



# aoshs QUARTERLY



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

LINDA CONNELLY

### OMAHA!

Linda Connelly here...not Peyton Manning. Omaha was part of the sports report for some years when Peyton used the word "Omaha" as his "alert" before his pass. I'm not Peyton, and this is a far different alert for Omaha.

I'm reminding everyone of the upcoming **DoDDS Reunion** this **July**. It will be held in...you guessed it...**Omaha, Nebraska**. This will be **DoDDS Reunion XXXV**.

Please understand that the DoDDS Reunion is organized by **Harry Stine** and his **Reunion Committee**. AOSHS supports the Reunion, but despite what many attendees/people think, AOSHS is not the organizer. We appreciate so much the work that Harry and his Committee put forth each and every year, so that attendees can enjoy time with their friends. They do a fantastic job and things always play out without a hitch.

Because we'd like to help get the word out to our members and to

everyone who reads the *Quarterly*, here is information on the upcoming DoDDS Reunion.

### DoDDS Reunion XXXV

Date: 12–16 July 2023

Location: Omaha, Nebraska

Hotel: Hilton Omaha  
1001 Cass Street

Phone: 1-800-315-1066

Reference: DoDDS Worldwide  
Reunion XXXV

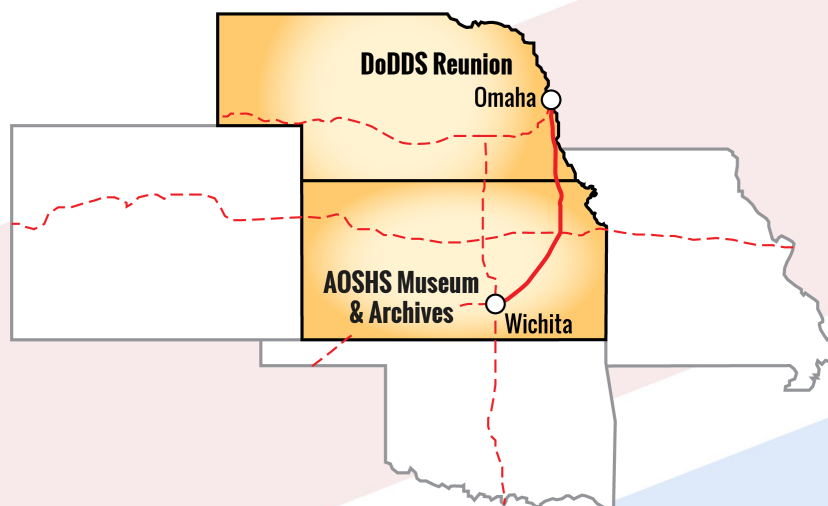
You can also access information about the Reunion by doing a Google search for "DoDDS Reunion XXXV". There you will find Reunion info and hotel info. Details include information such as: schedule, who is attending, mini reunions...and more. If you have not registered for the Reunion, you

can find the Registration form there. Through 31 March the registration fee is \$105; it increases after that date. Don't wait!

An added bonus...much like Kansas City last year...Omaha is relatively close to the **AOSHS Museum and Archives** in **Wichita, Kansas**. (It's about 5 hours south.) If you are driving to Omaha from the south or west, you should consider a stop at AOSHS. Our staff is always so happy to meet museum visitors and show them around the thousands of items and yearbooks on hand. They genuinely enjoy hearing our many stories about our DoDDS experience. Plus...they have a plethora of things they can share, given their work and expertise working in our museum!

I hope to see you at the DoDDS Reunion this July!

OMAHA!



# financialMATTERS

RON HARRISON

AOSHS FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT	
	23-Jan-2023
AOSHS Assets (Not including building and furnishings)	775,403
Fenced Operating Funds (Fenced for contractors, 80% of non-personnel costs, scholarship fund and Endowment Fund)	625,338
Non-Fenced Assets (Available for operations & unpaid obligations)	150,065
Unpaid Obligations	—
Non-Fenced Assets (After obligations are paid)	150,065
Projected Expenses to 2/28/23 (Office Manager & 20% of operations)	60,000
Projected Non-Fenced Assets (As of 2/28/2023)	90,065

## ARTIFACTS, MEMORABILIA, PUBLICATIONS, YEARBOOKS & PHOTOGRAPHS

DOUG KELSEY

### Elementary and Middle School Yearbooks/Publications Initiative

After the successful completion of obtaining more than **700 yearbooks** from the **40 existing DoDEA high schools**, DoDEA and AOSHS will again partner for a similar initiative for the **119 existing elementary and middle schools**. It is hoped these efforts will yield at least an additional **2,000 publications** for our online collection. This is also an opportunity for you to provide or loan your elementary and middle school yearbooks/publications to AOSHS. If you would like to donate your items to AOSHS, we will scan them, place them online through the **AOSHS website**, and preserve the

items in the **AOSHS Archives**. If you prefer to keep your items, you may loan them to AOSHS. AOSHS will scan them, place them online through the AOSHS website, and return the items to you.

If you are ready to provide your items, please mail them to:

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Please include your name and indicate whether or not you are donating the items or loaning the items.

If you would like more information, you may contact **Doug Kelsey** by email at [dskelsey@hotmail.com](mailto:dskelsey@hotmail.com) or by text at **404-664-9128**.



**Now Available**

**5-year  
AOSHS membership  
for \$100**

Save \$25  
with this 5-year option!

## How High Can We Go?

**REBECCA DUNN**

The granddaughter of one of our board members said that the AOSHS building must be the tallest building in Wichita. "Why?" he asked. "Because it has so many stories."

We do have lots of stories to tell about our experiences in the DoD schools overseas. Many of these stories are preserved in the **School Memories** section of our website. However, we know there are more stories to be added to our collection. We want you to share your school experiences so we can keep our memories alive and share them with others.

What made your school experiences overseas special? What made your school unique? What traditions were an integral part of your school? Do you have a favorite teacher who made a lasting impact in your life? What was it like to be evacuated from a school during a natural catastrophe or world event? Did you live in a dorm? What was unique about going to a large school or small school?

Please share your memories with us. You can share them online at [aoshs.org](http://aoshs.org) or email **Rebecca Dunn** at [simplydunn@comcast.net](mailto:simplydunn@comcast.net).

**ARTIFACTS, MEMORABILIA, PUBLICATIONS,  
YEARBOOKS & PHOTOGRAPHS**

## The Window Is Closing

The window of opportunity to obtain memorabilia and artifacts of all types from **the late 40's, the 50's and the 60's** is quickly closing. If you have something from this era or know of someone who has items from this era, AOSHS would be very grateful to add these items to the **AOSHS Archives**. AOSHS would be thrilled to preserve the legacy of **DoD schools worldwide** by including your artifacts and memorabilia. Items of interest include yearbooks, publications, class photos, faculty photos, and anything directly related to DoD schools anywhere in the world.

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## WANTED



AOSHS wants your elementary and middle school **FACULTY PHOTOGRAPHS** for our Archives. They may be donated or loaned. They will be scanned and made available for viewing on the AOSHS website. If donated, they will be scanned, placed online, and placed in the archives. If loaned, they will be scanned, placed online, and returned to you.

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# Dr. Thomas Drysdale Scholarship Fund

## PLEASE SUPPORT BRAT SCHOLARSHIPS

CHRIS KYRIOS

In 2023, AOSHS is again awarding scholarships to overseas Brats. This year, seniors at **Rota, Spain; Sigonella, Italy; Kadena, Okinawa; and Kinnick, Yokosuka**, are competing for **three or four \$1,500 scholarships**.

Funding for the scholarships, named in honor of **Dr. Tom Drysdale**, initial visionary of AOSHS, was started by Brats at an **Overseas Brats Gathering**. The fund has since slowly grown and has been supported by former brats and educators.

AOSHS, as a non-profit, has managed this scholarship program from the beginning.

Since 2015, AOSHS has awarded nearly \$30,000 in scholarships, with a leaning towards small schools with limited local community support.

Previous AOSHS scholarship winners were seniors at **Brussels, Osan, W.T. Sampson, Misawa, Sasebo, Alconbury, Lakenheath, Kaiserslautern, Ansbach, Guam, Vicenza, Daegu, Hohenfels, Ramey, and Antilles**.

We are striving to continue to award these scholarships annually, so developing ongoing funding is critical. We would love to hear of any fundraising ideas you or your school may have. Please help us in this endeavor by making a tax-deductible donation to the **Dr. Thomas Drysdale Scholarship Fund**.

Checks can be mailed, payable to "AOSHS", to the address below, or you can call the AOSHS office at 316-265-6837 to make a donation with a credit card.

Attn: Scholarship Fund  
AOSHS  
704 W Douglas Ave  
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Thank you for preserving the memory of Dr. Drysdale and for your consideration and support.

*For further information, contact AOSHS Board Member Chris Kyrios at [kyriosc@yahoo.com](mailto:kyriosc@yahoo.com).*

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**AOSHS WANTS YOUR PHOTOS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF DoD SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD!!!!**

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# RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO

DONATE

# 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!***

## DONOR SUPPORT LEVELS

### Supporters

Those who donate from \$25 to \$99

### Friends

Those who donate from \$100 to \$249

### Pacesetters

Those who donate from \$250 to \$499

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Those who donate from \$500 to \$999

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*We Thank You!*



# IN MEMORIAM

CHRIS LIMES



**ROGER YOUNGMAN**

November 1, 1941 – August 25, 2022



Roger Elroy Youngman, 80, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, passed away Thursday, August 25, at Prairie Heights Healthcare, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Roger was born November 1, 1941, in Britton, South Dakota, to Elroy and Arlone (Gage) Youngman and grew up on the family farm west of Hecla. He attended country schools through the eighth grade, later graduating from Hecla High School in 1959.

Both his mother, who was his seventh-grade teacher, and his aunt, Hazel Youngman, herself a lifetime educator, encouraged and enabled Roger to pursue a career in teaching. Roger earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Math and Physical Sciences from Northern State Teachers College (later Northern State University) in 1963. While at NSU, he played football all four years. In 1968, Roger earned his Master of Arts degree in Math from Central Michigan University.

Roger was united in marriage to Karen Dinger in Hecla, South Dakota, on August 2, 1963. Shortly thereafter he started his teaching and coaching career in Bowdle, South Dakota. In 1969, he continued his education career with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS) which took his family around the world, first for two years in Japan from 1969 to 1971, then four years in the Azores between 1971 and 1975. In 1975, the family moved to Wiesbaden, Germany, later to Nurnberg, back to Wiesbaden, and finally (after his sons graduated from Wiesbaden American High School) to Bad Aibling in southern Germany. While in Germany, Roger enjoyed coaching football, refereeing basketball, golfing, and frequenting local breweries, especially the Maxlrain Brewery in Bad Aibling.

In 2000, Roger retired from DODDS, returning stateside with Karen to Aberdeen, South Dakota. Roger then served as Superintendent of Schools in Hecla from 2000 to 2002 and in Conde from 2002 to 2006. In 2006, Roger retired after 43 years in education, while continuing as a mentor and friend to many, a role in which he excelled.

Roger was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where he volunteered as an usher and served on multiple committees. He was also the Chairman for the Call Committee that brought Pastor Jeff Whillock to Bethlehem Lutheran. Roger held various positions, including as an elected

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## IN MEMORIAM

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officer, in the state and local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees. He also served the community by volunteering with Sertoma.

Roger was an avid golfer and a staunch supporter of Northern State University Athletics. Recently, his alma mater chose Roger to be the 2022 NSU Distinguished Alumnus. Roger held a special place in his heart for the Youngman Homestead, which he passionately restored to its natural state.

Grateful for having shared Roger's life are his wife, Karen Youngman; his sons James (Marisa) Youngman, Scott (Myrl) Youngman, and Todd (Lisa) Youngman; his grandchildren Riley and Jackson Youngman; Tyler (Audrey) Youngman, Mackenzie (Thomas) Roblee, and Trace Youngman; and Elizabeth Youngman; his sister Mary Lee Youngman; and sister-in-law Maureen Youngman. Preceding Roger in death are his parents Elroy and Arlone and his brother Robert.



## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Lorene Adkins'** fund was opened by Dottie McCarthy in October 2022. The fund now totals \$100.

**Ted Edwards'** fund was opened by Susan Martz-Cothran in November 2022. The fund now totals \$175.

**Judith (Judy) Fritts'** fund was opened by Dottie McCarthy in October 2022. The fund now totals \$100.

**Renato (Ray) Guastini's** fund was opened by Connie Opland in November 2022. The fund now totals \$30.

**Geral "Jerry" Martin's** fund was opened by John Zody in September 2022. The fund now totals \$793.

## FINAL 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.





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.



**WALLACE “WALLY” ACKER**

July 21, 1936 – August 18, 2022

**ELIZABETH BIRKNER**

September 30, 1973 – January 6, 2023

**SUSAN BRYAN**

September 5, 1946 – January 20, 2023

**CLETUS CAMPBELL**

December 23, 1927 – November 27, 2022

**GERRY CRAWLEY**

March 19, 1938 – January 9, 2023

**ROBERT “BOB”  
EDWARD HELMINTOLLER**

September 26, 1939 – January 27, 2023

**NELSON LUTEY**

November 30, 1921 – December 24, 2022

**NANCY NORMAN**

January 12, 1940 – November 1, 2022

**DR. SUSAN NORNHOLD**

June 29, 1951 – October 3, 2022

**KELLY FORBES SCOTT**

\_\_\_\_\_ – February 2, 2023

**JOHN STOPPLECAMP**

July 30, 1934 – December 28, 2022





# AOSHS

American Overseas Schools Historical Society

## MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Donation Only

**How did you hear about us?** ☐ Friends ☐ Facebook ☐ Web Search ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Printed full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street or Box City/APO State/AA/AE/AP/Country Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Educator ☐ Student ☐ Other

\$25 for 1 year dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$45 for 2 years dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 for 5 years dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to the AOSHS Operating Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please visit our website at [aoshs.org](http://aoshs.org) and click on "Quarterly" to access our membership newsletter.**

Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_



Name on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **CHECK ENCLOSED** Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make check/money order payable to AOSHS)

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

Mail to:  
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**THANK YOU!**

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Logged: ☐ Database ☐ Spreadsheet

Dues Renewal Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_ ☐ Letter of Receipt Sent



# AOSHS

American Overseas Schools Historical Society

## PROPERTY DONATION FORM

Donor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the person who had these items: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of item(s) and/or overseas location(s):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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Description of item(s) being donated:

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*If more room is needed, please use the backside of paper.*

**NOTE: Photographs should have LOCATION, DATE TAKEN, DESCRIPTION (Names of individuals/groups), ACTIVITY if applicable, SCHOOL, NAME OF ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHER, SOURCE OF PHOTO (if not original photographer)**

Restrictions, if any:

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Estimated value of item(s) – if applicable:

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The signature below indicates release of the donation(s) to AOSHS to be used at its discretion for safe keeping and historical longevity of the American Overseas Schools Historical Society.

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

Receipt of item(s) to be donated to AOSHS will be confirmed after review and documentation is complete.

Send to: AOSHS | 704 W. Douglas Ave. | Wichita, KS 67203



If you have any further questions regarding establishing this fund, please email [office@aoshs.org](mailto:office@aoshs.org), or write to: **AOSHS Virtual Remembrance Program, 704 W. Douglas Ave., Wichita, KS 67203.**





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**Thomas T. Drysdale, May 4, 1921 - February 28, 2013**

## The AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AOSHS)

**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.

**This AOSHS Quarterly** is published four times a year by the Society to enhance public understanding of the human effort, service, reward, and sacrifice in educating our American children and youth abroad.

**AOSHS MEMBERSHIP** is \$25.00 annually, two years for \$45.00, or five years for \$100.00. To join, either send dues to **AOSHS, 704 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67203** with the membership application form provided in this newsletter for your convenience, or visit our website at **www.aoshs.org/membership/**.

**DONATIONS** to help preserve the American Overseas Schools Historical Society (AOSHS) Museum and Archives for posterity and historical research are appreciated and are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Donations may be sent to the above address.

**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 AOSHS. Please submit articles preferably by e-mail to **office@aoshs.org**, or by snail mail to: **AOSHS, 704 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, KS 67203**.

### The AOSHS Policy

The Directors realize that to obtain all AOSHS 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 neither recommend nor 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.

## AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ADDRESSES

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