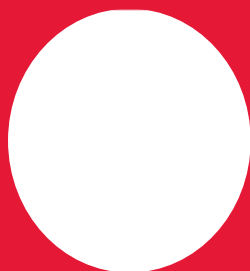


# Esprit de Coeur



**ASSOCIATED ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI  
OF THE SACRED HEART**

**WINTER 2011/CALL TO CONFERENCE**

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**CARROLLTON SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART HOSTS THE  
AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 7 – 10, 2011**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, BETH LOWRY SPECK



*Beth Speck at the Eastern Regional in front of Cinderella's carriage says, "A Sacred Heart girl would simply figure out what she needed and go get it instead of relying on a fairy godmother!"*

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you on the verge of the new year, reflecting on all the Sacred Heart friends I have met these last few months. I've had the pleasure of attending the four Regional gatherings in Denver, Cleveland, Bryn Mawr, Penn., and Grand Coteau, La. Each had a unique flavor and reaffirmed what it means to be part of this Sacred Heart family. Even though

Denver, the oldest association in the U.S., founded in 1928, and Cleveland, one of our newest associations, are not associated with a specific school, they are both vibrant groups. You'll read more about our Regionals on the following pages.

No matter where I went, I enjoyed engaging conversations, wonderful experiences, inspirational stories and enlightening speakers. Around the country, our alums are a living testament to all that is Sacred Heart, sharing all that they hold dearest – ties to an educational philosophy that encourages us to ask questions and probe deeper into any topic.

In October National Office Director Jeanne Burke O'Fallon,

AASH Vice President Maureen Ryan and I met with the Society of the Sacred Heart's Provincial Team and the Network of Sacred Heart School's leadership in St. Charles, Mo. We shared our plans and hopes to find ways that these three groups – representing the alums, the RSCJ and the schools – can continue to collaborate in the future.

For the past biennium, it has been my pleasure to serve our 47,000 alums. With the dedication and hard work of our Board members, we have continued to connect with alumnae and alumni, our ultimate goal. I am very grateful for the many ways our alums support AASH, whether it is attending an event, joining together in prayer each day, posting a message on our website or donating to our annual fund. Your participation makes all the difference.

We now turn our thoughts to April, when alums will gather in Miami for our 38th AASH Biennial Conference. Laurie Weiss Neull, Carrollton '75, and her amazing committee have put together an exciting conference and I hope you'll plan to join us!

Wonderful opportunities to make known how we value our Sacred Heart heritage, renew friendships and build new relationships happen whenever alums are gathered. I am thankful to be part of such an amazing organization. Miami in April here we come!

### ON OUR COVER:

**CARROLLTON STUDENTS AND  
FUTURE MEMBERS OF AASH  
WELCOME YOU TO MIAMI!**

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FRANCESCA  
TOMAS '16, ABIGAIL HARRIS '24,  
ANNE CRISER '15, GABRIELA  
PAREDES '21, JIMENA GRACIA '11,  
LILLIAN CULLEN '22, CAITLYN  
MEAGHER '13, NICOLETTE DIMARE  
'23, NAYARA DONDO '16 AND  
SAMARA ROLLE '18



## HELP US STAY CONNECTED!

This issue of *Esprit de Coeur* contains a remittance envelope for your annual gift. Please extend your generosity to AASH in 2010-11.

We strive to provide services and opportunities to stay connected. Through the years, our expenses have grown and we need to cover these by our annual fund donations. While our most costly endeavors are our online community, website, *Esprit de Coeur* magazine and operating a National Office, these are the very services that keep alums informed and connected. To continue giving you these great resources, please be as generous as possible in your giving to AASH.

We are grateful to our alums who each year give so faithfully. We could not do all we do without your generosity. Your gifts are vital to helping us keep our 47,000 alums connected and informed. From connecting alums on college campuses to providing opportunities for career networking and mentoring, to sharing our common bond, AASH exists for you.

If you enjoy what AASH offers and being part of our extended Sacred Heart family, please donate to our annual fund. Remember, you can save time and postage by donating anytime online at [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org). We are grateful for your gift in any amount. We need your support now, more than ever.

Thank you!

# Sara Burchell Kestner

MARYLIZ DEVITO LINCOLN

## GENEROSITY AND SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT



SARA BURCHELL  
KESTNER, STUART  
COUNTRY DAY '96

Sara Burchell Kestner, Class of 1996 of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, N.J., is the winner of the 2011 Maryliz DeVito Lincoln Young Alum Generosity and Service Award. The award is given in memory of our AASH Past President (1999-2001). Sara is the third winner of the award, following Amy Banna of Bloomfield Hills in 2007 and Karen Patterson of Forest Ridge in 2009.

Sara began giving back to Stuart as a member of the Alumnae Board in 2002, only six years after graduating from Stuart and two years after graduating from Duke University. She served as Alumnae President from 2005-2009. As Stuart Alumnae Director Beth Brown confirms, Sara works tirelessly to increase alumnae involvement, single-handedly administering the alumnae website for five years and continuing to assist with it, organizing the Stuart alumnae Facebook page, helping organize the first AASH Eastern Regional at Stuart in 2006, and serving the school as a member of the Board of Trustees 2005-2009 and on the school's Sacred Heart evaluation (SHCOG) committee for 2011.

Members of the AASH Nominating Committee were wise enough to seize upon Sara's talents and goodness. She has been nominated to serve as Corresponding Secretary for the 2011-2013 AASH Board of Directors. Before we see great things happening at [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org) and within the Sacred Heart online community under Sara's guidance, AASH looks forward to honoring her at the AASH Conference in Miami April 7-10, 2011. Sara Burchell Kestner embodies Maryliz DeVito Lincoln's legendary generosity and service.

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## A Plea for Pillowcases

BY JUDY WHALEN CONLEY, PRINCE STREET '54,  
MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE '58



Girls in Haiti wearing their new dresses made from donated pillowcases.

Several Rochester alums involved with Angels of Mercy, Inc. are working to "Dress A Girl Around the World." Dresses are made from pillowcases or fabric, new or gently used, and many include a little doll or stuffed animal in a pocket. These dresses provide a level of protection from sex trafficking in Third World countries. Traffickers prey upon girls – and boys – with ragged, dirty or torn clothing. When traffickers see girls in nice dresses they know someone cares for them.

In the United States there are about 350,000 girls who have been brought into the country and sold into trafficking – some as young as three years old!

So far 13,808 dresses have been delivered to 34 countries. The group tries to find missionaries or groups going to these countries to personally deliver the dresses to the girls. For further information, visit [www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.org](http://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld.org).

If you have any spare pillowcases, please send them to: Judy Conley, 311 Wyndale Rd., Rochester, NY 14617 or you can bring them to the Miami conference. We collected a lot of pillowcases at the AASH Eastern Regional meeting this fall.

Many thanks from all the girls!



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# *Celebrating, Connecting, Collaborating Around the Country*

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## **CENTRAL REGIONAL “ROCKS” IN CLEVELAND** BY SUZY KRATOCHVIL, CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

This biennium’s Central Regional meeting was hosted in Cleveland by the Northeastern Ohio Alumnae Association on September 18. Ann Coakley Anderson, chair of the event, welcomed approximately 40 alums at the day-long meeting held at the Glidden House in University Circle.

The day’s featured speaker was Professor Doris Donnelly Ph.D., Manhattanville ’61, author and professor of theology at John Carroll University and director of the Cardinal Suenens Center. Doris presented two informational and inspiring sessions. The morning session was a fascinating look at the statues that Michelangelo created of the Pieta and the impact that his life experience had on these works of art. The second session was a wonderful retrospective of Mary. Many thanks to Doris for the time she took to prepare and deliver these sessions.

Beth Speck, AASH President, and Jeanne O’Fallon, National Office Director, updated the group, followed by Sister Shirley Miller, Director of Mission Advancement for the RSCJ, who reported on the RSCJ. In between these sessions, we were able to visit and connect in the inviting spaces of the Glidden House. We concluded the day with a Mass and a no-host dinner at the local French bistro L’Albatros.

Many attendees were from the Cleveland area, but out-of-towners were able to take advantage of the cultural offerings of University Circle, as well as fit in a trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Thank you to Ann and the Cleveland area alumnae for hosting such a wonderful meeting.



1. Ann Coakley Anderson and Joan Donabue Ostendorf. 2. Conchy Fajardo Hopkins. 3. Charlotte Newman. 4. Marilyn Dant and Eileen Shaughnessy Jarc. 5. Alexis Krot Trojanowski and Carolyn Lindeman Price. 6. Doris Krimper Donnelly.

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## **HONORING OUR HERITAGE, FORGING THE FUTURE** BY MARIA CRISTINA GARCIA, SOUTHERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

“Honoring Our Heritage, Forging the Future” was the theme at the Southern Regional Conference where alums and RSCJ gathered November 12–13 for a weekend of Sacred Heart camaraderie and a day full of peace, prayer and rejuvenation in beautiful Grand Coteau, La. With its significant role in Sacred Heart history in the United States, Grand Coteau was the ideal setting for this southern Sacred Heart weekend. The Academy of the Sacred Heart’s planning committee designed a conference with the perfect balance of business, spiritual and social activities.

Friday evening all were welcomed in true Southern style to a meet and greet cocktail buffet. Saturday morning attendees headed to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, and for many, including myself, this was the first visit to the school that lies on holy ground. We were awed by its beauty and spirit.

Lynne Lieux, RSCJ, Headmistress at Grand Coteau, opened the conference with prayer, and as one of the featured speakers, presented “Saintes Savantes: Learned Saints for the 21st Century.” Attendees then shared how they and their associations are “forging the future” through their Sacred Heart heritage. Our second featured speaker, Maureen Glavin, RSCJ, Head of School at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles, took us on an inspirational journey through her presentation “Janet Erskine Stuart: Her Life and Loves.” A young alum panel gave their perspectives on how Sacred Heart education continues to impact their lives.

Following our wonderful speakers and panelists, we celebrated the Eucharist at the school chapel and toured the school, the campus’ majestic grounds and, of course, visited the Shrine of St. John Berchmans. *continued, opposite*

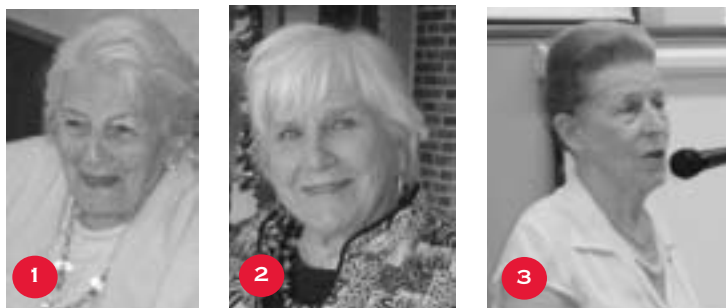
Bryn Mawr Country Day School welcomed more than 30 alumnae and two RSCJ October 8–9 to the Eastern Regional Conference: *Celebrating Cor Unum: Living the Vision of Sophie and Philippine*. Conference Chair Betty Rexford Buckland and her committee crafted a weekend of art history, sharing experiences of Cor Unum by associations and individuals, socializing and more.

Louise Meière Dunn (Greenwich '48) and her daughter, Hilly Meière Dunn (Greenwich '77), presented a slide show and narrative chronicling the life of Hildreth Meière, artist, muralist, mosaicist and AASH President (1957-59). The scope and breadth of her work is stunning. I had no idea of the artist behind the medallions at Rockefeller Center that I viewed almost daily for years walking to and from work.

The centerpiece of the weekend was a presentation on *Living the Vision of Sophie and Philippine* composed of six alumnae: Joan Meaney Quinn (Overbrook '47), Edith Niedringhaus Phelan (Overbrook '48), Eileen Byrne Barrett (Overbrook '61), Kathy Peebles Green (Overbrook '64), Mary Locke Cavallaro (Bryn Mawr '86) and Kate Reynolds (Bryn Mawr '05). What resonated from each alum is the strength of heart, mind and character with which she has lived and continues to live her life. It was both heartening and thrilling to hear the unstinting – and successful – efforts of alumnae to save Bryn Mawr from closure in the early '70s. It was even more heartening to listen to the tributes to these women and all the alumnae who played so important a role in giving them the gift of a Sacred Heart education.

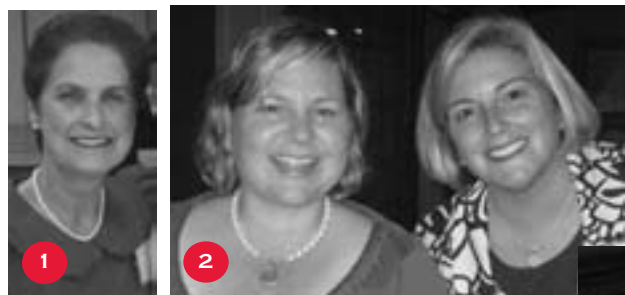
Liturgy was celebrated in the Bryn Mawr chapel where four wooden Hildreth Meière panels adorn the walls. The weekend was capped off with dinner at the Philadelphia Country Club. Some even enjoyed a ride in a horse-drawn pumpkin!

After a beautiful day, we headed to a festive Cajun dinner – the perfect way to conclude a very special southern Sacred Heart weekend.



1. Mimi Marchev Connelly. 2. Betty Buckland. 3. Louise Meière Dunn. 4. Alum panel: Joan Quinn, Eileen Barrett, Kathy Green, Edith Phelan, Mary Cavallaro and Kate Reynolds. 5. Kathy Gallagher and Hilly Dunn. 6. Sue Whalen. 7. Bryn Mawr choir members and future AASH members Julie Britt '12 and Abby Warner '12.

THE EXHIBITION "WALLS SPEAK: THE NARRATIVE ART OF HILDRETH MEIÈRE" WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. MID MARCH 2011 AND RUN FOR SIX MONTHS. FOR INFORMATION ON THE EXHIBITION AND LECTURES GO TO [WWW.HILDRETHMEIERE.COM](http://WWW.HILDRETHMEIERE.COM).



1. Tensy Gimenez. 2. Cynthia Devillier Thompson and Linzee Evans LaGrange. 3. Melsy Saunders, Lynne Gibbons, Janie Smith, Olga Rome, Maureen Ryan, Shirley Miller, RSCJ, Helen Charbonnet, Margaret Caire, RSCJ, Peggy Adams, Joanie Hartson. 4. RSCJ Maureen Glavin, Lynne Lieux, Alice Mills, Shirley Miller and Marie-Louise Wolfington. 5. New friends from Buffalo: Claire McGowan and Caroline Buerk.

## NOMINEES FOR THE 2011-2013 AASH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MAUREEN E. RYAN • PRESIDENT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Maureen first encountered the Society of the Sacred Heart at Barat College, (Lake Forest, Illinois). She graduated in 1981 and since then, she has been dedicated to Sacred Heart education serving on Barat's Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees as well as Executive Director of the Barat Education Foundation, on which she currently sits on the Board.

Maureen attended her first AASH National Conference in New York in 1991 and has attended scores of national, regional and smaller alum gatherings, making friends along the way. From 2003-07, she served as Central Regional Director and helped to plan a successful National Conference in Chicago. Currently she is Vice President.

Her commitment to and passion for connecting with alums enlivens Maureen. She brings her gifts of communication, her background in sales, marketing and consulting and, above all, a true love for the RSCJ, alums and Sacred Heart education to her role on the Board.

### ALICE BURNS • VICE PRESIDENT HARWICH, MASSACHUSETTS

Alice has served for the past four years as Eastern Regional Director with a great deal of dedication, enthusiasm and tenacity. After attending her first National Conference in New York in 2007 she immersed herself in her job and helped reestablish alum connections throughout her region.

An alumna of both Prince Street and Manhattanville College, Alice was eager to get reengaged and offered her organizational skills as Prince Street hosted an amazing reunion in 2006 and later she helped to launch a website for Prince Street alumnae. Alice was also responsible for helping to organize and establish a brand new association – Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands.

Alice currently serves as Treasurer for Power in Aging Collaborative, Inc. She is eager to stay on the Board in the position of Vice President and continue to see the association grow and expand.

### RUSS CLEVER • TREASURER O'FALLON, MISSOURI

A 1983 alumnus of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, St. Charles, Russ was one of the earliest graduating classes of boys. Now he is the first



MAUREEN E. RYAN  
CENTRAL REGION



ALICE BURNS  
EASTERN REGION



RUSS CLEVER  
SOUTHERN REGION



KAREN PATTERSON  
WESTERN REGION



SARA BURCHELL  
KESTNER  
EASTERN REGION

male alum nominated to the AASH Board. A father of four young boys, three of whom are now students at the Academy, Russ has found time to give back to his alma mater, serving on the Alumni Coordinating Council and a member of the Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG) Steering Committee.

His experience in finance and investments is a natural fit for his position on the Board. Russ is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney and earned the designation of certified financial planner. In addition, he serves on the endowment board of Duchesne High School, his alma mater, as well as his parish's finance committee.

Described as conscientious, earnest and involved, Russ is one of 11 children, many of whom attended the Academy. He looks forward to serving on the national Board.

### KAREN PATTERSON • RECORDING SECRETARY, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

At our 2009 National Conference in Los Angeles, Karen was honored with the Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award. A 1993 graduate of Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bellevue, Washington, Karen's passion and dedication to her school is evidenced by nine years on the Alumnae Board as well as three years on the Board of Trustees.

With a Bachelor of Arts in biopsychology from Barnard College, Columbia University, Karen went on to earn her Master in Public Health from the Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health. Since 2002, she has served as a project manager on international HIV prevention clinical trials at the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center.

Karen attended her first Regional in Atherton in 2008, an experience that gave her a deep insight to the strength and significance of alumnae/i bonds. Since then, she has connected with alums nationally as well as internationally at the AMASC World Congress in Malta last spring.

### SARA BURCHELL KESTNER CORRESPONDING SECRETARY SKILLMAN, NEW JERSEY

New to the Board, Sara attended Stuart Country Day School in Princeton, N.J., graduating in 1996. For four years, she served as president of her school's alumnae association and had previously served as vice president. She gave voice to the alumnae in her role on the Board of Trustees.



Sara was instrumental in developing her school's new website and continues to support it. She possesses a strong background in technology and brings a wealth of knowledge of social networking, experience that will certainly facilitate communication with alums.

Beyond Sacred Heart, Sara is the alumnae marketing specialist for Alpha Phi International Fraternity's Mid-Atlantic region. She received her bachelor's in computer science from Duke University in 2000 and works for Accenture.

Sara was also selected as the recipient of the 2011 Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award. Intelligent, responsible, organized and enthusiastic – these gifts and talents will serve Sara well in her new position on the AASH Board.

**BARBARA CLIFF PRICE**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**LATRUP VILLAGE, MICHIGAN**

For more than 20 years, Barbara has been active in the Alumnae/Alumni Board of Bloomfield Hills, serving two terms as president. She is now on the Advisory Board. A third generation alumna of Bloomfield Hills, Class of 1977, and the mother of an alum, Barbara attended her first AASH Conference in New Orleans in 1987 – and every National Conference since – a total of 12!

In addition to giving back to her alma mater, Barbara also served as Alumnae Director from 1987-95 and currently works in plant services. She has headed the Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG) self-evaluation team and was a member of the most recent team.

Her strong work ethic, collaborative spirit, understanding of and appreciation for Sacred Heart history and traditions and deep faith are gifts Barbara will share with the AASH Board.

**WENDY BUCKLAND**  
**EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**MALVERN, PENNSYLVANIA**

A dedicated, enthusiastic and active alumna of Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Bryn Mawr, Class of 1985, Wendy has served as a class representative and participant in the Alumnae Association as well as attended numerous Regional and National Conferences. She is part of a dynamic duo – her mother, Betty Rexford Buckland is the Alumnae Director at Bryn Mawr and Wendy pitches in whenever she is needed.

Wendy graduated from Syracuse University in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in television, radio and film production. She is currently an executive assistant for CMS Companies and has 12 years'



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**MARY LOCOCO FORSYTH**  
**WESTERN REGION**

experience in administration and client care. Her ability to balance numerous projects, attention to detail and discretion, along with her positive attitude and foresight have helped her succeed.

Wendy looks forward to planning, preparing and establishing friendships on the regional level and promises to be an engaged and invested member of the AASH Board.

**MARIA CRISTINA GARCIA**  
**SOUTHERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

Serving as one of the youngest members of the current board, Maria Cristina returns to the same position seasoned and with much enthusiasm. A 2000 graduate of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami and currently the Director of Alumnae Relations at her alma mater, she is looking forward to welcoming us in April at the 38th Biennial National Conference.

While taking on the task of serving as Southern Regional Director, "MC" (as she is known) has also taken on the responsibility of working closely with the national conference planning committee.

The past two years have afforded MC the opportunity to meet and work closely with many alums. She attended her first Southern Regional conference hosted in Grand Coteau, La., an experience she savored along with attending two AASH Board meetings held in St. Charles, Mo.

**MARY LOCOCO FORSYTH**  
**WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR**  
**SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

Mary thoroughly enjoyed her experience on the Board and is returning to serve a second term as Western Regional Director. As an alumna of both the Convent of the Sacred Heart, El Cajon and San Francisco College for Women, Mary's Sacred Heart experiences have flourished after graduation, both professionally and personally. Mary has been a teacher, administrator, parent, school board member and an Associate. All of these experiences combined with having been a past chair of the Network Commission on Goals now referred to as SHCOG have offered her the opportunity to visit every Sacred Heart School in the Network.

The first Sacred Heart conference she attended was AMASC in San Francisco in 1982. Mary is currently chairing the "In Mission for Life" effort in the San Diego area and also serves as Recording Secretary for the AASH LA Chapter.

# Cor Unum Award Recipients

TO BE PRESENTED IN MIAMI

## CENTRAL REGION

### *Patricia Eldredge Kolojeski, Grosse Pointe, Class of 1962*



Loveliness and grace might mask the thoroughgoing commitment and strength of Patricia Eldredge Kolojeski. Those who know her through the nine national and nine regional AASH conferences she has attended might not guess that she excelled as a medical/surgical and delivery room registered nurse, started and ran an estate sale business for 28 years, was an early volunteer of SHEP, a summer enrichment program for children in Detroit, begun by Annette Zipple, RSCJ, a member of the Inter Faith Council for Racial Justice, and a volunteer at the Teen Methadone Clinic.

It is much easier for us to see Patricia as the loving and devoted wife of Tom Kolojeski for 44 years, a wonderful mother of Martha and Tom, Jr., an adoring grandmother of four, and a committed member of her parish church. But most know Patricia as the model image of Grosse Pointe Alumnae of the Sacred Heart. When the school was on the brink of being closed and demolished in 1969, a core group

of alumnae and parents succeeded in purchasing the school and property and bringing on a lay board. While it would no longer be the beloved girls academy generations had cherished since 1885, alumnae committed their energy to preserving and proclaiming the values and even the traditions of "Sacred Heart."

The incarnation, Grosse Pointe Academy, an independent coed elementary school, still shows in every corridor and every publication its Sacred Heart roots. The depth of that heritage was showcased in October when Patricia spearheaded a 125th anniversary celebration at the school.

In 2009 the Grosse Pointe Alumni Association presented Patricia with the Coeur de L'Enfant Award in recognition of a life that embraces the ideals of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat and the philosophy of Sacred Heart education. Now AASH caps that recognition in proudly presenting her to be recognized nationally for living in the Heart with the Central Region Cor Unum Award for 2011.

## SOUTHERN REGION

### *Rosemary Holland Gidionsen, Maryville University, Class of 1950*



Rosemary Holland Gidionsen's life has been framed and graced by her Sacred Heart experience.

Rosemary has said, as many alums recount, that she had a fine Catholic education before entering college, but from her first day at Maryville she experienced learning and being at a whole new exalted, grace-filled level. Mother Odeide Mouton walking down the hall was enough to lift up her heart. In gratitude she returned to serve the University for 35 years.

After working as a fashion and freelance artist, and while raising her five children, Rosemary followed in the footsteps of her aunt, Dorothy Garesche Holland, Class of 1926, who was the first Alumnae Director at Maryville. Rosemary expanded her work beyond alumni to direct Parent Relations and Constituent Relations. In 1977, she moved to the position of Executive Assistant to the President. All the while, Rosemary's main goal was, in the words of one of her supporters, "to bridge the past with the present to ensure the values on which Maryville was built continued to thrive."

She saw, in Janet Erskine Stuart's words, the job was not to do what our forebears did but to do what they would do today.

Another remarkable Rosemary, Rosemary O'Neil of Chicago, writes, "She is blessed with the gift of thoughtful substantive support for the Sacred Heart tradition, which she expresses with considerable persuasion and charm. She has been a superb advocate of Sacred Heart standards as the world of Maryville has evolved."

Sister Shirley Miller credits that considerable persuasion and charm, along with Rosemary's deep commitment, for recently helping secure from the Maryville Board of Trustees a \$100,000 gift to the RSCJ In Mission for Life Campaign.

With one nominator calling her "a magnificent human being and the apotheosis of Sacred Heart values" and her children rising up to call her blessed, the committee easily chose Rosemary Holland Gidionsen as the Southern Region's 2011 Cor Unum Award winner.



*Toni Walsh Curry – Newton Country Day, Class of 1968*

Almost before she knew enough to say no to so much responsibility, Toni Walsh Curry served as President of the AASH, from 1981-1983. Since then, and serving her six years on the Board of Directors, she has remained a steadfast and enthusiastic supporter, advisor, and hands-on worker for AASH, while always blessed with the love, support and guidance of Sister Marie-Louise Wolfington, RSCJ a friend, confidant and an invaluable mentor.

Toni recalls the AASH conference in St. Louis in 1979 when she was not quite 30 years old. She and Jeanne Burke O'Fallon were to be the young alums responding to the remarks of two RSCJ giants: Odeide Mouton and Rita Karam. Toni confessed to wondering as the nuns spoke what in the world she was doing there. Now she says she knows: she was becoming a part of a remarkable group that has guided and enriched her life for the past 31 years.

While raising two sons, Timothy and Christopher, with her husband, Brian, and moving to New Jersey, Maryland, and finally back to Massachusetts, teaching special needs students, working and detailing events through Curry Event

Specialists, Inc. and presently in incentive sales for T. R. Miller Co., Toni has always put service at the heart of her days.

Among her numerous causes have been Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice in Brighton, Mass. where among many volunteer jobs she endowed in her mother's honor "Nanny's Nook," a bereavement resource center for children. In addition she has served on the Parent's Council at Boston College, co-chairing two consecutive Parents' Weekends and organized the Chilmark Red Bandana 5K Runners in memory of a Boston College alum who perished 9/11.

But the heart of Toni's service has been her service to Sacred Heart. Eastern Regional Director Alice Burns calls Toni "a whirling dervish for all things Sacred Heart" and adds, "Her spirit is contagious and unflagging." Alice witnessed this when Toni formed the Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands AASH group in 2008. The association's first event was hosted with her Newton classmate and dear friend of 50 years Katie McGregor Lannan.

AASH gratefully recalls Toni's trademark hard work behind the scenes for National Conferences and her ever-enthusiastic question, "Now what else should I be doing?"

*Susanna McPherson Lane – Forest Ridge, Class of 1948*

Susanna McPherson Lane "is truly a Renaissance woman who is admired in every circle in which she participates. Imagine Julie Andrews mixed with Audrey Hepburn and that is Mom!" Such are the words of her daughter Margaret.

Sue supported her husband, Jim, in his demanding medical career and was equally supportive of her three children, Jim, Jr., Margaret and Mary Jo. She has eight grandchildren and is an all around fun loving woman who has enjoyed trips to the local ski areas, the family cabin at Hood Canal, and adventurous trips around the world.

Sue's interest and commitments are numerous. She was counselor for the Pacific Northwest Region of the Organization of the Holy Sepulchre from 1990-2000, president and member of the Irene Hanley Circle of the Catholic Childhood Association "forever," is a member of the Children's Hospital Guild and member of the

Washington Women's Foundation. In addition she is an Arboretum member, a garden club member, the investment club president, a book club member, a supporter of the Seattle Art Museum, and was a Girl Scout leader.

In her service to Sacred Heart, Sue served AASH brilliantly and diligently, including as AASH President from 1991-1993. She was Chair of the Board of Trustees of Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart for two terms from 1986-1988. She also served as AMASC Hospitality Chair from 1994-2002. Sue and Sister Kathleen Sullivan were co-chairs of the Capital Campaign (2005-2007) for the beautiful new chapel and Sacred Heart center at Forest Ridge, which opened in 2006. She is currently an Associate in Seattle. She has been a great support to the Point Grey Alumnae Association in Vancouver.

Susanna McPherson Lane lives and breathes the goals of Sacred Heart education and is truly most deserving of the Cor Unum Award for the Western Region.

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LOYALTY TO SACRED HEART VALUES AND THE GIFT OF SELF IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.

# Cherishing our Spirit and History

## ALUMS GATHER TO CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, GROSSE POINTE

On October 23, alumnae filled the Chapel at Grosse Pointe to show their gratitude for the love and devotion of the Religious of the Sacred Heart. Eight of the 21 still living RSCJ attended and many of those who could not attend due to age or infirmity sent notes and memories of their days at Grosse Pointe.

After Mass, the guests gathered in the parlor for a wonderful party, reminiscing with the nuns and friends about the 'old days.' A memorabilia room was filled with pictures, medals, ribbons, prie-dieu, communion veil, the nun's veil, picture displays and stories of events going back in their history: Primes, May Crownings, the Lily Procession, Ring day, the early farm, and so much more. Phil Dimartini, Headmaster of the Academy, was so impressed that he had the students tour and learn more about their history and the tradition of Sacred Heart.

Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ, gave a beautiful reflection on the Sacred Heart and the Religious, past, present and future. It was a memorable evening, filled with love and joy and thanks for 125 years.



*Photos from top: RSCJ in attendance, front row: Yeung-Ja Park, Gail O'Donnell, Anne Eppig, Kinue Matsuzaki; back row: Bridget Bearss, Mary Brady, Angela Bayo, Rosemary Roney. Center photo, left to right: Frances Clark Bayer, RIP, Charles Bayer and Leontine Keane Cadieux; Bottom photo, left to right: Event Chairwomen Roselie Bellanca Posselius, Anne Bayer Burke, Patricia Eldredge Kolojeski and Catherine O'Brien McCuish.*



## Treasures from the Heart

In a letter dated June, 1984, Frances Savage Keenan wrote from Michigan, sending some holy cards her mother, Adelia Carey Savage, had collected. Adelia attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart in London, Ontario, Canada from 1877-1885. Frances entrusted several intricate, fragile and beautiful holy cards, exchanged among Academy students on holidays or used as birthday greetings. Along with them came letters written by the nuns to Adelia. The handwriting and careful choice of words remind of days gone by, and the letters are precious examples of the bond between students and their loving Sacred Heart mothers.

Adelia, Frances wrote, was a charter member of the Detroit Alumnae, and died at the age of 90 in 1957, "still talking of the love of all the children of the Sacred Heart so expressed by these cards and letters. No great world events, just another example of the love and caring which exists in all branches of the Society."

Now still in good condition at 125 years old, these holy cards are lovely expressions and evidence of a Sacred Heart family.

*Left: A delicate note card written to Miss Adelia Carey from M. Fitzgerald, RSCJ. "Thanks for your last letter. Write as often as you are allowed, or pray much for me."*

## PAST PRESIDENT PROFILE

### Maryliz deVito Lincoln



*Maryliz deVito Lincoln served as AASH President from 1999-2001.*

While Maryliz deVito Lincoln did not experience Sacred Heart education until she arrived at San Francisco College for Women, Lone Mountain, her gratitude for those four years remained constant in a faithful alumna who served as President of AASH from 1999-2001.

Maryliz graduated from her beloved Lone Mountain in 1965 and took the lessons learned and the love shared there and lived it out in her joyous service and extraordinary generosity to local alumni groups, nationally through AASH, and internationally to AMASC (Association Mondiales des Anciens/nes du Sacré Coeur). She was a Child of Mary, an Associate of the Society of the Sacred Heart and a great friend of the RSCJ retirement community at Oakwood.

During her tenure as President, Maryliz spread great joy and contagious enthusiasm. She oversaw an outstanding conference in San Francisco and loved composing for *Esprit de Coeur*, contributing to many creative stories and features.

Maryliz loved and really believed in AMASC: "It is truly an international family bond and how blessed we are to be part." She described AMASC this way, "I recall the years when AMASC came to the United States for the first time. It was 1978 and Miriam Gray was elected in Dublin, Ireland. Miriam asked me to be her Secretary-General ... When we returned to the U.S. our first mission was to explain AMASC to the country. During that time, AMASC published a newsletter and it was my job to see that it was sent to the National Presidents, in their language of choice: English, French or Spanish. I well remember typing the newsletter on a typewriter – no computers in those days! Not only no computers, but we had to rely on communications between the countries and AMASC via mail – no email, no fax! All of this had to be done on a very strict budget." Our recent improvements in communication – email for life, online community and eblasting – would have made Maryliz very proud!

An only child, Maryliz buried two husbands and a stepdaughter (she also had a stepson). Sacred Heart literally became her family. "My Sacred Heart family – locally, nationally and internationally – has been such a source of strength for me at so many times in my life," she said.

Maryliz was a great and joyous gift giver, always remembering birthdays and special occasions with cards or flowers. She was

devoted to the Little Sisters of the Poor and at Christmas asked residents to tell what each wanted. She then she shopped for the exact choices – for about 70 people – and wrapped each gift! Her husband Donald couldn't believe this and joined in the wrapping.

Maryliz died Nov. 27, 2003, suddenly, of an apparent heart attack. At the time, Maryliz was serving as AMASC Vice President, alongside her dear friend and AMASC President, Olga Seiferth Rome, The Rosary '53. At her funeral in San Francisco, Olga said, "People praised Maryliz as a woman of courage, bravery, strength, loyalty, dedication and commitment; the consummate care-giver who was always doing things for others; a woman of outstanding character, valiant, heroic, gentle, kind, compassionate and generous, who cherished her family and her innumerable

friends! Her devotion to the Religious of the Sacred Heart and a deep appreciation of her Sacred Heart education permeated her very being," said Olga.



*Maryliz and her dear friend Olga Rome.*

"Maryliz was a remarkable woman, fun, competent and so loving," wrote Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, who was serving as U.S. Provincial at the time.

In her honor, the Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award was established. It allows a alumna or alumnus, 35 or younger, who has demonstrated outstanding support of and loyalty to her/his alumnae/i association to attend an AASH conference. The remainder of Maryliz's bequest is carefully invested by AASH but it serves in the same way the donor did. Whenever there is a special need or a serious shortfall, a Board member will say, "We can always go to Maryliz." In life and in death, AASH has relied on Maryliz.

"In one remarkable life, AASH saw a model alumna and leader," said Barbara Brown Lopiccolo, who was AASH president when Maryliz died. "May each of us follow her sterling example: to let giving be our joy, wisdom be our aim, and faith be our guide." AASH is most grateful for the generosity, joy, wisdom and faith of Maryliz deVito Lincoln.



## Keynote Addresses

**Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ**

**Maureen Glavin, RSCJ**

*Contemplatives in Action for the 21st Century: A Dialogue with Sophie and Philippine*



*Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ*

Sister Cooke holds a Bachelor of Arts cum laude from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart (1976) and an interdisciplinary Master of Social Sciences from the University of Chicago. A native New Yorker, Sister Cooke graduated from Elmhurst Academy of the Sacred Heart in Portsmouth, Rhode Island in 1972. She has taught at Carrollton, Stone Ridge and Newton. After several years as Dean of Students at Carrollton, Sister Cooke went to Lima, Peru, where she taught English at El Instituto Nacional de Pedagogia. She has served as Head of Middle School at Stuart in Princeton and in 1990 was named Head of School at Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bellevue, Washington. Sister Cooke served on the Board of Directors of the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools, the Advisory Council for Anytime, Anywhere Learning and Florida Council of Independent Schools. Sister Cooke has served as Headmistress of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart since 1998. During her years as a Sacred Heart educator she has served on the Sacred Heart Commission on Goals and on the Board of Directors for the Network in addition to the boards of some of the Sacred Heart Schools in the United States. Sister Cooke is Past President of the Board of Directors of Coconut Grove Cares. Sister Cooke will also be offering a seminar titled *Dealing with the Pressure of Over Activity: The Need for Silence (Espacio)*

Sister Glavin is Head of School at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles. A native of Syracuse, New York, Sister Glavin holds a Bachelor's in Chemistry from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and a Master's in Theology conferred by St. Thomas University in Houston. In the early '90s, she taught seventh grade math and science at the Academy in St. Charles. During that time, she made her first vows as a Religious of the Sacred Heart in the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne. She later served as Assistant Principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Houston and as Director of the Junior High School at Carrollton. Sister Glavin spent three years teaching secondary level English, math and science at the Arusha Catholic Junior Seminary in Tanzania, East Africa. Global education is a passion of Sr. Glavin's. She has represented the Society of the Sacred Heart at the Latin American and Caribbean Sacred Heart educator meetings in Argentina, Chile, Puerto Rico, and most recently, Mexico. In addition she has served on the planning committee for the Global Education Conference in Washington, D.C. and the International Heads Meeting in St. Charles. Sister Glavin currently serves on the Board at Carrollton as well as the Association of the Christian Faithful at Barat Academy, a provisional member of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools.



*Maureen Glavin, RSCJ*

**Patricia Sanchez Abril, J.D.**

*Sophie 2.0 - Communicating in the Age of Technology*



*Patricia Sanchez Abril*

Patricia Sanchez Abril is a graduate of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Class of 1993, Duke University and Harvard Law School. She is an Assistant Professor in the Business Law Department at the University of Miami School of Business Administration. Professor Abril has published primarily in the areas of intellectual property and privacy law, with her most recent work focusing on privacy and its relation to social media, health and tort law. Her research has appeared in the *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*, *Florida Law Review*, *Houston Law Review*, *Wake Forest Law Review*, *Northwestern Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property* and *Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law*, among other journals. A frequent commentator on the subject of privacy and its relation to emerging technology, Professor Abril's remarks in both English and Spanish have appeared in numerous national and international broadcast and print outlets, including the BBC, El Mundo, the Associated Press, Oppenheimer Presenta, *The Christian Science Monitor*, MSNBC.com and CNN.com.

## Keynote Addresses

### Cecile Meijer, RSCJ, J.D.



Cecile Meijer, RSCJ

#### *Walking Together Toward a Better World: The Society and the United Nations*

Sister Meijer has served since September 2003 as NGO representative of the Society of the Sacred Heart at the United Nations. The Society of the Sacred Heart is one of hundreds of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) affiliated with the United Nations that work in various capacities to educate people about the UN and world problems and advocate for social change through lobbying. Sister Meijer is a lawyer from the Netherlands where she studied and practiced prior to moving to the U.S. in the mid 1980s. Before her appointment to the United Nations office, Sister Meijer served as legal coordinator for the War Crimes Research Office at the American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. During the 1990s she worked for several NGOs in the U.S. and Europe. Sister Meijer holds an LL.M. in international legal studies from American University Washington College of Law, and a J.D. degree from the Free University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

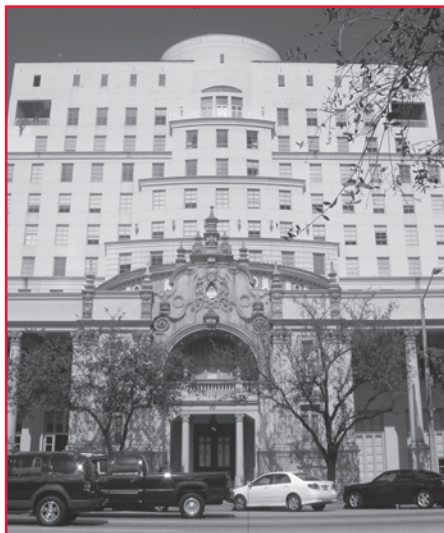


Melanie A. Guste, RSCJ

### Melanie A. Guste, RSCJ, Ph.D.

#### *Closing Remarks*

Sister Guste is a native of New Orleans. With her five sisters, she attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart and graduated in 1970. Sister Guste taught at the Academy of the Sacred Heart-Grand Coteau and at the Schools of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco. She served on the first evaluation team for what was then known as NCOG. Sister Guste has a Master's in Educational Administration and Supervision (M.Ed.) and Applied Spirituality (MAS). She recently completed a Ph.D. in Human and Organizational Systems. After several years at the Center for Educational Design and Communication (CEDC) in Washington, D.C., Sister Guste returned to Louisiana where she has been working on the issues of poverty and the enhancement of nonprofit organizations. She has served on the Board of Directors at Grand Coteau and at the Rosary. She serves on the Provincial Team of the Society of the Sacred Heart and is assigned to work on its strategic plan and its institutional relationships.



### Our Conference Hotel – The Westin Colonnade, Coral Gables

Located in the beautiful and historic city of Coral Gables, adjacent to the famous Miracle Mile shopping, gallery and dining district, the Coral Gables Westin Colonnade will serve as the 2011 AASH National Conference hotel.

Minutes away from the Miami International Airport, Downtown Miami, South Beach, Coconut Grove and Key Biscayne, the Westin Colonnade is located at 180 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

When making your reservations, please remember to mention the AASH National Conference to enjoy the special rates beginning at \$199.

Hotel details, including room reservations, special AASH rates, parking and dining information can all be found at <http://www.westin.com/coralgables> or by calling (305) 441-2600.

# Seminar Speakers



**Lizette Alvarez, Carrollton '82:** *How the Internet and the 24-Hour News Cycle Have Changed Journalism: What Journalists Must Do to Stay Relevant and Credible*

Ms. Alvarez is the Miami bureau chief for *The New York Times* for the past 16 years.

Lizette Alvarez



**Christina Casado, Carrollton '90:** *Educating Children to be Good Stewards of the Earth*

Ms. Casado is Miami-Dade County's Community Image Manager and directs the County's urban greening program. She is the founder of Citizens for a Better South Florida.

Christina Casado



**Alexandra Codina, Carrollton '96:** *Actualizing the Dream: The Making of a Documentary*

Ms. Codina wrote, directed and produced the award winning documentary "Monica and David," Best Documentary at the Tribeca Film Festival.

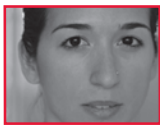
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**Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ, Elmhurst '72, Manhattanville '76:** *Dealing with the Pressure of Over Activity: The Need for Silence (Espacio)*

Sister Cooke is currently the Headmistress of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, Florida.

Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ



**Vanessa Garcia, Carrollton '97:** *Meshing and Merging: The Exacting Practice of Creative Expression*

Ms. Garcia is an accomplished artist, journalist, novelist, playwright and actor. She is the founder The Krane, a non-profit organization that brings art and theatre to the global community.

Vanessa Garcia



**Jill Hanson, J.D., Manhattanville '67:** *Greeting the Strangers in Our Land: Responding to the Challenge of Immigration in the Spirit of Sophie*

Ms. Hanson is president and legal counsel for El Sol, Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center.

Jill Hanson

**Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ, Ph.D., Sheridan Road '55, Duchesne College '59:** *The Journey to Wholeness: How Working with the Mentally Ill Helped Me Achieve Integration*

Sister Kehoe currently works in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and is the author of *Wrestling With Our Inner Angels: Faith, Mental Illness and the Journey to Wholeness*.



Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ

**Joanna Lombard:** *Architectural and Historical Presentation on Carrollton's El Jardin and the Barnacle*

Professor Lombard is a tenured professor at the School of Architecture at the University of Miami and was recently the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Carrollton.



Joanna Lombard

**Kristy Nunez, J.D., Carrollton '98 and Ana Ojeda, Ph.D., Carrollton '98:** *Urban Promise Miami-*



Kristy Nunez

*Camp Courage: Reciprocity at Work*  
Ms. Nunez and Dr. Ojeda are founders of Camp Courage, a summer program for at-risk children dedicated to academic, social, emotional and spiritual growth.



Ana Ojeda

**Meg MacWhirter, Stone Ridge '01:** *The Call to Global Citizenship*

Ms. MacWhirter currently supports strategic planning in the Office of the President at Georgetown University, specializing in global development and health.



Meg MacWhirter

**Christen Parker, Carrollton '99:** *Moun Pou Moun - Educate Employ Empower: A Response for Haiti*

Ms. Parker founded and is executive director of this outreach initiative in Southern Haiti, which strives to offer assistance through education, microlending and food procurement.



Christen Parker



# *Seminar Speakers*



**Martha Pelaez, Ph.D., Havana '60, Manhattanville '69:**  
*Increased Longevity: Challenges and Opportunities and Incrementar la Longevidad: Retos y Oportunidades*

This seminar will be offered in English and Spanish. **Dr. Pelaez** is the Director of the Healthy Aging Regional Collaborative at the Health Foundation of South Florida and has served as the Regional Advisor on Aging and Health for the Americas in the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization in Washington, D.C.

**Helen Rosenthal, RSCJ, Ph.D., St. Charles '48, Maryville '57:**



*The Adventures of Lucile Mathevon, RSCJ – Early Companion of Philippine*

**Sister Rosenthal** has served as a missionary in Chile for many years. As professor at St. Thomas University in Miami, she established the Center for Spirituality and created different online programs including the International Online Certificate Program in Spirituality Studies.

*Helen Rosenthal, RSCJ*

**Sacred Heart Associates:** *Associates Answering the Call for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation*

The Associates walk shoulder to shoulder with RSCJ in mutual relationships and pray together to develop faithful lives.

**Connie Solari:** *A Woman for All Seasons: Madeleine Sophie Barat as 21st Century Heroine*



**Mrs. Solari** is currently on the faculty at the Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton, California. She has spent the last year writing a novel based on the life of Madeleine Sophie Barat.

*Connie Solari*

**Ana Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H., Carrollton '75:** *From Carrollton to State Surgeon General: The Path I Have Taken and the Experiences That Have Motivated My Choices*

**Dr. Viamonte Ros** is Florida's first Surgeon General and the only one in the United States empowered with executive authority over all agency operations.



*Ana Viamonte Ros*

## **Two-Hour Seminars**

**Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ, Ph.D., Newton College '63 and Madeleine Sophie Ortman, Stone Ridge '63, Barat College, 67:**



*Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ*

*Formation to Sacred Heart Spirituality and Mission in our Network Schools*

**Sister Hughes** has served two terms as Provincial Superior of the United States Province. She has written eight books and published hundreds of articles on worship, sacraments, preaching, language and feminism.

**Ms. Ortman** has been the Executive Director of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools since 2003.



*Madeleine Sophie Ortman*

**Barbara Quinn, RSCJ, Ph.D.:** *Mystic Prophets for the 21st Century, Who Me?*

**Sister Quinn** is the Associate Director of Spiritual Formation in the School of Theology and Ministry at Boston College.



*Barbara Quinn, RSCJ*

*For the latest information and complete speaker profiles, please visit the 2011 AASH Conference website: [www.aashmiami.org](http://www.aashmiami.org)*



## 2011 Woman of Conscience

### HELEN ROSENTHAL, RSCJ

“Do you love the Lord enough to go on missions for him?” asked the Mother General of Helen Rosenthal, an RSCJ in Rome in 1959. Thus began Sister Rosenthal’s 20-year journey as a missionary.

A child of the Sacred Heart through and through, Sister Rosenthal graduated from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in St. Charles and is an alumna of Maryville University in St. Louis. She entered the Society at Kenwood in 1950 after which she was assigned to work at a number of schools in the Network including Villa Duchesne in St. Louis, the Rosary in New Orleans and Clifton in Cincinnati, where she doubled the enrollment of the primary school during her stay. As a probationist, Sister Rosenthal was sent to the Trinita as Sacristan for Mater. It was here that Mother Benziger, Assistant General, guided Sister Rosenthal to her mission in Chile.

Just after final vows in February of 1960, Sister Rosenthal traveled to Viña del Mar where, like Rose Philippine Duchesne, she arrived in a new country with little knowledge of the language or customs. Before leaving Rome, she asked one of the Spanish nuns how to ask for a blessing from the Superior in Spanish! From those first few words, Sister Rosenthal journeyed through 20 years of doing “a little bit of everything.” She began working in the middle school; she taught English to third and fourth graders, even translating the Scott Foresman Reader for them. Sister Rosenthal grew into the roles of Surveillante General for the whole school, division head of the grade school and later on became Head of School, which soon had over 600 students. Then she was sent to Concepcion, where the provincial asked her to merge the grade school and the free school. Later on, after having attended the Institute for Religious Formation at St. Louis University in 1973-1974, she became Spiritual Director for the 19 RSCJ communities in Chile, taking on the role of Superior for the community in Talca in the south, and local superior of the community in Coquimbo, the poorest region in the north.

Sister Rosenthal’s journey, like that of Philippine, was not without its challenges. Because only two of the RSCJ in the four large schools in Chile had degrees, Sister Rosenthal was asked to



get a degree while in Chile. While working full-time in the schools, she received two Master’s degrees (Education and Guidance and Counseling) attending night classes at the Catholic University of Valparaiso, Chile. In 1965, an earthquake struck the area, destroying the convent that was soon declared uninhabitable by the Navy. Sister Rosenthal had to move the entire school first to a house lent to them by the bishop and later to pre-fabricated cabins, which the school used for the next four years until its permanent move to the Reñaca location in 1969. Later on, Sister Rosenthal contracted the Hong Kong flu. As a result of the high fever, or of the medication used to treat it, the nerve endings in both ears were severely damaged rendering her partially deaf in both ears. Sister Rosenthal learned to communicate very successfully by reading lips.

Upon returning to the U.S. after 20 years in Chile, Sister Rosenthal earned her doctorate in Historical Theology from St. Louis University. In 1986, she made the move to Miami, where she chose to continue her journey at St. Thomas University. During her first year there, she established the Center for Spirituality, the training Program for Spiritual Directors, and the Post-Masters Certificate Program in Spirituality. Later, she also served as Chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies. Additionally, Sister Rosenthal created the International Online Certificate Program in Spirituality Studies through which she works with students all over the world. Now, retired since September, Sister Rosenthal lives in a community of four in South Miami and hopes to spend much of her time writing. In addition to actively maintaining a daily blog ([www.reflectionsofanrscj.blogspot.com](http://www.reflectionsofanrscj.blogspot.com)), she has been asked to research and write about our Sacred Heart pioneer mothers.

Because of her undying fidelity to the call of God to be a missionary and make known God’s love throughout the world, we are proud to recognize Sister Helen Rosenthal as the 2011 Woman of Conscience Award recipient.

Sister Rosenthal will be offering a seminar on Friday, April 8 titled *The Adventures of Lucile Mathevon, RSCJ – Early Companion of Philippine*.



**Wednesday, April 6**

	Registration available afternoon/evening
TBD	AASH Board meeting
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Alumnae and Alumni Directors meeting
	<i>Alumnae and alumni arriving early are welcome to tour the city on their own.</i>

**Thursday, April 7**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration available
	<b>Conference Opens</b>
2 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Welcome – Beth Lowry Speck, 2009-2011 AASH President
	Invocation – Paula Toner, RSCJ, Provincial United States Province of the Society of the Sacred Heart
	<b>AASH General Session I</b>
3:15 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	Maryliz DeVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award Presentation
3:40 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	Introduction of Central Team members: Paula Toner, RSCJ Provincial, Catherine Lloyd, RSCJ and Hiroko Okui, RSCJ
	Opening Address – <i>Contemplatives in Action for the 21st Century: A Dialogue with Sophie and Philippine</i> Presented by Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ and Maureen Glavin, RSCJ
4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Regional meetings
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Poolside Welcome Cocktail Party (light dinner and live entertainment)
TBD	Hospitality Suite open



# AASH NATIONAL CONFERENCE - APRIL 7-10, 2011

## Friday, April 8

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast buffet
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration available
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart viewing of “Monica and David”
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Q&A with “Monica and David” director and producer Alexandra Codina, Carrollton '96
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Seminars, first session
11:35 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Break
11:50 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.	Seminars, second session
10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Two-Hour Seminars
1:00 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	Luncheon  <i>Sophie 2.0 – Communicating in the Age of Technology</i> Presented by Patricia Sanchez Abril, Carrollton '93
1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	<b>AASH General Session II</b>
3:00 p.m.	Depart for Excursions: Cape Florida State Park, Merrick Park, Coconut Grove, Barnyard and St. Alban's, Miami City Tour
6:30 p.m.	Arrive back at hotel
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Home Dinners
TBD	Hospitality Suite open

## Saturday, April 9

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast buffet
9:00 a.m.	Depart for Cor Unum Liturgy
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Cor Unum Liturgy and Awards
11:30 a.m.	Arrive back at hotel
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Cor Unum Luncheon  Student Essay Contest Winner Presentation  <i>Walking Together Toward a Better World – The Society and the United Nations</i> , Presented by Cecile Meijer, RSCJ
2:30 p.m.	Depart for Excursions: Vizcaya, Historic Homes Tour, Bayside, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Crandon Park Beach
5:00 p.m.	Arrive back at hotel
6:00	Buses depart for <i>Tropical Night Under the Stars – Noche Tropical Bajo las Estrellas</i> , Cocktail and Dinner Party at Carrollton
9:00 p.m.	Buses begin to depart for hotel, leaving every half hour until 10:30 p.m.
TBD	Hospitality Suite open

## Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Sunday Morning Mass
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Concluding plated breakfast  Closing Remarks, Presented by Melanie Guste, RSCJ  <b>AASH General Session III</b> Election of 2011-13 Board and invitation to 2013 Conference Closing of Conference

## Conference Tours

### FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2011



*Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park is the home of a historic lighthouse.*

At **Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park** visitors come to sunbathe, swim and picnic on more than one mile of sandy Atlantic beachfront. Biking and kayaking are popular activities.

**The Village of Merrick Park** is a place where fashion and style come to life in a quaint village brimming with fountains, lush tropical foliage and a serene garden to relax and enjoy the sunshine.

**Coconut Grove** attracts tycoons, artists, writers and musicians galore. Here, one can shop, dine and stroll along beautiful canopied sidewalks.

**The Miami City Tour** offers a chance to explore and discover the fantastic sights and sounds of “The Magic City.” Tours will be given by Carrollton Alumnae Association members.

### *Community Service Excursions*

On these excursions, participants will have an opportunity to interact with the children served by two social agencies close to the hearts of all associated with Carrollton, **The Barnyard** and **St. Alban’s Child Enrichment Center**. Limited space is available.

*Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden is truly a unique place.*



### SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011

**Vizcaya**, a national historic landmark, is also a museum owned by Miami-Dade County and accredited by the American Association of Museums. Built by agricultural industrialist James Deering in 1916, Vizcaya Museum & Gardens features a Main House, 10 acres of formal gardens and a rockland hammock (native forest).

With its golf and tennis facilities, unique eco-adventures and breathtaking beach, **Crandon Park Visitor and Nature Center** offers something for everyone.

At **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**, guests can walk garden paths surrounded by the wonders and beauty of nature, talk to experts in horticulture, conservation and science, view impressive art, see butterflies and birds at every turn.

Indulge yourself at **Bayside Marketplace** – the best food, fun and shopping Miami has to offer.

### *Historic Homes Excursion*

Join Joanna Lombard, architect and professor at the University of Miami School of Architecture, for a tour of two of Miami’s historic homes, both featured in her most recent book, *Great Houses of Florida*. The two stops on the tour are Carrollton’s own landmark, El Jardin, and the Barnacle, one of Carrollton’s closest historical neighbors.



*Vizcaya is a national historic landmark with a museum and formal garden.*

# TOP SHELF

BOOKS BY SACRED HEART AUTHORS



Elaine Stenger's most recent book is *Dancing in the Rain*.

## *Dancing in the Rain: Step into the Transformative Power of Choice*

BY ELAINE STENGER, PH.D., CLIFTON '72

*Dancing in the Rain* is a story of love, forgiveness and self-empowerment. After years of mindlessly fueling her life with anger and fear, Elaine discovered how to consciously create her life with joy and compassion. Her vulnerability, honesty and realistic look at life touch a deep ache and engage the heart of the reader. As she shares her day-to-day joys and challenges to live a more heart-centered life, readers willingly join her to examine their own choices and transform their lives.

Elaine writes: "An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life and says, 'A fight is going on inside me. It is a terrible fight between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, greed, self-pity and resentment. The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, kindness, compassion and generosity. The same fight is going on in you and in everyone.' The grandson asks, 'Which one will win?' The grandfather replies, 'The one you feed.'"

Elaine uses everyday experiences as illustrations and explores the complex and compelling issues of transformation, conscious living and the power of the soul. She invites readers to live a more heart-centered life, by choice. "I had new insights into how to live from the heart," wrote one reader.

A national speaker and inspiring author, Elaine is the mother of two. For more than 25 years, she worked with colleges and corporations, hospitals and community groups, high schools and women's organizations. In her presentations, she weaves a practical perspective together with spiritual insights and personal experiences to offer "transformative teaching" – touching the heart of the matter and generating significant and lifelong learning. For more information or to order *Dancing in the Rain*, visit [www.elainestenger.com](http://www.elainestenger.com).

## *Sailing Down the Moonbeam* BY MARY GOTTSCHALK, CLIFTON '61

Mary describes her memoir as a "combination adventure story and personal journey of which taught me to love taking risks and living out of control." Once she finished graduate school, Mary moved to New York City, where she focused on her career as an economist, commodity banker and corporate treasurer. Then, in the mid 1980s, she and her husband, Tom, made the conscious decision to seek more from life and decided to sail around the world. Their story is an example of learning to love living out of control.

One reader commented, "The message was not so much about what can go wrong, as what can go right when we take risks." Another writes, "*Sailing Down the Moonbeam* gives us a glimpse of what life is like when time is measured not by the small increments of seconds, minutes and hours, but by the rising of the sun and the rising of the moon and stars. It's a liberating book."

When Mary's adventure came to an unexpected end, she backpacked through Asia and the Middle East before taking up a financial consulting position in Melbourne, Australia. She spent the next decade consulting in New Zealand, Central America and Europe. Then, in the late 1990s, she became the deputy director of Community Access, a nonprofit organization that provides housing and support services to the mentally ill in New York City.

Now living in Des Moines, Iowa, Mary is currently working on a new novel. *Sailing Down the Moonbeam* is available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



Mary Gottschalk and her recently published memoir.





# AASH National Conference

April 7–10, 2011 | Miami, Florida

## Registration/Payment

Submit registration form and payment online, or mail registration form and check to address in Section VII. Forms must be accompanied by payment.

### Section I: Contact Information

Your Name (as you wish it to appear on your nametag)

Title  First  Maiden  Last

Mailing Address

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Sacred Heart School(s) and Year(s) of Graduation:

Please indicate if you have been designated by your association as a:  Voting Delegate  Voting Alternate

Name of Association:

### Section II: Full Registration | Deadline March 6, 2011

- \$375 Early Registration (paid by Monday, February 16, 2011)
- \$425 Regular Registration (paid by Monday, March 6, 2011)
- \$500 Late Registration (after Monday, March, 6, 2011)

Please note lodging is not included in registration costs. Westin Colonnade Coral Gables is the conference hotel — please contact them directly (305-441-2600) and ask for AASH conference rates.

Events listed below are **included in the full registration price.**

Please check all events that you plan to attend:

- Welcome Cocktail Reception (Thursday, April 7)
- Breakfast Buffet (Friday, April 8)
- Alumna Guest Speaker Lunch (Friday, April 8)
- Alumnae Home Dinners (Friday, April 8)
- Continental Breakfast (Saturday, April 9)
- Cor Unum Liturgy and Lunch (Saturday, April 9)
- Tropical Night Under the Stars – Noche Tropical Bajo las Estrellas Cocktail and Dinner Reception at Carrollton (Saturday, April 9)
- Farewell Breakfast & General Meeting (Sunday, April 10)
- I will need transportation throughout the conference

Please see Sections IV and V to select options for conference seminars and excursions, which are also included in full registration price.

### Section III: Partial Registration

(Full Registrants, skip this section. If you are registering for a partial registrant, please register him/her separately.)

Guests and local area alums are welcome and encouraged to attend individual events with payment of fee indicated and reservations made in advance (please note some venues have limited space).

Please check all events that you plan to attend:

- |   | Cost/per person |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Cocktail Reception (Thursday, April 7).....  | \$75            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars (Friday, April 8) .....   | \$60            |
| <i>Please select workshop(s) in Section IV</i>  |                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumna Guest Speaker Lunch (Friday, April 8) .....   | \$45            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cor Unum Liturgy and Lunch (Saturday, April 9) .....   | \$75            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Night Under the Stars – Noche Tropical Bajo las Estrellas Cocktail and Dinner Reception at Carrollton (Saturday, April 9) ..... | \$125           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farewell Breakfast & General Meeting (Sunday, April 10).....   | \$50            |
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| <b>Subtotal \$</b> _____  |                 |

**Questions?** Please contact Registration Chair

Iris Kolaya at 305.815.5735 or [aash.register@gmail.com](mailto:aash.register@gmail.com)

## Section IV: Seminars

Please select **two one-hour seminars OR one two-hour seminar** in your order of preference (1st, 2nd, and 3rd).

Space is limited; availability will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

### One-hour Seminars:

- Lizette Alvarez '82: *How the Internet and the 24-Hour News Cycle Have Changed Journalism: What Journalists Must Do To Stay Relevant and Credible*
- Christina Casado '90: *Educating Children to be Good Stewards of the Earth*
- Alexandra Codina '96: *Actualizing the Dream: The Making of a Documentary*
- Suzanne Cooke, RSCJ '72, '76: *Dealing with the Pressure of Over Activity: The Need for Silence (Espacio)*
- Vanessa Garcia '97: *Meshing and Merging: The Exacting Practice of Creative Expression*
- Jill Hanson '67: *Greeting the Strangers In Our Land: Responding to the Challenge of Immigration in the Spirit of Sophie*
- Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ '55, '59: *The Journey to Wholeness: How Working with the Mentally Ill Helped Me Achieve Integration*
- Kristy Nunez '98 and Ana Ojeda '98: *Urban Promise Miami-Camp Courage: Reciprocity At Work*
- Meg MacWhirter '01: *The Call to Global Citizenship*
- Christen Parker '99: *Moun Pou Moun-Educate Employ Empower: A Response for Haiti*
- Martha Pelaez, Ph.D. '60, '69: *Increased Longevity: Challenges and Opportunities*
- Martha Pelaez, Ph.D. '60, '69: **(en Español)** — *Incrementar la Longevidad: Retos y Oportunidades*
- Helen Rosenthal, RSCJ '48, '57: *The Adventures of Lucile Mathevon, RSCJ – Early Companion of Philippine*
- Sacred Heart Associates: *Associates Answering the Call for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation*
- Connie Solari: *A Woman For All Seasons: Madeleine Sophie Barat as a Twenty-First Century Heroine*
- Ana Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H. '75: *From Carrollton to State Surgeon General. The Path I Have Taken and the Experiences that have Motivated My Choices.*

### Two-hour Seminars:

- Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ '63 and Madeleine Ortman, '63,'67: *Formation to Sacred Heart Spirituality and Mission in our Network Schools*
- Barbara Quinn, RSCJ: *Mystic Prophets for the 21st Century, Who Me?*

## Section V: Excursions

Excursions are included in the full registration cost; fee for partial registrants is \$30 for Friday and \$60 for Saturday. Please check all that apply:

- I will participate in an excursion on Friday, April 8 (*depart hotel at 3:00 pm; return to hotel at 6:30 pm*).  
Choose one of the following options:
  - Afternoon at the beach at Cape Florida State Park
  - Shopping at Village of Merrick Park
  - Shopping in Coconut Grove
  - Miami City Tour
  - Community Service (*select one of the following projects*):
    - Project A: The Barnyard (*school-age children*)
    - Project B: St. Albans (*infants & toddlers*)
- I will not participate in an excursion on Friday, April 8
- I will participate in an excursion on Saturday, April 9 (*depart hotel at 2:30 pm; return to hotel at 5:00 pm*).  
Choose one of the following options:
  - Vizcaya Museum & Gardens
  - Historic Home Lecture and Tour, including Carrollton's El Jardin with University of Miami Professor Joanna Lombard
  - Shopping at Bayside Marketplace
  - Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
  - Afternoon at Crandon Park Beach
- I will not participate in an excursion on Saturday, April 9

Subtotal \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?** Please contact Registration Chair  
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000 – Sophie's Circle<br><i>Sponsor an RSCJ (to cover conference expenses).</i>   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 – Pink Ribbon  |
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