

July 21, 2006

Dear Western Region Friends,

I hope you are enjoying your summer.

The annual AASH summer Board meeting was held in St. Louis in June. It was a delight to be with the Board in person and get through the business in record time. How lovely it was to meet with Sr. Kathleen Conan, RSCJ, Provincial and with Sr. Shirley Miller, RSCJ, Director of Mission Advancement for the Society.

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Western Regional Business Meeting from your area of the Western Region.

It was just wonderful to meet together for the Western Regional Business Meeting at the University of San Diego on June 23-24th in the very place that Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill's vision came to life. It was a real privilege to hear Dr. Mary Lyons tell of her future plans for the campus which will again bring Sr. Hill's legacy to the forefront for students and campus staff alike in naming the new building for the School of Leadership and Educational Sciences in honour of Rev. Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill and the Religious of the Sacred Heart. The meeting went very well as you will read in the minutes and much was accomplished.

The San Diego Sacred Heart Alumnae certainly gave us a grand welcome. I must say being part of the Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart in Founders Chapel complete with the RSCJ's renewal of vows was also something very special indeed.

Be assured there have been thanks sent to all who made our weekend so special from Sr. Rodee, RSCJ, Angelica Felix in Sr. Rodee's office, to the Food Services Staff and everyone in between.

I hope to have the Western Region News Section of the web site (**AASHNET.ORG**) all set to go to the web master in a few days. Do peek in to see the association reports I have received via email, the minutes of the Western Regional Business Meeting and hopefully your picture. (I hope we got a snap of each one of you!!)

Please keep me informed of new dates on your association's calendar as it is a snap for me to put your functions and dates up on the web site

Also, if you have changes of officers or changes of address or email, do send them along as I will forward them to the National Office for inclusion in the next list of Directory Updates. Thanks to Diane Remien Tymick, AASH Corresponding Secretary who has prepared the current changes for you. Please put them in your Red Book for ready reference.

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 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 at Woodlands Academy, 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. 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 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. "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. 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.

Have a safe, happy summer. Do stay in touch as it is lovely to hear from you.

Much love,

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