

June 27, 2005

Dear Southern Region Friends,

Summer greetings to all. Many of you were able to join us at the National Conference in Chicago in April. Although it has been two months, the memories of making lasting connections with friends new and old, visiting our Sacred Heart schools in the area and learning about St. Madeleine Sophie Center, the Josephinum and "Gender Differences in Learning" are still fresh. My sincere thanks go to the conference chairs, Tami Rocha and Catherine Miserendino along with their committees for all of their hard work, and to our Central Regional Director, Maureen Ryan, for such a warm, wonderful welcome.

I'd also like to welcome two new women to our AASH Southern Region. Suzanne "Suzie" Desloge Weiss is serving as the president of the Villa Duchesne/City House Alumnae Association. A 1964 graduate of City House, Suzie has been an active member of the Alumnae Association. Her daughters Julie '99 and Anne'01 are also Villa graduates.

Deanie Reis has recently been named Manager of Alumnae/i and Special Events at Villa Duchesne, replacing Amy Hempstead, who is now focusing full-time on fundraising for the school. Deanie is a '95 graduate of Villa and has been working at her alma mater for the past year and a half. I am excited to be working with these women in their new alumnae roles.

Now, on to other AASH news . . .

**AMASC WORLD CONGRESS EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 30.** As you know, the United States is hosting the AMASC World Congress April 23-28 in New Orleans. Registration is now open and there is an early-bird deadline of June 30, 2005. Brochures are available on-line at [www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org](http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org) and by request by calling Econotax at 1-800-260-5651.

The programs are impressive and include opportunities to network with Sacred Heart alums around the world. In addition, there are many events to appeal to our young alums and we are hoping for increased involvement from our 35 and under crowd. And, you won't want to miss the variety of tours and added attractions designed to give you a taste of the "Big Easy."

At the National Conference, we voted to hold our Regional Meetings in tandem with the World Congress, not only to encourage support of this event, which is being held in the U.S. for the first time in 25 years, but also to reduce the costs associated with attending a regional and world conference. I am counting on our region to show our support of Olga Rome and her team by attending.

**MBNA CREDIT CARD** The MBNA credit card is a significant source of income for AASH. Last year we earned more than \$21,000! 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.

**AASH CALENDAR** When planning events, please keep the AASH web site calendar in mind. It's a great resource for upcoming dates for all of our groups. You are also welcome to add dates for your own events. It's easy and only takes a minute to update.

Please stay in touch. I enjoy hearing from you all. Have a wonderful summer and I hope to see many of you in New Orleans next April.

All the best,

Lisa Tebbe  
Southern Regional Director