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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

LINDA CONNELLY

KEEP IN TOUCH!

How often have we said that, when parting with family and friends? It's a great thought, but do we do it? Suffering a bit of guilt here...I don't always do it, even though my intentions are good. Here's a brief saga regarding "keep in touch!"

I recently went over (again) the listing of yearbooks on our **AOSHS website**. While doing so. I noted that the school where it all started for me...

Aschaffenburg, Germany has only one yearbook in our archives. The yearbook is from 1981 and guess who sent it to Kevin Frutiger to be scanned? Me!!! Aschaffenburg holds a special place in my heart. My first **DoDDS** assignment...where I met so many lifelong friends... where I met my husband, Mike... and where Mike and I were married. And yet...only ONE yearbook! This bothered me. A LOT! So, I got busy and contacted three friends from Aschaffenburg. Within hours,

multiple yearbooks were "found" and will soon be on the way to **AOSHS**...some to be scanned and some to be permanently part of the AOSHS Yearbook collection. Then, another treasure trove was discovered. One of my friends found that she had 16 (yes...16!!!) Wuerzburg yearbooks that AOSHS didn't have. Guess what??? Soon we will have them!

The point of my message is that while talking with my friends... keeping in touch... some important "finds" came to light. My friends and I all agreed that we are at that stage of life when cleaning things out of our homes is part of the routine.

NEWS FLASH!!!

If you have items from your DoDDS school experiences, please check online to see if they might be important to the AOSHS collection. Many of our items are one-of-a-kind and could be appreciated by so many of our former colleagues and friends. If you aren't ready to donate the items directly, they can be mailed in, photographed, and returned to you. The best way to determine the best thing to do, if not donating the item itself, is to contact Adam Gossman. **Archivist** (physical items) or

Kevin Frutiger, Yearbooks. You can contact them through the contact form on the AOSHS website at:

www.AOSHS.org

If you haven't looked at the AOSHS website lately, please do so!

KEEP IN TOUCH!



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RON HARRISON

AOSHS FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPOR	RT
	31-Nov-2022
AOSHS Assets (Not including building and furnishings)	629,943
Fenced Operating Funds (Fenced for contractors, 80% of non-personnel costs, scholarship fund and Endowment Fund)	496,649
Non-Fenced Assets (Available for operations & unpaid obligations)	133,294
Unpaid Obligations	_
Non-Fenced Assets (After obligations are paid)	133,294
Projected Expenses to 12/31/22 (Office Manager & 20% of operations)	4,500
Projected Non-Fenced Assets (As of 1/31/2022)	128,794



Visit DoDEA's videos about AOSHS from their Communications Department on YouTube,







MENDERSHIP DEVICENT

JOEL HANSEN

As Membership and Development Chair, I maintain an interest in our membership by leading efforts to encourage new members, as well as gain the renewals of existing members. At the present time, our numbers are increasing incrementally. It tells us that word is spreading about our organization and there is some interest in what we do. This is a step in the right direction.

However, our efforts to broaden the reach of **AOSHS** is often a bit of a dilemma. We struggle a bit with the realization that the vast majority of people in this country don't have any idea of who we are and what our mission is. We realize that our efforts will require a continual push to expand our audience, thus, we are currently working on three major actions at the moment to gain exposure and support. The first is to determine a way to display memorabilia and artifacts in other locations around the **United States**. The second is to develop a communications plan to send letters to prominent businesses and companies asking for a donation or contribution. And the third is to request other companies and organizations to assist us in advertising and sharing our story. Spreading the word will always be an important aspect of our membership. Sharing your thoughts about how this effort might be enhanced will always be welcomed. Please let us know your ideas.

We must also remember that AOSHS was conceived in **DoDDS** in **1989**. Since that time, DoDDS has been dissolved into a different but larger organization, **DoDEA**. The wonderful history of DoDDS schools, students, and teachers is something to be proud of and will always be a major part of what AOSHS shares. It is important to also remember that AOSHS has as its mission to preserve and share the legacy of (ALL) **DoD schools** worldwide. This encompasses the past and the present and will continue into what future generations will create. I think that all of us can be proud to be a part of this organization now and for many successful years to come.

Solutions to charting our future course will come from not only the **Board of Directors** but from all members, so please don't hesitate to share your ideas, be a part of an **ad hoc committee**, and/or tell the AOSHS story to those you know. We will all benefit from your participation!





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ARTIFACTS, MEMORABILIA, PUBLICATIONS, YEARBOOKS & PHOTOGRAPHS

DOUG KELSEY

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK INITIATIVE COMPLETED FOR EXISTING HIGH SCHOOLS

DoDEA and AOSHS have worked together on an initiative to obtain as many yearbooks as possible from the 40 existing high schools, resulting in obtaining more than 600 additional yearbooks for the AOSHS collection.

Some were physical copies donated and many were scanned and returned to the school. The successful joint effort resulted in obtaining yearbooks from 36 of the 40 existing high schools. The project began on February 1, 2021 and concluded on October 31, 2022. We hope we can obtain resources from the four schools that did not participate in the initiative.

Your assistance in obtaining yearbooks from **Aviano**, **Sigonella**, **M.C. Perry** and **Yokota** would be appreciated.

Actually, your assistance would be very helpful in obtaining additional yearbooks from any of the 40 existing schools and the many high schools that have closed since 1950.

You can now quickly see what yearbooks are missing from each school by going to https://aoshs.org/collections/yearbooks/. There are more than 3,700 yearbooks available through the AOSHS website

DoDEA and AOSHS will initiate a similar effort for elementary and middle schools beginning **January 1**, **2023**.



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE AOSHS BOARD?

Does serving on the **AOSHS Board of Directors** appeal to you? If you are interested, contact **Martha Brown** at **martha@aoshsboard.org** to learn more about Board responsibilities and commitments.



RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO



TO AOSHS

AOSHS wishes to recognize this quarter's donors who support the Museum and Archives and our operating fund. While membership fees are definitely the backbone of our funding, member donations are vital to carrying out and expanding the work of the Society.

The annual recognition program runs from the current **DoDDS Reunion** (Reunion **XXXIV** in **Kansas City**, **June 14, 2022**) to the beginning of the DoDDS Reunion the following year (Reunion **XXXV** in **Omaha**).

Donors within the Support Levels have their names published in the AOSHS Quarterly the quarter that their donation was received, or if missed, the following newsletter. Please let us know if we missed including your donation so we can correct that error. All donors for the year will be recognized for the final time in each Fall issue, and to all of you who found it in your hearts and pocketbooks to support the AOSHS mission, WE THANK YOU!

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IN MEMORIAM

CHRIS LIMES



JUDITH M. "JUDY" FRITTS April 23, 1939 - June 5, 2022



Judith (Judy) Fritts was born April 23, 1939 in Plainfield, NY. During the summers, she was always working with children teaching swimming and lifeguard training programs to campers. She graduated from Syracuse University in 1961. In her early days of teaching, Judy taught in Garden Grove and Huntington Beach, CA. In 1969 she began her DoDDS career heading to five of our Ankara, Turkey schools as a School Psychometrist. 1971 found Judy taking on a School Psychologist position in Naples, Italy, followed by assignments as a Dormitory Counselor in Zaragosa, Spain, and an Elementary Counselor in Bad Toelz, Germany. In 1979, Judy went to New York on Educational Leave for her Special Education credential. In 1980, she returned to DoDDS heading to Wuerzburg, Germany as a Special Education (K-6) teacher followed by Behavior Management Specialist (K-12). In 1984, Judy took on a position as teacher for the Learning Impaired (K-6) at Bad Toelz, Germany, where she remained until her retirement. Judy spent her weekends exploring Europe. In the summers, she would return to Sag Harbor to play with her nieces and nephews. Judy dedicated her life to helping kids to overcome their disabilities and succeed in school and life! Her family shares this with us as their sister's legacy.

RENATO "RAY" GUASTINI

September 29, 1927 – October 4, 2022



Ray served in the Navy from 1946 to 1950 and in the Army from 1951 to 1953. While stationed in Germany, he met his future wife, Ingrid. After leaving the military, he taught in Pittsburgh area schools for a few years and then signed on with DODDSEUR, beginning a 30-year career as a teacher and then Principal at military bases in Germany, Turkey and Spain. He was predeceased by his wife Ingrid (Rieber) and his seven siblings. He is survived by his children Connie Opland, Thomas (Brenda) Guastini and Karen Crafton. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and five nieces.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, reading and experimenting in the kitchen with various recipes and the latest kitchen gadgets. He loved and cared for his family deeply, and laid the foundation for all to be happy and successful. His generosity and sacrifices for his family were honorable and unending. He will be greatly missed by all.

He is interred at Jacksonville National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Jax Humane Society.



LORENE ADKINS

December 25, 1937 – May 23, 2022

Lorene Meester Adkins passed away on May 23, 2022, in San Antonio, Texas. She was born on December 25, 1937, the second of four children to Daniel and Tina (nee Henze) Meester in Grundy Center, Iowa. She attended Grundy



Center Community Schools, graduating with the Class of 1956. Studying at the University of Dubuque and the University of Iowa, she graduated in 1960 with a degree in education from IU. Her teaching career began in Oak Park, Illinois but her sense of adventure and desire to see the world soon led her to a career of teaching in schools for military dependents run by the U.S. Department of Defense. She taught in Japan, Turkey and Italy. In Italy she married Major Patrick Adkins and returned with him to the USA. For several years she lived in San Antonio but returned to teaching for the DOD after qualifying to teach English as a Second Language. She remained in Italy until her retirement, enjoying her career and the many opportunities it afforded her to travel with friends and family. With retirement, San Antonio became her home once again. Lorene continued to travel with friends and family both at home and abroad. She became a Master Gardener, volunteering at the San Antonio Children's Garden where she loved helping kids understand and enjoy gardening. She also volunteered every year selling plants to raise scholarship funds at the SA Rodeo. She became a member of San Antonio Texas Outdoor Women's Network and bonded with a group of 10 women who did outdoor activities together. They especially enjoyed river kayaking excursions, pausing often to take pictures of

the flowers and wildlife. She was a music and art lover taking full advantage of the opportunities that the museums, theater and symphony concerts of San Antonio offered. She was loved and will be greatly missed.



September 20, 1934 – February 18, 2022



Jerry, as he was universally known, was born in Keyser, West Virginia. After graduating in education from West Virginia University, he enlisted in the Army and served for two years in Wiesbaden, Germany. He then returned to Keyser until 1964, where he taught at local schools. In 1964, Jerry accepted a teaching position at Frankfurt American High School, where he taught until the school was closed in 1995. Over the years, he taught art, photography, humanities and archaeology – and brought great passion to his teaching. Through the Photography Club, he was also directly involved in almost every yearbook that came out during those years. Hundreds of students were influenced by him – and told him so up until his death, in person, by letter and more recently on social media and by email. He loved being in Europe and took advantage of the long summer breaks to travel widely, particularly to Italy and Greece, where he would visit many archeological sites. In addition to his work at FAHS, Jerry was deeply involved in many causes and groups, including Scouting, Explorers and numerous groups promoting German— American relationship. He was also very proud of his garden which included his own hybrids, such as the "Jerryberry" – a cross between American blackberries and German raspberries. Over the years, he also maintained his connection to Keyser, West Virginia where he had gone fishing with his father and son many times. He is survived by his widow and two children.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Derr's fund was opened in July 2022 by Tari Wright and Jeri Smith who are the sponsors. The fund now totals \$100.

Marilynn Ruth Ayers Taylor's fund was opened by Doug and Vicdan Kittleson in July, 2022. The fund now totals \$25.00.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Todd Milner's fund was opened in April 2022 by John (Buddy) Leavitt who is the sponsor. The fund now totals \$50.00.

Gilbert Fooks' fund was opened in April 2022 by John (Buddy) Leavitt who is the sponsor. The fund now totals \$25.00.



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Below are the latest notices we have received of those recently deceased. While we are pleased to provide this service to our membership, we realize that we may not know of other colleagues who have passed. You can help us by informing the AOSHS office when you learn of the passing of others. If you would like to purchase a Memorial Virtual Remembrance in honor of one of these or other colleagues a Memorial Virtual Remembrance Form is located at the end of this newsletter.



WALLY ACKERMAN

____ – August, 2022

RODNEY LEE BARRON

October 20, 1942 – August 15, 2022

CAMILLE JO BASSI

____ – August, 2022

CHARLES DAVID BRUNELL

April 10, 1945 – August 13, 2022

DONALD EUGENE EDWARDS

____ – May 20, 2022

TED EDWARDS

____ – September 7, 2022

HALLIE GARNER

April 8, 1936 – January 14, 2022

CLEMENTINA GREENBURG

August 3, 1942 – April 23, 2022

VIRGINIA M. JOHNSON

July 25, 1924 – Oct. 6, 2022

CHARLES (TOM) THOMAS KEMP

May 25, 1951 – September 28, 2022

ARLENE LARSEN

– December, 2022

VICTOR WILLIAMS MCALLISTER

October 15, 1954 – August 18, 2022

NANCY NORMAN

November 2, 2022

SUSAN WINGFIELD (CARLISLE) TOMLINSON

April 11, 1956 – July 8, 2022

ELIZABETH "BETH" WINTERHOLLER PETTY

May 31, 1955 – September 18, 2022

ROGER YOUNGMAN

– August 25, 2022

LARRY ZANI

____ – August 26, 2022



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AOSHS is a Kansas non-profit organization that collects, records, preserves, exhibits, and provides research opportunity about historical memorabilia of the American overseas schools. Members promote global knowledge and understanding of this unique endeavor, thus adding a critical chapter to the history of American education.

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- 2) that although the Society greatly appreciates and recognizes all donations and gifts, it will neither recommend nor encourage its members to obtain the services or products of any company; and,
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