



Staying Connected— AASH Prepares to Launch Online Community

by Suzy Kratochvil, Omaha '76

Communicating with our alums and helping them connect with each other is the primary function of the AASH. With more than 51,000 alumnae and alumni of Sacred Heart Schools coast to coast and around the world, our hope is to create a community where we can share our Sacred Heart spirit, find new friends, and stay in touch.

With this in mind, AASH has been working closely with Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI) to help us update our alumnae/i database. We are in the final months of collecting and updating information for the paper directory and are on track for a December 2008 publication (for more information, see page 2). Additionally, alumnae/i will have access to that information through a published directory (print and CD ROM) and we will ultimately provide that information in a secure, password-protected environment online.

The online community will consist of several new services for our alumnae/i population. Primarily, secured access to our Alumni Directory with some powerful search features will be available as well as the added convenience of updating your own personal information online.

Alums are also anticipating our new "Email for Life" feature. Email for Life allows you to have an email address that never changes, even when you change jobs or mail providers. It's also a memorable email address you can be proud to give out, as the address will identify you as a Sacred Heart alum! To make things even easier, this new address will forward all incoming mail to the email service you are currently using.

Our online service will include the capability for us to send emails to communicate with you instantly. This feature allows us to reach a wide audience with timely reminders and pertinent information, while helping us reduce mailing and printing costs.

Finally, we will also have a career connections site which will have services such as mentoring connections and resume posting.

We are in the process of developing this portion of our online services and hope to have it completed and available in 2009. When available, you will be able to access this information through our website <http://www.aashnet.org>.



Among our newest alumnae are 2008 Academy of the Sacred Heart, New Orleans (The Rosary) graduates Elizabeth Marmande, Ariane Callender, and Adair Kingsmill who are bound for Louisiana State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and University of Georgia.

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Welcome Class of 2008

Off to college? Did you know you can search the AASH database to find other Sacred Heart alums attending your college or university? Almost 950 of our 2008 graduates from Sacred Heart Schools have just been added to our College Networking database. To find other Sacred Heart friends at colleges and universities, simply visit www.aashnet.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Didn't AASH recently publish a directory?

A. No. AASH publishes a directory every four years. It is our opportunity to update alum information to reduce return mail and to find lost alums. In addition, this year AASH receives credit back from PCI to defray costs of the new online services that will be offered.

Q. Didn't I just update my information with my local alumnae/i association?

A. Efforts between AASH and your local alumnae/i association are unrelated. As a note, databases are not shared between the schools and AASH. We regret any confusion this may cause.

Q. When will the online community be ready?

A. The online community, which includes Email for Life, will be launched in 2009. It will be accessible through our website at no charge for every alum.

Q. How secure is the environment?

A. The data from our directory is in a secure environment. Areas of the website containing private information are located on a secure server utilizing Secure Socket Layer (SSL) 128-bit encryption. In addition, only you can access and update your personal information and limit what information appears to other alumni by customizing the information in your profile. Other AASH members can view your directory information via a password-protected login.

Q. I was offered additional items. Is this legitimate?

A. Yes! Several packages are offered for purchase:

- The Basic package (\$79.95 + shipping) offers either the print OR CD ROM alumni directory that includes biographical information on all alumni.
- The Value package (\$119.95 + shipping) includes the printed directory AND CD ROM alumni directory PLUS a companion airline ticket.
- The Complete package (\$159.95 + shipping) has been our bestseller and includes the print AND CD ROM alumni directory PLUS a companion airline ticket PLUS the "Pride of Alumni Collection" (a travel coffee cup, key chain, and pad folio and pen with the Sacred Heart logo)

To purchase a package or update your information, call PCI at 1-800-982-1590. Questions about the directory efforts? Contact Suzy Kratochvil at correspondingsecretary@aashnet.org or call 1-888-622-7421.

**By the numbers:
Updating our
Alum Directory**

61,000

alum records

51,650

good addresses

31,493

records updated

2,135

directories ordered

THOUSANDS

of connections made



The young men and women of the Class of 2008 at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles, Mo. are some of our newest grade school alums. The 56 graduates, gathered around a new bronze, life-size statue of St. Philippine Duchesne on the corner of the school grounds, are heading to 14 area high schools.

Sacred Heart Networking Helps St. Madeleine Sophie's Center Win BIG!

When the word went out that St. Madeleine Sophie's Center in El Cajon, Calif. had a chance to win \$10,000 in Oprah Winfrey's "Big Give-San Diego," the power of Sacred Heart networking was immediately evident. Emails were forwarded to alums, friends, and families around the world to encourage online voting. In addition, links were added to the AASH website and SOFIE, the Network of Sacred Schools website, to reach as many voters as possible. The strength of our network was felt as votes poured in from Uganda, Indonesia, Germany, Korea, and Japan.

Scores of alums have participated in the Network of Sacred Heart Schools Summer Service Projects at StMSC. Each summer, a group of 15-20 high school students spend up to two weeks living on campus where they interact with and learn about people with developmental disabilities. For some of them, this experience influences their decision to pursue social services.



St. Madeleine Sophie's Center students gather around a banner to thank all those who helped them win BIG.

Eighty non-profits in San Diego were considered for five final spots to compete for \$10,000. These five worthy organizations—StMSC plus Operation Homefront, Jackie Robinson YMCA, Alzheimer's Association, and MAAC Project—then had four weeks to raise a minimum of \$10,000 to qualify for a matching \$10,000 from 10News. More than 12,000 votes were tabulated, with StMSC receiving the most votes.

Debra Turner-Emerson, Executive Director of StMSC says, "The outpouring of support from the community has been overwhelming and truly inspiring. We received calls and donations from as far away as Jakarta and Paris, from people who wanted to support St. Madeleine Sophie's Center and the students that we serve." She adds that the extra funds raised along with the \$10,000 match will be used to help with an organic garden, aquatic center, and building facilities costs. "We are truly blessed and thank everyone who donated, voted, and supported St. Madeleine Sophie's Center and especially 10NEWS and Oprah for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful event."

St. Madeleine Sophie's Center embraces its mission to empower adults with developmental disabilities to discover, experience, and realize their full potential as members of the greater community." To learn more or to view the video, visit www.stmsc.org.

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Use an AASH affinity card for your purchases.

Last year AASH earned nearly \$16,500 because of your purchases! This helps defray the cost of printing and postage for our organization

For YOU: no-fee credit card, low APR, superior customer service, fraud protection against unauthorized use—online and offline, online account access, high credit limit PLUS earn points for cash back, brand name merchandise, shopping and dining discounts and airfare on major U.S. airlines with no blackout dates.

For AASH: 50 cents for every \$100 you spend. To learn more, visit www.aashnet.org/pages/CreditCard.htm. You may also apply by phone at 1-800-551-0839. Be sure to mention priority code MOC7.



ESPRIT DE COEUR

(FR. ES'PRIT DE KOE:R) SPIRIT OF THE HEART—THE SAME SPIRIT THAT UNITES MORE THAN 51,000 MEN AND WOMEN GRADUATES OF SACRED HEART SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD. TO CONNECT WITH FELLOW ALUMS, NOURISH THE SPIRIT OR LEARN MORE ABOUT AASH, VISIT WWW.AASHNET.ORG.

ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE'S CENTER
Serving Adults with Developmental Disabilities



In the Heart

As Director of the AASH National Office, I occasionally have the happy opportunity to travel to be with alumnae and alumni. Somehow, five such trips were packed into the spring and early summer of 2008. The first was to join Colorado alumnae, a group 10 years older than AASH, for a glowing 85th anniversary Mass and dinner at the home of Betty and Walt Gustafson (see photo page 21). That brief trip in mid-May set me up with renewed energy, gratitude, and awe for all that we have and are and can do as Children of the Sacred Heart.

Flying out from the Gateway to the West and the Sacred Heartland of St. Louis and St. Charles, I thought of the pioneering spirit of America and of Philippine Duchesne and her 180-year legacy of followers. A first and fervent reason Colorado alumnae joined together was to raise funds for a Sacred Heart school in Denver. Over the years, the group has taken on numerous charitable works and funded scholarships. Their dream of a school was not realized, just as Philippine's main dream was not, but all Sacred Heart alums eventually benefited. The funds held for a school were given to help form the first, volunteer-run AASH National Office!

Hoping this inspires all those planning new geographic associations –

Love, in the Heart,
Jeanne Burke O'Fallon
St. Charles '69, Maryville '73
nationaloffice@aashnet.org



*AASH President
Marcie Eason
Amory, Atherton/
Menlo Park '52,
Lone Mountain '56*

Marcie's Message

Dear Sacred Heart Family,

We're now more than half-way through the 2007-09 biennium and flying high on our way to accomplishing the goals our Board has set! Three of our four regions have hosted Regional Meetings for area alums (see pages 10-12 for photos and details). These wonderfully successful events brought friends—new and old—together, strengthened our connections, and continually reminded us what a “small Sacred Heart world” it truly is.

Our 2009 National Conference in Los Angeles next April promises to be extraordinary and we've got some exciting events in store for you. From a program packed with impressive alum speakers to a chance to experience the culture and cuisine of California, this is a conference you won't want to miss. I hope you'll consider joining us in LA!

The Board is focused on continuing to improve communication with our 51,000+ alums. Whether it's sharing information twice a year in *Esprit de Coeur* or posting the latest news and updates and providing opportunities to connect on www.aashnet.org, our ultimate goal is to keep you informed. With our information gathering nearly complete, we've made remarkable progress with the publication of our fourth National Directory. Thousands of contacts were made to verify and update information, and the result will be a comprehensive directory—yet another way to further communication among our alums.

Supporting our beloved Religious of the Sacred Heart is a top priority for the AASH. We are firmly committed to aiding their fundraising efforts and to this end, we have shared our mailing list to help them in their endeavors to connect with alumnae/i. To learn more about the RSCJ In Mission for Life Campaign, see page 7. Whether you have been educated by many religious, just a few or none at all, their ongoing legacy is THE reason we are all Children of the Sacred Heart.

This issue of *Esprit de Coeur* also brings my deepest gratitude for your financial support to AASH. Our 2007-08 Fund For Growth raised \$92,000, an increase of more than six percent. With the addition of gifts to Endowment and the Memorial/Tribute fund, total giving for the year is \$101,000, a three percent increase. These funds help our National Office function and are necessary to provide services our alums have come to rely on. I am most grateful for your generosity and am thrilled to share the names of our donors recognized in this issue.

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes for
Happy Trails!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marcie".

Marcie Amory



The AASH annual Board meeting was held in July at the University of San Diego. Board members were dinner guests of Dr. Mary Lyons, President. From left to right, Beth Speck, Suzy Kratochvil, Alice Burns, Kathleen Simon, Jeanne O'Fallon, Pat Boer (hidden), Lisa Tebbe, Diane Tymick and Mary Hildebrand.

National Conference Comes to Los Angeles

APRIL 23 - 26, 2009



A PREVIEW . . .

Plan now to join hundreds of Sacred Heart alums in Los Angeles for the 37th Biennial AASH National Conference. Dedicated to St. Philippine Duchesne whose missionary spirit established our schools in the U.S., we'll look at how we can be inspired and empowered to do the same in our own lives.

PROGRAM

🌸 Jane Shannon Cannon (Maryville '57) is the Alumni Director at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, Mo., the first Sacred Heart School founded in the U.S. in 1818 by St. Philippine Duchesne. Jane will share her knowledge of and love for this pioneering woman.

🌸 Alumna Chérie Carter-Scott, Ph.D., author of the N.Y. Times # 1 Bestseller *If Life is a Game, These are the Rules* presents "Missionaries to Ourselves."

🌸 Hear alums from a variety of fields as well as a presentation on mass media and film.

CELEBRATE

Welcome dinner at Tesoro Trattoria with all-women mariachi band 🌸 Luncheon with Dr. Mary Lyons, University of San Diego President 🌸 Cor Unum liturgy celebrated at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral 🌸 Cor Unum luncheon 🌸 Hosted dinners at the Farmer's Market at the Grove

PLUS

daily hospitality suite 🌸 morning yoga 🌸 Sacred Heart boutique 🌸 screening of *Divining the Human*, a documentary on the making of the tapestries (including St. Philippine Duchesne) at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral

VISIT

Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) 🌸
The J. Paul Getty Museum 🌸 The Grove

REGISTER

FULL REGISTRATION

\$375 for religious and alumnae/i under 35 and over 65,
postmarked on or before March 20, 2009
\$395 (36-64) postmarked on or before March 20, 2009

Full and partial registration details will be available at www.aashnet.org on or before Jan. 2, 2009 or via the January Call to Conference edition of *Esprit de Coeur*.

PRE-TOURS AND POST-TOUR

Additional pre-tours and a possible post-conference Day at the Races will be available. Watch the January Call to Conference for details or visit www.aashnet.org.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The OMNI is located at 251 South Olive Street, downtown Los Angeles. To reserve a room via the OMNI website, visit www.aashnet.org/pages/conferences.htm or call (800) 843-6664. We have negotiated rate of \$199 per night plus tax (king or double) for reservations made on or before March 23, 2009. Make your reservations early!

Sacred Heart alums are renowned for their accomplishments, achievements, and contributions. They are active within their association, at their schools, in their communities, with their families, and many other venues. AASH, each biennium, salutes four of these alums with a Cor Unum Award. In order to be able to present these awards, AASH needs your help in identifying these outstanding alums. Please take the time to nominate a Sacred Heart alum you feel deserving of this award. Feel free to include as many pages as you wish or send along any publicity this person may have received. You may nominate any Sacred Heart alum; it is not confined to your region.

Cor Unum Award 2009

Nomination Form

Criteria for the Cor Unum Award

Excellence in one's work Loyalty to Sacred Heart values The gift of self in service to others

Nominations come from the membership at large.

One outstanding person residing in each of the four regions (Central, East, South, West) is honored.

Name of Nominee: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE)

Address: _____
NUMBER OF STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Sacred Heart Schools Attended: _____

Please complete the following. If you have additional information, please do not hesitate to attach it.
It is important to submit as much information as possible.

Service to the Community _____

Professional Achievement _____

Service to the Sacred Heart _____

Names of others who know nominee well _____

Signed _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Return this form by October 3, 2008 to:

nationaloffice@aashnet.org

AASH NATIONAL OFFICE, 801 S. Spoede Rd., St. Louis, MO. 63131

To be awarded at the 2009 AASH Conference in Los Angeles, California

*The Cor Unum Award was established to pay tribute to alumnae and alumni who have embraced the philosophy of the Sacred Heart in their everyday lives. **The meaning of Cor Unum is "one heart", taken from the motto of the Society of the Sacred Heart—One Heart and One Mind.** In paying tribute to the recipients, we honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the philosophy of the Society of the Sacred Heart.*

The committee is comprised of a chair and four others representing each of the four regions of AASH in the U.S. The 2009 Committee Chair is Pat Boyd Fullmer with Carolyn Lindeman Price (Central Region); Betty Rexford Buckland (Eastern Region); Nancy Ross Agnew (Southern Region); and Corky Treacy Thompson (Western Region). Nominations come from the membership at large. An outstanding person residing in each of the four regions is chosen.

Nominate a Young Alum for The Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award

To honor outstanding alumna and past president Maryliz deVito Lincoln (1943-2003) the AASH established an award in her name. Maryliz's dedication to the Sacred Heart family showed itself in joyous and generous service to her local association and to the national and international alumnae/i associations, beginning shortly after her graduation from San Francisco College for Women, Lone Mountain in 1965.

This biennial award is granted to a Sacred Heart graduate, 35 or younger, who has demonstrated outstanding support of and loyalty to her/his local alumnae/i association or to AASH. A regionally balanced committee appointed by the AASH president reviews letters of recommendation submitted by individual alumnae/i associations and makes recommendations. In 2007 the first award was given to Amy Banna (Bloomfield Hills '95) in New York.

The honoree receives the cost of travel, registration, and hotel expenses for the National Conference where the award is presented. Please send nominations, by **Nov. 3, 2008** to: AASH National Office, 801 S. Spoeede Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131 or nationaloffice@aashnet.org with "Maryliz Award" in the subject line.

In Mission for Life, An RSCJ Update

by Shirley Miller, RSCJ, Director of Mission Advancement

One year ago the Society completed the national feasibility study for the province campaign. Forty people throughout the country, with ties to the Society, were interviewed to test our assumptions and their interest in supporting our \$40,000,000 five year campaign for elder care and mission. The conclusions of the study, formulated by our development consulting firm, Dini Partners (Larry Vaclavik and Kelli Fondren) stated that we would be successful in our campaign plan with the support of the RSCJ membership, outstanding lay leadership, a clear and transparent message about mission and need, and a great deal of prayer and hard work.

In September we launched the first two of our 10 regional campaigns – in San Francisco/Atherton and New York/Connecticut/New Jersey. In July we kicked off the Boston/Rhode Island campaign, and later in the fall, we will begin the St. Louis/St. Charles/Omaha campaign. At the end of July, 11 months into our campaign, we have received \$9,300,000 in annual gifts, pledges and bequests or 23 percent of our five year goal. The early success of the campaign is directly related to the conclusions of the feasibility study stated above, and, of course, the generosity of so many people, including the incredible support of our alumnae and alumni.

I have made many trips to California this year. In June I drove to Carmel to meet with a wonderful alumna and her daughters. After a beautiful visit with them, I wandered slowly through the 17 mile drive. I pulled over for some time of reflection and thanksgiving. From my perch on a rock, my eyes were drawn to a magnificent whitened, wind blown and water washed tree trunk in the shape of a very large, carved out heart. In New Orleans, we call that "lagniappe," something extra. Sitting by that heart was a wondrous reminder of all that is really important in our lives, that the Society's mission and our campaign are all about love, all about relationships, all about God's love "whose source and symbol is for us the Heart of Christ." Thank you for all you have done to support our mission, to care for our elderly sisters and to deepen the love of the heart of God wherever you are.



WOULD YOU LIKE A WORD OF
WISDOM FROM
ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE
FOR EACH DAY OF THE YEAR?
KATHLEEN HUGHES, RSCJ AND
LISA BUSCHER, RSCJ ARE
PREPARING A PAGE-A-DAY
CALENDAR WITH QUOTES LIKE:

*"The essential thing is to keep
interior spirit in the midst of
all this fracas."*

*"The Spirit looks for a heart
which empties itself so that
the Spirit can freely take
possession of it."*

*"It is better to err on the side of
being too kind than too firm."*

THE CALENDAR WILL BE
AVAILABLE BY LATE FALL FOR
\$10 PLUS POSTAGE. ORDER
INFORMATION WILL BE PLACED ON
WWW.AASHNET.ORG, WWW.RSCJ.ORG OR WWW.SOFIE.ORG
WHEN THE CALENDAR IS PRINTED.
OR CALL THE AASH AT 1-888-
622-7421. CONSIDER MULTIPLE
PURCHASES FOR EVERYONE ON
YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST.

AMASC Links Sacred Heart Around The World

by Barbara Brown Lopiccoco, Bloomfield Hills '62

There is much to report on AMASC activities and plans for the next two years after our Board meeting in Brussels from March 26-28, 2008. Our work days began at the shrine of St. Madeleine Sophie located in the building where we worked and stayed. That was such an inspiration for me as I had never had the opportunity to visit the shrine before. Reflecting on the challenges and struggles that St. Madeleine Sophie dealt with as she developed the Society served as a model for all of us as we divided ourselves into groups and got to work.

AMASC Board President Hermine Van Asten (The Netherlands) arranged for us to work with a facilitator as we examined how strategic planning would help us work more efficiently to reach our goals. One Board group is focused on an association networking experience that will link one national association with another by means of personal stories shared. The goal is to increase global awareness of AMASC and identify ways of connecting us on a one-to-one basis. Details will be shared at a later date.

Plans to provide information about and financially support the identified RSCJ projects in Africa and Latin America are also being developed by another committee of Board members.

Projects such as Young AMASC's Meet and Greet and volunteer opportunities databases have already begun. Board member Claudia Nicolaije (The Netherlands) has sent a letter to each national president explaining these. If you would like to learn more and possibly join the Meet and Greet Young Alum group, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/37cbj9>. There, alums can select the level of hospitality they would like to extend, from being a phone



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Combatir la Pobreza

source of information to Sacred Heart travelers to actually meeting people when they are in the area. Each national president has been asked to identify a young alum who is interested to serve as a contact for Claudia. She has also created a Facebook site for young alums, www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10899381138 and set a goal for 200 subscriptions by the end of 2008! Please consider how you can fit into these efforts.

With technology working for us, any Sacred Heart alum is no more than a website or an email away.



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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUP.PHP?GID=10899381138

Plans for the Malta 2010 Congress are also becoming more detailed. Board Vice President Claudia Taylor-East (Malta) and her committee continually update Congress information on the AMASC website,

www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org/Congress2010. Since our 2006 Congress was cancelled in New Orleans, La. due to Hurricane Katrina, we are eagerly anticipating a worldwide gathering to celebrate our Sacred Heart spirit!

Editor's note: Barbara Lopiccoco served as president of the AASH from 2003-05. She is currently on the AMASC Board as coordinator for the United States. In addition to her volunteer duties, she is the Admissions Director at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.



Members of the AMASC Board met in Brussels in March 2008. The Board is committed to linking alumnae/i associations around the world.

EDUCATION BRINGS SMILES TO CHILDREN'S FACES

An Update on the Sacred Heart Primary School in Uganda by Irene Cullen, RSCJ

This month the 7th graders (the final primary school year) have begun the countdown toward their graduation in November 2008. This includes taking mock exams in the summer and then the national exams in October. They are as nervous, serious, and hopeful as last year's first graduating class who managed to rank first and second level in their national exams. *For the full story of the first graduating class, please visit www.aashnet.org where there are pictures and a fuller account.* All of those first 27 graduates are attending high school. This is an exceptional accomplishment since 35% is the average for rural Ugandan girls to go on to high school.

About 12 girls have started their high school studies at the nearby Kalungu diocesan high school the RSCJ have administered since 1986. The girls have begun well and stand out as well prepared, confident, and with a good spirit.

I have spent the summer visiting multiple RSCJ mission projects in Uganda and Kenya for which I have been doing development work. Happily I was able to spend extended time at the Primary school. I arrived in time for the Sacred Heart Feast which is always a grand celebration. RSCJ from the nearby high school as well as some parents and the national education office were present for the Feast Mass followed by entertainment by the students. Their joyful singing, exuberant native dancing, smiling faces, and confident demeanor warmed my heart and indicated to me that each child knows she is loved and at home in her home away from home.

In July a group of U.S. Sacred Heart educators joined me in Uganda. They came from nine schools that have done

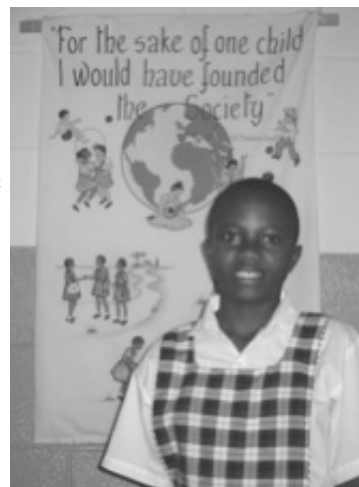
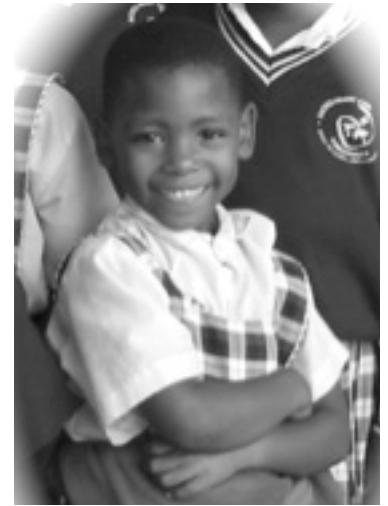
an amazing job in guiding their students to learn about the challenges of education in Africa and fundraising to help us build this school. This group offered help in various ways in both of the schools. All enjoyed interacting with the students and having very fruitful exchanges among all the teachers about the values and goals of Sacred Heart education.

The building program is moving along well, but we still have a journey before us. The school must separate the residential living quarters from the academic classes, giving each sufficient space for those diverse activities. The academic block will cost about \$500,000 for 20 classrooms, allowing us to ease the congestion and have an environment more conducive to study. We are halfway to meeting that marker.

If you are not yet on our mailing list, but would like updates on the progress of our Uganda Primary School building and that of our blossoming students, please contact me at icullen@rscj.org or Uganda-Kenya Development Office, 1653 Borana, San Diego, CA 92111.

With deep appreciation for your prayer, interest, and tangible support for this wonderful effort of bringing a Sacred Heart education to poor young girls in rural Uganda. Your care is their hope.

*Editor's note: Meg Bugg (Villa Duchesne '87) was fortunate and thrilled to visit our school in Uganda. Read her reflections in the January 2009 issue of *Esprit de Coeur*.*



Smiling faces, engaged and happy learners from our school in Uganda.



AROUND THE COUNTRY ...

Celebrating, Connecting and Col

Gathering in the West

by Western Regional Director Patricia Mulcahy Boer, San Diego '59

The Western Regional Conference began Thursday evening, June 26 with a warm welcome from our Bay Area alums at Broadway in San Francisco. There we toured the building, enjoying magnificent views of the Bay, which were topped only by the elegance of the dining room where we enjoyed a delicious supper. Afterward a video on Broadway's history as the Flood Mansion was presented highlighting Mother Hill's vision to preserve its architecture and place in the city's history. The next day, our



Catie O'Shea (Lone Mountain '67), president of the Lone Mountain group.

business meeting was conducted on the Atherton campus, in the Otto Library where 12 of our 13 associations in the Western Region were represented. Later that evening the Atherton alums hosted a wine and cheese reception. Again we were warmly received and delighted to socialize with a group of 60 that included board members, alums, invited guests and religious. Virginia Rodee, RSCJ spoke for the nuns present, saying how much the alumnae are appreciated by all the religious. Before adjourning Saturday at noon, we gathered at the Oakwood retirement community to share Mass and a visit with the sisters. As we exchanged our goodbyes many said that the conference proved to be weekend of renewal and inspiration!



Maureen Elliott (Point Grey '67) and Esther Kmetty (Hungary/Arizona) connected at the Western Regional.

With more than 50 alumna network and connect with more information or to connect visit www.aashnet.org.

Central Region

Sheridan Road Alumni Assoc. *Chicago*
Academy Alumnae Assoc. *Lake Forest*
Bloomfield Hills, MI • Academy Alumnae
Heart *Kansas City, MO* (in formation)
of Duchesne College and Academy of
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Milwaukee, WI

Eastern Region

Greenwich—Maplehurst Alumnae Assoc
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the Sacred Heart *Boston, MA* • New
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Southern Region

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Alumni Assoc. *St. Louis, MO* • Mary
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Western Region

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CELEBRATE PHILIPPINE'S FEAST WITH THE CENTRAL REGION

NOVEMBER 18, 2008 • BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICH.

Central Regional Director Mary Pelton Hildebrand (Bloomfield Hills '70) invites all alums in the Central Region to Mass at Bloomfield Hills, followed by breakfast and a Regional Meeting. Special guest Irene Cullen, RSCJ will report on our Uganda school. Bloomfield Hills students will address their experiences as "missionaries of the heart" and Peggy Tabor will speak about her time in the Peace Corps. We'll visit Grosse Pointe Academy to see the newly refurbished facility and conclude with dinner. For more information, visit www.aashnet.org.

Celebrating



A crowd gathered in Plymouth for the first event for the new Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod & the Islands Alumnae/i Association.

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find in your region! For
more information, contact
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Alumnae/i Assoc. of the Academy of the Sacred Heart
of the Sacred Heart *Grosse Pointe, MI* • Kansas City Alumnae/i of the Sacred
Heart of the Sacred Heart *St. Joseph, MO* • Alumnae Assoc.
of the Sacred Heart *Omaha, NE* • Alumnae of the Sacred Heart—Clifton
Ohio Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart *Cleveland, OH (in
formation)* • I Heart Toledo, *OH* • Milwaukee Alumnae of the Sacred Heart

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Woodlands *MA (in formation)* • Newton Country Day Alumnae of
the Academy of the Sacred Heart Alumnae *Boston, MA* • Stuart
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Los Angeles, CA • Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart of
the Sacred Heart San Francisco *San Francisco, CA* •
San Francisco, CA • Stuart Hall Alumni Council *San Francisco, CA*
San Diego, CA • Colorado Alumnae of the Sacred Heart *Denver,
CO* • Vegas, *NV (in formation)* • Alumnae of Forest Ridge School of
the Sacred Heart *ASH* • Vancouver Alumnae Assoc. *British Columbia, Canada*

New Association Has Gala Opening Event

by Eastern Regional Director Alice J. Burns,
Prince Street '66, Manhattanville '70

On the evening of June 12, more than 40 alums gathered at the lovely home of Toni Walsh Curry (Newton Country Day School '68) for the inaugural event, a cocktail congé, of the Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod & the Islands Alumnae/i Association. And it was a smashing success! Invited for two hours, the guests lingered for three! Toni's sister Inez Moore and NCDS '68 classmate Katie McGregor Lannan catered the gala, and the food was scrumptious.

Almost with the arrival of the first guests, the decibel level in the living room began to rise and spilled over onto the deck as women discovered old friends, found "long lost" classmates, and met new friends who live down the street or around the corner. I met a Newton College grad who lives five houses down the street from me and told me she has been watching and enjoying the renovations of my home over the years. She, in turn, is the classmate of a friend from my Prince Street days who also lives on the Cape and who drove to the party with me. They had not seen each other in years and now find themselves living within four miles of each other! And the stories just go on and on.

The association was formed to give the area alums spiritual, social, cultural, networking, and sporting event opportunities to gather and share experiences. The initial response has been so enthusiastically received that we already have a hostess and venue for our fall event! Interested alums should contact Toni Walsh Curry at (508)209-0675 or TWCdetails@aol.com.

AROUND THE COUNTRY ...

Celebrating, Connecting and

Reconnecting in New Orleans

by Southern Regional Director
Kathleen Simon, Rosary '79

The Rosary was delighted to welcome alumnae/i directors, presidents and AASH representatives from the Southern Region associations to New Orleans on March 29 for what proved to be a day of renewal, reflection and sharing. A “bienvenue” to the Rosary, complete with a beautiful reflection on Mater by Muriel Cameron, RSCJ was followed by a morning of business and brainstorming.

We explored the theme of the 2007-2009 biennium “Missionaries of the Heart – Here to Make a Difference” by focusing on our missionary work here at home. The group viewed *Breached*, a short film created by Rosary students Alexis Blanch and Becky Montgomery. This moving film depicts the drastic change in lifestyle that Rosary students endured when Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005 and how the administration and faculty of the Rosary found a way to bring them all together with the help of other Network Schools, particularly Grand Coteau and Duchesne Academy in Houston.

Stephanie Waguespack Haynes (Rosary '67) spoke of her extraordinary work with the grass roots organization “Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans” which showed how our Sacred Heart education and foundation enables us as individuals to “Make a Difference” every day. Our spirits are high and our resolve as strong as ever as we work to rebuild, restore, and renew this region.

After tours of both campuses at the Rosary, we were treated to gouter with the RSCJ at Duchesne House. These four incredible women—Sisters Muriel Cameron, Mary Bernstein, Marie-Louise Wolfington and Mary Pat White—are involved in the hands-on recovery post-Katrina, housing and coordinating volunteers from all over the country to continue our efforts to rebuild New Orleans. Sister



Participants in the Southern Regional Business Meeting at The Rosary in New Orleans included, front row, left to right: Stephanie Waguespack Haynes, Linzee Evans LaGrange, Charlotte Schmedtje Hebert, Julie Ann Schmedtje Connick, Peggy Adams, Lynne Lieux, RSCJ, Muriel Cameron, RSCJ. Standing: Carmen DeMoya, Marcie Eason Amory, Melsey Adams Saunders, Janet Derden Hennessey, Jeanne Burke O'Fallon, Lisa Tebbe, Lorraine Landry, RSCJ, Beth Lowry Speck, Kathleen Simon, Renee Torina, Ellen Gambel Simon, Michelle Stelby, Laura Cain Miller, and Debbie Young Shirley.

Bernstein directed a tour of the devastation that still remains almost three years after the storm and the bright signs of recovery. It was an unforgettable experience.

When Philippine Duchesne crossed the Atlantic, landing in New Orleans with her traveling companions in 1818, it was the Ursuline nuns that took them in until they could travel up the Mississippi River. We toured the Ursuline Convent in the French Quarter and saw the statutes of Philippine in the Chapel as well as another in the courtyard, knowing we were walking in her footsteps. Just a few blocks away at St. Louis Cathedral, we were the special guests at Mass (as well as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his wife!) before we shared a lovely dinner at the home of Catherine Bisso Howard (Rosary '70), the Rosary's Board of Trustees Chair.

It was then time for goodbyes until we gather again, but we all felt renewed and reconnected after our very busy day. In some small way, it enabled us to say “Merci Beaucoup” to the Southern Region for opening your hearts, your homes and your schools to us when we needed you most following both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. That is the true meaning of Sacred Heart family.

Collaborating

A Memorable Eastern Regional Conference

by Betty Rexford Buckland, Overbrook '57 and Eastern Regional Director Alice J. Burns, Prince Street '66, Manhattanville '70

The Rochester Alumnae Association rolled out the red carpet for those attending the Eastern Regional Conference in Rochester, NY June 20–22. Since their school closed in 1969, Prince Street alumnae have remained friends and have maintained their love for the Sacred Heart and for each other through their alumnae chapter.

The conference, the theme of which was “Missionaries of the Heart, Here to Make a Difference: a Prelude to the National Conference,” was most memorable. On Friday evening we enjoyed cocktails, dinner, and a private astronomy show at the Strassenburgh Planetarium. Since it was the longest day of the year, we saw the heavens filled with stars and enjoyed a memorable walk through the galaxies narrated by the planetarium director.

Keynote speaker Sarah Symons, founder of The Emancipation Network (TEN), and a panel of young women who are presently students at or recent graduates of Sacred Heart schools in the Eastern Region were the highlights of Saturday’s agenda. Sarah, an accomplished singer/



Prince Street alums and conference committee leaders, from left to right: Chris Colucci '69, Alice Burns '66, Sue Whalen '62, Judy Whalen Conley '54, Ellen Scott Miller '54

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MEETINGS—WHETHER ON A SMALL SCALE FOR AN INTIMATE BUSINESS MEETING OR A LARGER SCALE AS A MINI-REUNION—OFFER ALUMS AROUND THE COUNTRY AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT ON MANY LEVELS.



Sarah Symons, founder of The Emancipation Network, was the keynote speaker.

songwriter (and daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Berger, Manhattanville '52), helps survivors of human slavery and women and girls at high risk for being trafficked into slavery by offering a means for self-sufficiency and an economic alternative to further exploitation. They receive shelter and learn skills to make handicrafts. Sarah then brings the crafts to the United States for sale at home parties and returns the proceeds overseas to pay salaries to survivors and to fund trafficking prevention and rescue work by her partner organizations. Her presentation was unbelievably touching. To learn more visit www.MadebySurvivors.com.

The panel discussion focused on the volunteer activities of our young students and alumnae/i. They helped us to realize there is a strong cadre of young women and men willing to meet the challenge for the future. Saturday evening featured delectable home dinners hosted by local alumnae. The Rochester women know how to entertain!

The conference closed on Sunday with a special liturgy celebrated by Bernard J. McAniff, S.J. and Father Tom Statt in the chapel at 8 Prince Street. (The Prince Street property is now a condominium complex and the chapel restored by the developers for weddings. Since the chapel is non-denominational, special permission was secured from the bishop for this liturgy.) The altar was decorated with vases of carnations in the Prince Street school colors of red and white. We began the liturgy by remembering all those religious who touched our lives with teaching and prayer. At the offertory procession, a representative of each school and alumnae/i association carried a meaningful symbol of her school to the altar—the bell from Prince Street, the 2008 yearbook from Greenwich, and more. The chapel reverberated with the hundred voices singing “Spirit Seeking” and the final processional anthem “Children of the Sacred Heart.” Each alumna and visitor received a carnation as she exited the chapel. Thank you to all the Rochester alums who made the conference and our visit so memorable.