

April 26, 2004

Dear Friends in the Sacred Heart,

As the month draws to a close I trust that most of you are preparing for graduations and summer vacations and the many fun festivities that are associated with this time of year. This is also a very busy time for those of us in the Central region as the **Thirty-Fifth Biennial National Conference** is only 12 months away, Co-chairs Catherine Miserendino and Tami Rocha are organizing the various committees and looking for both volunteers and angels to help make the conference a most successful and enjoyable one for all the Sacred Heart Alums that plan to come to Chicago. The theme of the conference is most appropriately entitled *“St. Madeleine Sophie’s Vision of Service - Living Our Legacy”*. Now, on to other news & updates ...

COLLABORATION MEETING January 11, 2004, Barb Lopiccolo, Nancy Agnew and Jeanne O’Fallon met in St. Louis for the annual collaboration meeting at the Provincial House with Madeleine Ortman, National Director of the Network, Michael Ryan, past parent and chairperson of the Network Board, Sister Carol Haggarty, Assistant Director, and Pam Schaeffer, Director of Communications for the Province and editor of Heart Magazine. The annual meeting provides a forum for AASH, the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, and the Provincial team to collaborate, to communicate and to integrate their individual work, goals and projects. They report the meeting was very productive and helped to further the familial synergy between these groups in which the alumnae/i play an invaluable role.

DREAM, DESIGN, DECIDE! UPDATE Sr. Sheila Hammond from the Provincial Team reports that on the first phase of the RSCJ 3D evaluative process, Dream, Design, Decide! is complete. One striking finding is that the alumnae/i perceive and cherish the value of the RSCJ mission of education based on their personal experience. A “Summary of Stakeholder Data” is posted at www.rscj.org. Please visit the website to learn about this exiting and vital process as well as to give your feedback.

HELP AASH ESTABLISH A NEW AWARD In tribute to Mary Liz Devito Lincoln, AASH is considering creating an award to honor her extraordinary work on behalf of the alumnae/i. The award would recognize service to AASH, by providing the means for an alumnae/i or current student in the National or International Network of Sacred Heart Schools to attend one of the Summer Network Programs, any of the Network Schools, or the international student program. The criteria will differ from those for the Cor Unum awards given at the national meetings. Please discuss this idea at your individual Alumnae

Association meetings and submit your ideas to your regional directors. Our hope is to announce the creation of this award prior to the AMASC Conference planned for New Orleans in 2006.

AMASC VICE PRESIDENCY FILLED Marion Glennon, Greenwich Alumna and former President of AASH has agreed to step into the Vice Presidency of AMASC. We all wish Marion the very best in her new role; we all know how lucky AMASC is to have her!

NEW NATIONAL ALUMNAE DIRECTORY Our next national directory will be produced by Alumni Memories, out of Omaha. You may have already received their mailing with the questionnaire and order form. As you know, this resource is only valuable if we have the most up-to-date information possible. Please encourage your constituencies to send back their information as soon as possible.

SUMMER REUNION PROJECT Sr. Marie Wolfington's Summer Reunion Project will bring together some of the more than 800 alumnae/i who participated in any of the Network Summer projects during the last 15 years. All have been invited to gather in LaBelle, Florida, July 13-18, 2004 to celebrate this milestone by helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house and to reflect on the spiritual and social realities they have encountered during their volunteer service. Participants will also have opportunities for recreation, including swimming and kayaking, and for spiritual direction. Participating RSCJs will include Sisters Marie-Louise Wolfington of LaBelle, Nancy Koke of Chicago and Maureen Glavin of St. Charles, Missouri. RSCJ from France, Canada and Mexico have also been invited to participate. Fee for the six-day program, which includes room and board at a retreat center overlooking the Caloosa River, is \$200. Alums wishing more information are invited to contact Sister Wolfington at mwolfington@rscj.org, or by phone at 863-675-3724. Registration forms are available at www.aashnet.org. Deadline for registration is May 31. AASH is pleased to contribute \$1,000 to the reunion. Our support, matched by the Province and the Network of Sacred Heart schools, will help defray the costs of the event.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES & NEWS MAKE A NOTE!

WEST: The Western Region conference "*Forging Frontiers of the Heart*" will be held at the Manchester Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, CA on the waterfront, June 25 – 27, 2004. I plan to attend this conference, as the AASH Board of Directors will be hosting their quarterly meeting just prior to the start of the conference in San Diego. If your schedules permit, I encourage others from the Central region to attend any/all of the upcoming regional conferences

SOUTH: Southern regional meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana will now take place October 1-3, 2004. The Alumnae Association in Grand Coteau will host the meeting. Lisa Tebbe comes in as the new Southern Regional Director, replacing Claire Tubbesing Jablonski who is not able to represent the Southern Region at this time. Please give Lisa, a graduate of St. Charles and the communications director at Villa, your enthusiastic support. Welcome Lisa!

CENTRAL: Central Regional Conference in Detroit, Michigan will take place October 8-10, 2004. I will be sure to keep you updated once the conference committee has finalized plans for our conference.

EAST: Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich will host the Eastern Regional Conference November 12-14, 2004 on the beautiful Greenwich campus.

HELP NEEDED Rita Murray '69 of 91st Street and Barbara Kavanagh of Greenwich have retired, leaving two alumnae directors' positions open. Please have anyone who is interested contact either Craig MacPherson, Director of Development & Public Relations at 91st Street (212) 722-4745 or Judy Becker, Director of Development at Greenwich (203) 531-6500. These positions are very important in telling the story of our schools, maintaining contact with the alumnae, helping them participate in the school community as graduates and supporting the schools financially.

AASH GIFT SHOP WANTS YOU! Several associations have listed their gift shop information on the AASH website www.aashnet.org. AASH would like to have everyone listed, as this is an easy way to increase your opportunities to sell items from your school gift shop. It's easy! Just call Jeanne O'Fallon at our national office toll free at 1(888) 622-7421 and Jeanne will walk you through the process. This is a great way to make it easy for alumnae/i around the country to buy gifts from their alma mater and for you to increase your revenues.

MOVE COMPLETE AASH has moved to a larger office The Network Office has moved from Newton, Ma., and is settling into their new offices at 700 North Third St. in St. Charles, MO. Pictures have been posted on www.sofie.org. Take a peak!

AASH COLLEGE CONNECTION Time to prepare your graduating class and tell them about the AASH College Connection - a great way for Sacred Heart Alumnae/i to connect as they begin college. AASH continues to receive positive feedback about this program, most recently from Madeleine Ortman who reports that in her travels she often hears that young alums really like and appreciate the AASH College Connection. Call Jeanne O'Fallon for more information at 1(888) 622-7421 or log onto www.aashnet.org.

HANDBOOK DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS: Below are a few changes/corrections to be made in the AASH Handbook Directory.

1. Pg. 2.13 Sr. Patricia Reiss at Barat - phone number corrections, home is (847) 574-4228, fax at work is (847) 574-6000
2. Pg. 2.37 Alumnae of Forest Ridge-AASH Rep. is Ann McKinstry Gerner-spelling correction on the last name. Ann is the alum director and also the AMASC liaison.
3. Pg. 2.33 Atherton Alumnae-AASH Rep. Susan Nerney Schumann, Mountain – (that's a correction) View, CA
4. Pg. 2.28 Rosary Sacred Heart Alumnae (new address/phone, etc.)

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ESPRIT DE COEUR was mailed in early March; please enjoy!

AASH ANNUAL GIVING Last, but not least, annual giving has been very successful to date. Please remember that AASH deserves and needs everyone's support. It is unusual to have national network of Alumnae/i, which reflects through its membership the results of the Goals and Criteria of a national network of schools. Madeleine Sophie's legacy lives on in her alums. Please give and give generously so that AASH may continue to grow and prosper as a national community.

As always, I encourage you to stay in touch and let me know how I can best share news of your association via the calendar and newsletter.

Warm regards,

Maureen E. Ryan
Central Regional Director