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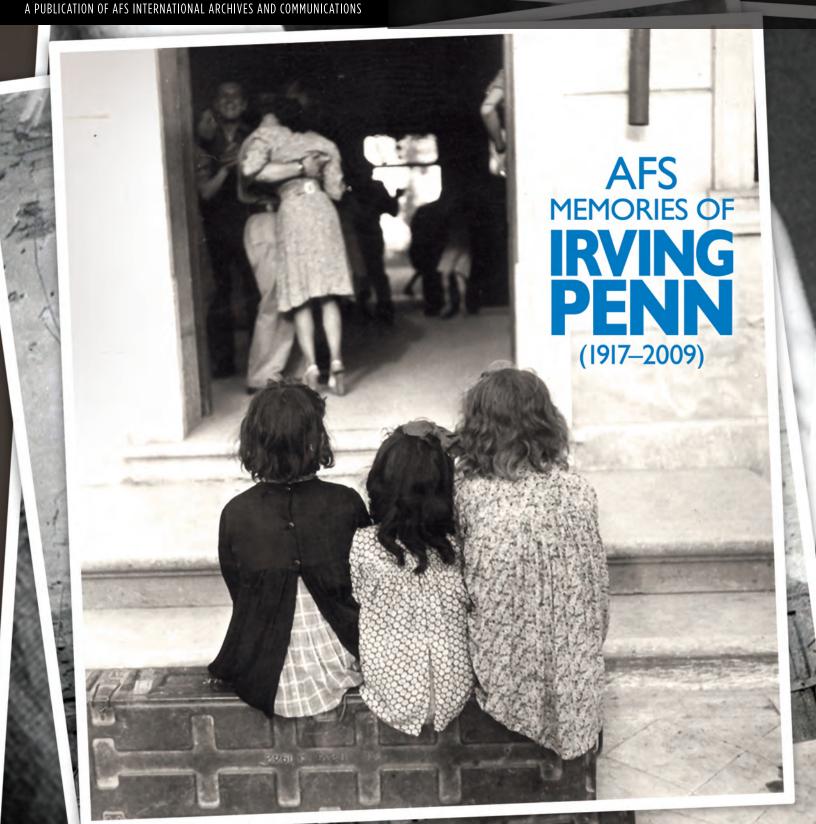
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#### Dear AFS Friend.

Welcome to the January 2010 issue of the AFS Janus. In this issue we celebrate the life and accomplishments of Irving Penn, one of our most famous AFS Ambulance Drivers, who sadly passed away this past October. For our feature article honoring Penn, we asked his fellow AFS drivers to share their memories and experiences of him.

We want to convey to our readers a number of the great strides that the AFS Network has made in what proved to be a very challenging year. AFS in the Dominican Republic and AFS International signed a landmark agreement this past December; a foundation in that country will provide many opportunities for growth and the funding of top-level priorities for the AFS Network. Please see the article on page 5 for more information on this exciting development.

The AFS International headquarters in New York City was humming with activity this past November when more than sixty guests gathered to honor the recipients of the second annual AFS President's Award. Turn to page 6 to read about the 2009 honorees and about who was behind AFS's remarkable progress, in its early decades, according to our distinguished guest Stephen Galatti, Jr.

Francisco "Tachi" Cazal, the president of AFS International, gives us an update on some of the accomplishments of the AFS Network in 2009 on page 8. He remarks on the wonderful ability of AFS to move forward with its ambitious agenda even in challenging economic times.

And in Hiroshima, AFS once again renewed its ties of friendship with that city and its AFS Returnee mayor at a Forum for World Peace, where AFS Ambulance Driver David Ford was the keynote speaker.

I would like to close by welcoming our expanded readership, which now includes AFS former staff and many friends of our organization. As always, we hope that you enjoy this issue and we welcome your comments and suggestions.



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(Because Eleanora Golobic is on leave, Carlos is filling in as guest editor for this issue.)

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#### On the cover:

A photo of three little girls in Venice, taken in 1945, by Irving Penn.

### AFS MEMORIES OF IRVING PENN

(1917-2009)

rving Penn, one of the most celebrated photographers of the last half of the twentieth century and an AFS Ambulance Driver in World War II, died at age 92 on October 7, 2009, in New York. Penn began his career in the arts at *Vogue* in 1943. His images include fashion, fine art, nudes, celebrity portraiture, still life, and ethnography (the native peoples of Peru, New Guinea, Crete, and Morocco).

Penn was twenty-seven years old and a photographer for *Vogue* when he volunteered with the American Field Service in August of 1944. He was sent overseas with AFS Unit CM 92 in October 1944 and arrived in Naples, Italy, on November 6, 1944. Upon arrival he was attached to AFS 485 Ambulance Company headquarters and served as an ambulance driver and staff photographer in Italy in 1944–1945. In July of 1945, he was transferred from Italy to India with Unit IB 59-T and posted to No. 2 Company. After a stay in Secunderabad, India, Penn was repatriated to the United States in November of 1945. Penn was awarded the British War medal with the Italy Star and 1939–45 Star campaign ribbons.

For this article, we asked AFS drivers who knew Penn to share their memories of him. Joseph Brinton, 3d (CM 56), was close to Penn and, as an AFS PR person, worked with Penn in Italy and Austria. He recalls that



Irving Penn wearing his AFS uniform. (Photo credit unknown.)

First row left - Irving Penn and "A" Platoon 485 drivers at the wedding of Ronald Thorpe, Florence, Italy, March 1945. (Photo by Joseph Brinton)

he met Penn in March of 1945 and stayed with him for about six weeks until Penn left Naples for a transfer to India. Brinton drove Penn around and learned a lot about photography. Brinton says, "I loved Irving, I learned so much from him, and I felt influenced by him in picture taking."

Penn was very well liked in AFS. Brinton remembers him as a regular guy who liked to play baseball, wore a trench coat, and often told interesting stories about photographing celebrity subjects, such as Somerset Maugham and famous Italian surrealist artist Giorgio de Chirico. Penn, a painter himself before serving with the AFS, was overawed about meeting de Chirico, who was his idol. Penn met de Chirico in Rome in 1944 after spotting him returning home from a trip to the market. He managed to get invited to lunch by de Chirico and spent the next two days with him in Rome.

Brinton also recalls a close call when he and Penn could have lost their lives. Both were coming from Udine, near Venice. Brinton was driving on a mountain road between Udine and the main road to Klagenfurt, Austria. "We were over the cliff and could see a great drop below. There were blind curves on the narrow road, we crept around the road's turns. Suddenly a car carrying local townspeople comes right in the middle of the road, near the border. I couldn't turn to the right

and Penn was in the passenger's seat. I swerved to the right to avoid the oncoming car. Poor Irving must have thought that this was the end." The last time Brinton saw Penn was on May 14, 1945, when both went to photograph a meeting at the Brenner Pass.

Melvin Waters (CM 92) was with Penn on the ship going over to Italy in October of 1944. He remembers Penn as being quiet, but friendly. William Cantrall (CM 92) recalls that Penn carried credentials from Vogue as a "war correspondent" and helped to stave off boredom on the trip to Naples. Cantrall notes Penn's artistic inclination, "Irv tracked me down at the front to get a picture of me serving at an Indian Army RAP in Italy, where the Germans had a good view of my oversize red cross, as well as what we were up to. This made him, being a sensible person, sensibly nervous, but it didn't matter. This was no snapshot." Penn didn't take candid photographs, if he could avoid it, as he preferred posed images. "We moved the ambulance, we moved me, everything had to be just so; there were all sorts of artistic choices made that made me grin at the time and long after." Hugh Lamberton (ME 32) wrote of spending a week with Penn at an orientation at Udine in the spring of 1945 and sent AFS a photo of Penn on a trip to Venice.



Joseph Brinton, by Penn.

William Cantrall, by Penn.

Volunteer Arthur Wheeler and Capt. Ward Chamberlin, Jr., by Penn.

Ward Chamberlin, Jr., AFS Life Trustee and Ambulance Driver remembers, "My recollection is that Irving was in one of the Italian units and then stayed on to go to India. Eventually, we were encamped in Secunderabad getting ready to go with the British 14th Army on the invasion of Singapore. I remember meeting Irving who told me he was spending as much time as possible visiting Hyderabad, which was about ten miles away, and he was photographing the native population. I thought that was pretty enterprising. He appreciated my interest and a few days later brought me several pictures he had taken. For years I had those small photos and as he became famous, I treasured them. Irving was a very nice guy, and in later life when I once in a while solicited funds for AFS, he remembered those days and was generous."

## "For years I had those small photos and as he became famous, I treasured them."

Irving Penn's collection of never-before-published photographs, which are a treasure of the AFS Archives, captures unique moments in AFS's history. A witness to conflict, Penn covered the Brenner Pass meeting of the

AFS French and Central Mediterranean units in May of 1945 and a farewell review given to AFS by General McCreery, commander of the British Eighth Army on July 3, 1945. His images of AFS 485 Company in Austria and of the transfer of AFS units to India in 1945 are in the AFS Archives collection.

AFS International is currently in the planning stages to showcase its collection of Penn's photographs, along with photographs taken by other AFS drivers, and other treasures of the AFS Archives collections in a series of exhibitions.

As we begin planning for the 100th anniversary of the AFS in 2014–2015, we envision a series of exhibitions in partnership with prominent cultural institutions leading up to and culminating with the anniversary celebration. We have been actively soliciting funding for our exhibit planning from local, state, and federal entities. If you would like to join us in supporting our planning and implementation efforts for the anniversary celebration, please remember to send your donation using the attached contribution envelope noting your intentions.

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Eddy Martínez Manzueta, Minister for Export and Investment of the Dominican Republic and Vice President of the Fundación Parque Cibernético; Francisco "Tachi" Cazal, President of AFS International; and Olga Espaillat, Board Chair AFS Dominican Republic, signing the agreement.

FS in the Dominican Republic and AFS International were in a celebratory mood on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, when AFS International President Francisco Cazal; Olga Espaillat, the board chair of AFS in the Dominican Republic; and Eddy Martínez Manzueta, AFS Returnee, Minister for the Center for Export and Investment, and vice president of the Fundación Parque Cibernético de Santo Domingo, signed an agreement by the terms of which the Fundación awarded a major grant to AFS in the Dominican Republic. The grant will allow AFS to run a pilot program for call center professionals, and additional funds will be used to support fundraising for the creation of the first AFS Regional Intercultural Learning Center to be based in Santo Domingo, the capital city of the country.

The Fundación Parque Cibernético, a joint effort between private shareholders and the government of the Dominican Republic, is specialized in information technology (IT) and related industries, including information services exports, software development, and computer design, as well as manufacturing technology products. The Fundación recognizes the need for employees in these fields to have both language ability and intercultural skills. The funding of the grant by the Fundación and the establishment of a working partnership with this entity are the culmination of several months of collaborative work between AFS in the Dominican Republic and AFS International.

The initiative was spearheaded by Pablo Viñas, the partner director of AFS in the Dominican Republic, who

worked closely with Christine Vogel and Carlos Porro of the Development Unit of AFS International and with consultant Paulo Araya. It marks a beginning of efforts by both AFS entities, working closely in concert with the Fundación Parque Cibernético de Santo Domingo, to develop a permanent Regional Intercultural Learning Center in the United States-Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) zone, which includes AFS Partners in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Panama, Honduras, and Guatemala. Additionally, it is expected that all Partners in the Caribe-Andina Region and other AFS sending Partners will be able to participate in and benefit from sending and intercultural learning programs in connection with the Center's work.

There are additional proposals for program funding pending. This first project, for young people over 18 years of age, will send a dozen call center employees on a short-term exchange to an English-speaking country. There they will study business English and learn more about the culture and customer service expectations there.

Pablo Viñas said after the signing of this groundbreaking agreement, "We in the Dominican Republic feel that, in many ways, this project shows us the path of our organization's future and makes us proud because we'll be able to contribute to the achievement of Vision 2020 by the AFS Network. We are happy to have this challenge in our hands and are confident that we'll be able to make the most of this ongoing opportunity to benefit both AFS in our country and our AFS Partners in the Network."

## The President's Award Luncheon: Recognizing 150 Years of Service to AFS



AFS President Francisco "Tachi" Cazal congratulates past and present winners Baerbel Helmers, Dan Hastings, Blaikie Forsyth Worth, and Jackie Cannon Brown.

n incredible gathering of old friends took place at AFS International recently. Seventy guests came to celebrate and honor three very special people: Baerbel Helmers, Bin Sato, and Blaikie Forsyth Worth. Together, these honorees have given more than 150 years of service to AFS.

The second annual AFS President's Award Luncheon was held on November 20, 2009. The award is a discretionary award created to recognize the contributions of those returnees, staff, volunteers, and supporters who have contributed substantially and for a sustained period of time to the past, present, and future of AFS by their commitment to the program.

Current and former trustees, AFS Ambulance Drivers, current and former staff members, host families, returnees, and volunteers gathered to talk, enjoy each other's company, and learn about AFS today. It was an opportunity to celebrate the honorees and their achievements and to reconnect with the organization and each other.

Baerbel Helmers said, in accepting her award, "I am full of appreciation for the opportunity to serve the ideals of AFS in a community of others who believed in its values and shared an enthusiasm for what we were building. May those who are responsible for AFS today, never lose their enthusiasm to carry on." As an AFS student to Ridgefield, Wash., in 1953–54, Baerbel Helmers began a lifetime commitment to AFS. After completing her education, she joined the AFS German office in 1958, served as the national director for 28 years, and, upon retirement, continued as an active volunteer, organizing events for both volunteers and ambulance drivers, contributing to the AFS magazine, and working with the German AFS Archives.

Baerbel was joined at the luncheon by Hans-Gernot von Albert, Germany to the USA in 1965–1966 and a former Trustee, as well as by her American sister, Jan Sorensen from Columbus, Ohio.

Bin Sato was, unfortunately, unable to attend the luncheon, but greeted and thanked the group via a video presentation where he said, "My AFS experience started in 1960 when I came to the US on the Hikawa Maru with my AFS chaperone, Karin Eisele. Thirty-one years of AFS volunteer activities have been a very important part of my life." After spending a year in St. Paul, Minn., and graduating from Hitotsubashi University, he served on the Board of Councilors of AFS Japan in the 1980s and was the national chairperson of AFS Japan from 1989–2001. An AFS Trustee from 1993 to 1995, he has been the president of the AFS Asia-Pacific Initiative (AAI) since its establishment in 1991 and represents AFS at many gatherings. Both his son and daughter were AFS students.

Japan was represented at the luncheon by Yasuo Okamoto, Japan to USA, and Tsugiko Scullion, Japan to USA, who is a former staff member and a current AFS International Trustee.

Blaikie Forsyth Worth joined the AFS staff in 1951, when, she said, "There were about eight people working in a crumbling brownstone on 30th Street. The timing was right so that the generous vision of the ambulance drivers became an astonishing success, with the program spreading to Asia and South America and beyond. The work we did was challenging, interesting, and rewarding." Working closely with Dot Field, she became Head of Student and Family Counseling before she left in 1964 when her first child was born. She remained involved as a selection and



Dewitt Morrill, Ward Chamberlin, Jr., and Arthur Howe, Jr.

- WWII AFS Ambulance Drivers.

Tom Bier, longtime AFS friend; Peggy Howe, wife of Arthur Howe, Jr.; and Tsugiko Scullion, AFS Returnee and Trustee, chatting at the event.

placement specialist and served several terms as an AFS Trustee. A graduate of Bryn Mawr College with a master's in social work from Columbia University, Blaikie's life has been dedicated to working for a better world as an advocate for children and families and she has been active in environmental issues for many years. She was joined by her family and former AFS staff member, Claudia Post Hannah.

Many of the participants had comments to add about the award recipients. Stephen Galatti, Jr., former Trustee, former staff member, and son of AFS Director General Stephen Galatti, described the early days of AFS when a small group of talented and dedicated staff created the program. In speaking of Blaikie, he said, "She is an example of my father's unique ability to concentrate on finding the person, rather than following the business school organizational charts. Blaikie inherited Dot Field's mantle and took care of the hurt and the lame. Whatever she undertook, whether chaperoning, selection, running a division, or caring, was done with that special blend of humor and grace." Of Baerbel, he commented, "She followed an icon (Helga von Hoffman) and became an icon herself. In the early days in Germany, a female could not be in charge, so Helga and Baerbel had to run things as secretaries."

Francisco "Tachi" Cazal, president of AFS International, gave an update of the AFS programs today, and thanked everyone for coming to share this very special occasion. "This has been a challenging year for AFS and for our Network," said Cazal, "but all of us have worked hard to continue to offer the best intercultural education experiences in the world. When I reflect on the passion, commitment, and boundless energy that our volunteers and staff bring to

their work, I can only be thankful for the groundwork that was laid by our honorees and so many of you here today. You are truly members of a class of individuals who were the architects of the culture of AFS, a culture of selfless giving and of unwavering belief in the mission and values of our organization."

#### Our thanks go to the following attendees and contributors who made this event such a success:

Mary Annery, Cliff and Ruth Baacke, Elizabeth Worman Bauer, Nancy Blanford, Mark and Ann Belsey, Tom Bier, Cynthia Bing, David Black, Stephanie Blackwood, David Blythe, Jackie Cannon Brown, Jorge Castro, John Canning, Francisco "Tachi" Cazal, Ward B. Chamberlin, Jr., Mary Sherman Chesnut, Allen Clutter, David Danby, Ann de Gardeyn-Reitsma, Julie Reinicke Egenberg, Wynona Ellis, Sarah Fitts, Allan Forsyth, William Folberth, Dale Miller Frehse, Stephen and Corrie Galatti, Gloria Gardner, Eleanora Golobic, Fran Goldstein, Claudia Post Hannah, Betsy Hansel, Dan Hastings, Tara Hofmann, Arthur and Peggy Howe, Michael and Carol Corcoran Huxley, Michael Jakob, Sachiye Mizuki Kuwamoto, Brigitte Ladret-Buffevant, Florence and Judy Leon, Bruce McBean, Betty McManus, Michele Maw, Pat Moody, Dewitt Morrill, Sandy Mitchell, Yasuo Okamoto, Kathryn Orrick, Lee Parker, Ilka Boyer Peck, Hope Forsyth Platt, Carlos Porro, Stephen Rhinesmith, Susan Rizwani, Sarah Jane Rodgers, Brad and Gail Rodney, Carole Hertzberg Rotstein, Judy Samuelson, Tsugiko Scullion, Suzanne Sebert, Mike Sherman, Jan Sorensen, Keith Stock, Adele Taylor, John Taylor, Christine Vogel, Hans-Gernot von Albert, Urs and Kati von Arx, Ulrich Weiss, Eileen Willner, Robert Worth, Eleanor Worth, Alexi and Erika Belsey Worth, and Mary Ann Zaremba.

#### A Year of Accomplishments for AFS: A Message from the AFS International President

This was a challenging year for all of us in the nonprofit world. But the AFS Network responded with creativity and hard work and as a result I have very good news to share with the readers of this issue of the AFS Janus.

From October 20–24, 2009, AFS leaders from around the globe gathered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, for the 22nd annual AFS World Congress. We went to the Congress with many important objectives, among these we wanted to motivate and inspire participants to address the challenges facing AFS; learn from recent challenges to AFS as a basis for understanding and affirming our common values, the nature of our Network, and our commitment to being part of a global organization; and to review our progress as we move toward the AFS Vision 2020. The four days we spent together generated thousands of discussions among the participants who took advantage of an innovative methodology to generate decisions that will be pivotal in shaping the direction of AFS in the coming years.

Closer to home, AFS International was informed by the board of the Caravan Institute, a New York-based foundation, that, pending approval by the Attorney General of the State of New York, we will be the recipient of a share of the distribution of its assets in the amount of approximately USD\$1.5 million. The Institute has asked that AFS International apply the funds in support of multi-year investments and create a scholarship endowment, develop regional intercultural learning centers, advance intercultural learning and training within the Network, and pilot 18+ programs. These are all key elements to promote the fullfillment of the goals of the AFS Vision 2020.

AFS continues to expand its global reach. We have new programs in Kenya and Mozambique and, under the stewardship of the European Federation for Intercultural Learning (EFIL), we are in the process of establishing AFS branch offices in four Balkan countries: Croatia, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Slovenia. Please see the article on page 5 in this issue about the recent developments in AFS in the Dominican Republic for another example of innovation and entrepreneurship in the AFS world.

These accomplishments are proof that the hard work of our volunteers, staff, and friends continues to make AFS one of the most successful intercultural exchange organizations in the world today.

Thank you for your support of the mission and values of AFS.

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

#### **AFS JANUS MAIL BAG**

Thank you for the last issue of "Janus" as usual it is very interesting and a pleasure to read.

Henry F. O' Meara, CM 53, FR 8 "D" Platoon 485 Company

Dear Eleanora, I am witing to you to say how much I appreciate the AFS JANUS, not the least the issue that I got the other day. I was on the AFS program from Sweden to Morrison, Illinois in 1961–1962. In mid-70s I was a member of the Board of Trustees. In the 80s and 90s my family hosted four AFSers for a year. In Sweden I have been working for archivists, librarians, museum curators and graduates in information and communication most of my life. This explains my special interest in the work of the legacy group to ensure preservation and presentation of AFS history.

Åke Lindström, AFS Sweden Returnee and Former AFS Trustee

Congratulations, on the Charlie Fawcett issue of May 2009. I would guess only one or two surviving drivers have any idea of "Charlie's Other Life!" It makes fascinating reading. Thoroughly enjoyable!

Ned Kelley, FR 4

I have been receiving your newsletter. Thank you very much—it is very interesting and I have enjoyed the articles. Fascinated to read that Christine Lagarde was an AFS student.

Jacqueline Williams, daughter of Reginald Williams, British Military Attache in Washington, D.C. during WWII

I received a copy of AFS Janus and I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed it and what a useful publication it is. I was delighted to receive my copy and to catch up on so much news. I certainly remember meeting Chick Squire on a number of occasions and I was sad to read of his passing. I also want to add, "Well done!" in getting such a informative, warm and interesting publication together.

Wayne Edwards, Former Chairperson International Board of Trustess

## Hiroshima and AFS Join in a Dialogue for Peace



Yuzo Takada, Partner Director of AFS Japan; Juan Medici, Partner Director of AFS Argentina; David Ford, AFS Ambulance Driver; Gotaro Ogawa, AFS Japan National Chair; and Francisco "Tachi" Cazal, President of AFS International.

FS has had a close relationship with the city of Hiroshima and with its mayor, Tadatoshi Akiba, an AFS Returnee who is also the president of Mayors for Peace, a worldwide organization with thousands of member cities and mayors dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons.

This past October 17, AFS once again had the opportunity to visit with Mayor Akiba in Hiroshima at a Forum for World Peace, which was open to those interested in promoting peace and international exchange. AFS President Francisco "Tachi" Cazal was joined by AFS Ambulance Driver David Ford and the partner director of AFS Argentina, Juan Medici at this important event, as well as by Yuzo Takada, the partner director of AFS Japan, and Gotaro Ogawa, the national chair of AFS Japan.

David Ford, in his keynote address at the forum, said, "It is my great honor to be here with you today, to tell you about the AFS and its belief in young people as harbingers of a more peaceful world, and to tell you how important Japan has been in the development of the AFS worldwide movement, and finally to suggest how our members can join you and make universal the effort to abolish nuclear weapons...We must galvanize the support of both our countries, of the media, and, indeed, of every citizen around the world who seeks a world in which true peace and understanding among nations will thrive."

Mr. Ford has a distinguished service record with AFS both in war and in peacetime. As a member of "B" Platoon AFS 567 Company, he served with AFS in Italy, Belgium, and Holland in 1943–45. He participated in the battle of Monte Cassino in 1944. In April of 1945 he was transferred to the British Liberation Army and participated in the liberation of Belgium and Holland. He is a retired manufacturer's representative. After the war he was involved with AFS as a host father and volunteer.

"I considered it a great honor to be able to speak up for those AFS Ambulance Drivers who remain. I am grateful for the generosity of my hosts, Mayor Akiba, AFS in Japan, and the city of Hiroshima."

- David Ford, AFS Ambulance Driver



### AFS FOUNDERS IN MEMORIAM

AFS is greatly saddened to report the deaths of several founders and supporters of AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc.We will cherish our memory of them.

David P. Agnew CM 102, IB 59-T

Benjamin P. Ford ME 32, FR 8, IB 60-T

> John Lindsay CM 86

John de J. Pemberton ME I, IB-T, IB-53

> Irving Penn CM 92, IB 59-T

John Howell Smith CM 89, IB 59-T

John G. Stockly ME I

#### Benjamin P. Ford (1922-2009)

Benjamin P. Ford, an AFS WWII driver and priest, passed away on September 26, 2009, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Born on November 5, 1922, in Newark, New Jersey, Ford attended Hoosac School in Hoosick, N.Y.

Ford joined the American Field Service in 1942, serving with the British and French armies in Syria, North Africa, Italy, France, and India. He was attached to "B" Platoon AFS 485 Company in Italy. For his service, Ford was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1946.

In 1952, Ford was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church and his ministry encompassed several parishes in New York and Indiana, as well as being a chaplain and teacher at the Trinity School in New York. He also served on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota and was the vicar of the San Juan Mission to the Navajo in Farmington, New Mexico.

Ford and his wife Priscilla were AFS supporters and attended the AFS 50th Drivers Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Ford of Albuquerque, N.M.; his children, Josephine H. Ford, Louise V. Ford and husband, Clay Wygant, of Albuquerque, N.M., and Benjamin P. Ford, IV, and wife, Linda Ford, of Rochester, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Charlotte and Stuart Wygant of Albuquerque, N.M., and Sonya Mikhnevich of Rochester, N.Y.; his sister, Sarah Fraizer of Barefoot Bay, Fla.; and cousins, nieces, and nephews.



Benjamin P. Ford (1922–2009)

John de Jarnette Pemberton, Jr. (1919–2009)

John Howell Smith (1922–2009)

#### John de Jarnette Pemberton, Jr. (1919-2009)

John de J. Pemberton, Jr., an AFS WWII driver and lawyer, died October 21 in Monte Rio, Calif. Born on April 21, 1919, in Rochester, Minn., he graduated from Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School, where he was on the editorial board of *The Harvard Law Review*.

Pemberton joined AFS in 1941 and served until 1945 with ME I, IB-T, and IB-53. He was promoted to captain and awarded the Burma Star and the Africa Star. He was a captain in ME I, IB-T, and IB-53. Upon his return from the war, he was instrumental in creating AFS chapters in Rochester. Minn.

He practiced law in Rochester from 1950 to 1962, and was chairman of the Minnesota branch of the A.C.L.U. from 1955 to 1958. He was executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union during the turbulent 1960s and helped double its size and shift its focus to the criminal courts as an arena for issues like civil rights and Vietnam.

After leaving the A.C.L.U., Mr. Pemberton was acting general counsel for the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and regional attorney for the commission in San Francisco, where he taught at the University of San Francisco. He previously taught at Duke and New York University.

In addition to his daughter Nancy, he is survived by his wife of 36 years, Frances Werner; his daughters, Sally, Ann, and Caro; his son, James; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

#### John Howell Smith (1922-2009)

John H. Smith, an AFS WWII driver and a former director for the New York State Division of Housing, passed away in October 2009 in New York City.

Born in Philadelphia on February 27, 1922, Smith was educated at Brown University and Lafayette College. Smith joined AFS in 1944 and served with AFS 485 Ambulance Company in Italy in 1944–45. He was transferred to India at the end of the war in Europe in July of 1945. In October of 1945, after AFS left India, Smith volunteered for the Indian Red Cross and St. John's War Organization and worked in Calcutta for a year.

Smith was a retired director of the Management Bureau of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. He also worked for the New York City Department of Real Estate.

Smith was dedicated to the AFS programs and participated in the AFS Driver Tour of England in 1992, the AFS 50th Driver Reunion in Williamsburg, Va., in 1995, the 2000 World Congress in Brussels and Driver Tour of Germany, and the 2002 Drivers Reunion in Baltimore, Md.

French war veterans, including President Alain DuPuis, Father William Murray, and AFS Returnee Andrea Sehl, gather for the occasion.



Andrea Sehl, AFS Returnee, USA to Switzerland, addressed the group.

#### WWI and WWII AFS Ambulance Drivers Honored

r. Alain DuPuis, president of the Federation of French War Veterans, invited a representative of AFS International to participate in a Veteran's Day Mass on Sunday, November 8, 2009, at the Church of Saint Vincent de Paul in Manhattan. The mass, in French, was celebrated in memory of the French and American men and women who served in both world wars under the French flag. A wreath was then laid before the memorial, which lists the names of WWI and WWII AFS Ambulance Drivers who perished in the conflicts. Andrea Sehl, an AFS Returnee, represented AFS at both the ceremony and a subsequent lunch at the Harmonie Club. Andrea commented, "This was a delightful event. Very solemn at moments, and it engendered a discussion about enduring Franco-American relations."