

Esprit de Coeur



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AND ANNUAL REPORT

ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE
AND ALUMNI OF THE
SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Alums Make a Difference and Celebrate in L.A.



Top: St. Charles Alumna Director Jane Shannon Cannon, Maryville '57 brought the story of Philippine Duchesne to life as the first "Missionary of the Heart."

Right: Margaret Kelly McMahon, Elmhurst '46 and Kate Devers Sawyer, 91st Street '86 enjoy the pre-conference tour of L.A.



Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier, Convent of the Sacred Heart Broadway '86 calls alums to action. As a student, she was paralyzed in an accident and experienced the love and support of her teachers and classmates. Today, she represents District 2 in San Francisco and has championed the rights of people with disabilities. Her address at the Cor Unum luncheon touched all.



NEARLY 200 ALUMS GATHERED IN L.A. FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND FESTIVE 37TH BIENNIAL AASH CONFERENCE, DEDICATED TO ST. PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE. ALUMS GAINED A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD.



Karen Patterson, center, a '93 alumna of Forest Ridge, received the Maryliz DeVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award. She was accompanied by her mother Emma Patterson and Forest Ridge Alumnae Director Julie Kistner Lundgren.



Peggy Sheehy Collins, Woodlands '70 and Dr. Mary Lyons, president of the University of San Diego. Dr. Lyons shared how USD (once run by the RSCJ) cultivates and nurtures the enduring values of Sacred Heart education.

Allysa Dittmar, now a senior at Stuart Country Day in Princeton, won the student essay contest with "Making a Difference." As a 7th grader, Allysa began a correspondence with Pascaline Kaveni in Kenya. The two girls formed a strong connection. In 8th grade, Allysa used the savings from earning the Janet Erskine Stuart Scholarship to pay Pascaline's school fees at a secondary school. A recent donation allowed Pascaline's family to buy a small plot of land. Allysa writes that her Sacred Heart education has allowed her to "pay it forward." She is truly making a difference! To read her essay, visit www.aashnet.org.



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AASH Past Presidents at the Cor Unum Liturgy, from left to right: Toni Walsh Curry, Nancy Ross Agnew, Marion E. Glennon, Sue McPherson Lane, Dr. Anita V. Figueredo, Olga Seiferth Rome, Valerie Moore O’Keeffe and Barbara Brown Lopiccolo.



One of the intricate tapestry panels by artist John Nava at Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, where the Cor Unum Liturgy was celebrated, features St. Philippine Duchesne. Kitty Bartholomew, alumna of Grosse Pointe, exceed a screening of “Divining the Human,” a documentary telling the amazing story of the creation of the tapestries, produced and directed by David Tlapek (son of Ann Blanton Tlapek, St. Charles ’47, Maryville ’51).



In honor of St. Philippine’s missionary work with the Potawatomi Indians, the conference opened with a Native American blessing from the Sodoba Indian Mission.

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With Sandy Schadewald, RSCJ, left, and Gwen Larke Pike, Maryville ’58 looking on, Maryann Lowe Cronin, San Francisco ’61, was a happy raffle winner.



The festivities culminated with hosted dinners on Olvera Street, the birthplace of Los Angeles, which brought together friends old and new.



A Special Conference Thank You ...

the Los Angeles Conference Committee (pictured) thanks The OMNI Hotel for its great financial support and for the constant attention from the hotel staff in support of the AASH 2009 National Conference. Very special thanks go to David Bautista, our most attentive account manager!

Final Notes ...

Copies of the 8x10 photographs taken at the conference and the order form will be posted on www.aashnet.org. Preparation of the video scrapbook DVD of the conference activities and seminars is still in progress but is expected in the near future. Check www.aashnet.org. Copies of the DVD and photos would make great gifts!

Online Community Launches

We have finally launched the long awaited AASH online community. It took countless hours to convert and clean our existing data, but we did it! If your email address is already in our database, you received a personalized email with the information and instructions needed to sign in to our online community. Once you sign in, please carefully review the accuracy and completeness of your profile.

With the online community, you are now able to access and update your own personal information and search the database for Sacred Heart alums across the country. You can also set up a Sacred Heart email address with the extension “@sacredheartalum.org” through the email forwarding feature. All of this is accessible through www.aashnet.org. If you did not receive an email, please contact our vendor, Publishing Concepts, Inc. (PCI), at aashonlinehelp@publishingconcepts.com and they will help you get started.

The Power of our Sacred Heart Network in Action

As we prepared to launch our online community, Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ was criss-crossing the country this summer promoting her new book – *Wrestling with Our Inner Angels: Faith, Mental Illness and the Journey to Wholeness*. One of those stops was in Cincinnati, and Sacred Heart alum Grace Spencer inquired if it would be possible to send an email to area alums to attend a book signing event for Sister Kehoe, who taught at Clifton before its closing in 1970.

The timing was ideal. Since we needed to pilot our blast email capabilities and formulate processes around how we would send those out, we decided this would be a perfect opportunity. AASH board member Suzy Kratochvil worked with Grace's original email and, using our new online capabilities, sent an email 10 days prior to the event to those alums with email addresses in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

It was a standing room only crowd at JosephBeth Booksellers. Grace reports, “Your efforts did result in Sacred Heart alums coming out. We had a wonderful showing of support for Nancy Kehoe, and we all had a great time re-connecting. It was a real shot in the arm for our local alumnae group. There were approximately 75 at the reception and probably more than that at the book signing since it was open to anyone. There was a discussion and question and answer period before the signing, and Nancy did a superb job of presenting her subject and the events that led up to her penning her book.” Grace continues, “We ran out of books, even after I recommended to the bookstore we order more! So, they were very pleased . . . It was a true Sacred Heart ‘Happening’.”

At the request of Sheridan Road, we sent similar emails to the Chicago area, not only for Sister Kehoe's book promo but also for their day of prayer in October. We hope to aid many more alum groups in marketing their special events. It is from the power of this new online community that we can gain strength as a group. To ensure you receive timely information from us, be sure that your personal profile on the online community includes your email address.



Top: A standing-room only crowd gathered at JosephBeth Booksellers to support Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ, who taught at Clifton in Cincinnati. Far right: Sister Kehoe greets a friend.



ONLINE OR BY MAIL?

With our new online community and eblasting capabilities, we will be able to send *Esprit de Coeur* straight to your in-box. If you enjoy the hard copy, you'll continue to receive it by mail. If you prefer to receive our newsletter electronically, simply send your address, including the number above your name on the address panel, with the subject line: “online EdeC” to: editor@aashnet.org.

From Nancy Kehoe, rscj

I want each of you to know how grateful I am for the responses I received and for the interest in my book that was generated by my mention in the last issue of *Esprit de Coeur*. It was an unexpected joy to hear from so many former students. I have travelled to nine states, 11 cities and done 29 events since June 1 and I deeply appreciated the number of alums who were present at each signing. Eblasts will be forthcoming about further signings. I continue to count on your support and your help in getting the word out about the book. Readers are finding it does change their perception about mental illness which was my goal in writing it. So let us continue to connect through *Esprit*.

In the Heart

from the AASH National Office

As I proof and ponder all that this issue covers, I gratefully remember each one of our small but stalwart group in Los Angeles who helped host an outstanding AASH National Conference. I joyfully recall the happy embraces, the new energy and fresh insights from those days of grace. I think about our long list of donors featured. I know so many so well now – some by face and friendship, some just by their handwriting. Truly, it is with reverence that I prepare this litany and marvel at the generous giving from those who ask in return only continued connection with our Sacred Heart family.

For the ninth and final time, I am serving and inspired by a new AASH Board of Directors – busy, talented alums giving time they do not have to spare to lead our organization. As I prepare to step aside in 2011, I have pledged my best efforts to efficiently transition to the lucky someone or someones who will have the honor of heading the AASH National Office and who will witness daily the touching testaments to the lasting connections and commitments that hallmark Sacred Heart education.

Please join me in thanking Villa Duchesne & Oak Hill School in St. Louis who has housed AASH since the 1980s and recently renovated the enlarged space they gave us in 2004. We are deeply blessed.

Love, in the Heart,
Jeanne Burke O'Fallon
National Office Director
nationaloffice@aashnet.org



New AASH President Beth Lowry Speck, Duchesne-Houston '71

From our President

Dear Alums,

As I look back on the past several months it is hard to believe that in April we were together in Los Angeles. I was so happy to see many friends renewing friendships and experiencing all that it means to be Sacred Heart alums. The L.A. alum group worked tirelessly to give us opportunities to stretch ourselves, to bear witness to profound life experiences, to pray together, to acknowledge service and just to play together. The venue, the city and the company shared were such a treat. I am most grateful to past AASH president Marcie Amory for her leadership which was a wonderful expression of what Sacred Heart means in the life of so many with a decidedly Western flavor.

In my acceptance speech I stressed the importance of relationships because that is the single most important gift I have been given being associated with AASH. I want this biennium to be about relationships, using our two loving saints as role models. In Sister Anne Davidson's icon (below) which hangs in the 1835 building at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles, we see Madeleine Sophie and Philippine embracing upon their first meeting in 1804, the start of a strong relationship enduring over a lifetime. In AASH our relationships with other Sacred Heart alums are just the same – strong and enduring. Let's celebrate relationships like these that are life-changing and make us better for knowing one another!

And now this biennium will have a definite Southern style! I am truly excited to be able to serve this organization with this incredible group of women who have agreed to take this journey with me on the 2009-11 Board. And to have this journey culminate in Miami for our next national conference in 2011 is a blessing to us all. Talk about fun!

This Board has committed itself to Goals (opposite page) that will help us all grow as an organization. We met in June in St. Charles so we could experience where Philippine lived and worked, surrounding ourselves with her presence. In the days we spent together we enjoyed each other's stories, getting to know one another, joining in the celebration of a jubilee for RSCJ and were graciously shown the hospitality of Head of School Sister Maureen Glavin and the Sacred Heart community that is so inspirational. In the midst of this presence and a lively discussion our goals acknowledge the work yet to be done as we build on the last biennium. I am energized and ready for the journey ahead. I look forward to meeting many of you along the way who share my passion for all that is Sacred Heart and AASH.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Lowry Speck".



The icon of St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Philippine Duchesne by Anne Davidson, RSCJ, depicts their 1804 meeting at the Visitation Convent in Grenoble, France. The icon hangs at the entrance of the 1835 building at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles.

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AASH 2009-2011 Goals and Action Plans

Goal I: Implement succession plan for National Office Director in 2011

Action Plan:

- appoint committee to identify potential candidates
- analyze existing position and duties
- determine accuracy of current job description and redefine if needed
- discuss the location of the AASH office long-term
- hire a new AASH Director

Goal II: Evaluate structure of AASH for immediate and long-term needs

Action Plan:

- explore feasibility of five-year strategic plan
- reinstate investment committee
- examine duties of Treasurer and make recommendations for next biennium
- increase participation in AASH at the regional, national and international level

Goal III: Advance and improve communications of AASH

Action Plan:

- launch and market online community and create guidelines for use
- promote greater understanding among alumnae and alumni regarding how the different organizations of the Sacred Heart family interrelate. Publish "Face of Sacred Heart," a chart describing what each organization does and their calendar of events
- Redesign and refocus website, including developing plan to keep website up-to-date and appealing on a consistent basis
- develop plan to encourage a more diverse population of alumnae and alumni to become involved with AASH
- broaden and solidify relationships among AASH, RSCJ and the Network

Goal IV: Increase revenues and reduce expenses of AASH

Action Plan:

- review dues structure and analyze feasibility of increase
- pursue ideas to generate income
- review financials with a view to reducing expenses

Resolutions *Adopted at our 37th AASH National Conference in April*

1. Be it resolved that as recipients of the Sacred Heart experience it is our obligation to promote these values and opportunities to children in underprivileged circumstances.
2. To renew and continue our commitment to encourage all associations to support in all facets the Society of the Sacred Heart in its ministries and "In Mission for Life."
3. Be it resolved that member associations of the AASH reflect the spirit of remembrance and recommitted loyalty to the legacy of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne by supporting her Shrine in St. Charles, Mo., where her life's story is honored.
4. To support the Priority for Young People articulated by the General Chapter of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Lima, Peru in the summer of 2008.
5. The alumnae and alumni community of the Sacred Heart, acknowledging the power of prayer, resolve that we shall pledge ourselves to join in prayer at noon Pacific time (1 p.m. Mountain, 2 p.m. Central and 3 p.m. Eastern) each day to support the mission of the Society, the apostolic work of the alumnae and alumni and the personal intentions in our hearts.
6. As one out of four individuals in the United States is affected by mental illness, be

News From the RSCJ

a message from our Honorary President Paula Toner, RSCJ

Dear AASH members,

Sophie's homecoming and the Apostolic Visitation to U.S. women's religious congregations are two subjects I wanted to share with you, and I am grateful for the opportunity to write to you in this issue of *Esprit de Coeur*.

All alumnae/alumni who may be in Paris are wholeheartedly invited to visit St. Madeleine Sophie in her new resting place at the Church of St. Francis Xavier on Boulevard des Invalides, across the street from where she lived and died. Her *chasse*, or reliquary, had resided in Belgium since the expulsions from France in 1904, and was moved from Brussels to Paris and formally installed on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Details of the ceremony, photographs and interviews can be found at www.rscjinternational.org, for anyone who would like to make the trip virtually.

With respect to the Apostolic Visitation of women's ministerial congregations in the U.S., about which many of you have read, RSCJ Superior General Kathleen Conan met with Apostolic Visitor

Mother Clare Millea in Rome, in a cordial, collaborative atmosphere. Like Sister Conan, Mother Clare is a U.S. superior general of an international congregation. On this side of the ocean, a study will be done of all 350+ congregations this fall. Then congregations that are chosen to be visited during calendar year 2010 will be announced. At the conclusion of the process in 2011, a confidential report and recommendations will be sent to the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSAL.)

As we seek to know better the reasons for this visitation so as to respond most helpfully, our hope is that we will see it as an opportunity to make better known the great good being done by sisters now and throughout their faith-filled, holy lives. That message will deepen our devotion and help our vocations effort. We know God is with us and that we have your support, and we trust in the good that will come.

Paula Toner, RSCJ
Provincial, U.S. Province



After 105 years in Belgium, the remains of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat now rest in the Church of St. Francis Xavier on the Boulevard des Invalides, Paris.

In Mission for Life

by Shirley Miller, RSCJ,
Director of Mission Advancement

Following the 2008 General Chapter for the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome, every province throughout the world was invited to prepare for a provincial assembly during 2009 to implement the Chapter 2008 priorities into our lives:

- Contemplation
- Dialogue and communion, walking with humanity
- Community
- Young people
- Justice, peace and integrity of creation

In late July, 225 RSCJ gathered in Chicago for our assembly. A beautiful spirit of

Continued

HEART magazine, published twice a year, highlights the mission and ministries of the Society of the Sacred Heart. The covers, photographs of hearts in nature, symbolize Christ's presence in the heart of the universe and bear witness to the contemplative dimension of RSCJ — who are both contemplative (engaged in prayer) and apostolic (engaged in good works). Mailed subscriptions to HEART are free. Please

email your address to heartlist@rscj.org and your name will be added to the circle of friends and Sacred Heart family members who receive the magazine.



reverence, celebration, gratitude wove its way through all our days – morning prayer, round table discussions, meals, daily Eucharist, informal gatherings. Kathleen Conan, Superior General, and several international RSCJ from Africa, Australia/New Zealand, England/Wales, Scotland and Canada joined us for the entire assembly. At the closing liturgy, we blessed our new provincial team: Paula Toner, provincial, Susan Maxwell, Mary Charlotte Chandler and Mary Kay Hunyady, full time, and part-time members Melanie Guste, Meg Causey and Anne Byrne. We left Chicago with full and grateful hearts.

The In Mission for Life campaign continues with regional campaigns either in process or beginning in San Francisco/Atherton, New York/New Jersey/Connecticut, Boston/Rhode Island, St. Louis/St. Charles/Omaha. Regional campaigns will begin in fall/winter in Chicago, Houston, New Orleans and the Washington, D.C. area.



Sister Shirley Miller, center, shares the current story of the RSCJ during one of the gatherings for the “In Mission for Life” Campaign at the home of Dick and Jane Cannon in St. Charles in August.

As of this writing, the Society has received \$14,200,000 in gifts, pledges and realized bequests or 36 percent of our \$40,000,000 goal, and we are humbled and grateful for your generosity. “We have miles to go before we sleep, and promises to keep ...” But as St. Madeleine Sophie reminds us, “Go on advancing, you are on the road. Remember it is not you who have taken it but God who has placed you there.”

It was a great joy to be with so many of you at the L.A. conference, “Missionaries of the Heart.” I carry

my conference bag back and forth from community to office, feeling deeply grateful for the depth of your commitment and the breadth of your love, for your faithfulness to God and to the Society, generation after generation. You inspire me and give me courage to “keep the promises” and to continue on the road. Thank you.

We are deeply grateful to Marcie Amory and her Board for a great sense of collaboration the past two years, and we all look forward to working with Beth Speck and her Board in the years ahead.

Many Parts ... One Sacred Heart Family

AASH (ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI OF THE SACRED HEART)

The national association that encompasses graduates of all Sacred Heart schools, including those that have closed. The AASH is dedicated to keeping our 50,000 alums connected to the Sacred Heart world. Opportunities for networking in college and careers exist for all alums. President 2009-11: Beth Lowry Speck and 8-member Board
Publication: *Esprit de Coeur*
Annual Appeal: November
Website: www.aashnet.org
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Society of the Sacred Heart

RSCJ who work in our schools and various ministries throughout the U.S. and the world. These 3,100 women are living the vision and mission of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. Retirement communities: Teresian House in Albany, N.Y. and Oakwood in Atherton, Calif. Provincial: Paula Toner, RSCJ +3 full-time and 3 part-time team members
Publication: *Heart Magazine*
Annual Appeal: August
Website: www.rscj.org
Contact: Society of the Sacred Heart, U.S. Province, 4120 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108

AMASC (ASSOCIATION MONDIALE DES ANCIENNES ET ANCIENS DU SACRÉ COEUR)

The World Association of Sacred Heart alums with members in 35 countries. President 2006-10: Hermine van Asten
Website: www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org
Contact: Barbara Lopiccolo, U.S. Board member, blopiccolo@ashmi.org

Network of Sacred Heart Schools

The umbrella of our 21 schools currently operating in the U.S. The Network creates opportunities for collaboration among the schools and its educators, places students in service projects and ensures each school is living the mission (Goals and Criteria).
Chairman of Board of Directors: John McClure
Executive Director: Madeleine Ortman
Annual Appeal: with RSCJ in August
Website: www.sofie.org
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AMASC: Uniting Sacred Heart Around The World

by Barbara Brown Lopiccio, Bloomfield Hills '62, U.S. AMASC coordinator

XIV AMASC World Congress, Malta
5 to 11 April, 2010

Join our Young AMASC Group on Facebook!

With nearly 300 members now, you'll meet Sacred Heart alums around the world, chat in multiple languages and share photos.

Greetings from our world-wide network members. Now that our own highly successful National Conference in Los Angeles is history, it is time to focus on our international Congress in Malta April 5–11, 2010. Please visit the AMASC (Association Mondiale des Anciennes et Anciens du Sacré Coeur) website, www.amasc-sacrecoeur.org, for continually updated details. At the moment Congress planners are focused on finalizing speakers and presentors. If there are suggestions for individuals with substantial professional experience with issues of poverty, please email the Congress at congress2010@amasc-sacrecoeur.org. Presentations and discussions are planned on poverty as related to children, education, feminization, migration and climate change. Our own Sister Kathleen Conan, now Superior General, will also address the Congress.

As a continental director, I will have the opportunity to report at the Congress on our various initiatives to fight poverty, the theme of this AMASC mandate. I would appreciate any details of activities you or your association is involved in that address poverty in any of its forms. Many of you are involved in supporting literacy projects for both youth and adults, food and clothing collections, fundraising for our schools and our retired religious, just to name a few. These are the efforts I would like to share at the Congress. Please email information to blopiccolo@ashmi.org.

Please continue to save your cancelled stamps as a fundraiser for the

Congress. With increased use of metered mail, actual stamps are becoming a rarity and more valuable. Collected stamps may be sent to:

Antiguas Alumnas del Sagrado Corazon
Bolsa de Sello
Residencia Santa Filipina
Avda. de Burgos, 4
28036 Madrid Spain

As an additional fundraiser, a cookbook will be produced by Congress planners with recipes from all over the Sacred Heart world. Besides being sold at the Congress, it will be available on Amazon.

I am happy to report that we as alumnae/i were well represented at the move of St. Madeleine Sophie's body to Paris. Several national presidents and AMASC Board members attended and participated in the liturgy. Our president, Hermine van Asten, also attended the Latin American conference held in Santiago, Chile last fall. Details and photos of the alumnae/i supported school in Paso Carrasco, Uruguay are available on the AMASC website as well as some of the Laini Saba Nursery and Primary schools in Kibera, Kenya.

Young AMASC efforts to connect and network are continuing to gain ground. Nearly 300 alums have joined our Facebook page. Carolien Maas is the new international coordinator for the Young AMASC database and hospitality. Regine van Asten, international

coordinator for projects and volunteer work, continues to gather details on volunteer opportunities around the world. Contact details are available on the AMASC website, on the Young AMASC link.

Our Heart to Heart initiative is ongoing with opportunities for each association to join in the group. This program directly links associations in email conversations to share their stories and their Sacred Heart identity. For those interested, visit the AMASC



Workers prepare to carefully move the body of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat.

website, click on Associations from the first link, and email the national president of whichever country you would like to contact. Conversations have been initiated between Seattle/Guadalajara, the Netherlands/India, Point Grey/New Zealand, San Francisco/the Congo, Rochester/Ireland and Bloomfield Hills/Ireland.

I look forward to seeing some of you in Malta. Please feel free to email me with news or questions. It is such an honor for me to represent the U.S. associations in our world-wide family.

Alum News

EUNICE KENNEDY SHRIVER (1921–2009) AND MARY ROBINSON, PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM HONOREES

STATEMENT RELEASED BY AASH, AUGUST 2009

On the same day in August that a 1984 winner was memorialized, a 2009 recipient was at the White House to accept America's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom. Both are alumnae and represent the leadership, service and hope that Sacred Heart education seeks to engender in its students.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver attended Sacred Heart academies at Maplehurst in the Bronx, N.Y., Noroton, Conn. (1937-38), and, while her father was ambassador to the Court of St. James, Roehampton, England. She attended Manhattanville College. Her mother, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, her daughter, Maria, and many other family members, are also alumnae.

Mrs. Shriver's commitment to those with intellectual and physical disabilities led her to found the Special Olympics. Her family's statement summarizes her beautiful life: "Inspired by her love of God, her devotion to her family, and her relentless belief in the dignity and worth of every human life, she worked without ceasing – searching, pushing, demanding, hoping for change. She was a living prayer, a living advocate, a living center of power. She set out to change the world and to change us, and she did that and more..." The 1991 AASH National Conference in New York City, with the theme of "Women of Conscience" honored Mrs. Shriver's work.



Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of the Special Olympics and recipient of the 1984 Presidential Medal of Freedom, attended Maplehurst, Noroton and Manhattanville College in the U.S.



Former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, an alumna of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Dublin, received a 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Mary Robinson, an alumna of Mount Anville Convent of the Sacred Heart in Dublin, was the first female President of Ireland (1990-97) and a United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) Honoring her as "an agent of change," the White House statement adds: ... she continues to bring attention to international issues as Honorary President of Oxfam International and chairs the Board of Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI Alliance). Since 2002 she has been President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, based in New York, an organization she founded to make human rights the compass that charts a course for globalization that is fair, just and benefits all.

St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, in the words of a recent biographer, "hoped that the education would be profound enough to inspire pupils to rebuild, renew, and transform society, wherever they lived." We are confident that Sacred Heart education can claim a part in the rebuilding, renewal, and transformation Eunice Kennedy Shriver and Mary Robinson represent.

ALUM ESCORTS THE PRESIDENT

by Jane Shannon Cannon,
Alumni Director, St. Charles

On Inauguration Day 2009 St. Charles alumnus Alex Borisov '01, along with other members of the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment Fife and Drum Corps (known as the "Old Guard"), escorted our new president down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. This elite group of Army musicians was established in 1960 and has participated in every inauguration since that of John F. Kennedy in 1961.

This alum's interest in military reenactment was first sparked when, in fourth grade, he joined the Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps. He was very active in the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration nationally and internationally as a fifer and member of the Lewis Clark Corps of Discovery.

Marching from the Capitol to the White House on January 20 is not the only appearance on the "Old Guard's" calendar. This regiment, in uniforms reminiscent of George Washington's Continental Army, plays for an average of 500 events each year. Commenting on the unique history of this inauguration, 22-year-old Borisov observed that the corps strives for perfection at every performance, and that the opportunity to welcome a new president is significant no matter who he is. "Political boundaries go away when he assumes the office of Commander in Chief. I would have been thrilled with this being my first Inaugural or my tenth!"

A graduate of Duchesne High School (an Archdiocesan high school in St. Charles), where he was active in Boys' State and D.A.R.E., Alex attended St. Louis University for two years before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He is currently a Staff Sergeant stationed in Washington, D.C. and attends classes at American University.



AROUND THE COUNTRY ...

Celebrating, Connecting and

From the Central

Central Regional Director Susan Kratochvil, Duchesne-Omaha '76

I had the privilege of serving as Corresponding Secretary from 2007-09, and I'm now thrilled to be moving into the role of Central Regional Director. It's especially exciting to finally launch the online community that we've worked extensively to develop over the past biennium. This will help strengthen our Sacred Heart alumnae and alumni network via timely and more frequent communication. We've already experienced the success of our first eblast campaign inviting alums in the Cincinnati area to attend a book signing for Sister Nancy Kehoe. Similar efforts to promote a day of prayer in October for Sheridan Road will also likely yield greater attendance. Our online community will continue to connect us, locally, regionally and nationally.

As RD I look forward to working directly with the alum associations in the Central Region – from Illinois to Michigan, Ohio to Missouri, and Nebraska to Wisconsin. Our newest association, Northeastern Ohio Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart in Cleveland has graciously offered to host our next Regional gathering in 2010. We are happy to support them and

hope to see many of you there once the date is confirmed.

My hope for the next biennium is to find new ways to appeal to our young alums as well as increasing the involvement of the thousands of male alums we have.

In addition, I am looking to foster collaboration between all of the Central Region alumnae/i associations. We have so much we can share with one another.

This next biennium promises many advances in communication and networking. We are committed to helping each and every alum start to use our new electronic tools, while still fostering the personal style of communication that we are all used to within this organization. Finally, it my sincerest wish that all alums know who AASH is and how they can take advantage of our broad network. I look forward to working with all of you in this biennium!



From the South

Southern Regional Director Maria Cristina Garcia, Carrollton '00

My AASH experience officially began in early summer at the first Board meeting of the biennium held at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles. There we were, 10 women gathered at the exact location where St. Madeleine Sophie sent St.

Philippine to establish the Sacred Heart mission in the New World – a mission we are continuing today. No matter how many times one visits this important and most holy place, one cannot help but feel in awe of its significance and feel it is “home.”

I admit I always knew after graduating from Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart that Sacred Heart would continue to play a significant role in my life. To have the opportunity to

serve AASH and the Southern Region is truly a humble blessing. This first Board meeting in St. Charles set the tone for the next two years, two years that guarantee hope, connectivity and promise.

Some of my hopes for this biennium include meeting, connecting and working either in person, through letters or via email correspondence, with the many men and women involved in this great organization. I hope to continue to facilitate the communication between AASH and the Southern Region associations and schools, promote the use of the much anticipated online community via the AASH website and hope to increase involvement within our young alum community. And, ultimately, I hope to see you in Miami in April 2011 for our 38th Biennial National Conference!

Collaborating

WATCH FOR 2010 REGIONAL MEETING DATES. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH ALUMS IN YOUR AREA!

From the East

Eastern Regional Director Alice Burns, Prince Street-Rochester '66, Manhattanville '70

Who knew volunteering as Eastern Regional Director would be so much fun? Certainly I didn't two years ago when I was drafted into the position. I barely knew what a Regional Director was supposed to do. I concentrated on the two elements I considered most important – communications and building relationships. Following each of the four Board meetings held each year, the Regional Directors email a letter to their associations and schools. I've encouraged the associations in my region to forward these letters, as well as other communications I send from time to time, to their alumnae/i members and the schools to be posted on their websites. I've had the pleasure of meeting in person with the Board of the Greenwich-Maplehurst Alumnae Association and of joining the Elmhurst Association for its annual spring luncheon. The two highlights of my first term were working with Toni Walsh Curry to form the Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod & the Islands Alumnae/i Association which has attracted over 100 members in its inaugural year and hosting the 2008 Eastern

Regional Conference in Rochester. I cannot praise highly enough my fellow Prince Street alumnae who spent countless hours planning and doing. It was a memorable event.

And the next two years? Alumnae/i in Albany have expressed an interest in starting a new association. Let's make it happen! Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr and the Overbrook-Bryn Mawr-Eden Hall Alumnae Association have graciously offered to host the Eastern Regional Conference in October 2010. I am planning brainstorming teleconference calls with the AASH Representatives to discuss how to attract younger alums into our associations and to our conferences, possible projects joining alums of all ages, joining alums with our students and more. I'd like to make our first project an ongoing letter campaign with the Religious at Teresian House. And most of all, I hope to continue having fun!



From the West

Western Regional Director Mary Lococo Forsyth, El Cajon '63, Lone Mountain '67

As the new Western Regional Director for the AASH, I am looking forward to an exciting time of change and growth in the Western Region. Keeping in mind that this region stretches from Vancouver, British Columbia to San Diego, Calif. and east to Wyoming and Colorado, there are many different cultures that embrace the ideals of our Sacred Heart family. My own local association, the AASH of Los Angeles, hosted a very successful National Conference in April of this year. The organization is now focused on addressing membership development and seeking new Sacred Heart ministries to which it can contribute.

Leadership in our region's schools has changed as all three (Forest Ridge, Broadway and Atherton) now have men serving in headship capacities. The alumnae/i association in Atherton

has a new president who is also a man. Connecting with the growing and diverse population of alumni and leadership who make up the Sacred Heart community in the West will be a strategic challenge in our future.

At regional and national meetings of the AASH, it is always heartening to see how many attendees come from associations in states and cities where there is either no RSCJ or Sacred Heart school presence. The Colorado association has accepted an invitation to host the upcoming 2010 regional meeting. The vitality of this group confirms that spirit and commitment is the fulcrum of our identity. We can expect that new associations will emerge in this biennium and those that follow. It is a goal of AASH to tie the membership even more closely through our new online community. In an area as large as the western region, online interaction will be an essential model for our present and future communication – real and virtual.

IT'S ALL ABOUT ...

Celebrating, Connecting and

Woodlands Academy Celebrates 150 Years in the Chicago Area



Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of Sacred Heart education in Chicago throughout the 2008-09 academic year. The first of several Sacred Heart schools in Chicago, Woodlands had three homes in the city prior to moving to Lake Forest in 1904 as the Convent of the Sacred Heart, and then to its present location in 1961 as Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The opening liturgy paid tribute to seven alumnae whose lives of faith and service have been extraordinary. RSCJ were honored at the St. Philippine Duchesne Prayer Service (pictured above, left to right: Sisters Virginia Denneby, Martha Curry, Rosemary Dowd, Nancy Finn, Margaret McDonnell, Rosemary Dewey and Mary Charlotte Chandler). On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Most Reverend George Rassas blessed and dedicated a beautiful stained glass window of St. Madeleine Sophie, a gift to Woodlands from the Barat Education Foundation.

Speakers throughout the year included alumna Susan Saint James '63, alumna husband, alumnae father and NBC correspondent Mike Leonard and three RSCJ, each with a message of ministry and mission in conjunction with this anniversary year. Former Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Patricia Garcia de Quevedo, RSCJ, spoke on "Saint Madeleine Sophie's Gift: A Spirituality Rooted in Love." "Radical Gospel Living," Mary Charlotte Chandler, RSCJ's presentation, concerned her life journey and Catholic faith communities. Judith Garson, RSCJ spoke about her service as executive director of a Harlem family health service after years of work in Sacred Heart schools.

Reflecting on this memorable year, Head of School Gerald Grossman writes: "Our 150th Anniversary is an achievement that reflects the qualities of our founding mothers who continue to challenge us today and tomorrow to follow their example.

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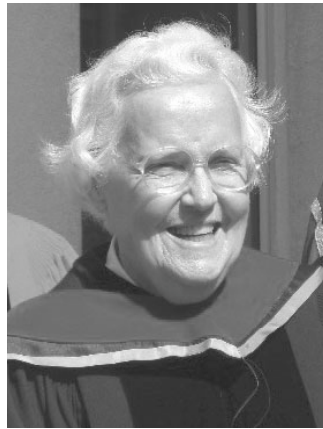
Southwest Florida Friends



Friends old and new attended the Southwest Florida annual luncheon in March in Naples. Top: "Longest member" Mary Ellen Quigley Eller, 91st St. '39, Manbattanville '43 visits with "newest" member Laura Tooman, Bloomfield Hills '08, who attends Florida Gulf Coast Univ. Bottom: Eileen Pagenkopf, Barat College '56, Carla Montani Grieve, City House '58, Maryville '62 and Lynn Barrett Shunk Sheridan Road '52, Barat College '56.



Collaborating



Sister Margaret Connolly Honored with Doctor of Sacred Letters

St. Mark's College, the Catholic Theological College at the University of British Columbia, bestowed a Doctor of Sacred Letters upon Sister Margaret Connolly, RSCJ last April. This highest honor recognized her contributions and those of the RSCJ to "education and social justice, both locally and globally."

A graduate of Convent of the Sacred Heart in Vancouver, Sister Connolly earned her bachelor's degree from Lone Mountain and her master's from Manhattanville College. She entered the novitiate in Kenwood in 1940 and made her profession in Rome in 1949. At several of our Canadian schools, Sister Connolly has inspired generations of women and has served as Superior at the City House in Montreal and at Halifax. She was principal of Convent of the Sacred Heart in Vancouver during the difficult time of its closing. Additionally, she has spent time in Korea, managed the RSCJ retirement home in Montreal and served as secretary of the Provincial team in Ottawa.

Sister Connolly is a member of the RSCJ Justice and Peace Group. From India to Jamaica to Canada, she has worked enthusiastically for social justice. She tutors English, works with the Halifax Kairos Social Justice Group and volunteers at Hope Cottage where many needy people are fed daily.

A beloved moderator of both the Vancouver and Halifax Alumnae groups and an inspiration for Sacred Heart alums, we lovingly say *Très Bien* to Sister Connolly!

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Celebrating Sacred Heart Spirituality & Mission In a Globalized World

July 7-11, 2010

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Bethesda, MD

Sponsored by 2010 Spirituality Forum & The Network of Sacred Heart Schools

Featuring Confirmed Speakers
Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ
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Registration Fee: \$150 (payable to the Network of Sacred Heart Schools) includes most meals.

Registration available via www.sofie.org and www.rscj.org in late October. For more information, contact Carol Haggarty, RSCJ, (636) 724-7003.

Accommodation details:
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In the Footsteps of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat

A PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE  OCT. 14-23, 2010

Celebrate St. Madeleine Sophie's return to Paris with a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to her significant sites. Depart from New York City and spend three days in Paris with Mass at St. Francis Xavier (where she now rests) and veneration of her incorrupt body. Visit the Musée Rodin, formerly the Society's Motherhouse, and the Marais neighborhood where she lived with her brother, Louis. In Joigny, visit St. Madeleine Sophie's home and church parish and tour the vineyard where her father worked. Tour the first Convent of the Sacred Heart in Amiens, then on to Lyon-la-Fôret to visit the Congregation of the Children of Mary. With a stop in Grenoble, the birthplace of St. Philippine Duchesne, explore where the two saints and friends first met. In Paray le Monial, visit the Chapel of the Visitation where Jesus exposed His Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Return from Lyons to New York City.

For a complete travel itinerary and further information, please visit holyltravels.com, email info@holyltravels.com or call 337-291-1933.



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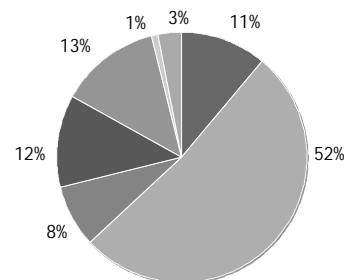
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A Message from the
Treasurer, Diane Tymick

As you can see, AASH faces financial challenges, just like the rest of the American economy. With both our donations and credit card royalties down last year, and an increase in our operating expenses, especially with the online community, major goals of this biennium are to increase the number of donors and amount of donations, to encourage the use of our credit card and to cut costs wherever possible. We ask for your help as we strive to fulfill the AASH mission of fostering a spirit of unity and ongoing communication among our alumnae and alumni.

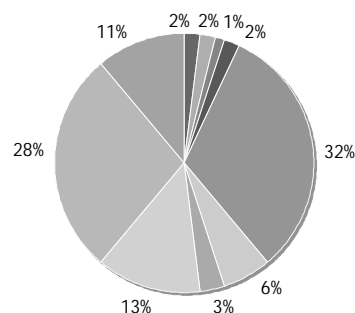
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Association Dues	\$20,827.00	11%
Contributions	\$94,794.16	52%
Credit Card Royalties	\$14,262.56	8%
Investment Income	\$21,164.64	12%
National Directory Royalties	\$22,670.00	13%
Sales	\$1,784.00	1%
Seed Money Return	<u>\$5,280.00</u>	<u>3%</u>
	\$180,782.36	100%



AASH Expenses

AMASC Dues	\$5,000.00	2%
Conference Registrations	\$4,939.56	2%
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Donations/Gifts	\$4,049.83	2%
National Office	\$69,160.03	32%
Online Community Set-up	\$13,438.00	6%
Phone/Fax/Website	\$6,952.37	3%
Postage	\$29,246.62	13%
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"Character. Well-formed conscience. The courage of my convictions."

WHAT I RECEIVED THROUGH MY SACRED HEART EDUCATION ...

"A way of living life that has meaning every day. I know that God's love was always with me and that I had the mission and joy to love those around me with passion and gentleness."

"A feeling of being special and loved because I am me."

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"Unwavering belief in God and humankind, that we can reach our full potential ... that God is always there for us, and we can be there for others in our lives."

"The spiritual and intellectual foundation to grow in my life as a wife, mother, friend and professional. The friendships established during my years in school have been lifelong."

WHAT I RECEIVED THROUGH MY SACRED HEART EDUCATION ...

"A strong mind, loving heart, spirit of giving wanting nothing in return."

"A sense of belonging, a place where I could embrace my faith, my womanhood, experience intellectual stimulation and be understood and accepted for who I am. A place of trust."

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*"It gave me a greater love of the Sacred Heart that has been with me all these years.
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I became part of a spiritual family."*

"A way of living life!"

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