

September 26, 2003

Dear Sacred Heart Friends:

I hope everyone had a great summer and that your alumnae associations are gearing up for another year of activities. Here in Arizona we are starting to cool off and our officers are fine-tuning our calendar for '03/'04. We are very excited that San Diego has taken on the next Western Regional in June '04. Thanks guys.

Here are a few special dates to remember:

Regional Meetings scheduled for 2004

The Central Regional meeting is being planned for the weekend of October 9th, 2004 in Detroit hosted by the Bloomfield Hills and Grosse Pointe associations. As more details are solidified, I will be contacting you. Also, alums are welcome and encouraged to attend regional meetings in other parts of the country. For now the only other firm date we have is June 25-27th, 2004 for the Western Regional in San Diego.

35th AASH National Conference – 2005 in Chicago, Illinois

Mark your calendars for **April 21-24th, 2005**. The conference theme is "St. Madeleine Sophie's Vision of Service – Living Our Legacy". Co-chairs Catherine Miserendino and Tami Hoekstra Rocha are preparing a memorable experience for all.

2006 AMASC Congress in the United States!

This is the second time that the U.S. will have the opportunity to host the World Association of Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart, and Olga Seiferth Rome, AMASC President is eager to extend Southern hospitality to all attending the congress April 23-26 2006 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Martha McDermott Landrum, (ASH Rosary, 76) and Bette Naime McDermott, (ASH Rosary, 45) have graciously agreed to co-chair the 2006 congress. Olga states that "it is not too early to begin budgeting to send representatives from your Association to what promises to be a spiritually, intellectually and socially enriching experience." I encourage you to add AMASC site to your favorites and check out for more info: <http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/>

AMASC Liaison- Reminder

Each association is asked to elect or appoint a representative to serve as liaison to the 2006 AMASC Planning Committee. This representative will be a direct contact for the AMASC planning committee and will help implement the new study plan. If you have suggestions on AMASC fundraising ideas please pass them on to me and I will forward a general list of ideas to all in our region. If you have not done it already, please send the name of your AMASC representative to AASH corresponding secretary, Carolyn Price (248-646-8900 or cprice@ashmi.org) who will add it to the AASH 2003-2004 Directory and then pass it on to AMASC planning committee.

AMASC Study Plan —

Kathleen Simon is the International Study Plan Coordinator. She will be in touch with the AMASC Representative in your association. The theme of the Study Plan: COLLABORATION FOR TRANSFORMED WORLD, for more info check out the website: <http://www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/studyplan.shtml>

More updates:

AASH Calendar —

Please continue to visit our website – <http://www.aashnet.org/> , and more importantly I encourage the different associations to use the calendar portion and the guest book to keep our alumni updated on what is happening. If you will send the info to me, I will be happy to include your special events such as reunions or any special alumnae related activities, etc.

Website link to colleges - We would like to link Barat, Maryville, Manhattanville, and USD to the AASH website. Please ask your Webmaster to contact Jeanne O’Fallon in the National Office for posting, aashnatl@aol.com or by the mail.

National Directory – We will soon be working on an updated National Directory. This project is a huge undertaking, therefore I’d like to enlist your support in finding as many “lost” alums as possible. It has been four years since we published the last directory. If your association keeps updated and accurate records of alums please let me know.

AASH Handbook & Directory update – Next month all associations will receive a form from Carolyn Price, our corresponding secretary, for the annual update of association officers. Please take the time to fill this out and get it back to her whether or not you have any changes. The deadline is October 23rd.

News and more News:

Welcome to **Madeleine Sophie Ortman**, the new ***Executive Director of the Network of the Sacred Heart Schools***. Madeleine is a graduate of Stone Ridge and Barat College. The office is being relocated to the St. Louis area this fall.

Archives relocate –The Society of the Sacred Heart National Archives has moved to 4537 West Pine Blvd. – St. Louis, MO 63108, as featured in the recent *Esprit de Coeur*. Our AASH president, Barbara Lopiccolo, and many area alums represented us at the formal opening and blessing on September 14th.

3D: Dream, Design, Decide – As the Society of the Sacred Heart dreams, designs and make decisions for the future, the AASH Board members were led by Sister Sheila Hammond to take part in the interview protocol last June when we held our annual meeting in St. Louis. This was a most positive experience, and I encourage all associations to take part in the process if given the opportunity. You received a letter about this last spring. Your participation and responses will be greatly valued.

And Finally...

Resolutions at our last Conference – Please forward any information that your association may have regarding plans on implementing resolution #2 – **see below**

“In light of the tragedy that has impacted our Church and in keeping with the mission of the AASH, the vision of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, and with an openness to the Holy Spirit, be it resolved that every alumnae/l association be encouraged to consider adopting a program of action that will foster healing in our Church and awaken our members to the vital role that play in the life of the Church.”

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you as we start to plan our Regional Meeting next year.

Warm Regards,

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