

October 20, 2004

Dear Sacred Heart Friends:

What a busy month of October it has been! The first weekend, I traveled to Louisiana to attend the Southern Regional Conference. The Grand Coteau campus and grounds were awe-inspiring and all of us in attendance were feted with such grand southern hospitality that it made leaving rather difficult. While at Grand Coteau, I enjoyed meeting many alums that also expressed a desire to join us for the National Conference in Chicago next April.

The following weekend I was in Michigan where both Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe alums hosted a wonderful **Central Regional Conference – *Courage of the Heart***. Please check out the AASH website later this month for pictures taken during the conference. For those of you who were able to attend, thank you! And, a big thank you to **Patricia Kolojeski**, Conference Chair and her committee: **Beth Howenstein Crane, Elizabeth Mayer Dauer, Katie Feeley, Anne Fenech Franco, Libby Stein Follis, Nini Pugliesi Galbo, Mary Pelton Hildebrand, Carolyn Kinzey Krause, Therese Gorman Mayer, Susan O'Rourke Hastings, Carole Jatkoe Peabody, Rosalie Bellanca Posselius, Barbara Cliff Price and Carolyn Lindeman Price** for doing an outstanding job!! And last, but not least, a very special thank you to our keynote speaker, **Bridget Kelly '95** – a graduate of Duchesne Omaha who spoke with such courage and conviction. And a special thanks to **Paul Harrell**, Director of Development at Grosse Pointe Academy who was recently hired and warmly welcomed all who attended the Saturday morning session at Grosse Pointe.

**CHICAGO CONFERENCE UPDATE** The 35th AASH National Conference **April 21–24, 2005** at the **Drake Hotel in Chicago** is quickly approaching. The theme is “**St. Madeleine Sophie’s Vision of Service--Living Our Legacy.**” Conference Co-Chairs **Catherine Miserendino and Tami Rocha** along with their growing committee of volunteers are busy finalizing details to be published in the next issue of *Esprit de Coeur*. Here are a few details regarding registration costs: Registration will be \$425.00 with an early bird price of \$400.00 and young alums/RSCJ will be \$375.00. **Madeleine Ortman**, Executive Director for the Network is planning to host a meeting for all alumnae/i presidents/directors on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, so make plans to come in on Wednesday and enjoy all that the city of Chicago has to offer. Since this conference is being hosted in the Central region ***all associations*** are asked to participate in some way. Here are just a few of the many ways that your association can help: Please email the co-chairs if you know of alums living in the Chicago area that would be interested in getting involved on one of the many committees, as a hostess for a home dinner, and/or underwriter of an event, etc. Also, if your school or association has an item for the goodie bags, please contact - **Susan Halle** @ [ehalle@msn.com](mailto:ehalle@msn.com) in the subject write “**AASH goodie bags**”. We are estimating 250 attendees. Please know that your association’s help in underwriting or donating towards the conference would be greatly appreciated.

**Now on to other AASH news and updates:**

**AMASC WORLD CONGRESS** – Mark your calendars for **April 23–28, 2006** in New Orleans. This is sure to be a spectacular world gathering and one that we are honored to be hosting in the United States - the first time since 1980! With this in mind, the Board of Directors of AASH has given a unique gift of \$20,000 to help fund this conference. **Barbara Lopiccio**, AASH President, presented the gift to AMASC President, **Olga Rome** at the Southern Regional Conference the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> in Grand Coteau, LA. The AASH Board hopes this gift brings others to help realize a wonderful conference for all the AMASC associations.

Additionally, to prepare for this momentous occasion for sharing in the spirit of the Sacred Heart, **Kathleen Simon**, **AMASC Study Plan coordinator**, is compiling responses to the Study Plan question *“How would your life be different if you had not received the gift of your Sacred Heart education?”* She is in the process of collecting the responses from around the world and looks forward to great support from the United States. If your association has yet to respond, kindly do so as soon as possible. I recommend that when you host your next Association Board meeting or Retreat you review the AMASC site. Click on the link below - <http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/studyplan.shtml>

**GREAT NEWS!! AN UPDATE FROM THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART** Thus far, over 1,920 alums have responded to the appeal letter sent by **Kathleen Hughes, rscj** earlier this summer and as a result over \$335,000. has been received to date. A lead gift from AASH for \$2,500. was sent and the challenge grant of \$250,000. from the Barat Education Foundation was met making the grand total to date over \$500,000. This is a good start and will certainly help to cover the deficit in the Society's operating budget as well as to help build their endowment. As children of the Sacred Heart, our alumnae/i responded to this unique opportunity to give back to the women who gave so much to us. Thank You! Your gifts are a wonderful tribute to the life's work of our beloved RSCJ's.

**One more REGIONAL CONFERENCE . . . MAKE A NOTE AND JOIN US!**

**EAST:** The Greenwich Alumnae Association will host the **Eastern Regional Conference November 12–14, 2004** on the beautiful Convent of the Sacred Heart campus. The topic is *“The World of the Heart”*. **Joan Magnetti, rscj** has made a very generous gesture and asks that if there are any religious who taught at Greenwich that would like to attend and are unable due to finances you should contact Stephanie Ashley, Alumnae Director at Greenwich - [ashleys@cshgreenwich.org](mailto:ashleys@cshgreenwich.org), and the school will take care of all your costs. For further info and/or to register for the conference please check the AASH website [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org)

Last fall, I had the pleasure of meeting **Nancy Salisbury, rscj** and for those of you who knew her please note: the **Convent of the Sacred Heart, Ninety-first Street is hosting a memorial Mass honoring Sister Nancy Salisbury**, which will be held on Monday, November 22, 2004, at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue, for more information, please visit [www.cshnyc.org](http://www.cshnyc.org)

**HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS – PLEASE NOTE:**

Below are a few changes/corrections to be made in your AASH Handbook and Directory:

- Pg. 2.21 Please note that Stuart's e-mail address has changed from @stuart.k12.nj.us to @stuartschool.org.
- Pg. 2.21 Beth Brown DeClue replaces Anne-Marie Campbell as Alumnae Director; her e-mail address is bdeclue@stuartschool.org

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND THE AASH GIFT SHOP IS GROWING . . .**

Don't miss out on selling your gift items on the AASH website [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org). Currently items are available from St. Charles, Grand Coteau, Bloomfield Hills, Broadway in San Francisco, Villa Duchesne-City House, Barat College of DePaul University, the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne, Neighborhood Artisans as well as the AASH National Office. This is an easy way to increase your opportunities to sell items that your alumnae/i association offers and a great way for alumnae/i around the country to purchase Sacred Heart memorabilia. Just call Jeanne O'Fallon at our national office toll free at 1.888.622.7421 and she will be happy to walk you through the process. **And, for an easy way to purchase all your gifts – use your MBNA CREDIT CARD** The MBNA credit card is a significant source of income for AASH. To apply for a credit card, visit [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org) with every purchase you make, you'll be helping to support AASH.

Please continue to keep me updated by sending me your association newsletters and publications. And, if you send me any news, information on upcoming events, photos taken at an event, etc. I will gladly share via the AASH website. The AASH calendar is a great way to communicate to all of our Sacred Heart alums that otherwise might not be aware of your events and meetings.

As always, I enjoy hearing from you and look forward to sharing your news with other Sacred Heart alums!

Warm regards,

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