

June 23, 2005

Dear Western Region Friends,

To all my new and old friends in the Western Region, this is my swan song. I truly enjoyed representing you over the last two years. I strengthened old relationships and made wonderful new ones. Even though I am no longer serving as your AASH rep, I certainly have a special place in my heart for all of you and can't wait to see you in New Orleans and all of the other places that our AASH takes us. I am off to USD today to show my granddaughter the campus with a wonderful tour led by Jack Kelly and Sister Rodee. I hope she loves the school as much as we all do.

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 am delighted to extend a warm welcome to Airlie Ogilvie, your new Western Regional Director. Many of you most likely know Airlie from her attendance at our regional and national meetings. She is a graduate of Point Grey Convent of the Sacred Heart in Vancouver where she has served as the Alumnae Association president for the past 20 years. In 1982, she served as the delegate for Canada at the AMASC Congress in San Francisco and helped form the Canadian Association of Sacred Heart Alumnae (CASHA). After nearly 33 years of teaching at the elementary level, Airlie retired in June 2003. Besides her active involvement in all things Sacred Heart, Airlie, a devoted animal lover, is a founding member of the Australian Shepherd Club of British Columbia and is the proud and loving owner of two dogs, Tassa and Brook, two cats Tontoe and Jiminey Cricket and 15 goldfish. Her love of volunteer work extends to St. Vincent's Langara Retirement Hospital. Airlie is thrilled to serve on the AASH Board and looks forward to seeing you all at AMASC in New Orleans.

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 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 hoping that many of you will be able to show your 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. 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. And I hope to see many of you in New Orleans next April.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally".

Sally Heffernan Anderson
Outgoing Western Regional Director