

December 20, 2003

Dear Sacred Heart Friends:

As I write to you, I can't help but think of how busy everyone is preparing for Christmas. I realize most of you will be receiving this after the New Year when school is back in session, so I do hope that your holidays were enjoyable and filled with lots of love as we celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior.

This past Thanksgiving, we were all deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of our beloved past president (1999-2001) and current AMASC vice-president, Maryliz deVito Lincoln. AMASC president and past AASH president Olga Rome attended her funeral representing AMASC, and Susan Nerney Schumann, who served on Maryliz's Board as Western Regional Director, spoke for AASH President Barbara Lopiccicolo at the funeral, memorializing Maryliz as "the heart and soul of AASH and a tribute to all that is best in our history and heritage." We hope all those online have seen the wonderful tribute section for her at [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org). We know "this valiant woman of God" is now enjoying the eternal rest and reward for her exemplary life of joyful service.

Following are some updates from both the Central Region and AASH:

Woodlands Academy (<http://www.woodlands.lfc.edu/>) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Gerry Grossman as the Head of School of Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart effective July 1, 2004. Upon his accepting the position Gerry states: "I am very excited about joining the Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart community, especially as it begins the celebration of 100 years of academic excellence and continues a rich tradition of preparing women for tomorrow. The legacy of such brave and courageous women as St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne as well as the many women who have participated in the first century of Woodlands, challenges us to continue the good and important work that was begun in Lake Forest in 1904. I cannot think of a better way to honor those 'first century women' than to work collaboratively in preparing the young women of this 21st century to continue to brave new frontiers with the same open heart and yearning to make God's love known to all of God's creation."

1904 - 2004: 100 years of Sacred Heart education in Lake Forest

Both Barat and Woodlands plan to mark this historic year with various events being planned for current students and alumna to mark the 100-year anniversary of Sacred Heart education in the Lake Forest community. The Centennial Celebration in Lake Forest will begin this January 2004 and culminate next spring at the 2005 Call to Conference. Please check the website below or the AASH calendar for further information: <http://www.thebaratfoundation.org/history.html>

College Connection

We urge all associations to encourage their graduates to go on our AASH website. Once there, they will be able to see where all of our 2003 June graduates are attending college.

An Eastern alum may find she if attending the same school as a Southern alum and vice versa. It is a great tool to link up with someone with the same wonderful education.

### 3D Planning Process

We would like to thank all the alumnae/i who participated in this process. It is in the second phase now, in the hands of our capable RSCJ, who are processing and assimilating all of the information that has been discussed and collected by many of our dedicated alums. For those of us who forgot what this process is, the 3D stands for Dream, Design and Deciding, the Religious of the Sacred Heart's process to plan for the future.

AASH Website [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org)

We encourage all schools to use the website. It is filled with a wealth of information. There is a calendar for the events that the various Associations are having. If your Association wants to put something on the calendar or on the regional sections, please notify me and I will see that it gets posted. There is also a Gift Shop on the website where you can order wonderful presents with the AASH logo on them, medals, and many more lovely gifts offered by the various associations. If your association's items for sale are not listed, please send an ad, preferably electronically, to me, and we will add it.  
[www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org).

### Attention Network Schools

We think it would be beneficial to your newsletter recipients if you published information about the AASH website in your next editions. It is so easy to log on.

### AMASC Liaison Reminder

I hope that all Associations have contacted Carolyn Price with the name of the person who is going to serve as liaison representative to the 2006 AMASC planning committee. If so, thank you very much, and if your Association hasn't done this please take care of it as soon as possible. You can reach Carolyn at 248-646-8900 or [cprice@ashmi.org](mailto:cprice@ashmi.org). This is a huge honor to have the world association of Sacred Heart alumnae/i meeting in New Orleans in 2006, and the committee needs all the help and input they can get.

### Regional Meetings scheduled for 2004

Please note that all alums are welcome and encouraged to attend regional meetings in other parts of the country with that in mind below is a list of dates and host cities.

Southern Regional in Lafayette, Louisiana ~ March 12 - 14, 2004

Western Regional in San Diego, California ~ June 25 - June 27, 2004

Central Regional in Detroit, Michigan ~ October 8 - 10, 2004

Eastern Regional in Greenwich, Connecticut ~ November 12 - 14, 2004

35th AASH National Conference - 2005 in Chicago, Illinois

Mark your calendars for April 21-24, 2005. The conference theme is "St. Madeleine Sophie's Vision of Service - Living Our Legacy". Co-chairs: Catherine Miserendino and Tami Hoekstra Rocha invite all local Sacred Heart alums to get involved with the planning process and join one of the many committees.

Bits and Pieces

A reminder that dues notices have been sent to all associations. Payment of dues allows AASH to serve our alums and assures that associations remain in good standing and have full voting privileges at regional and national meetings.

The new Network of Sacred Heart Schools office is moving (from Newton, Ma.) to St. Charles, Mo., which I think is fitting. That, as we all know, is where the Society started in the US.

With the holidays approaching don't forget to make use of your MBNA credit card. If you haven't got one you can call MBNA at 1 800 847-7378. Revenue from this card accounted for 14% of the AASH earnings last year. Such an easy way to help!

The annual appeal for growth notice has recently been sent to all alums. We thank those who have so generously donated already and encourage all to share a bit with AASH so we can continue to unite and serve all 51,000 of our Sacred Heart alums in the US.

In closing, may your New Year be filled with peace, love and good health.

Warm regards,

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