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Ward B. Chamberlin, Jr.

Creating a Better World
Through a Lifetime of Service





Dear AFS Friend,

In this issue, we feature AFS Life Trustee Ward B. Chamberlin, Jr., one of the most stalwart supporters of AFS. We pay tribute to Ward's exemplary record of service to AFS and to his remarkable contributions to the field of public broadcasting.

The Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs figure prominently in this issue. In July, we learned that the National Historical Publications and Records Commission had approved our proposal for funding to organize a number of the collections in the Archives, and the second annual meeting of the AFS Legacy Group took place in August.

The President's Award recipients will be honored for their contributions to AFS at a luncheon on November 19th. We profile this year's awardees and their remarkable work on behalf of AFS in this issue.

AFS continues to work with other organizations to accomplish its goals. This past May, AFS was invited to chair a working meeting, "Expanding International Exchanges and Scholarship Programs," at the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations third global forum in Rio de Janeiro.

AFS-USA announced a new international program collaboration in Asia and the USA with Global Nomads Group (the One LENS program) to help educators and students develop media literacy, intercultural, and leadership skills. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Program Division.

In August, AFS Intercultural Programs moved to a new office space. The move included a relocation of the Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs to the AFS-USA headquarters in downtown Manhattan.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the *AFS Janus*.


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Ward B. Chamberlin, Jr. has always believed in the power of the AFS experience to transform people's lives. He has also believed in making the arts and education accessible to the American public by dedicating 34 years of his life to public broadcasting. Today, there are countless individuals whose lives have been touched by his remarkable legacy of service. At 89, Ward, a life trustee of AFS Intercultural Programs, continues to contribute his time and immense talent to AFS.

Born on August 4, 1921, Ward grew up in Norwalk, Connecticut. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy and was studying at Princeton University when World War II broke out. He said, "I was unable to join the army because of a loss of vision in one eye, but I did not want that to be an obstacle; I was determined to serve. One of my professors at Princeton was a World War I AFS Ambulance Driver who told me about the work AFS was doing to help the wounded on the battlefields of WWII. I volunteered for AFS service in the autumn of 1942 and served with AFS in North Africa, the Middle East, Italy, India, and Burma during the course of the war."

His service was not without its challenges. While in Baalbek, Lebanon, Ward contracted a mild case of polio mellitus. After his recuperation, he received travel orders to report to the AFS headquarters in Cairo. Ward said, "They gave me orders to report to headquarters for desk duty for a year, and I tore those up; and within three weeks I was in Italy, just below Naples after we'd landed."



Ward and Edwin R. Masback, Jr., AFS Ambulance Driver and life trustee, at a January 1975 AFS Trustee Meeting.

On the cover: Ward B. Chamberlin, Jr., in India, 1945.

Insert 1: Ward at AFS's 50th anniversary celebration in New York City, 1997.

Insert 2: Ward in Hyderabad, India, July 1945.



Ward at the AFS Departure Day in Washington, D.C. in July 1978.

At the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy in the spring of 1944, he witnessed the death of Bob Bryan, lieutenant of "C" platoon's 485 Company. After Bryan's death, Ward took over the command of the platoon and was promoted to lieutenant. He gave a vivid account of his participation in the Battle of Monte Cassino in *The War*, the 2007 PBS documentary produced by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick. He became captain and later major and commanding officer of 485 Company in June of 1945 and was honored with the British award "Mentioned in Despatches." Towards the end of the war, Ward led two AFS ambulance units to India in preparation for the invasion of Singapore by the British army. Video interviews with Ward regarding his participation in World War II can be found at the Veteran's History Project of the Library of Congress (www.loc.gov/vets/).

Following the war, Ward completed his law studies at Princeton and Columbia Universities.

He worked as legal counsel in Paris and London under the Marshall Plan, negotiating contracts to feed and rebuild war-torn Europe. He also studied law at the Sorbonne under Pierre G. Lepaulle, a prominent lawyer and an AFS French Fellow.

Ward was actively involved in the creation of the AFS secondary school exchange programs. He was inspired by Stephen Galatti, AFS Ambulance Driver during WWI, founder of the AFS International Scholarship program in 1946, and AFS's first director general from 1936 to 1964. Ward said, "Steve had a magical effect on young people. He gave them the confidence that if they were in trouble, he was going to help them. And he impressed upon all of us that our responsibility was for those kids to have the best exchange program year that they could have in this country."

Stephen Rhinesmith, former AFS president and AFS Returnee from the United States to Germany in 1960-1961, recently commented about Ward's dedication to AFS, "Ward was

a large part of my life throughout my tenure at AFS, guiding me and AFS through the 1970s with a steady hand and a wonderful heart. Of all the people I have met and worked with over the years, he stands out as one of the most thoughtful, warm, reflective, insightful, and caring, not only for AFS, but for everyone associated with it. The sense of responsibility and commitment that made him a Driver has been sustained over these many years with his concern and wise counsel for AFS. His contributions, caring, and spirit will be embedded in the AFS organization forever."

Ward commented on the AFS Driver Reunion in September of 1946 in New York, and reminisced about the proceedings, "We had lively and sometimes heated discussions with our fellow ambulance drivers about what the AFS would become now that the war was over. Inspired by Galatti's vision for AFS, we finally decided to transform the AFS volunteer ambulance corps into an organization to promote peace and understanding

through secondary school exchanges, a very novel idea at the time.” He was elected to the board of directors of AFS in 1947 and served as the general counsel for AFS in the 1950s and 1960s and as the chairperson of the AFS board (1968–74). He remains an AFS life trustee.

In 1948, Ward was involved in screening the first AFS scholarship applicants and participated in the first AFS bus trip. He said, “In those days the Greyhound Bus Company donated a bus and a driver that would take our students all around the country. The trips were an amazing way to help our young participants get to know the U.S. and its people. It was a great experience, traveling with the AFS kids.”

At Mr. Galatti’s request, he also toured secondary schools to check on the progress of the students placed in AFS programs in the United States with Dorothy “Dot” Field, a longtime AFS staff member. He commented, “Dot and I knew that our task was to make sure that our AFS charges were thriving.”

Karin Eisele, former AFS staff member and former member of the board of directors of AFS-USA, said, “Ward is the finest example I know of both a natural and a charismatic leader. An early feminist, he understood that once unleashed and acknowledged, there were enormous potential contributions that women could make, especially as it related to the growth and vibrancy of the AFS program. He remains forever young because he seeks out, enjoys, and respects what he can learn from those younger than he.”

Ward was one of the founders of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR). He played a major role in the public broadcasting field from its inception in 1967 until he retired in 2003. “Ward’s contributions to public broadcasting are legion—from helping bring Ken Burns’s *The Civil War* to the airwaves to ensuring that independent filmmakers remain an integral part of public television programs,” said Paula Kerger, president and CEO of PBS. Ward has been vice president and

managing director of the Broadcast Center at Thirteen/WNET, New York City and a former chairperson and CEO of American Playhouse and of American Documentary, Inc. He is a former president and CEO of WETA television/radio station and production center and has served on the board of directors of NPR.

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Ward has received numerous awards and distinctions throughout his life. Most recently he received the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Cassandra Pyle Award for Leadership and Collaboration in International Educational Exchange and the Dean’s Award at the 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey Public Leadership Awards. J. Brian Atwood, AFS Returnee, USA to Luxembourg 1959–1960, current member of the AFS International Board of Trustees, and dean of the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota said, “The Humphrey School gave Ward Chamberlin its highest leadership award for his pioneering work for AFS and in public broadcasting. Helping to create the biggest and best youth exchange

program would have been enough of an accomplishment for a lifetime. But Ward can also take credit for his part in creating the National Public Radio and the Public Broadcasting Service, two American institutions. Ward’s creativity is matched only by his courage, not only in wartime, but by overcoming a recent stroke and never missing an AFS meeting. I am very proud to be able to call him my friend.”

Ward credits AFS with transforming his life. “My experience as a volunteer in AFS ambulance units in World War II affected every aspect of my life. I learned that with the right leadership, a good idea, and a volunteer spirit, you could accomplish wonders, and those are the principles we applied to the AFS exchange programs. AFS has been a huge experience for me and I’m indebted to the organization for being such a wonderful part of my life.”

We salute Ward’s extraordinary legacy of public service and commitment to AFS. Ward, an AFS founder and a lifelong volunteer, has put into practice the AFS mission of promoting intercultural understanding for more than six decades. He continues to play an active and vital part in the life of AFS.

Ward lives in Westport, MA. He and his late wife, Lydia Gifford Chamberlin, have two daughters, Lynn and Margot, and four grandchildren.

Ward, Dot Field, and Arthur Howe, Jr., AFS Ambulance Driver, former AFS president and AFS life trustee, in New York, 1976.



Reaching Out to the World in Rio de Janeiro

Third Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations



Dr. Esther Brimmer speaking with (from left to right) Neil Sumilas of the German-Marshall Fund of the U.S., Melissa Liles, and Francisco Cazal of AFS.

AFS was invited to attend the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (AoC) third global forum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, this past May and to chair a working meeting entitled “Expanding International Exchanges and Scholarship Programs.”

The Alliance was established in 2005 at the initiative of the governments of Spain and Turkey, under the auspices of the United Nations. In April 2007, the United Nations Secretary-General appointed Jorge Sampaio, former president of Portugal, as High Representative for the Alliance. The AoC is supported by the Group of Friends—a growing community of more than 85 member countries as well as international organizations and bodies.

Working in partnership with governments, international and regional organizations, civil society groups, foundations, and the private sector, the Alliance is supporting a range of projects and initiatives aimed at building bridges among a diverse mix of cultures and communities.

Francisco Cazal, president of AFS Intercultural Programs, said, “AFS’s participation in this forum is vital to fulfilling one of the goals of the AFS Vision 2020, which is to provide quality intercultural learning opportunities for a growing number of people. The discussions that take place at the AoC forums translate into key recommendations and joint actions by AoC members to improve relations across cultures and build the conditions for long-term peace.”

The AoC has identified youth and academic exchanges as a high-priority on their agenda and as a practical means of fostering intercultural dialogue. AFS’s participation in the working meeting resulted in a number of key recommendations being implemented by the members of the AoC involved in youth exchanges:

- Work to establish exchanges as a strategic political priority, particularly at the national level
- Demonstrate that youth and academic exchanges work by evaluating the impact that they have on participants
- Create and promote information centers about exchange opportunities
- Strengthen and regularize the sharing of information among exchange providers with a focus on sharing the most successful practices

Information sharing among exchange program providers was explored further at a meeting of the AoC’s focal point countries and interested parties in Berlin in October 2010 and in a report that the AoC, in collaboration with AFS and the Institute of International Education (IIE), will publish for the AoC Doha Forum in 2011.

In May of 2010, the United States announced its decision to join the UN Alliance of Civilizations Group of Friends. Dr. Esther Brimmer, the assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs of the U.S. Department of State, said, “This important, voluntary initiative

aims to improve understanding and cooperation among nations and peoples, and across the world’s many cultures. The decision by the U.S. to join the Alliance’s Group of Friends complements President Obama’s vision of vigorous U.S. engagement with other nations, other cultures, and international organizations to advance American security interests and meet the global challenges of the twenty-first century.”

AFS’s prominent participation in the AoC Forum enabled it to make connections with a number of participants in the exchange field for potential future collaboration.

Additionally, AFS was invited to a reception hosted by the U.S. State Department where Dr. Brimmer recognized AFS as a longtime partner in the U.S. government’s educational and cultural affairs programs.

Francisco Cazal and Melissa Liles visit with AFS Intercultura Brazil staff at the AFS office in Rio de Janeiro.



President's Award Recipients Announced



Sanan Angubolkul



Martha Verdejo Bigliani

The four recipients of the third annual President's Award have been announced by President and CEO of AFS Intercultural Programs Francisco "Tachi" Cazal: Sanan Angubolkul (Thailand to USA 1965-1966); Martha Verdejo Bigliani (Argentina to USA 1955-1956); Karin Friedenheit Eisele; and Marianne Meyer-Ott (Switzerland to USA 1969-1970). "We are delighted to honor these very special individuals who have shown their extraordinary commitment to AFS year after year through their unfaltering dedication to the mission and values of the AFS Network," said Francisco Cazal. "Their work is an inspiration to all of us who hold AFS close to our hearts."

The President's Award was created to honor AFS Returnees, volunteers, staff members, and supporters who have contributed substantially and over a period of time to AFS through their commitment to the program and its goals.

The Awardees

Since 1988, **Sanan Angubolkul** has been a devoted AFS volunteer, despite his extensive professional activities. As the chairman of AFS Intercultural Programs Thailand, and under his leadership, AFS Thailand has provided the AFS Network with programs that are distinguished by their quality and innovation. Mr. Angubolkul said, "Being a part of AFS has changed my life by helping me to develop confidence, to cultivate a well-rounded perspective, and to become a global citizen. The

values of caring and sharing, so integral to the unprecedented success of AFS, have become an integral part of my life as well."

He spent his AFS year, 1965-1966, in Maitland, Florida, and attended Winter Park High School. He later studied at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned a degree in business administration. He has received several honorary degrees: two doctorates from Sripatum University and Chiangmai University, and a PhD in business administration (management) from the Rajamangala University of Technology. He is the chairman and president of SriThai Superware Public Co., Ltd. and its fifteen subsidiaries and affiliates—the world's market leader in the plastics and melamine industry. He is married to Natthika W. Angubolkul and they are the parents of four children: Garun and Piyaporn (both AFS Returnees), Nitinund (a 2011 AFS student), and Chamaiporn.

Martha Verdejo Bigliani was in the first group of five AFS students from Argentina. She remembered, "At that time I had no idea what the American Field Service was. On August 6th, 1955, I arrived in New York, and was told that I was going to be interviewed by Mrs. (Dot) Field. So, that seemed to be the answer, this Mrs. Field, was probably the owner of American Field Service." At the end of her year with AFS, Mr. Galatti asked her to start the AFS program in Argentina. With a group of friends, she arranged hosting for 32 American students the next summer and became the national director of AFS Argentina in 1958.

She said, "I have to admit that all I did was improvise. I knew that we had to send students and receive them, but we were only a small group. From then on, AFS started growing and growing." Her creation of a volunteer structure throughout the country and her extraordinary ability to ensure program growth laid the groundwork to make Argentina a leader in the AFS Network. In 1983, she became the director of Youth for Understanding in Argentina and managed their programs in three countries. Today, with 21 participating countries, she serves as a member of their 14 person International Advisory Council representing different parts of the world.

She is the mother of three children, Andrea, Fernando, and Mariano. She remarked, "AFS changed my life; there is no question about it. Before AFS, a map was just a map. After AFS, most countries on the map had friendly faces that I could relate to. Country borders do not exist anymore for me."

Karin Friedenheit Eisele joined the AFS staff in 1959, where her first assignment was to chaperone 900 AFS students returning home by boat. Throughout her 20 year career at AFS, she helped create a strong and vibrant hosting and sending program. Her expertise in dealing with volunteers and her ability as an effective fundraiser laid the groundwork for her future career in promoting international learning and leadership. She said, "I realize now what an absolute privilege it was to work at AFS, whose mission fully engaged my passion, my intellect,

and my energy. How lucky we were to help launch the powerful movement that AFS has become around the globe, a movement in celebration of our common humanity and the urgency of our shared concerns."

After having held executive positions in New York City with Project Orbis and Coro, she worked as a consultant until 1998 when she became the West Coast director of the Institute of International Education (IIE) in San Francisco. IIE administers programs including the Fulbright Scholarships in the United States. Her focus on providing leadership and training opportunities to underserved groups has increased women's effectiveness as leaders in the public and private sectors. She has served on many boards, including AFS-USA, the Smith College Club, the Executive Service Corps of the San Francisco Bay Area, and Enterprise for High School Students in San Francisco. She and her husband Paul have three daughters: Lauren, Gretchen, and Rebecca, two of whom participated in AFS programs abroad.

Marianne Meyer-Ott was an AFS student in Berkeley, California, and attended Berkeley High School in 1969-1970, where she witnessed the social unrest that was rocking the area at the time. From 1991 to 1997, Marianne served on many committees as a trustee of AFS International during this period of rapid transformation. "Change, but remember tradition" could be said to be Marianne's motto. She has been a moving force in reminding AFS to keep sight of its past and its values while looking to the future. She

wrote, "Berkeley changed the world—AFS changed my world. My year in Berkeley shaped me for the rest of my life. It always encompassed what AFS was to me, and I am grateful and feel privileged that AFS placed me with my host family and in Berkeley of all places."

She has been a committed AFS volunteer, with AFS in Geneva, the AFS national office in Zurich, and as national chairperson of AFS Switzerland. She is a founding member of the AFS Foundation. The Foundation's most important responsibility is to secure the existence and the continuity of the AFS Network. The AFS Foundation:

- assists AFS International and its affiliates worldwide in promoting intercultural exchanges
- endeavors to preserve the legacy of AFS and the American Field Service
- holds the AFS name and logo and related intellectual property and licenses

Marianne is currently an independent manager and troubleshooter, and serves as president of the board of Spitex Thalwil, a nonprofit association for home health care. She and her husband Kurt have two children, a daughter, Barbara, an AFS Returnee to Finland, and a son, Stephan.

This year, the awards will be presented on Friday, November 19th at a luncheon at the former AFS Headquarters at 313 East 43rd Street, courtesy of His Excellency Hamidon Ali, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations and AFS student from Malaysia to the U.S. in 1967-1968. It is hoped that many friends and supporters of AFS will gather to celebrate the honorees and their achievements, renew friendships, and reconnect with the organization.

For more information on this very special occasion, please contact Jackie Cannon Brown at AFS Intercultural Programs, tel: 212-807-8686, ext. 1927 or email: Jackie.Brown@afs.org.



Karin Friedenheit Eisele



Marianne Meyer-Ott



Letter from the AFS International President

AFS Archives Selected for Coveted NHPRC Grant

One of the strengths of AFS is the ability to welcome change and build upon it. From the early days of the ambulance drivers, AFS changed lives, changed relationships, and challenged limitations on what we could achieve working together. Whether in war or peace, participants gave up the familiar and ventured forth to experience the challenge of the new.

Our President's Award recipients, featured in this issue of the *AFS Janus*, exemplify the power of positive change as is evident from their biographies. "AFS changed my life" is a recurring theme—and our awardees have all moved forward to implement change for AFS.

By the time this issue of the *AFS Janus* reaches you, the entire AFS leadership from around the world will have met at the 2010 AFS World Congress to reflect on several important strategic issues, the current state of our AFS Network, and the future of our organization. The theme of the Congress, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, is "Growth Now." Our discussions will center on seeking opportunities for creativity and innovation to ensure that AFS continues to change to promote growth while offering intercultural exchange programs of the highest quality.

By actively promoting growth in the AFS Network, we are issuing a call to not only perpetuate the legacy so nobly passed on to us by the AFS Ambulance Drivers, but to do so in a way that expands our ability to offer AFS programs to an increasing number of people around the world each and every year. AFS embraces change to promote our organization's growth in areas where we have not been traditionally present, such as Africa. We promote change to offer the AFS intercultural experience to the growing number of young adults over eighteen who are eager to participate in our Community Service programs. Growth in our program numbers will ensure the vitality of our organization while allowing us to remain competitive in the global marketplace for exchange programs.

We hope that you join us in supporting AFS as we strive to make our organization more receptive to the kind of change that translates into growth in the number of AFS participants and in the AFS presence around the world so that we may continue changing the world, one person at a time.

Francisco "Tachi" Cazal
President and CEO, AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc.

AFS received official notification that its proposal for funding for organizing and identifying collections related to World War II held by the Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs was approved by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). The NHPRC is the grantmaking affiliate of the National Archives and Records Administration.

The NHPRC was created in the United States along with the National Archives in 1934, and has had grantmaking authorization since 1964. Through its very competitive grant funding process, the NHPRC helps non-federal institutions preserve and make broadly accessible records of historical value and helps locate, preserve, and provide public access to documents, photographs, maps, and other historical materials.

The one-year grant in the amount of USD 61,839 will be used to survey, describe, and provide access to the records that evidence the work of the American Field Service during World War II and the heritage of AFS in the postwar period; make the Archive collections accessible to researchers and the general public; and establish, produce, and disseminate descriptions of items held in the World War II Archives. The work to organize the Archive's records are especially significant as AFS prepares to celebrate the centennial of the founding of the American Field Service in 2014-2015.

Concrete outcomes of the grant-funded project include:

- A survey of the WWI and WWII records, papers, and photos,

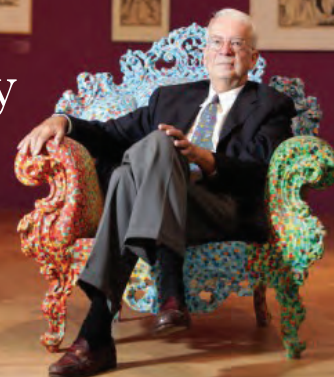
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DOCUMENTING DEMOCRACY

National Historical Publications and Records Commission

A Virtual History in the Making

by Dr. Jürgen Blankenburg,
President, AFS Foundation,
Germany to the USA
1952-1953



including more than 10,000 WWII photographic images and negatives and audio and video recordings.

- The collections will be described and organized so that they may be easily located in multiple national and local databases for use by the research community.
- The AFS website will be used proactively to disseminate information about the American Field Service and its century of public service and intercultural exchange.

“The grant from the NHPRC has allowed AFS to hire a full-time project archivist who, working with the current AFS archivist, Eleanora Golobic, will identify and describe the collections related to World War II and upload these descriptions to online repositories where they will be easily accessible to those interested in the American Field Service and its history,” said Carlos Porro, manager of resource development and communications at AFS, who now serves as the project manager for the NHPRC grant. “We will also be able to update the AFS website to be used as a portal for information about the American Field Service and attract users to the wealth of resources that the AFS archival materials represent.”

With the move of the AFS Intercultural Programs office to the sixth floor of the Masonic Lodge Building, space limitations required a relocation of the Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc. to AFS-USA. Grant-funded activities will take place in the Archives’ new location at the AFS-USA headquarters at 1 Whitehall Street in New York City.

Since the first American volunteers reported for ambulance-driving duty at the Lycée Pasteur in the fall of 1914, their common efforts have grown and metamorphosed into this remarkable student exchange organization of today. AFS has been present in more than 100 countries—is now involved in 76—many partners of today having returned after being absent for many years: Croatia, for example, along with Kenya and the Philippines. Yet, much institutional memory is lacking. Knowledge of AFS remains, in the minds of participants, long out of touch. By chance it is sometimes regained, as in Morocco, where suddenly returnees showed up unexpectedly.

There is a need for a common strategy concerning the Archives. The International Board of Trustees has created the AFS Foundation to protect the AFS name and its legacy. This includes its organizational memory, applying not only to the memorabilia of the AFS ambulance drivers, but more so to the history and development of the student exchange programs and their extensions. Ours is a legacy to be consulted in depth as we try to better understand the values and mindset of the “founding fathers,” how bilateral exchanges evolved into international ones, how AFS’s commitment to education developed, how the Partnership organization came into being, and how the Young Workers program and the German *Weltwärts* program became part of AFS, among others.

Documents need to be continually gathered, preserved, and made accessible to the AFS world and beyond. This is why the AFS Foundation has started work on a virtual museum whose website should be accessible by the end of the year under www.AFSmuseum.org. It will be filled continuously with materials available from AFS International, the AFS Foundation, and any partners wishing to participate or even choosing to deposit their own archives with the Foundation.

The future of AFS cannot be successful without a thorough study of our own history and the integration of the experience of our founders.

Please Support Your Archives

We welcome your contributions of both memorabilia and funds to the Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs, especially as we move toward the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Field Service, to be celebrated in 2014-15. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact Jackie Cannon Brown via email at jackie.brown@afs.org or by phone at (212) 807-8686 ext. 1927.

Global Connections and Exchange

AFS-USA with Global Nomads Group Launch One LENS Program in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam

AFS-USA recently announced an exciting new collaboration with the Global Nomads Group (GNG) in launching the One LENS program, which will provide project-based opportunities for students and educators from the United States, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam to develop media literacy, intercultural, and leadership skills. Students will learn firsthand about the important role ordinary citizens can play in the twenty-first century as contributors to, participants in, and consumers of media. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of State's Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division.

Established in 1998, GNG is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) that creates interactive programs for young people around the world. By exploring the similarities and differences that define who we are, GNG programs provide the opportunities to build bridges and foster meaningful dialogue through collaborative global projects. In its 12-year history, GNG has conducted programs in more than 45 countries on all seven continents, and reached more than one million young people.

Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam will each have one participating school and there will be three participating schools in the U.S. in the states of Indiana, New York, and Virginia. One of the schools, the Indiana School for the Deaf, will be paired with a school for the deaf in Malaysia. In Indonesia, the project features the inclusion of a *pesantren*, an Islamic religious boarding school. Four student representatives and one educator from each school will be selected to make an in-person, three-week visit to their partner school in the United States as part of a spectrum of activities focusing on media literacy in a Web 2.0 age. Students and educators from the United States will visit their partner schools in

Asia in this reciprocal exchange.

The program focuses on media training using e-learning, videoconferencing, and in-person training, which will be facilitated by Global Nomads Group staff. The four students and one educator from Asia who will participate in the in-person exchange will also have the opportunity to participate in leadership training, taking on the charge of leading the continued ties between their two schools.

The program will conclude with follow-up activities through which students in each school will continue to develop leadership skills, implement action plans, and participate in service-learning projects in their home communities. Students will also have the opportunity to showcase public service announcements or digital stories they create in a video-conference or local media festival at each participating school.

Jorge Castro, president and partner director of AFS-USA, said, "The program offers hands-on interactive activities that allow participants to create and distribute media-based projects. These are the kind of activities that many young people today engage in on a day-to-day basis, whether they are uploading videos to YouTube or reading their friends posts on Facebook, blogging, or texting. The One LENS program, however, adds a training component that contributes to the participants' ability to integrate their use of technology into community- and internationally-based media projects. This resonates with one of the goals of the AFS's Vision 2020 to reach out to current participants using the media and technology they use."

For further information about this program, please contact Nancy Levine (nlevine@afs.org) or Erin Abrams (eabrams@afs.org) at AFS-USA.



A Global Nomads Group of students in Vietnam teleconferences with a class in Florida, USA in November 2009.

AFS Legacy Group Prepares for AFS Centennial in 2014–2015



From left to right: Dr. John Chambers, Eleanora Golobic, Linda Florio, and Dr. Bonnie Yochelson, at the May Academic Panel.

The second annual meeting of the AFS Legacy Group was held on August 26th at AFS International Headquarters in New York City.

The mission of the Group has been to act as an advisory group to assist in:

- developing policies regarding acquisitions, cataloging standards, records retention and maintenance, and other policies as are required to ensure the AFS's Archives' quality;
- overseeing the quality of care of the Archives and its preservation;
- supporting the development of its excellence as an archive and provider of support to its researchers;
- envisioning ways to promote the history of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs;
- providing advice and support for fundraising for Archives projects and maintenance, and developing institutional partnerships; and
- creating a vision for the future of the AFS Archives.

William (Bill) Meserve, chair of the AFS Legacy Group, AFS Foundation board member, and vice chair of the AFS Intercultural Programs Board of Trustees, said, "The work that the Legacy Group members are doing for the Archives of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs is helping to ensure that they remain a vital and vibrant part of AFS and that the historical legacy of AFS is conserved far into the future."

The members of the AFS Legacy Group who participated in the meeting were Marianne Meyer-Ott, vice president and treasurer of the AFS Foundation; William Meserve, chair; Christine Vogel, chief development and branding

officer of AFS Intercultural Programs; and Eleanora Golobic, AFS archivist. Jürgen Blankenburg, president of the AFS Foundation Board, joined the proceedings as a distinguished guest.

Legacy Group members Axel Jansen and Georg Broch, both distinguished historians; Dan Hastings, former staff member and active AFS volunteer; and Jackie Cannon Brown, currently working in the development department at AFS and former AFS staff member, were also present along with Nicole Milano and Meghan Hardison, who are working on the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) funded archives project.

Discussions centered on promoting the Archives and exhibition planning, particularly with reference to the upcoming centennial of AFS, which will be celebrated in 2014.

"This is an exciting time in the history of the AFS Archives"

"Already in the few months that the NHPRC project has been in place, we have seen tremendous progress in organizing and processing a number of archival collections," said Bill Meserve. "We are working to continue to secure additional funding for the Archives to help us to continue processing, digitizing, and making its holdings more accessible to all who are interested in the history of AFS. With the centennial of the founding of the American Field Service approaching in just a few years, we have been busy thinking about how to collaborate with cultural institutions to mount an exhibit of the objects and documents from the Archives that will showcase the vivid legacy of the

AFS volunteer Ambulance Drivers and the history of AFS. This is an exciting time in the history of the AFS Archives."

This past May, AFS International convened an academic panel to focus on identifying themes for an AFS exhibition of the Archives, holdings to celebrate the centennial of the founding of the American Field Service and brainstorm about ideas regarding the form that an exhibition could take. In attendance were Jackie Cannon Brown, AFS International development associate; Dr. Christopher Capozzola, professor of history, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Dr. John Chambers, professor of history, Rutgers University; Linda Florio, exhibition designer; Eleanora Golobic, AFS archivist; Dan Hastings, AFS volunteer; Andrew Ingall, curator of film and media, Jewish Museum; Carlos Porro, AFS manager of resource development and communications; Christine Vogel, AFS chief development and branding officer; and Dr. Bonnie Yochelson, art historian and curator.

Prior to the Legacy Group meeting this August, the two Legacy Group historians, Georg Broch and Axel Jansen, met with Dr. Christopher Capozzola to explore content and format for AFS centennial presentations. Plans are being considered that involve possible traveling exhibits and collaborations with museums, and for the the digitization of many of the Archives' collections.

AFS Intercultural Programs Moves into a New Office Space

The last weeks of July and the first weeks of August marked the move of the AFS Intercultural Programs' office from the 17th to the 6th floor of 71 West 23rd Street. Massive green storage bins were packed and unpacked, sealed rolling shelves with the contents of the AFS Archives were dispatched to their new home at the AFS-USA headquarters in downtown Manhattan, telecommunications were disconnected and connected, and everyone survived and settled down in our new home.

Two of the first visitors to the new space were two AFS Returnees who came to the United States with AFS in 1948-1949. Both boarding school students, Auvo Kempainen from Finland spent his AFS year at Wyoming Seminary in Kingston, Pennsylvania, and Françoise Gand LeQuoy from France was a student at the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Auvo now lives in Bonneau, South Carolina, and Françoise lives in Paris, although she visits the U.S. annually. They have stayed in touch all these years and have fond memories of their AFS experiences. They especially enjoyed seeing the AFS Ambulance doors in the new AFS offices.



1. Monica Our, AFS senior accountant, preparing to move.

2. Laura Kline-Taylor, intern, and Luis Cisneros, media specialist, in temporary quarters in the Galatti Room on the 17th floor.

3. Eleanora Golobic, AFS archivist, packing documents for the Archives move to AFS-USA.

4. Lisa Cohen, senior international consultant, and Hal Denton, AFS general counsel, in the new office space.

5. The Galatti Lounge, one of the new office spaces on the 6th floor.

6. AFS Returnees Auvo Kempainen (Finland to the USA, 1948-1949) and Françoise Gand LeQuoy (France to the USA, 1948-1949) in front of AFS WWII Ambulance Doors.



In Memoriam

Rex Nettleford (1933–2010)



Professor Rex Nettleford, a cultural icon in the Caribbean, passed away at age 76 on February 2, 2010, in Washington, D.C. Nettleford, a great

supporter of AFS, was instrumental in establishing AFS in Jamaica in 1982. He lent his valuable expertise to the entire AFS Network when he served as a trustee from 1981 to 1984 and from 1988 to 1990. Nettleford also served as a member of the AFS Caribbean Advisory Council in 1987.

Born on February 3, 1933, in the town of Falmouth, Jamaica, Nettleford was

a 1957 Rhodes scholar at Oxford, an educator, and a choreographer. He was Vice-Chancellor Emeritus of the University of the West Indies. He served as the Advisor on Culture to the prime minister of Jamaica and is known as the founder, artistic director, dancer, and principal choreographer of the National Dance Theater Company of Jamaica, which he established in 1962. Nettleford's life project was the decolonization of the Caribbean spirit and imagination. He defined a Caribbean identity born of the experiences of its people and published a groundbreaking report on the Rastafari movement.

In 1975, the Jamaican state recognized Nettleford's important cultural and scholarly work and awarded him the Order of Merit. He was an Honorary Life Member of the Institute of Jamaica and

Honorary Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. Nettleford's state funeral was held on February 16, 2010, at the University of the West Indies Chapel in Mona, Kingston.

AFS will remember him with affection and respect.

AFS, with sadness, reports the deaths of five former staff members:

Cordelia (Cordy) Richards, secretary to Mr. Stephen Galatti; Sarah Crocker Garrison, staff member in the formative years of the AFS program; Alberta (Kit) Barnes, Director of Human Resources in the late 1960s; Gloria Gardner (widow of AFS physician William A. Gardner); and Dorothy Wheeler, both Gloria and Dorothy served for many years as the receptionists at AFS International. Their contributions to AFS are remembered and appreciated.

AFS WWII Ambulance Drivers Last Post



**Colin
Gemmell
(1922–2010)**
CM 92, IB 60-T

Colin Roy Gemmell died on June 30, 2010, in Spokane, WA. He was 88. In 1944, Gemmell joined the American Field Service and served in Italy, Northwestern Europe, India, and Burma. He and his son Hugh Gemmell donated the Dodge ambulance doors signed by the reunion drivers to AFS in 1997 (on display at the AFS International office). He is survived by his wife Jean, two brothers, six sons, three daughters, ten grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**Robert L.
Yancey
(1925–2010)**
IB 40

Robert Lawrence Yancey passed away on March 16, 2010, in Alton, IL, at the age of 85. Yancey graduated from Shurtleff College. He served as an AFS ambulance driver with the British Fourteenth Army in India and Burma in 1943–1945, where he was wounded at the Battle of Kohima. He participated in the 1995 and 2002 AFS Driver Reunions. Yancey is survived by a brother, two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.



**Lewis B.
Morrow, Jr.
(1924–2010)**
IB 57

Lewis Bond Morrow, Jr. passed away on March 6, 2010, in Guthrie, OK, at the age of 86. He served with the American Field Service in India and Burma in the spring of 1945 until the end of World War II. He received a degree in psychology from the University of Mississippi. Lewis is survived by his sister, a brother, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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**William
D. Brewer**
(1922–2009)
CM 76, IB 59-T

Ambassador William Dodd Brewer died on February 10, 2009, in Hingham, MA. Born on April 4, 1922, in Middletown, CT, Ambassador Brewer attended Williams College and Tufts University. He joined the American Field Service in 1944 and served in Italy, India, and Burma. He became a Foreign Service officer and was posted to Saudi Arabia, Syria, Kuwait, Washington, D.C., Afghanistan, Mauritius, and Sudan in the 1960s and 1970s. He was Ambassador to Mauritius (1970–1973) and Ambassador to the Sudan (1973–1977). Upon retiring from the Foreign Service he was a professor at Occidental College, Los Angeles. He is survived by three children and five grandchildren.



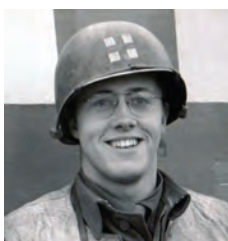
**Frederick E.
Ellis**
(1916–2010)
CM 92, IB 60-T

Dr. Frederick Eugene Ellis passed away on February 5, 2010, in Shaw Island, WA. Born in Portland, OR, in 1916, he was a graduate of Reed College and earned a PhD in educational philosophy from Harvard. He joined the American Field Service in 1944 and served in India and Burma where he was injured by a land mine in March of 1945. He was a land conservationist in the San Juan Islands and he donated more than 1,400 acres of land and conservation easements. He taught philosophy at Western Washington University. Dr. Ellis is survived by five daughters, a son, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Fred Kern, Jr.
(1921–2010)
IB 15

Fred Kern, Jr. died March 15, 2010, in Bellingham, WA. Born on May 9, 1921, he joined the American Field Service and served in India and Burma in 1943–45. Kern received a degree in geology in 1948 and worked as a geologist on rigs drilling for oil in Venezuela. He earned a master's degree in education. He also spearheaded several humanitarian missions to develop wells and water resources in South America, Africa, and the Near East. He is survived by five sons, one daughter, thirteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



**James
McCord
Brindley**
(1924–2010)
CM 49

James McCord Brindley was born on February 17, 1924, in La Crosse, WI. He died on February 7, 2010, in La Jolla, CA. A student at Dartmouth College when he joined the American Field Service in June of 1943, he was attached to 485 Company with the British Eighth Army and served in the Italian and France-Germany campaigns in 1943–45. He was awarded a "Mentioned in Dispatches" and was discharged in June of 1945. He worked at W.A. Roosevelt Co., was a director of the State Bank of La Crosse, and was president of La Crosse County Historical Society. He is survived by his wife Mary Jane, three daughters, a son, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



**John D.
Leinbach**
(1914–2010)
ME 26, FFC

John DeLong Leinbach died on April 18, 2010; he was 96. Leinbach graduated from Amherst College and served as an ambulance driver in the Middle East, North Africa, and Italy from 1942–1944 where he was in the Battle of Monte Cassino and the liberation of Rome. After a career in advertising spent at J. Walter Thompson, Compton and BBDO, he became an editor at Seabury Press. He was an author of two books, *My God Can Lick Your God* and *The Irish Dutchman*. He is survived by his wife Mary, three sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren.



**Edmund R. T.
Kelley**
(1922–2010)
FR 4

Edmund (Ned) R. T. Kelley passed away on May 18, 2010, in Hartford, CT. Born in 1922, he graduated from the Taft School and Princeton University. He joined the American Field Service in the fall of 1944 and served with the First French Army in the France-Germany campaign until the end of the war. Kelley attended the 1995 and 2002 AFS Driver Reunions. He participated in the 60th anniversary of AFS France in Paris in 2007. He worked for the wine importing firm of Frederick Wildman & Sons and the Tweedy & Barnes Co. in Wareham, MA. He is survived by his five sons and ten grandchildren.



**Archibald
Little, Jr.**
(1925–2010)
CM 75

Archibald Little, Jr. was born on October 25, 1925, in New York City. He passed away on May 29, 2010, in Stillwater, OK. He was a Georgia Tech graduate and joined the American Field Service in April of 1944. He served as an ambulance driver attached to the British 8th Army in Italy and was released on medical grounds in February of 1945. Little retired from the Public Service Company of Oklahoma in Bartlesville in 1981 after having served more than 30 years. He served as an officer of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Jaycees, the United Fund, and the American Red Cross chapter. Little and his wife spent many years showing dogs with the Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa. Little is survived by a son, a daughter, a sister, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



**Richard
Bradford
Elberfeld**
(1923–2010)
IB 2, CM91-T

Richard Bradford Elberfeld was born on November 19, 1923, in Pomeroy, OH. He died on September 11, 2010. He attended Miami University in Oxford, OH. He joined the American Field Service in 1943 and served in India-Burma in 1943–44 before being transferred to Italy in October of 1944. He also served in the France-Germany campaign in the spring of 1945 and was one of the liberators of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. After the war, he entered the family retail business, managing Elberfeld stores in Jackson, Marietta, and Hillsboro. Prior to his retirement, he was director of the Butler County CETA office. He is survived by his wife Mildred, three sons, a daughter, a sister, ten grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**John J.
Harmon**
(1921–2010)
ME 15, CM 92

Rev. John Jason Harmon passed away on August 18, 2010, in Rochester, NY. He was 91. A graduate of Princeton University (Class of 1942) and Episcopal Divinity School, he served as an ambulance driver in North Africa, Italy, and Northwestern Europe from 1942 to 1945. He was in Germany with the AFS at the evacuation of the death camp at Bergen-Belsen. He left AFS as a captain and was made an Honorary Member of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. He participated in the AFS Driver Trip to England and the 1995 Driver Reunion. Harmon was rector of St. John's Church, Roxbury, MA, then associate director of Packard Manse, an ecumenical/social justice organization in Boston, MA. He is survived by four daughters, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



**Vance Nye
Bourjaily**
(1922–2010)
ME 32

Vance Nye Bourjaily was born on September 17, 1922, in Cleveland, OH. He died on August 31, 2010, in Greenbrae, CA. Bourjaily was a student at Bowdoin College when he volunteered for the American Field Service as an AFS ambulance driver in September of 1942. He served in Syria, Egypt, and Italy from 1942 to 1944. He was repatriated in March of 1944 and served two years in the army from 1944 to 1946. Bourjaily was a writer, journalist, and teacher whose career emerged out of WWII. His novels are *The End of My Life*, *The Hound of Earth*, *The Violated*, and *Brill Among the Ruins*. From 1957 to 1980, Bourjaily worked as a creative writing instructor and a professor at the University of Iowa. He also taught at Louisiana State University. He is survived by his wife Yasmin, two sons, a daughter, a brother, four grandchildren, and a step-granddaughter.

Treasures from the Archives

of the American Field Service and AFS Intercultural Programs

1. AFS WWII ambulance drivers' insignia and medals
2. "Somewhere in France," recruitment poster, ca. 1915
3. WWI AFS bulletins
4. Iron ambulance tail light
5. Stephen Galatti at the wheel of an AFS ambulance, American Hospital, Paris, 1915

