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It Started Out As A Joke

Clowning around on the fork lift that brought this section of the Berlin Wall into the Museum of World Treasures are (left to right) Dr. Jon Kradtzke, Director and Founder of the Museum Treasures and American Overseas Schools Historical Society's (AOSHS) President Emeritus Dr. Tom Drysdale.



The purchase of this piece of history started out as a *joke*.

Audrey Hagen Hummel (*Stuttgart HS/Germany '75*) was doing some window shopping on eBay under Sculptures and came across a section of the Berlin Wall for sale.

Emailing her former locker buddy from Stuttgart High, Patricia Hein, Audrey said this was *'for the person who had everything.'*

Patricia in turn contacted her friend, Jeri Polansky Glass of the Berlin Brats Assn. and the Berlin Brats purchased this section of the Wall and arranged for the transport of this section of the Wall to Wichita, which was loaned to the Museum of World Treasures.

The rest is history.



Formal Unveiling of the Berlin Wall In Wichita

Glenna Harriossn (Berlin HS/ Germany Faculty 70-72) spoke on behalf of the Berlin Brats Assn. at the formal unveiling of this section of the Berlin Wall at Wichita's Museum of World Treasures. The ceremony was held on August 12, 2005, a day before the 44th anniversary of the Wall going up. Other guest speakers included Dr. Ann Bamberger, AOSHS President, and Dr. Jon Kradtzke of the Museum of World Treasures.

Specifications Of The Berlin Wall Section On Display At Wichita's Museum of World Treasures

- 12 feet tall, 4 feet wide, 8" depth.
- The base (on the back of the Wall) is 10 feet, 4" wide, 6" depth.
- Weight 4-1/2 tons.
- In place August 13, 1961 to November 9, 1989.

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Other Items On Loan To Wichita's Museum Of World Treasures

The section of the Berlin Wall loaned by the Berlin Brats Assn. and AOSHS is not the only item from AOSHS on display and loaned to the Museum of World Treasures, 835 E. 1st Street, Wichita, KS (tel: 316-263-1311) which is located about one mile east of the AOSHS office building. Also on display include:



(Above photo) Clarence, a knight in armor courtesy of the Bonn American High School Alumni Assn. Seen posing with Clarence are some of the people involved with the different aspects of a section of the Berlin Wall being located in Wichita which include (left to right) Patricia Hein (Stuttgart/Ludwigsburg HS Alumni Assn.) Dr. Tom Drysdale, Norma Drysdale, Jeri Polansky Glass (Berlin Brats Assn.) and Margaret Palmer, AOSHS board member.

(Left photo) A Nazi banner that was captured in Nürnberg in April 1945 courtesy of the Nürnberg Alumni Assn. (Below) A plaque donated by an astronaut when he visited Berlin American High School in 1991.

