

February 15, 2005

Dear Southern Region Friends:

Mid-winter (or almost spring!) greetings to all. I'm hoping by now you have all received your *Esprit de Coeur* Call to Conference and that you are planning to join me in the Windy City April 21-24 for our 35th AASH National Conference, "St. Madeleine Sophie's Vision of Service—Living our Legacy." The Drake Hotel will be our host for this gathering of alumnae and alumni from across the country. The registration form can be downloaded and conference payment can be made on-line at www.aashnet.org.

Within this letter you'll find detailed information and conference highlights. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE DRAKE HOTEL – Please know that all attendees are responsible for making hotel reservations at The Drake. You may call The Drake directly at 1-800-55-DRAKE (1-800-553-7253) Monday–Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST or Saturday and Sunday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If you are calling at another time, you will be automatically routed to a Hilton (non Drake) reservation line and they will not have the AASH Conference listed. In addition, if you are calling during the hours listed above and the lines are busy, you may be automatically re-routed to the Hilton system. Our group is listed under **AASH Conference** and our room rate is \$179 per room + tax (14.9%). Please note some of the double rooms are small rooms with twin size beds. I understand for approximately \$60 more you can request two queen size beds and this room has two bathrooms.

PRE-CONFERENCE TOURS – For those who plan to come in early to enjoy all the beauty and fun of the Windy City there are two docent-guided tours for you to experience on Thursday, April 21. The first is Jacqueline Kennedy: The White House Years at the Field Museum followed by a guided tour of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Masterpieces at the Art Institute of Chicago.

HOME DINNERS – If you know of alums in the Chicago area that you think would be interested in hosting a home dinner, please contact either Kiki Rothing (847) 251-5348 or Maria Wanamaker (773) 271-5697.

PARADE OF BANNERS – The liturgy committee plans to use banners from each association during the processional on Saturday, April 23. Please send your banners and pole to Barat Education Foundation, 700 East Westleigh Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 - **ATTN: BANNERS FOR AASH by Friday, April 1.**

UNDERWRITING & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES –

Cor Unum Ads – To recognize recipients of the Cor Unum and/or Women of Conscience Award, please contact Deb Wells at debbie.wells@shschicago.org (in the subject write "Cor Unum Ads"). Full-page ads are \$100. Deadline for copy is **Tuesday, March 15.**

Tote Bags – If your school or association has an item for the tote bags, please contact Susan Halle at ehalle@msn.com (in the subject write “AASH Tote Bags”). We are estimating 250 attendees. Please know that your association’s help in underwriting or donating toward the conference would be greatly appreciated.

REGIONAL REPORTS DUE APRIL 1 – Each association is asked to send a written report to me by **Friday, April 1**. AASH Reps, please e-mail your report to ltebbe@vdoh.org. The suggested format is: Association Name; Officers; Annual Events; and New Programs. All reports will be consolidated for our region and will be included in your packet. Our Southern Regional meeting will be Friday, April 22 and this time will be spent sharing ideas as well as appointing a representative from our region to serve on the nominating committee for 2005-2007.

ALUMNAE/I PRESIDENTS/DIRECTORS MEETING – Madeleine Ortman, Executive Director for the Network, is planning to host the meeting for all alumnae/i presidents/directors at The Drake on Thursday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Parkside Room. For those arriving on Wednesday, please make your room reservations directly with The Drake at 1-800-553-7253. If you plan to attend the meeting, there is a separate registration. Please visit www.sofie.org to register by **Thursday, March 31**.

LIVING OUR LEGACY SERVICE PROJECT – As part of our conference, alumnae/i are invited to participate in a Book Drive to benefit Josephinum Academy (all girls, grades 6-12), and Children of the Sacred Heart, a neighborhood outreach, parent education and support project of Sacred Heart Schools at Sheridan Road. Your association can send in new or gently used books ahead of time for children 0-3 and multicultural fiction for high school girls. Gift certificates are welcome too as long as they are from a Chicago based bookstore. For further info, contact Sally Sharp at sally.sharp@shschicago.org (in the subject write, “Book Drive”). For more information, please see page 7 of *Esprit de Coeur*.

RESOLUTIONS REMINDER/VOTING PRIVILEGES – On Sunday, April 24 following the closing breakfast at The Drake we will conclude the 35th AASH conference with general session III. Please review the proposed resolutions listed on page 6 of the winter issue of *Esprit de Coeur* and ask for your association’s input prior to the conference. You may also submit other resolutions for consideration. Because time will be short it would be helpful if associations prepared the wording of their resolution before the conference. Also, you should be prepared to present it, support it and gather signatures on it before submitting it to the resolutions chair at the conference. Each association in good standing has two votes. Please select members from your association who will be staying until the end of the conference as you are allowed up to two delegates and one alternate. The conference registration form has a space for registrants to indicate if they are acting as a delegate or alternate for their association, but we would also appreciate it if the AASH rep or association would submit those names in advance of the conference to the AASH National Office: aashnatl@aol.com or 888-622-7421.

Now on to other AASH news and updates . . .

ASSOCIATION DUES REMINDER NOTICE – **Thank you to our associations who have already sent in their dues.** Dues notices have been sent to all associations

and payment is necessary in order to have full voting privileges at the upcoming National Conference. Please be sure to check and see that your dues are paid.

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! I encourage you to visit the AMASC site for details: <http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/>.

CHILDREN OF MARY (EdM) GROUPS – If your association or school is fortunate enough to have a Children of Mary group, please send the name of the moderator, president and/or contact person along with their address, phone and e-mail (if applicable) to Olga Rome, President of AMASC at orome@rowleygroup.com. Olga has a special need for their support for the world conference of alumnae/i in New Orleans in 2006.

NEW PROVINCIAL NAMED FOR THE U.S. PROVINCE – Beginning in August 2005, **Kathleen Conan rscj** will become the provincial of the United States Province, succeeding Kathleen Hughes rscj, who has served as provincial since 1999. Sister Conan, presently of Chicago, was appointed by the General Council of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome, based on extensive consultation with members of the U.S. Province. For more information on Sister Conan, please visit www.rscj.org.

HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS – PLEASE NOTE:

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

Pg. 2.7 Add Lenore Thomas Stoddart (Mrs. John J., Jr.)

Pg 2.22 Manhattanville Alumni Association
Alumni Director – John Galgano, e-mail: galganoj@mville.edu

New e-mails:

Dr. Mary Magnano Smith. – smithmary.fac@forestridge.org
Mary B. Flaherty, RSCJ – flaherty.maryb.fac@forestridge.org
Patty Sullivan Stanford – stanford.patty.fac@forestridge.org

Please keep **April 1** in mind – no fooling! – as it is the deadline for many items listed above. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Chicago!

All the best,

Lisa M. Tebbe
AASH Southern Regional Director