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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Rosalie Bellanca Posselius,  
President*

Dear Sacred Heart friends and family,

This comes with my best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2020 for you and your families. The board has been busy starting to plan for our Biennial Conference “Hearts in Motion” in Detroit, Michigan in April of 2021. Watch for news as plans develop, it promises to be a fabulous program. We have also made progress with our goals in developing task forces and committees to review our finances and fundraising, better serve our Alumnae/i directors and constituents and develop our networking program. I continue to be grateful for our wise and committed board members who work so hard to fulfill our goals and serve our association. They are an amazing group.

The past few months have given me an opportunity to learn more about the many limbs of our Sacred Heart family tree. It has been a gift to know and better understand the role we each play in the far-reaching Mission of the Sacred Heart. The melding of these distinct but intrinsically connected groups is fundamental to our success and growth as an organization.

At the root of all the work of The Network of Sacred Heart Schools, The Society of the Sacred Heart, The U.S./Canada Province, AMASC, the Associates of the Sacred Heart and our own AASH is the purpose of making God’s love visible in the Heart of the world. St. Madeline Sophie said; “Our Lord has united our hearts by a bond that extends to all countries and knows how to draw us close together in him and through him.” We derive our strength from this union and constancy of purpose. It will sustain us as we evolve to meet the changing needs of our constituents.

Paramount to AASH’s mission is our desire to foster a spirit of unity and to maintain communication and connection with all members of the Sacred Heart family, especially serving our alumnae/i. Our involvement with AMASC is critical to this success as globalization integrates our daily lives. I would also maintain that understanding the role of our several “limbs” will enrich our own Sacred Heart experience. It offers insight that can change our perspective, open our awareness and enlighten our individual purpose in the ongoing and unique philosophy of a life that is rooted in the Christian vision of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.

I am inspired by Janet Erskine Stuart who said: “There is a deep-down unity, but there is no forced uniformity. The spirit is one, but its manifestations are many ... no one is ‘made to order’ of this or that shape, but each gives what she can for the common good; the common good demanding for its own sake, as well as for hers, that she should remain - herself.”

The AASH Board is dedicated to increase your connection to the Sacred Heart in new ways and to provide opportunities that will enhance that which has been given to us through our Sacred Heart education. I would urge you to visit the websites of others with whom we share a mission. It is interesting and inspiring to see all the good work being done by our fellow alumnae/i and the RSCJ’s around the world.

With deepest gratitude in the Heart,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosalie Bellanca Posselius". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# 2019-2021 BOARD MEMBERS



## On the cover:

Past AASH President Alice J. Burns, Leigh Ann Miller in front of Greenwich, Heart photo by Yolanda Movsessian (Duchesne Houston 1985), Window from Bloomfield Hills, Bella Larbi (Josephinum 2017), original Grosse Pointe school building.

## On the back:

Left: Bloomfield Hills boys basketball team. Bloomfield Hill will help host the 2021 AASH National Conference.

Right: Class of 1944! Mary Ann Sauerburger (right) and Dolores Thornton Stollhans celebrated their 75th Reunion from ASH St. Charles.

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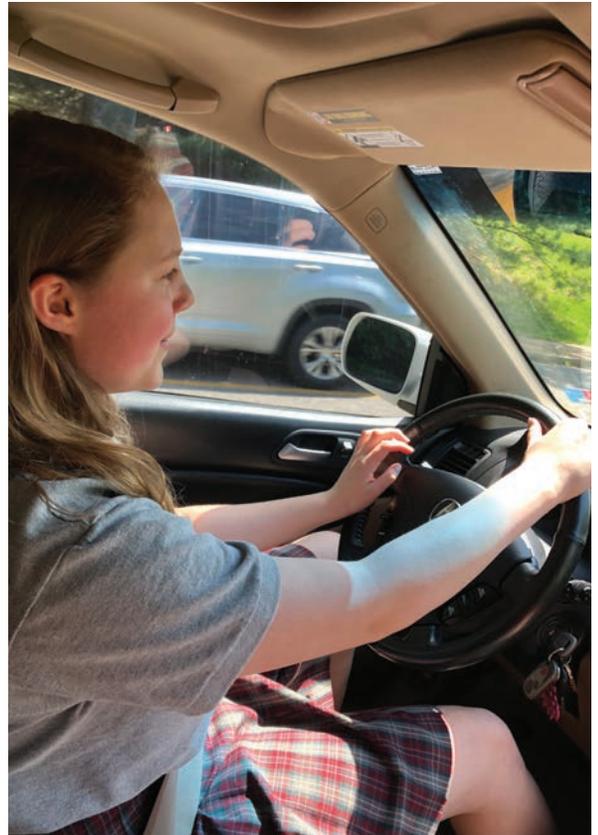
## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Molly turned 16 and passed her driver's test earlier this year, so the Kaspura household has another driver — one who's eager to run to the store or dry cleaners or Panera (or just about anywhere you can name), at the drop of a hat. She went to the dentist by herself and has taken to driving a friend to and from their swim meets. She loves the freedom. I'm happy to discharge the responsibility of driving her to swim practice at 5 am on cold winter mornings, and take pride in her conscientiousness about driving. By choice, she doesn't listen to music and puts her phone in "drive mode" so she doesn't receive notifications; but I also really miss the 10 minutes we spent chatting each day on the way to Villa, and then again on the way home after school. And when she's running errands, she wants to go solo, not with Mom hanging out in the passenger seat. So I was feeling a little cut off.

Soon, however, I noticed that, instead of disappearing into her bedroom, Molly was hanging out in the kitchen while I cooked dinner. She'll pull up a chair in the office next to my desk to tell me the latest gossip from school; and, when she came home from a dance last weekend, she came into my bedroom to tell me all about it. I've got my 20 minutes a day back, plus some. It turns out she was feeling disconnected too, even if she didn't articulate it in exactly that way, and has found ways to reestablish that daily base touching.

It's a demonstration of how the bonds we create with our children — and families and friends — pull on us, even when they're stretched thin by circumstances, time or distance. I think that's true of our connections as a Sacred Heart family, too. There's something forged during the years we're ensconced on campus that connects us forever. Molly came home from a high school journalism conference in Washington, D.C., with the story of running into a girl at a busy Starbucks. They chatted for the 10 minutes it took to order and wait for their coffees. At some point during the conversation, Molly said, something about the girl just resonated with her and she asked if by chance she went to a Sacred Heart school. By now, you won't be surprised to hear that *of course* she does. She's a junior at Stone Ridge, our school in Bethesda.

This issue of the *Esprit* has lots more examples of these sorts of connections, whether it's Leigh Ann Miller being welcomed "home" at schools across the country, or former AASH Treasurer Diane Tymick, whose Sacred Heart connections stretch from her late mother through to a recent graduate of Josephinum in Chicago. I hope you enjoy reading about them all.



*Molly driving home from Villa Duchesne.*

I'm also hopeful you'll start making plans to join AASH for "Hearts in Motion," the 43rd National Conference, April 22-25, 2021, in Detroit. The committee is bringing back old favorites, like Home Dinners, and adding a few new experiences as well. Stay tuned to [www.aash.org](http://www.aash.org) for all the details!

In the Heart,

*Maggie*

### Connect with Us

We hear dozens of stories of how alums recognize each other by their class rings or randomly meet at work or on college campuses. The Sacred Heart Alum Network is more than 40,000 members strong and can help you find others. We'd love to hear how you met other Sacred Heart alums.

Email [editor@aash.org](mailto:editor@aash.org) to share your story.



Not sure we have your latest email address? Contact us at [NationalOffice@aash.org](mailto:NationalOffice@aash.org) or call 314-569-3948.

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# FIRST PERSON: LIVING THE GOALS

## The Jo Girls — Girls Without Limits



*Diane Remien Tymick*

*By Diane Remien Tymick  
Lone Mountain 1968*

After a successful twenty-five year career in banking, I took early retirement to assist my elderly parents who, in their late eighties, were living independently. My mother, Marjorie Jane McMahon Remien, was a “lifer” at the Convent of the Sacred Heart (now Woodlands in Lake Forest, Illinois) from second grade through Barat College. She boarded at the old Main Building and was raised by the RSCJ’s, her second mothers. Mom was my first model of a Sacred Heart woman living the Goals which we

share with our students. Upon my retirement, she encouraged me to become involved with the Sacred Heart Alumnae Association. I had a hard time connecting at first because I hadn’t attended either Sheridan Road in Chicago or Woodlands in Lake Forest. I was an orphan!

But not for long. I attended an Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart (AASH) National Conference in San Francisco. There I met and got to know Jeanne Burke O’Fallon, then National Director of AASH. It was late April, 2001. My dear Mother was in the emergency room due to a heart attack, but had insisted that I keep my plans to attend the conference. I returned to Chicago and filled her in on all the Sacred Heart happenings and told her about the wonderful alums I had met from all over the United States and Canada. One week later she was gone.

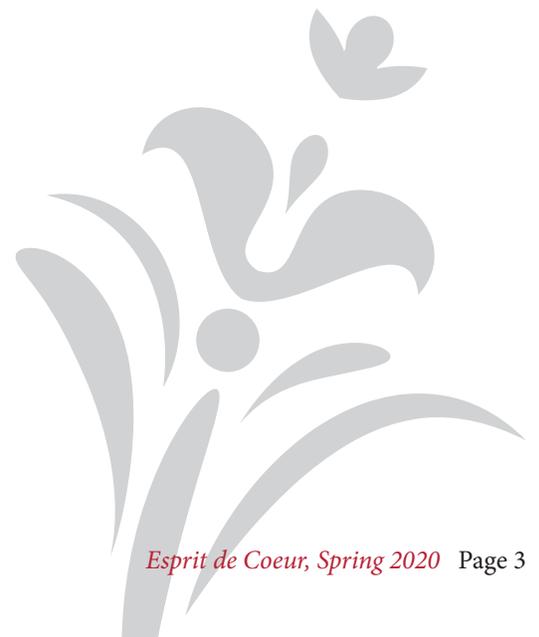
Jeanne must have had a direct line to St. Madeleine Sophie as she welcomed my Mother to Heaven’s Sacred Heart Wing. In short order, I was a candidate for the National AASH Board. A few years later, I was asked to run for the Treasurer position. As they say, the rest is history.

In April of 2005, AASH held its National Conference in downtown Chicago. Those who have attended these biennial conferences know that it is customary to tour the local Sacred Heart Schools; and, indeed, our group, including Helen Bruns Ryan, Woodlands, 1950, with whom I served on the National Conference Committee, did visit Sheridan Road and Woodlands. Helen led us, also, on a visit to Josephinum Academy, an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school in Chicago’s Wicker Park neighborhood founded by the Sisters of Christian Charity (SCC) in 1890. Not many of us even knew of this school at the time; but Helen had been involved with it for twenty years and had made it her mission to keep its flame burning.

In 1985, the SCC Sisters had asked Helen to form a governing Board of Directors for Josephinum. A few years later, no SCC’s were available to guide the Academy and the Board asked Sr. Bonnie Kearney, RSCJ, to head it up. Sr. Kearney enlisted other Sacred Heart nuns as part of an RSCJ mission initiative to reach out to the underserved. In turn, Helen and the RSCJ turned to neighbors, friends and Sacred Heart alumnae to get involved with funding scholarships for deserving young women in the Chicago community.



*The author’s mother (below) at 14 in 1926 at Convent of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, IL, and (above) with classmates.*



# FIRST PERSON: LIVING THE GOALS

## The Jo Girls — Girls Without Limits , continued



*Bella graduating*

As a result of that outreach, many Sacred Heart Alumnae from various schools nationally became active in fundraising, mentoring and serving on the Josephinum Board. In due course, in 2011, Josephinum Academy became part of the Sacred Heart Network.

I began to attend scholarship fundraising luncheons to support the “Jo Girls” as they call themselves, learning that the girls are largely from underserved families having an average income of \$32,000. They come from 49 Chicago zip codes; 90% receive financial assistance from individual and corporate donors; 95% attain college acceptance, with over \$4 million of merit-based college scholarships awarded to the Class of 2019.

Attendance at lovely luncheons, however, seemed to me not enough. I wanted and, more importantly, needed to participate in a more meaningful way with the students at Josephinum. I learned that there was a group of women where I live, in Chicago’s northern suburbs, which had formed a mentoring group to assist the students in writing college essays, studying for the ACT, and interviewing for college scholarships.

Two years ago I met my student, Dulcibella “Bella” Larbi (Josephinum 2017), a senior and first-generation American whose parents were born in Ghana. I remember my first meeting with Bella, sitting with her as she typed the draft of her college essay. Not having children of my own, I hadn’t had this experience before. I remembered all those blue books that we filled with prose for our semester exams at Lone Mountain, my Sacred Heart College. I drew on that experience to help Bella pare down her essay without compromising its ideas. Similarly, drawing upon my business experience, we worked on her interview skills: looking the other person directly in the eye; eliminating “ums and ahs” in delivering her responses; and working on her body language to express interest and confidence.

The next Spring, to everyone’s delight, Bella learned that she had earned a full scholarship to Agnes Scott College, a small liberal arts school in Decatur, Georgia. She would be the first in her family to attend college. She told me that when she called her grandmother to relate the news, her grandmother cried tears of pride and joy. What a satisfactory and life-changing moment that was for her, her family and for me.

Goal Three of the Sacred Heart Schools is to commit to educate to a social awareness which impels to action. Josephinum students are “Girls Without Limits” — girls who live their lives with meaning and purpose, who create a positive and lasting impact on their lives and their communities. I believe, and I am sure, that Josephinum Academy truly represents St. Rose Philippine Duchesne’s new frontier for the current millennium.

To find out more, please visit our website, [www.josephinum.org](http://www.josephinum.org).

*If you have a book you'd like to share with our Sacred Heart alums in Top Shelf, please contact the National Office at [NationalOffice@aash.org](mailto:NationalOffice@aash.org) or 314-569-3948.*

# TOP SHELF

## Books by Sacred Heart Authors



Regina Andrews

### In Good Faith

Regina Andrews, Elmhurst 1974

“It’s very easy to lose perspective in life,” says author Regina Andrews (Elmhurst 1974), “particularly if one isn’t centered in faith or one does not have a supportive family system.”

Her book *In Good Faith*, the first of several she’s calling The Dunbar Falls Series, centers on a young woman learning this lesson.

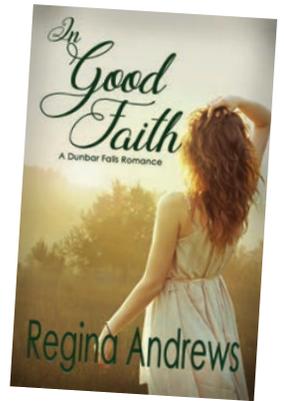
Successful commercial artist and heir to the mainstay employer of her small hometown, Haley Hawthorne swims into a flood of eroded loyalties and submerged affections when she comes home for the funeral of the uncle she idolized, a man deservedly honored as the hometown’s best loved citizen. He had raised her from childhood. Surprised by the terms of her beloved uncle’s will, along with disclosures about the oversight he’d maintained of the big city life she had thought independent, Haley confronts life-altering choices he had authored in what he believed the best interests of both his town and his niece.

Haley is Senior Art Director of the Sterling Greeting Card Company, leading an array of artists and interns in the creation of very profitable lines of evocative, emotional messaging. When an old friend arrives in her Manhattan office to report the death of her Uncle Nelson, a trailblazing entrepreneur and owner of their hometown’s Hawthorne Mechanicals, her thoughts go back to the cozy study of the man who raised her, their prayer times together and the sense of personal wholeness she had lost somewhere along the way.

She had run from his town to the city to build a life of art and accomplishment she thought incompatible with the rhythms of her home. Now, she is forced to return and examine her old neighbors’ expectations of her and her own of them and to experience the outsized impact on her life and the town’s that this interplay would occasion.

Regina Andrews’ *In Good Faith* follows Haley and her best friend from their high school days, as the couple navigates the waves of transition rippling outward from the loss of her uncle. The selfish initiatives of union thugs and heartless business partners degrade the hometown relationships Haley had initially leveraged and strip her of her foothold in the city. Simultaneously, forgotten truths about trust and prayer move toward the center of her vision; and a love story, about both a man and a place, becomes the narrative she fights to complete.

*In Good Faith* is on sale through Amazon.com



### Children’s Stories

Sharon Ohlms  
ASH St. Charles 1974

Author Sharon Ohlms (ASH St. Charles 1974) believes there is a harmony in all of nature and “a spiritual factor that flows through all of life.” Her writing, she says, has been “a journey into nature’s harmony: a journey into growth, friendship, suffering, death, life and love.” In her illustrated book, *Children’s Stories*, she infuses the lives of people and animals with spiritual and moral relevance. The first of her seven stories, *Little White Elk*, the first of her seven stories, begins with a boy learning of God by experiencing the natural beauty of creation and the simplicity of life. It takes him, then, to adulthood, with its confining responsibilities and eye opening realization that nature can be despoiled. So long as beauty and peace prevail in his heart, however, he understands that the spirit of God lives on within him. The story *Omer* is an account of an abandoned puppy, left on a country road by uncaring owners and the



Regina Andrews

travails he encounters before finding a place in the home and hearts of a loving family. *A Cow Speaks* tells of a spectacular event in a cow’s otherwise boring life. *Zip* relates the rescue of a lost lamb, suggesting a spiritual paradigm accessible to those willing to embrace it. *The Cocoon* describes the life of a caterpillar, reflects on the phenomenon of metamorphosis and ascends to the shedding of earthen restraints. *Otis*, the *Clown* describes feelings of depression dissolved through engagement in the life and love of others, a clown’s big top audience and the happiness he brings its members. *Hadar*, the *Lonely Donkey* is an account of a donkey bullied by his peers. His journey teaches him that his life is of great worth after all.

The compilation’s eighty pages are adorned with over one hundred and forty illustrations which, in addition to advancing the author’s narrative, invite the interest of even very young readers. In their elegant simplicity, the illustrations may, as well, encourage the faith in children that they, too, can render words into pictures.

Other work by Sharon Ohlms includes *Stepping Stones*, published in 1998, a book of free verse poetry. *Children’s Stories* is on sale through Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble; *Stepping Stones* is available from the Author directly.



# ALICE JANE BURNS 1948 – 2019

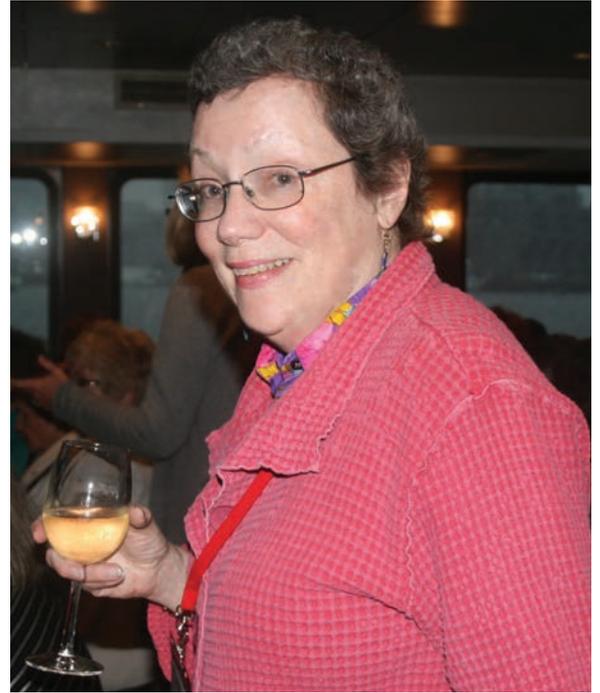
Past AASH President Alice J. Burns (Prince Street 1966, Manhattanville 1970) died at home on July 15, 2019, after a long battle with cancer. She was a charter member of AASH's new Legacy Society, and generously left a gift to AASH of \$10,000 when she passed.

Alice was known as someone who would gladly offer a hand — or a glass of wine — to anyone in need. She attended every National Conference after being introduced to AASH in 2007, and served as AASH President from 2013 to 2015. In her nomination of Alice as President, Amy La Pieta (Prince Street 1966,) proudly said, "I've known Alice since 1962 when we were classmates at the Academy of the Sacred Heart and, based on those decades' of experience, I know she is a tireless champion of all things Sacred Heart." Ellen Statt Miller (Prince Street 1954) agreed, saying "Alice's enthusiasm for any task she undertakes is unparalleled."

Alice's service to Sacred Heart alums included membership on the National Board from 2007 to 2013, with two years as Vice President, and service as Eastern Regional Director from 2007 to 2011. As Regional Director, she helped launch an online database and website for Prince Street classes 1928 through 1970, including many alumnae who were "lost" until Alice "found" them. She also assisted in establishing the Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands AASH. While serving on the Manhattanville Alumni Board (from 1994 to 2002), she was honored with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995.

Alice described her years on the Board as spreading the word about AASH, encouraging friends and classmates to get involved and fostering the mission of AASH. "In return," she said, "I came away with memories of some very poignant moments, as well as some very funny events; with many more friends with whom communication is almost effortless because of the shared bonds of an excellent education steeped in the spiritual goals of St. Madeleine Sophie for her children; and with the knowledge that as Children of the Sacred Heart we are there for each other."

In addition to her service to the Sacred Heart Community, Alice's life included virtually continuous ministrations to the broader society. On graduation from Manhattanville, she took up social work and then college administration. From 1977 to 2007, she was employed in banking and financial services, which, for her, included assistance to the underserved. She was a supporter of Project FIND (Friendless, Isolated, Needy and Disabled), which provided homeless, low income seniors with services and support. While at CitiBank, she worked with community groups that organized to save properties in New York's upper west side for use as senior housing. Today's continued banking industry presence on Project FIND's Board of Directors is a tribute to Alice's early efforts. The Project FIND Coffeehouse Alice founded in 1982 adds to her legacy, still serving elderly homeless by providing breakfast and lunch for that population five days a week, along with an expanding number of health and wellness activities.



*Past President of AASH, Alice Jane Burns*



*Alice J. Burns, Judy Conley (Prince Street 1954, Manhattanville 1958), Dean Maloney Schnetzer (Prince Street 1955), Ellen Statt Miller (Prince Street 1954), Anne laPalm Martin (Prince Street 1954), Susan Walen (Prince Street 1962), Lucretia Davies (Prince Street), Amy La Pietra (Prince Street 1966).*



*Alice J. Burns, Jeanne Burke O'Fallon (City House 1969, ASH Saint Charles 1969, Maryville 1973), Mary Jane Tiernan (USD/College for Women 1961, Lone Mountain 1968, USD/College for Women 1972).*

From 1988 to 1991, Alice was Chairperson of the Momentum Project, which works for the health and wellness of individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. Leveraging relationships she had built through banking, she helped locate housing and medical care for those affected by AIDS and worked to supply them a weekly dinner and groceries. Among other things, for a decade and always with the help of her many friends, Alice cooked then delivered complete Thanksgiving dinners to her adopted parish's many shut-ins.

In the early 2000's, Alice returned to her beloved Cape Cod, where she served as Treasurer of the Power in Aging Collaborative, a coalition of nonprofits and for-profits working together to facilitate enhanced quality of life for seniors. In 2009, she returned to social work, supporting the nurses and families at Caregiver Homes of Massachusetts. She cultivated, as usual, innumerable friends, new and old, and ultimately embraced the dedicated team of home health aides who made the last year of her life manageable as, in her words, she was in training to die.

Alice said she always relied on St. Madeleine Sophie's guidance in her efforts, both small and large, "to strengthen our own spiritual cores and to reach out a helping hand to others."

Alice's family and friends gathered in Cape Cod in October to celebrate the well-loved woman who dedicated her life in service to others. She was remembered as a True Child of the Sacred Heart and a tireless worker on behalf of the less fortunate and AASH, and described as someone whose laugh was infectious and spirit indomitable. Those of us who have known and worked with her at the Association's national level can only agree, and add, "Thank you, Alice. May you rest in peace, held in the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

Benefactors of AASH in this period include Alice J. Burns (Prince Street 1966, Manhattanville 1970) and Ann McGivern (Eden Hall 1969, Maryville 1973). Both women exemplified Goal 3 of Sacred Heart education, a social awareness that impels to action. Much of Alice's story is in her nearby obituary. She bequeathed AASH \$10,000.

Anne, a longtime resident of Santa Rosa, California, died August 31, 2019, of cancer, leaving AASH \$5,000. She had lived a life of advocacy and philanthropy, pursued a career as a realtor and corporate trainer and garnered the respect and love of a great number of her neighbors. Those who loved her praise her "kindness," "character," "generous heart," "playful spirit." She was "a brave champion for social justice," "a bright ray of sunshine," "beloved friend and champion of this world." She is celebrated for her "fidelity to friends," "courage," and her ever present smile."

Her record of community service in Sonoma County spanned 30 years of volunteering for non-profit boards, passionate public speaking on behalf of LGBTQ rights and active participation in progressive politics. She was prominent among organizers of the 2016 Women's March in Santa Rosa. While she had not previously been active in the Sacred Heart Community, her public record otherwise clearly reflects her embrace of Goal 3 and her participation in community building, reconciliation and the sponsorship of respectful dialogue about important ideas. Extended audio telling more of her story is available at <http://www.outbeatradio.org/page/12/?m=mqsaicbxg>.

*AASH benefactor  
Anne McGivern.*



# SACRED HEART CONNECTIONS

By Leigh Ann Miller  
Grand Coteau 2009

“You will always be a child of the Sacred Heart.”

That phrase echoed around me during my days at Grand Coteau, days that I fervently loved. It was long past graduation, however, before I truly came to appreciate the worldwide family the Sacred Heart gave me.

To date, I have visited 13 network schools in the US and abroad. Some visits have been pre-planned, while others took me to a front door, dropping in without notice. Every time, I was welcomed with open arms by students, faculty, and staff. In San Francisco, I walked in hours before Prize Day began. In Dublin, I arrived during exam review. In Miami, I found myself walking around during preparations for the Father-Daughter reception. And one of my favorite drop-ins was in Manhattan, when the security guard was, as he should be, blocking me from entering until I showed him my ring — and his face lit up! Not once was there a thought of turning me away or even giving me a haphazard tour. I was treated like family at every school, every time.

I have been ushered into primary classrooms and shown by third graders where Grand Coteau is on a map. Little ones, still in pinafores and bloomers, have asked to see my ring, gazing in awe as I told them Mater was engraved inside. I have shamelessly posed solo at every school with a painting or statue of Mater and have experienced the universal chaos of an academic hallway between class periods. The plaid skirts may be different, the bell may be rung by hand or heard over a loudspeaker, but the energy and spirit of the students always feels like home.

In my travels, I have seen many differences between schools. I've basked in the beauty of the lavish mansions that house our Newton, Massachusetts, and Manhattan schools. I have watched cows invade the formal gardens of the countryside setting of my Louisiana alma mater; and I have taken in the beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean and Golden Gate Bridge from the library of the Broadway in San Francisco. But what strikes me the most is, despite the differences in location, backgrounds of the students, or size of the student body, we all share a pride of and a love for Sacred Heart. We all love a good goûter and congé, and likely wear at least a spot of pink for Mater's Feast. We may be separated by state lines, oceans, economic status, or even religion, but we all share centuries of history. We share a common love and respect for the 5 Goals and our founding Mothers. We share a bond stronger than anything else I have encountered. We truly are sisters. Can I explain it? No. Am I grateful for the worldwide community who continuously welcomes me with open arms? Always.



*Leigh Ann Miller, Grand Coteau 2009*

It has been ten years since I graduated from Sacred Heart. I've experienced college, sorority life, graduate school, and adulthood; and while each season of my life has been special, nothing can ever compare to my years at Sacred Heart. My classmates, our teachers, administration, and our Religious gave me an education that filled my mind, body, and soul. It is an education that continues giving each year and one that has opened so many doors — literally and figuratively — for me.

I challenge you to check out a map. Will your travels take you near a Network school? Visiting the young men and women of the Sacred Heart will invigorate you, reminding you what it means to be a Child of the Sacred Heart. No matter how many years have passed or how many miles you travel, you can always find the home we share.

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



Grand Coteau



Saint Charles



Convent Sacred Heart Menlo Class of 1969 with their former teacher and former Mistress General, Sr. Marianna Torrano RSCJ. Front: Elaine Saussotte, Peg Stickney, Cynthia Splatt, Piti Gurza-Witherow, Deanna Chan, Adreane Bellerone Maestrini, Janet Manini Manger, Meg Whalen, Pam Polsinelli Herrold, Loryn Kehoe-Ross

Middle: Denny Montgomery Evans, Lyn Jason Cobb, Lisa McCloskey Geserick, Mary Ann Giarusso McDonald, Marcia Furey, Sr. Torrano, Ruth Harrison, Susan McMorro Oehlsen, Antoinette Dwan

Back: Sara Reese Hedberg, Kathy Cabalan, Janet Dyer Wildey, Susan Dyer Carey, Terry Lawler Greenwood, Molly Johnson, Ann Leishman

(Photo credit: Abel Sanchez, Golden Images)



Stone Ridge



91st Street



New Orleans

# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



Glen Oak School alums gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school's founding in Cleveland, Ohio.



Greenwich



Woodlands

Front: Deirdre Rassas Zubrod, Kathy Busch Mignin, Eunie O'Connor Nondorf, Jeanne Grafft Burke, Theresa Johnson  
Back: Libby Doyle Crouch, Jeanne Bremner Flanagan, Beverly Bethell Dolezal, Joanie Lavezzorio Schneidwind, Leila Krueger Ztschau, Susan Brennan Morrison, Mariitta Conley, Pat Colbert



Class of 1969 - Tres Bien Award winners

# CELEBRATING 55 AND ABOVE



*Convent Sacred Heart Menlo 55th Reunion - Class of 1964*



*Menlo 65th Reunion Trudy Crampton Fabian and Deon Stenzel Bezaguet.*



*91st Street 60th Reunion*



*91st Street 70th Reunion*

# CELEBRATING 55 AND ABOVE



*Greenwich 61st Reunion*



*Bryn Mawr 60th Reunion*



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*Class of 1944! Mary Ann Sauerburger (right) and Dolores Thornton Stollbans celebrated their 75th Reunion from ASH St. Charles.*

# SAVE THE DATE

## AASH National Conference — April 22-25, 2021



**The 43rd AASH National Conference will be April 22-25, 2021, in Detroit, Michigan. Plans are still underway, but here's how the weekend is shaping up:**

*Above: "Sophie the Smart Car" parked in front of Comerica Park, Detroit's iconic baseball stadium*

On Thursday afternoon, we'll have Regional meetings followed by free time and the return of Home Dinners! Earlier Thursday will be the Alumnae/i Directors' meeting and AASH Board meeting.

Friday will be General Session with a keynote speaker and lunch. Then hop aboard for a tour of Detroit landmarks on our way to Grosse Pointe, where The Grosse Pointe Academy will welcome us for goûter, prayers on the Nun's Walk, a benediction in the chapel and the Shelagh O'Dwyer Cocktail Party, followed by dinner and a performance.

Our school in Bloomfield Hills will host Saturday, which will include a General Session, speakers and our Cor Unum Awards and luncheon (Nominations open August 1). Afterward, we will have the Cor Unum Mass and head downtown for our Gala event.

Sunday concludes with our final General Session, including voting for the new Board slate and Mass offered downtown.

***More to come! Stay tuned!***





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