

July 14, 2006

Dear Southern Region Friends,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Our annual summer Board meeting was held in St. Louis in June and I am writing to update you on news in our region as well as across the country.

Plans are under way for our Southern Regional Meeting at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles Nov. 17-18. There we will gather for a business meeting and the Feast of St. Philippine Duchesne at the first school she founded in 1818. On Friday, we'll begin with a welcome at 8:30 a.m., followed by a liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Raymond Burke. We will conclude by mid-morning on Saturday. This meeting, which would've been held in conjunction with our AMASC World Congress, is open to Alumnae/i Association Presidents, Alumnae/i Directors and AASH Reps. For a nominal fee, simple accommodations will be available in the Duchesne Center at the Academy, or you may make a reservation at a nearby hotel or a charming B&B. Watch for detailed information in August.

On another note, as you read this, I am in the midst of changing jobs. I've been working as the Communications Manager at Villa Duchesne for the past six and a half years and am now moving on ... but not too far! On August 1, I'm beginning a new position as Director of Admissions at the Academy of the Sacred Heart (my alma mater) in St. Charles. I'm thrilled at this opportunity and the chance to share my love for and commitment to Sacred Heart education with prospective families.

Now, on to other AASH news . . .

**AMASC WORLD CONFERENCE** Olga Rome and her team are to be commended for a wonderful job last April in Rye, N.Y. Despite the challenges they faced, they rose beautifully to the occasion and we are proud of their incredible efforts in representing our alums. In 2010 the World Congress will be held in Malta and where they will focus on bringing more young alums into the organization.

**REGIONAL MEETINGS 2006** Due to the cancellation of AMASC, where AASH regional meetings were to be held, and AASH current by-laws requiring a regional meeting in the year between the national conferences, each region is planning a brief but important regional meeting.

- The Western Region had a wonderful meeting at the University of San Diego June 23-24.
- The Central Region will meet in Lake Forest, IL the weekend of Oct. 13-14.
- The Eastern Regional will meet at Stuart in Princeton, N.J. on Saturday, Oct. 21.
- The Southern Region will meet at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles Friday, Nov. 17 and Saturday, Nov. 18.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE, APRIL 19 to 21, NEW YORK CITY**

Start spreading the news ... we're bound for New York next spring for our 2007 national conference. Our hotel is the Park Central Hotel, and it's a fabulous location. Please tell your alums we are looking forward to seeing them and watch for more information soon!

### **NOMINATIONS FOR THE AASH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Now is the time to promote good nominations for the AASH Board. The Nominating Chair, our immediate past president Barb Lopiccolo, will be writing you officially and sending forms by mail and email, but please do not wait until she does so to seek out and nominate alums to serve from 2007-2009. If you as an individual have a willingness to serve, don't be shy about getting yourself nominated! A large group of candidates adds to the life of AASH and provides a pool for committee chairs and committee members, even if a person is not elected to the Board.

### **COR UNUM AWARD NOMINATIONS**

We also ask for your nominations for the Cor Unum Award, first given at the 1991 New York Conference. As the conference returns to New York, we want this presentation to be very special. One alum living in, but not necessarily originating from, each of the four regions – Central, West, Southern and West - is honored for:

- Excellence in one's work
- Loyalty to Sacred Heart values
- The gift of self in service to others

Each nomination is recorded on CD so that those serving on the committee see the great pool of worthy candidates who have been nominated, even if they were not chosen to receive the award. The greater the pool, the more meaningful the award is. Please be thinking of individuals you would like to nominate.

**MBNA CREDIT CARD** The MBNA credit card is a significant source of income for AASH. Last year we earned more than \$20,000! 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 AND REGIONAL NEWS SECTION ON AASHNET.ORG** Alumnae/i Directors, Association Presidents, AASH Reps, this is yours to use. When planning events, please send me your calendar of events and news and I will gladly enter them for you. It's a great resource for upcoming dates for all of our groups.

**GIFT SHOP** - Please take a look at your associations' gift shop site and contact our webmaster [mary@argas.com](mailto:mary@argas.com) with changes, corrections, additions, etc. This is a wonderful source to shop for many unique Sacred Heart items that make perfect gifts.

**KENWOOD RSCJ "ADJUSTING WELL"** – Kenwood RSCJ who have recently moved are "adjusting well," says the article on [www.rscj.org](http://www.rscj.org). "As of mid-May, five RSCJ – Sisters Christine Webber, Teresa Kent, Mary Sessions, Dorothy Holmes and Maria Teresa Daza – had formed a community at Teresian House, a skilled care facility in Albany, N.Y., operated by the Carmelite Sisters of the Aged and Infirm. Although Teresian House is a large facility – 300 residents – it is divided into 'neighborhoods' of 15-20 residents, each with its own living and kitchen/dining area. Daily activities take place in these areas. They are comfortably furnished in various styles to simulate home environments. Each resident has a private room and bath. A large, bright chapel is situated on the first floor." To read more, visit [www.rscj.org](http://www.rscj.org). Please keep these beloved RSCJ as well as others in transition in your prayers.

At the end of the summer, we will mark the year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. The devastation in the lives of countless individuals is still being felt deeply. Please continue to keep all of the victims in your prayers.

Please stay in touch. I always enjoy hearing from you all. And I look forward to seeing you in St. Charles in November.

With love,

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