

October 23, 2004

Dear Western Region Friends,

Now that school is well underway, I hope you are finding time to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. The weather has finally cooled down in Arizona and we are loving it. We had our first meeting of the alumnae/i and those of us who were lucky to be in San Diego for the Western Regional Conference are still talking about how wonderful it was.

SEND IN YOUR ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTERS!

Please send me any news, events, or photos that you would like to share via the AASH website. Please highlight what news you would like to share with the AASH online community. The AASH calendar is an easy way to publicize your alumnae/i events. AASH is now also posting photos of our conferences and other events – log onto www.aashnet.org to enjoy. If you send photos, please identify what the event is and the date.

Usage of our website is growing every day. It's a great resource for informing alumnae/i of your events and to check for AASH events in your region. Now, on to other AASH news. . .

SAVE THE DATES!

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2005 in Chicago April 21-24, 2005. Watch for early details at www.aashnet.org and in your mailbox.

The **AMASC WORLD CONGRESS** 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! With this in mind, the Board of Directors of AASH has given a unique gift of \$20,000 to help fund this conference. Barbara Lopiccolo, AASH President, presented the gift to AMASC President Olga Rome at the Southern Regional Conference the weekend of October 1st at Grand Coteau, LA. The AASH Board hopes the gift brings others to help realize a wonderful conference for all the AMASC associations.

GREAT NEWS! THE APPEAL FROM THE SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART which AASH supported by a one-time use of our mailing list has produced a wonderful response of over \$335,000 from 1,920 alums! The AASH alumnae/i body response will enable the Society to receive the challenge grant of \$250,000 from the Barat Educational Foundation, Lake Forest, Illinois. This grant along with the \$2,500 lead gift from AASH will enable the Society of the Sacred Heart to help cover the deficit in their operating budget as well as to help build their endowment. As children of the Sacred Heart, our alumnae/i responded to this unique opportunity to give back to the women who gave so much to us. Thank you! Your gifts are a wonderful tribute to the life's work of our beloved RSCJs.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES. . .MAKE A NOTE AND JOIN US!

EAST: The Greenwich Alumnae Association will host the Eastern Regional Conference November 12-14, 2004 on the beautiful Convent of the Sacred Heart campus in Greenwich. The topic is The World of the Heart. Please come join us to hear Sr. Cecile Meijer, rscj, the Society's first non-governmental representative to the United Nations, and Dr. Bonita Chamberlain who has spent 28 years helping the people of Afghanistan.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING – the AASH gift shop is a great place to do your Christmas shopping at www.aashnet.org! Currently, items are available from St. Charles, Grand Coteau, Bloomfield Hills, Broadway in San Francisco, Villa Duchesne – City House, Barat College of DePaul University, the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne, Neighborhood Artisans, Sprout Creek Farm as well as the AASH National Office.

STUART WELCOMES NEW ALUMNAE DIRECTOR

Please extend a warm welcome to the new Alumnae Director at Stuart, Beth Brown DeClue '80.

HANDBOOK AND DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS: Below are several changes/corrections to be made in your AASH Handbook and Directory:

Pg 2.21 Please note that Stuart's e-mail address has changed from @ stuart.k12.nj.us to @ stuartschool.org.

Pg. 2.21 Beth Brown DeClue replaces Anne-Marie Campbell as Alumnae Director; her e-mail address is bdeclue@stuartschool.org

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Fondly,

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Western Regional Director