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Dear Friends in the Eastern Region,

It's been a summer of happenings and changes for many of us. At the end of May, Kenwood celebrated 150 years of life and ministry on its Albany campus. In mid-June, our newest chapter, the Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod & the Islands Alumnae/i Association, held a very successful inaugural event. One week later almost 60 alums and current students attended the Eastern Regional Conference in Rochester, NY. You can read more about all three events in the upcoming issue of *Esprit de Coeur*, due in your mailboxes in a few short weeks.

We welcome Catherine Ronan Karrels, the new Head of School of Stone Ridge. A 1986 graduate of Stone Ridge, Catherine earned her B.A from Boston College and her master's from San Francisco State University. Among her achievements is the founding of a Catholic school for at-risk children in San Francisco. She received the Saint Francis Hospital Community Hero Award in 2004 and the District of San Francisco Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award in 2003.

While Stone Ridge celebrates the arrival of Catherine, it is saddened by the leave taking on August 22 of Alumnae Director Erin Sindelar. Erin has accepted a new position outside Stone Ridge, but will continue as a member of the Alumnae Board. Erin, you take our best wishes with you! Director of Advancement Meridith Bolado will be wearing two hats until a new Alumnae Director has been hired.

Another administrative change of note is the departure on August 29 of John Galgano from his position as Alumni Director of Manhattanville College. John, a 2000 graduate of M'ville, is also an attorney; he has accepted a legal position with another college. We wish John the very best!

By now most of you have heard the joyous news that the Religious of the Sacred Heart at their General Chapter in Lima, Peru, elected U.S. Provincial Sister Kathleen Conan to an eight-year term as Superior General, succeeding Sister Clare Pratt, the first American ever elected to that position. I recommend highly spending a little time viewing the videos, listening to the interviews and reading the blogs at www.rscjinternational.org. It is a journey worth taking. We join together in love and prayers for Sister Conan in her new position.

With warm regards,

Alice J. Burns
AASH Eastern Regional Director

Now, on to other AASH news and updates . . .

The AASH Board of Directors held its annual face-to-face meeting required by the AASH By-Laws at the University of San Diego July 11-13, 2008. The beautiful setting combined with the gracious hospitality of President Mary Lyons and Sister Virginia Rodee, Director of Mission, greatly enhanced the meetings.

AASH NATIONAL DIRECTORY:

The fourth AASH National Directory project remains on schedule with delivery expected in December 2008. It is important to remind alumnae/i of this date since they paid upon ordering and may become concerned about delivery.

PCI, the company engaged to update the data and publish the directory, has updated about 25,000 records and is pleased with the progress. The next phase will be to establish an online community at our national website www.ashnet.org with an interactive directory and “email for life” offered to each alum. If any alum has questions or has not been contacted to date, please ask that alum to call PCI’s Customer Service line at 1-800-982-1590.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009:

The exciting plans for our National Conference in Los Angeles, CA, continue to unfold. The dates are April 23, 2009, beginning at 1:00 p.m., until noon on April 26.

Pre-conference tours and a post conference Sunday afternoon activity are being planned.

The tentative conference schedule can be found under ‘Conference Information’ at www.aashnet.org.

Hotel information: Cost per night \$199 (accommodates two)

The Conference location is The Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza. Learn more by visiting the Conference portal created on the hotel's website: www.omnihotels.com. Tel No: 1-888-444-OMNI (6664). **Book by March 23, 2009, to get this special rate.**

Full registration fees:

- \$375 for all religious and for alums age 35 or under and age 65+ if payment postmarked on or before 3/20/09.
- \$395 for alums ages 36 to 64 if payment postmarked on or before 3/20/09.

There will be a surcharge added for registrations postmarked later than 3/20/09.

Important Deadlines to remember:

- **Cor Unum and Board Nomination are due October 3, 2008.**
- **Maryliz deVito Lincoln Award Nominations are due November 3, 2008.**

Nomination information will be included in the upcoming issue of *Esprit de Coeur*.