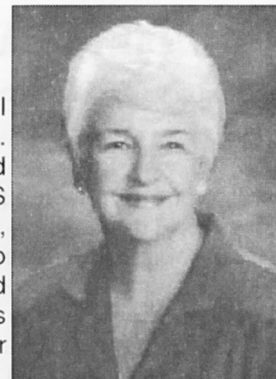
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~~ President's Corner ~~

By Ann Bamberger

Congratulations, again, go to the DoDDS reunion committee, headed by Bill Hobbs, JoAnn Johnson, and Alberta Brown, for their great planning of the St. Louis event. They have agreed to work on the 2005 reunion and have determined the site to be Scottsdale, Arizona. During the reunion the Ninth Annual AOSHS Membership Meeting was held. Further congratulations go to Richard (Dick) Nell, who was affirmed as a new member of the board, and to Diana Kempton, who will begin her second term. The new board begins the term on September 1, and the first board meeting will be held on September 17. We send our sincere thanks to Jeri Glass, who is leaving the board this summer. She will leave to join her husband, who is working abroad.



In the week following the DoDDS reunion in St. Louis, Vice President Scarlett Rehrig and I did a presentation about AOSHS for the DoDDS Area Directors and the DoDDS and DDESS superintendents in Arlington, Virginia. During the week following that meeting, board members Margaret Palmer, Jeri Glass, and President Emeritus Tom Drysdale and wife, Norma and I attended Homecoming 2004, the "Brats" reunion in Atlanta. We showed the DoDDS 50th anniversary video to the entire group at dinner, then made an AOSHS presentation the following day. It was a busy three weeks, to say the least.

Membership continues to be a focus for us, as increased membership is vital to maintaining the gains we have made in opening an office and hiring an employee. To further centralize our tasks in Wichita another employee is needed to begin data entry for the various programs now done by volunteers. We will always need volunteers, of course, but centralizing many programs will allow us to become more efficient. Please remember that the first attachment of each issue is two membership forms. If you don't need to renew your membership, please pass them on to prospective members.

The other major focus for the board this year will be the formulation and implementation of a fund raising plan. This was initiated with a meeting in St. Louis, and will be ongoing.

To those returning to their schools, we wish you a successful year ahead. Though thousands of miles away, you can be an active volunteer by encouraging your colleagues to join AOSHS. The preservation of our history is in our hands. —Ann

BOARD U L L E T I N S



- AOSHS office opens for business
- Board meets with professional fund raising advisor
- Presentation made to DoDDS Area Directors and DoDDS and DDESS superintendents
- AOSHS presentation made at Homecoming 2004, the "Brats" reunion
- Richard Nell joins the board of directors

Heidelberg Middle School

By Don Johnson, May 2004

Heidelberg Middle School opened in the fall of 1976. I was fortunate to assist with the opening and to continue as the principal until my retirement in 1998. The year the school opened our Nation was celebrating its Bicentennial. Dr. Joseph Mason was the DoDDS Regional Director in Karlsruhe, Germany, and Roger Prince was the District Superintendent in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Lee Davis was principal of the Patrick Henry Village Elementary School in Heidelberg. Lee was also responsible for developing the curriculum, planning and overseeing construction, staffing, and other logistical requirements for the new middle school. At the time, the middle school concept was fairly new. Heidelberg Middle School was comprised of grades 6, 7, and 8. Students came from Heidelberg High School (grades 7 and 8), Patrick Henry Village Elementary School, and Mark Twain Village Elementary School.

When I arrived in June 1976, much hard work had already been done, but there was still plenty to do. Tom Mickett, who opened the Mannheim Middle School a year earlier, was a valuable resource. Scarlett Rehrig, media specialist at Patrick Henry Elementary School, planned and equipped the media center. Somehow she procured a computer from the military.

Workers found an unexploded bomb and other ordnances left over from WW2 at the building site, but the building was completed on schedule. Furniture, books, and other school supplies and equipment were moved from military storage areas and the other schools into the multipurpose room and the large and small gyms. Just prior to moving these materials into classrooms, Heidelberg had its worse flood in years. The Neckar River overflowed its banks and flooded the town and Patrick Henry Village. The Middle School basement was flooded and the multipurpose room and gyms floors were covered with water. Many supplies were ruined, but most were salvaged.

The school could not have opened on schedule without the high school students who were hired to move supplies, setup classrooms, assist in offices, and the media center. They worked with the skill and dedication of adults, but they knew how to balance work and play. During one lunch break, it was reported that two people were on top of the tall

smokestack behind the school. It turned out that one of the high school helpers had learned to mountain climb at a DoDDS Outdoor Education Week in Bertchesgaden, and he was teaching a girl how to repel.

The school opened at the appropriate time with approximately 900 students, two counselors, a nurse, a librarian, a reading improvement specialist, a supply clerk, and two administrators. Students collected and sold aluminum cans to purchase computers and photo equipment for a photo lab. Popcorn and other treats were sold before and after school and at lunch time to assist with funding a yearbook and student activities.

In addition to the core subjects that were required students could take art, music, German, French, Spanish, drama, band, choral music, creative writing, and other exploratory courses. The curriculum was enriched with sustained silent reading on a regular basis, an activity period, ski trips, outdoor education, guest speakers, and day and overnight educational field trips in Germany and other countries in Europe. The first year the school opened all students and teachers participated in a Volksmarch in the nearby town of Otfersheim, and the school has participated every year since.

Students and teachers have experienced first hand many significant historical events in Heidelberg, Germany, and Europe since 1976. Perhaps the one event that had the greatest impact on the day to day lives of the students was during the Gulf War in 1990. To protect students, Army personnel rode with students on school buses, military personnel followed school buses to school, and infantry soldiers from Mannheim were positioned with weapons on the roof of the school.

Many teachers and administrators in the Heidelberg Middle School left to provide leadership at other places. Sue Knapp went to Heidelberg Middle School from Heidelberg High School as a Spanish and Social Studies teacher in 1976 and later became a counselor. Mrs. Knapp retired this year in June 2004. She was the last pioneer to leave. Heidelberg Middle School remains a good place for teachers to teach and students to learn.



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assigned to Oklahoma State University. Upon reassignment to Europe, her parents insisted she move for her senior year. For that, Marilyn says, "Thank goodness!"



The afternoon she arrived in Augsburg, several of her soon-to-be classmates who lived in the same housing area stopped by to meet her; she is still in touch with several. Marilyn notes, "I have often said that

was the best year of my life, but, of course, that was before grandchildren."

Marilyn attended the University of Maryland in Munich for a year before returning with her family to Phoenix, Arizona. It was here she met and married her husband, J.W. Kirby. They have a son and three daughters. After they moved to Wichita in 1976, Marilyn earned her BS in Computer Science at Wichita State University, and worked as a programmer for a small local company for several years. All their children are married, and Marilyn and J. are the proud grandparents of seven boys and five girls. They are awaiting another birth in January to supplement the baker's dozen. At the end of the summer they plan a trip to Alaska to celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Marilyn enjoys her position as archive associate. She says, "And now I get to enjoy the memories of many of those who have grown up traveling around the world. I've seen yearbooks from my elementary schools in Japan and from Augsburg AHS; I've found a friend from the University of Maryland in a yearbook from the Azores. I'm learning what the early teachers went through when they went overseas to teach after WWII. I hope that soon many others will be able to view the archive collections and revisit a piece of their history."

Reminder: Send all donations of materials to the 21st Street address listed for Memorabilia on page 2, and not to the offices on Woodchuck.

School Closures Provide a Bounty for the Archives

This past June proved a sad time in the history of DoDDS and DDESS schools with the closing of Hinterbrand Lodge in Berchtesgaden, Germany, and the school complex at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

Hinterbrand Lodge served as the Outdoor Education Program center for Europe for the past 32 years. Thousand of students found themselves challenged when they participated in Project Bold weeks, often finding they could push themselves to greater achievements than they ever imagined. Educators were also able to participate, both when they took students to the lodge and when they signed up for special teacher weeks held during school vacations. The setting in the Bavarian Alps was incomparable.

The elementary, middle, and high schools at "Rosie Roads" were the educational homes to thousands of students whose parents were stationed at this tropical site. Whether under the Department of the Interior, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Section 6, or DDESS, they have served their constituents well. When the flag was lowered from the schools for the last time, it was carefully folded and placed in a box with other memorabilia.

Both of these facilities have boxed up their histories and sent them on to the AOSHS Archives in Wichita. They will provide an opportunity for excellent exhibits in the future museum.



**AOSHS IS YOUR
LEGACY**

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**JOIN  
FOR LIFE!**

## KRISTOFFERSON ON BOARD WITH BRATS FILM

A Special Report and Update\* for Members

By Tom Drysdale, Archive Director

Great news from the “Brats: Our Journey Home” production front! Legendary singer/songwriter/actor and Air Force brat **Kris Kristofferson** recently met with the Brats film production team in Los Angeles and narrated the feature-length documentary about military brats by first-time filmmaker (and Army brat), Donna Musil.

The film is being produced by Brats Productions, Inc., a tax-exempt U.S. 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Their mission is to create film, video and other related materials designed to educate, illuminate, and provide hope, particularly in connection with military “brats” and other “third culture kids.”

“Brats: Our Journey Home” (formerly entitled “Brats: Growing Up Military”) is the first documentary to examine the peculiar life of a “military brat,” and the powerful effect this experience has on the adult a military child becomes. Experts estimate up to 5% of the U.S. population are current and former military brats. That’s not counting children of reservists, diplomats, or government employees who work with the military. There are military brats in Canada, as well. In fact, there are military brats in every country in the world.

As Pat Conroy said, these children have their own private language, customs, and rites of passage, but most are too busy trying to “fit in” to their new school, country, or civilian job to give it much thought. Even though adult brats have had a disproportionate influence on American culture (Jim Morrison, Sam Shepard, John McCain, Newt Gingrich, Michael Stipe, Tom Brokaw, even one of the Columbine shooters were brats), there have been few studies of its significance.

“Brats: Our Journey Home” is a 5-year work of passion for Ms. Musil. She interviewed over 500 Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps brats from their late teens to early 70s, both on- and off-camera—brats who, despite their outward differences (racial, religious, economic, political and sometimes even national affiliation) “...are all brothers and sisters at heart,” Donna said.

The documentary features provocative first-person interviews with *General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, Author Mary Edwards Wertsch, Psychiatric Social Worker Dr. Stephanie Donaldson Pressman, West Point Academy Sociology Professor Morten Ender, and many others.* The film also features rare archival film footage (some shot by Director Billy Wilder in the wake of World War II) and home movies from post-war Japan and pre-war Vietnam.

This project was born of a reunion of brats with whom Donna had gone to high school in 1973 in Taegu, South Korea. She was living in Georgia at the time, floundering a bit after the

kind of career-testing one might expect from a talented Army brat: writing screenplays in Ireland; working as a radio news director; graduating from law school; organizing unions for the AFL-CIO; and working as a secretary in Hollywood. When she saw her Taegu buddies in 1997, having found them on the Internet, she said, “it was revelatory.” For the first time in 20 years, she felt like she “belonged” somewhere. It also struck her that, while they looked like an ad for Jesse Jackson’s Rainbow Coalition, their passions, instincts and insecurities were amazingly similar. Thus began her journey “home.”

The film began as a one-hour show, but blossomed into a feature-length documentary, as the complexity of the issues and the depth of the interviews demanded the extra attention. “All the brats I interviewed were so articulate and brutally honest about their feelings and experiences. I’ve seen these interviews hundreds of times and I still get teary-eyed when I watch them.”

Reactions from brats who have viewed the rough cut also convinced her to extend the film. A general’s son, John Eisenhauer, told her the film was difficult to watch at times, but “really helped me.” Retired DoD Schools educators Marlene Knudson and Hank Koenig told Donna they think the film should be required viewing for all DoD teachers. Ms. Knudson was Donna’s third grade teacher in Bad Kreuznach, Germany where her father, Lt.Col. Louis F. Musil, was a Judge Advocate General officer. Kris Kristofferson was also stationed in Bad Kreuznach in the mid-60s with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

“Brats: Our Journey Home” examines a variety of issues emblematic of a military childhood, including:

- living in the safety of **an environment that espouses Democracy in an authoritarian, patriarchal manner** (often in the middle of foreign countries);
- **moving around the world** an average of 10-12 times before graduating from high school, and the resulting ability to fit in everywhere and nowhere;
- living in **racially integrated neighborhoods**, paradoxically segregated by rank, and the tolerance that often results;
- the idealism and **sense of mission** passed on to many brats – and the challenge of fulfilling that mission in a world primarily motivated by money;
- the consequences of constantly “putting on a happy face” and **sacrificing** one’s own needs for the good of the nation’s security ... and a soldier’s career;
- the paradoxical “**don’t ask, don’t tell**” mentality of hiding family dysfunction for those same reasons; and
- the **culture shock** of leaving this environment and trying to “fit in” to civilian society.

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## HISTORICAL RECORDINGS TO TAKE PLACE IN AOSHS OFFICE

Tape recordings of former DoD Overseas Dependents Schools educators and alumni will begin in earnest on October 2 through 7 in the new AOSHS Office, located near the Wichita Mid Continental Airport, hotels, shopping centers, Friends and Newman Universities.

Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi and Bruce Mitchener of Minden, NV will arrive on October 1, to head up this project, which will first record the stories of DoDDS educators and alumni who live in the greater Wichita Metropolitan Area. Linda, with the help of Bruce and members worldwide, established a successfully growing archive endowment during the Summer of 2002.

Following this phase and with the planned assistance of the History Department at Wichita State University and the Kansas Humanities Council in Topeka, the program will be expanded to include all of Kansas. At each phase the program will be evaluated with the objective of improving efficiency and spreading it to other states, territories, and DoD Dependents Schools, with the assistance of other humanities councils and DoDEA in Arlington, Virginia.

The tapes will augment an already impressive audio/visual collection of DoD educators and alumni in the archive—a number of which have passed on. Some of these tapes have been recorded by Linda and Bruce, and in time, the whole collection will be converted to discs.

This program will assist AOSHS in accomplishing its mission of collecting, recording, and preserving the history of educating American children and youth around the world. But time is of the essence! Paraphrasing the Preamble to the AOSHS By-Laws:

*"Early students and their teachers are gone; the ranks of their followers who have also endured the hardships of attending and administering DoD schools at home and abroad are, with their passing, slipping from our grasp never to be recovered. It was to prevent, in some measure, this irreparable loss that the society and archive were founded. It was undertaken also in the hope that it might inspire others to take up the unfinished task to preserve for posterity this priceless legacy".*

## DoD Schools List: France

By Les Burch

*Thanks to those of you who checked my lists that were available at the St. Louis reunion, several new schools have been added, and equally important were corrections in spellings of some of the locations.*

*A correction from the last edition of the QUARTERLY is for one of the locations of our schools in Cuba. Please note that the correct spelling is Guantánamo.*

For this edition, I am listing the schools that once existed in France. After Germany and Japan, France was third in the number of schools operated by various commands of the Department of Defense. I would appreciate it if any readers would let me know of additions or corrections to the list that follows:

### FRANCE

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bar le Duc ES           | La Rochelle ES                 |
| Barney, Joshua School,  | Mertignac ES                   |
| Beaulieu                | Merignac HS                    |
| Braconne ES             | Metz ES                        |
| Bordeaux ES             | Orleans ES                     |
| Brussac ES              | Orleans HS                     |
| Captieux ES             | Paris ES (also called Orly ES) |
| Chambley ES             | Paris JHS                      |
| Chateauroux ES          | Paris HS                       |
| Chateauroux JHS         | Paragueux ES                   |
| Chateauroux HS          | Pessac ES                      |
| Chaumont ES             | Pessac JHS                     |
| Chinon ES               | Phalsbourg ES                  |
| Chizé ES                | Poitiers ES                    |
| Dreux ES                | Poitiers HS                    |
| Dreux JHS               | Rochefort ES                   |
| Dreux HS                | Rochefort HS                   |
| Dreux HS Dormitory      | Saumur ES                      |
| Etain ES                | Toul JHS                       |
| Evreux ES               | Toul HS                        |
| Evreux JHS              | Toul Dormitory                 |
| Fontenet ES             | Toul-Rossieres ES              |
| Forêt ES, Orleans       | Toul-Rossieres JHS             |
| Fontainebleu ES         | Trois Fontaines ES             |
| Fontainebleu JHS        | Verdun ES                      |
| Ingrandes ES            | Verdun JHS                     |
| Laon ES                 | Verdun HS                      |
| Laon JHS                | Villefranche ES                |
| La Chapelle ES, Orleans |                                |

## Bricks to Commemorate the Reunions

Last August we listed all of the reunion events which began in 1989 with ODDSARA I in Concord, California. ODDSARA stood for Overseas DoD Schools Annual Reunion Association. The name was changed to DoDDS in 1994 (DoDDS VI held in Las Vegas). This year, DoDDS XVI was held in St. Louis and the reunion committee again voted to donate a paver in honor of the event in the name of Walt Peik. Walt hosted the DoDDS X reunion in Minneapolis, and was the first to buy a brick to commemorate the occasion. He started a wonderful tradition. We still have four reunions with no brick designated. They are:

|                 |                  |                |                 |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1990 ODDSARA II | Orlando, FL      | 1995 DoDDS VII | Monterey, CA    |
| 1997 DoDDS VIII | Washington, D.C. | 1998 DoDDS IX  | San Antonio, TX |

If you would care to donate a brick to commemorate one of the above reunions, please identify which year you will support and send your check for \$100 to: **AOSHS Memorial Program, P.O. Box 4312, Scottsdale, AZ 85261**



## Ninth Annual Meeting Held in St. Louis in July



Tom Drysdale and Ruth Weston Moran enjoying the reunion.

The Ninth Annual General Membership Meeting of AOSHS was held during the DoDDS XVI reunion on Friday, July 9 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency in downtown St. Louis. Scarlett Rehrig conducted the meeting, which included a review of board actions this past year as well as the election of one new board member, Dick Nell, and the reappointment of Diana Kempton to another three-year term. Ann Bamberger discussed the need for additional membership to maintain the progress AOSHS has made over the past year. Other items mentioned are covered in various articles in this issue.

The board honored Carolyn Wilber as the Volunteer of the Year. Carolyn took over the management of the Memorial Program two years ago, and for the past year has also worked with our program designer to develop the new educator archive registration program. She has also completed entering the data from forms submitted several years ago when John Brokaw was collecting this information before his untimely death. She is now up-to-date, entering the information from the newly redesigned forms as they are submitted. This issue of the Quarterly has the alumni registration form as an attachment. The educator form will be in the November issue. These two forms will alternate with each issue.

Jeri Glass, departing board member, was honored with a polished granite block to be placed in a walkway or courtyard of the museum complex.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Reunion Committee for another great event.

AOSHS has learned that the reunion next year will be held from July 21 – 24, 2005 at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. Registration information will be available in the November newsletter. We hope to see you all there!

### Auditor's Report

*The audit report of the accounts and records of AOSHS for Fiscal Year 2003 is displayed at right for the information of our membership. It thus establishes the accuracy of the financial report as of December 31, 2003 as provided to the membership in the February newsletter.*

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

American Overseas Schools  
Historical Society  
Wichita, Kansas

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of American Overseas Schools Historical Society (Society) as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Overseas Schools Historical Society as of December 31, 2003, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Wichita, Kansas

May 5, 2004



# Assignment in Baghdad

by Glynn Turquand

I was fortunate to serve as Director/Principal of the American Community School (grades 1-8) in Baghdad, Iraq during school year 1966-67. While living in Iraq I was befriended by several Iraqi men whom I met through the YMCA. They opened their homes and culture to me, genuinely enriching my experiences. I now relate a true incident, which helps to better understand perceptions and cultural differences between Americans and the Iraqi people.

I received a telephone call from the U.S. Embassy informing me that the Baghdad Airport was closed. I asked why this was pertinent to me, and was informed that the reason for the closure was because a vendetta had been established against Paul, one of the American teachers. Apparently, Paul had insulted another American teacher who was married to a Muslim Iraqi professor at the University of Baghdad. The professor had met his American wife while in the U.S. working on his Masters degree. During a large Iraqi family dinner, the wife mentioned a comment made to her by Paul; the professor's family was incensed and a vendetta was placed in motion. It resulted in the closure of the airport so that Paul could not leave the country before being killed. I was told by the Embassy official that the airport had been closed a number of times in the past when American females attempted to leave the country to have their babies in the U.S. against the wishes of their Iraqi husbands.

It was recommended that I speak with the professor and attempt to avert the killing since I knew the couple socially. At his home the professor showed me his gun and explained he planned to kill Paul, then his wife, son and himself. I said I understood that he wanted to kill Paul because of the insult, but he should not kill his family and himself. I offered to drive him to Paul's house, and on the way I mentioned that Americans often made insensitive remarks without meaning any insult. Having lived in the U.S., he should understand this. Paul may have insulted his wife without meaning to. I suggested he let me investigate, and when he agreed, I turned the car around and took him home.

I contacted the Embassy and informed them of the postponement. They asked I write a letter as if I was Paul saying I did not intend to insult the professor's wife, and as proof of my sincerity, I offer the professor the chance to cut off my right hand. I took it to Paul to sign, and while he was understandably reluctant, he agreed it was better than death. I took the letter to the university where I spent the day with the professor, complimenting his work in teaching the Iraqi farmer's American style farming methods to improve their yield. At the end of the day I gave him the letter and asked if there was a reply.

He handed it back to me, and I read it as if for the first time. I asked if there was anything that he wanted me to do. He decided that the issue was closed. The airport opened the following day.

*What was the insult?* At the Iraqi dinner with her husband's family, the Professor's wife mentioned that during a conversation, Paul had brought up an old boyfriend she had dated in college. The professor and his family perceived this as a deep insult.



*(Brats Film, continued from page 6)*

Dozens of individuals and organizations have contributed their time, money, hearts and souls to this film, including the Department of Defense, the Air Force, AOSHS, the NEA, and the Truman Library. Mr. Kristofferson worked for scale, and is also letting Brats Productions use some of his music in the film, gratis. An Irish philanthropy that donated \$2,500 in 2003 recently made an unprecedented second donation of \$5,000.

Donna said the recent Irish donation will pay for the narration expenses and a portion of the editing, but **she still needs our help to get this film up on the silver screen for more editing, sound mixing, theatrical clip license fees, and film festivals.** She said every penny donated (and much more) has gone directly into the film.

Donna is asking – if you're able – for a one-time gift of \$100 or more to help bring this movie to a theater near you. If that's more than you can give, she will be grateful for whatever you can offer – even if it's just your continued good wishes! She will be especially appreciative of a donation above and beyond her \$100 call, because her personal coffers have been stretched thin. Norma and I have made our donation, and we hope you will, too!

**For more information, and to make a donation, please contact Brats Productions, Inc. at P.O. Box 3096, Eatonton, Georgia, 31024, or by email at: thebratsfilm@aol.com. Their website address is:**

**[www.tckworld.com/thebratsfilm](http://www.tckworld.com/thebratsfilm)**

*\*See AOSHS Quarterly Vol. IV, No 1, Winter 1999*

—Donna Musil, J.D. and B.A./Journalism (*magna cum laude*) from the Univ. of Georgia, wrote the documentary "Rebuilding America's Communities" for the Carter Center (PBS); nationally distributed educational videos for Harcourt Brace; a children's animated feature based on African folktales; and many corporate videos for Coca-Cola and the like. She has lived in Germany, Ireland, Denmark, France, and Korea.

## Reunion News

**DoDDS Florida Reunion Cruise:** Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2004. Depart on the Sovereign of the Sea at 4 PM Friday from Port Canaveral and return Monday in the AM, with stops in the Bahamas and Coco Cay. Cabin prices range from \$277.75 to \$307.75 depending on location (2 persons to a cabin). Contact: Marilyn Potter at 7781 Granville Dr., Tamarac, FL 33321 or via e-mail at: pott9055@bellsouth.net Questions? Phone (954) 722-7405

**Johnson High School mini-reunion:** Oct. 22-24, 2004. Myrtle Beach, SC. Info on hotels and reunion can be found at: [www.kblaw.com/jhs](http://www.kblaw.com/jhs). Please check the website, make hotel reservations at the Bay Watch, and send registration fee to Cheryl Holowacz. Direct questions to: Cheryl Spence Holowacz: 843-903-2991 or Kay Boudreaux Weaver ('63): 352-343-5283.

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Please submit articles to: **AOSHS, P.O. Box 4133, Scottsdale, AZ 85261.**

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| 51 - 55    | 375         | 76 - 80    | 145         |
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Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship (include both if dual): \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: M \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_ City and Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

After graduation from high school, I: Entered the work force \_\_\_\_\_, Entered the military \_\_\_\_\_, Attended a Trade/Technical School \_\_\_\_\_,

Attended a 2-yr. College \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_), Attended a 4-yr. College \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_),

Attended a Military Academy: Army \_\_\_\_\_, Navy \_\_\_\_\_, Air Force \_\_\_\_\_, Coast Guard \_\_\_\_\_ (Graduated: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_)

Highest Degree Attained: HS Diploma \_\_\_\_\_, AA \_\_\_\_\_, Bachelors Degree (list type) \_\_\_\_\_, Masters Degree (list type) \_\_\_\_\_, Doctorate (list type) \_\_\_\_\_.

Listings may be continued on the back, as well as sibling information.

I understand that the information I provide will be available for research in the AOS Archives.

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

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## Department of Defense Overseas Schools and Private Overseas Schools Attended

| Year or Years Attended | Grade Levels<br>(e.g. K, 3-6, etc.) | Name of School(s) | Military Base or City | Country |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------|
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# **MEMORIAL FUNDS**

## **FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Bernadine Burk**

A native of Texas, Bernadine Burk received her BS and MA degrees in library science from Stephen F. Austin College. Her first job was in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C

Her overseas career began in Korea as a Special Services director. She transferred to Okinawa as a school librarian and then became the director of the Pacific Region film center where she remained until she retired in the 1980s.

She returned to Texas to care for her father. Bernadine succumbed to cancer in March 2004.

### **Mary Cakiades**

Mary Cakiades, a long-term DoDDS teacher in the primary grades, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, in her Manhattan home. The cause of death was a massive stroke. Mary had arrived several days before from her other home in Sarasota, Florida, to spend Easter with her extended family. She was in her seventies.

Mary was educated in the New York City Public Schools. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Hunter College and her Master's degree from Teachers College at Columbia University. She also did extensive graduate work at other universities.

Mary taught for six years in the New York City Schools before starting her DoDDS career. Her first overseas assignment was Mannheim, Germany (1966-69), followed by Crete (1969-70), Athens, Greece (1972-81) and Naples, Italy (1982-'96 ).

Survivors include: sisters, Lee Manolatos (Dr. Spero) and Elizabeth Tumino, brother Peter (Mandy) Cakiades, and nephews Thomas Tumino, and Athos and George Cakiades.

## **SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Margaret E. Jillson**

**1923-2004**

Margaret Elinor Jillson, fondly known as "Jill" by her many friends and colleagues, was born in Ithaca, New York, on June 11, 1923. She was a Naval Officer in World War II and a highly respected teacher with DoDDS for 34 years.

Jill began her DoDDS career in Japan in 1958 and then transferred to Spangdalem, Germany where she taught from 1958 until 1960. Her later transfers took her to Evreux, France, from 1960 – 1964, Upper Heyford, England, 1964 – 1968, Aviano, Italy, 1958 – 1985, and finally to Bahrain 1985 – 1990. She retired from Bahrain on November 17, 1990. Jill's career spanned the Elementary grades and the Gifted and Talented educational fields. She touched and enriched her friends, students, and colleagues with her sharp wit and delightful laughter. Jill was a credit to her profession and is mourned not only by her DoDDS friends but also by the many foreign friends and colleagues she associated with in her overseas assignments. She was a true ambassador of American education in a foreign country. Each assignment was an opportunity for Jill to become immersed in the local culture.

She retired to Sarasota, Florida, and immediately became active in social and civic groups. A "Celebration of Life", sponsored by her local and DoDDS friends, was held and a scholarship fund in her name has been established by the Sarasota School Board Community Foundation for Elementary Education teachers.

### **Closed Funds**

Patricia Welborn

Brick

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