

Dear Sacred Heart Friends,

I hope this letter finds all of you looking back on wonderful memories of the Christmas holiday we just celebrated with family and other loved ones. All that work and it seems to come and go too quickly....I am writing to you with news of a change in the leadership in the Southern region of the AASH Board of Directors. Our new regional director is Lisa Tebbe, St. Charles graduate and present Director of Communications at Villa Duchesne/Oak Hill. Claire Jablonski began this biennium as the Southern Regional Director but finds that another time will be better for her to serve in this position. I am grateful to Claire for her valuable contributions to our first Board meeting last June in St. Louis and her willingness to serve. Whoever said "Timing is everything" must have been a busy woman trying to juggle too many jobs at once. Lisa is looking forward to establishing contact with all the Southern associations. You can reach her at :

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This past Thanksgiving, we were all deeply shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of our beloved past president (1999-2001) and current AMASC vice-president, Maryliz deVito Lincoln. AMASC president and past AASH president Olga Rome attended her funeral representing AMASC, and Susan Nerney Schumann, who served on Maryliz' board as Western Regional Director, spoke for me, memorializing Maryliz as "the heart and soul of AASH and a tribute to all that is best in our history and heritage." We hope all those online have seen the wonderful tribute section for her at www.aashnet.org. We know "this valiant woman of God" is now enjoying the eternal rest and reward for her exemplary like of joyful service.

Following are some updates from AASH:

Southern Regional Meeting

The Grand Coteau Alumnae Association is very pleased to announce their plans to host the next regional meeting from Friday, October 1 to Sunday, October 3, 2004. Carmen deMoya, Alumnae President, will direct the local arrangements and work with Lisa to plan the agenda. Please save the date and plan to join us. Our goal is to have some representation from each association.

College Connection

We urge all associations to encourage their graduates to go on our AASH website. Once there, they will be able to see where all of our 2000-2003 June graduates are attending college. An Eastern alum may find she is attending the same school as a Southern alum and visa versa. It is a great tool to link up with someone with the same wonderful education.

3D Planning Process

We would like to thank all the alumnae/I who participated in this process. It is in the second phase now, in the hands of our capable rscj, who are processing and assimilating all of the information that has been discussed and collected by many of our dedicated alums. For those of us who forgot what this process is, the 3D stands for Dream, Design and Decide, the Religious of the Sacred Heart's process to plan for the future.

AASH Website www.aashnet.org

We encourage all schools to use the website. It is filled with a wealth of information. There is a calendar for the events that the various associations are having. If your association wants to put something on the calendar or on the regional sections, please notify Lisa and she will

see that is gets posted. There is also a Gift Shop on the website where you can find wonderful presents with the AASH logo on them, medals, and many other lovely gifts offered by various associations. If your association's items for sale are not listed, please send an ad, preferably electronically, to Lisa and she will add it to www.aashnet.org.

Attention Network Schools

We think it would be beneficial to your newsletter recipients if you published information about the AASH website in your next editions. It is so easy to log on.

AMASC Liaison Reminder

I hope that all associations have contacted Carolyn Price with the name of the person who is going to serve as liaison representative to the 2006 AMASC planning committee. If so, thank you very much, and if your association hasn't done this, please take care of it as soon as possible. You can reach Carolyn at 248-646-8900, ext 158 or at cprice@ashmi.org. This is a huge honor to have the world association of Sacred Heart alumnae/I meeting in New Orleans in 2006, and the committee needs all the help and input they can get.

Regional Meetings scheduled for 2004

35th AASH national Conference-2005 in Chicago, Illinois

Mark your calendars for *April 21-24, 2005*. The conference theme is "*St. Madeleine Sophie's Vision of Service - Living Our Legacy*". Co-chairs: Catherine Miserendino and Tami Hoekstra Rocha invite all local Sacred Heart alums to get involved with the planning process and join one of the many committees.

Bits and Pieces

A reminder that dues notices have been sent to all associations. Payment of dues allows AASH to serve our alums and assures that associations remain in good standing and have full voting privileges at regional and national meetings.

The new Network of Sacred Heart Schools office is moving from Newton, MA to St. Charles, MO, which I think is fitting. That, as we know, is where the Society started in the US.

Don't forget to make use of your MBNA credit card. If you haven't got one you can call MBNA at 1-800-847-7378. Revenue from this card accounted for 14% of the AASH earnings last year. Such an easy way to help!

The annual appeal for growth notice has recently been sent to all alums. We thank those who have so generously donated already and encourage all to share a bit with AASH so we can continue to unite and serve all 51,000 of our Sacred Heart alums in the US.

In closing, may your New Year be filled with peace, love and good health.

With confidence and love, in the Heart,

Barbara Lopiccolo
AASH President