

March 3, 2006

Dear Western Region Friends,

I hope you are now enjoying the beauty of Spring as nature holds the promise of rebirth. I can't help but think that the Family of Sacred Heart Schools and its Alumnae/i have learned so much about rebirth from Katrina. We are truly a family in the real sense of the word. Keeping those in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast in our prayers and thoughts has made a difference. I hope you have had the opportunity to enjoy the Winter 2005 issue of the award winning RSCJ Journal, "Heart". "A Rainbow is a promise - The Sacred Heart family rallies to help hurricane victims" is amazing reading. (If you do not receive this publication, contact Pamschaeffer@rscj.org or phone 314 652-1500.)

There is exciting news coming from our Los Angeles Alumnae/i. This association, lovingly and ably headed for so long by Mary Lou Smith-Reither and Sheila Madden, is experiencing new life and growth. On February 11th a luncheon and meeting were held at the home of Liz Bradley Helmick, who became the new President of the Los Angeles Association. The group is updating lists of alums in the area and planning a Mass and luncheon August 26 (see below.)

You all should have received by now your invitations to the Western region Business Meeting at the University of San Diego on Friday and Saturday, June 23 & 24. Please contact me if you did not receive this or if you need further information. Since the presidency and National Conference of AASH move to the Western Region in 2007-2009, we are making plans now and need your attendance and input.

Here are other updates on Alumnae/i functions taking place in the Western Region:

Atherton Alumnae/i:

April 28th"The Madhatter Luncheon" for Parents of Alumni **May 20th**. St. Joseph's School of the Sacred Heart Centennial Celebration **June 1 st** Sacred Heart Prep, Pinning Ceremony

Arizona Alumnae/i:

March 11th Lenten Day of Reflection with Sr. Osiek, rscj. Hostess Sally Anderson 3226 N. 82nd Pl. Scottsdale, 9:30 coffee. Please bring your lunch. Refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, call Sally..480-946-6407

April 8thTrip to Mt. Graham and the Vatican Astronomical Observatory in Southern Arizona www.vaticanobservatory.org

Hotel accommodations and transportation to be announced. Please note: Elevation at the top of Mt. Graham is 12,000 ft. Price \$40.00. We can only accommodate 50 participants, so make your reservations early. For further information call Pam Snyder, 623-486-2561

May 31st

Business Meeting in Scottsdale

Friday, June 23rd

Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass and Dinner. Instillation of New Officers, Fr. David Sharp, csb will officiate

6:00 pm \$25.00 per person Hostess: Lorry Walsh 11619 N. 97th Ave. Sun City

Broadway Alumnae/i:

May 8th 3:30p Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco: Alumnae/i Tea

May 31st 11:30a Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco: Alumnae/i Luncheon

Forest Ridge Alumnae/i:

March 12th 9th Annual Alumnae/i Pottery Painting with Special Guest: Sr. Bunny Flick,rscj, Former Head of School.

April 1st Auction 2006 **May 13th** Alumnae/i Spring Luncheon - Now on Saturday! **May 25th** Feast of St. Madeleine Sophie Liturgy and Faculty Reunion. **June 2nd** 4th Annual Classic Golf Tournament. **June 16th** Young Alumnae/i Event. **September 8th** Chapel Dedication Events. **September 9th** 4:00p The first mass in the new Chapel Celebrant: Archbishop Alex Brunett.

Los Angeles Alumnae/i:

August 26th 11:00 LA Alumnae/i Mass at St. Brendan's Church, 300 S. Van Ness Ave., 12:30 lunch at the Wilshire Country Club, RSVP Liz Bradley Helmick @ 323-462-3005

San Diego Alumnae/i:

APRIL 1st Lenten Reflection, lead by Sister Carolyn (Lyn) Osiek, RSCJ, a renowned Biblical Scholar. "Integrating the Mary's - Mary, mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene - into Our Lives." Lyn holds a doctorate from Harvard, is past president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America and currently is Charles Fischer Catholic Professor of New Testament at Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. We will meet at 8:30 a.m., in Founders Chapel. RSVP to Pat Boer at 619-435-4201 or pboer@san.rr.com .

Vancouver, Point Grey, Alumnae/i:

May 27th 11:00a -2:00p Vancouver Point Grey Alumnae: Spring Meeting at Saint George's Junior School RSVP 604-266-4206

And AASH updates...

AMASC WORLD CONGRESS 2006

It was with great sadness that we all received the news that the AMASC Conference had to be cancelled. Please continue to pray for all our Alumnae/i in the New Orleans and Gulf Coast Area.

AMASC President OLGA ROME writes that "while we are very saddened that there will not be an AMASC Congress, we are deeply grateful to Marion Glennon, AMASC Vice-President and Conference Coordinator, Sister Joan Magnetti, Headmistress for hosting the meeting in Greenwich, Connecticut. We are eagerly anticipating this gathering of the AMASC General Assembly Friday, April 21- Sunday, April 23 with arrivals on Thursday, April 20. The meeting of the newly elected President and her board will be Monday, April 24. Greenwich Convent of the Sacred Heart, and the New York and Greenwich alumnae will be hosting the National Presidents Meeting and Home Dinners, which are always a highlight of our alumnae/i gatherings. We are also very grateful to the Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart throughout the United States for their generosity in helping underwrite some of the costs of the meeting and assisting us throughout the Conference."

"Crescent City Consultants, the company that handled reservations for the Congress, assures us that all refunds will be in the hands of former registrants within the next few weeks. Their building suffered extensive damage! Your patience and understanding is sincerely appreciated!"

Please see the website for Olga's beautiful letter in full and other updates by clicking on "AMASC" at "Related Sites" at www.aashnet.org. Of note, immediate past president Barb Lopiccolo is a nominee for the AMASC Board from the US; our late AASH president Maryliz deVito Lincoln is being proposed as a posthumous Emeritus Member of AMASC; Hermine van Asten Wennekers of the Netherlands is the candidate for president; and AMASC 2010 is planned for Malta. Let's all hope to meet there!

REGIONAL MEETINGS 2006 Due to the cancellation of AMASC, where AASH regional meetings were to be held, and AASH's 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 will meet at the University of San Diego on Friday and Saturday, June 23 & 24. The Eastern Regional will meet at Stuart in Princeton, NJ on Saturday, October 21. Dates are not firm for meetings of the Central and Southern Regions.

AN UPDATE ON THE ROSARY AND THE HURICANE RELIEF EFFORT:

The Rosary in New Orleans is back in session with 87% of their 850 students and 21 new ones reported as of January 2006. Unlike other area private schools, the Rosary has laid off no teachers. Fundraising through the Society/Network/AASH totaled \$275,000.00 to January 6, 2006, including some large gifts, like \$30,000 from the Japanese alumnae. Some funds are being used to reimburse Duchesne Houston, Regis for Boys in Houston, and Grand Coteau for expenses of taking in Rosary students. The major portion of funds is being used to help the Rosary recover.

The Spirit of the Sacred Heart was felt all over the Network and in every Alumnae/i Association as so many donated and schools welcomed Sacred Heart students into their midst. For further updates and info please go to www.sofie.org and www.aashnet.org

MBNA CREDIT CARD - The MBNA credit card is a significant source of income for AASH. Last year we earned more than \$22,000! To apply for a credit card, visit www.aashnet.org. Remember with every purchase you make, you'll be helping to support AASH!

GIFT SHOP - Please take a look at your associations' gift shop site and contact our webmaster mary@argas.com with changes, corrections, additions, etc. You will find many unique Sacred Heart items available for sale that will be the perfect gift for First Communions, Confirmations, Graduations, Alumnae/i Reunions and all other festive Springtime occasions.

AASH CALENDAR and REGIONAL NEWS SECTION on the AASHNET.ORG WEBSITE

Alumnae/i Directors, Association Presidents, AASH Reps, this is **yours** to use. When planning events, please send me your calendar of events and news. I will gladly enter your events and news for you. We hope to offer a Bulletin Board for your use in the near future.

AASH DUES 2005-2006 ARE DUE. Thank you to those who have sent in their dues. If you were remiss in sending them in by the **January Deadline**, please do so now. Thank you in advance for looking after this bit of housekeeping.

HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS: A newly revised edition of the AASH Association Handbook and Directory (aka the "RED BOOK") is in your hands now. As changes of officers and contact numbers are in flux, please keep our Corresponding Secretary, **Diane Tymick**, and the **AASH National Office** up to date so that your new book will always be up to date as well. Attached you will find changes recently received! We hope you find this expanded Handbook helpful. Among the additions are National Conference Guidelines, pages 3.10 – 3.15 that a hard working committee put together this summer.

UPDATE ON RSCJ MOVES TO NEW RETIREMENT HOMES: Sister Conan reported at the AASH Conference Call Feb. 7th, 2006 that the RSCJ are being so courageous as they make the necessary moves to alternate Care Facilities at Kenwood in Albany, New York. As we discussed at the Chicago Conference, Alum Associations will be informed as these moves take place so that your Association members might write notes of welcome and encouragement to these religious in their new homes. Kenwood now has a web site www.rscj.org/kenwood that be reached through our web site www.aashnet.org. by clicking on RSCJ. Oakwood is working on getting a web site. Moves at Oakwood will come later and you will be informed about them as all members of the Sacred Heart community are linked to AASH at aashnet.org.

THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: The National Leadership Development Committee met for the first time in St. Charles on the feast of Philippine Duchesne, November 18, to begin to create a national development strategy. The committee met again by conference call on February 16 and will meet again face to face in St. Charles on May 12-13.

Comprised of lay men and women and members of the Society of the Sacred Heart who are committed to the support of the Society's mission activities through philanthropy and volunteerism, this national committee will advocate for the Society's joint fundraising initiatives focusing on elder care and the Society's missions and ministries.

Committee members will be asked to attend two formal meetings per year. Conference calls, in between the meetings, will be used as needed.

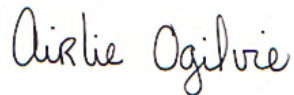
The members of the National Leadership Development Committee follow, listed by constituency.

Kathleen Conan, RSCJ, Provincial, Province
Shirley Miller, RSCJ, Director of Mission Advancement, Province
Susan Maxwell, RSCJ, Head of School, Sacred Heart Schools, Chicago, Network Board
Mike Ryan, Towers Perrin, Network Board
Cathy Taft, Development Director, Kenwood
Nancy Morris, RSCJ, Development Director, Oakwood
Adele O'Grady Botticelli, President, Associated Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart (AASH)
Ellen Shafer, Alumna
Patricia Arnold, Development Director, Missouri Botanical Gardens, Alumnae/i
Jane O'Connell, President, Altman Foundation, Foundations
Larry Vaclavik, Partner, Dini Partners, Consultant

STATE OF THE SOCIETY: On May 1st, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, a reception will be held at Convent of the Sacred Heart 91st Street, hosted by friends of the Society. The invitations will be mailed in mid-March to about 1,000 alumnae.

Kathy Conan, RSCJ, Provincial, will make a presentation on the status of elder care issues, financial planning, mission advancement efforts and the strategic planning process. It is hoped that events like this will soon be held around the United States to educate the alumnae/i community about the current state of the Society and to solicit alumnae/i support for the Society's mission activities through philanthropy and volunteerism. Please let Shirley Miller, RSCJ, smiller@rscj.org or me know if your school is interested in hosting a "State of the Society" event.

This comes with much love to all for a wonderful Spring full of Alumnae/i activities.



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