

# Esprit de Coeur

*spirit of the heart*



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

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**PIETAS, CARITAS, MAGNANIMITAS  
FEDERATION, SPIRIT, SERVICE**

# Treasures of the Heart

## OUT OF THE RUBBLE OF 1913, DUCHESNE REBUILT ITS LEGENDARY SCHOOL OF TODAY

One of the first companions of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat was another French woman named Philippine Duchesne, the Society's pioneer missionary. In 1818, she started the first Sacred Heart School in America in the frontier village of St. Charles, Missouri. The year 1881 marked the opening of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Omaha.

In 1881, Mother Margaret Dunne and three Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ) came from Manhattanville in New York to assess the possibility of establishing a Sacred Heart school in Omaha. Bishop James O'Connor took them by carriage to a part of the city called Park Place, located far to the north and west of the city. The roads were rut-filled and dusty and there was not a home in sight. The land was a mass of tangled weeds high on a hill looking down at the city. In spite of the roughness of the terrain and the primitiveness of this frontier town, Mother Dunne returned to Omaha to found the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

In October of 1881 school began with an enrollment of three students. By Christmas enrollment grew to 15. In 1903, its alumnae returned to the campus to hold its first reunion – some 40 young women marking an historic moment in time.

In the first 10 years enrollment grew to 150 students. A life-



Two top photographs show the state-of-the-art Convent of the Sacred Heart Duchesne Academy as it is today -- welcoming the 39th Biennial AASH Conference and showing off its new addition.



altering event occurred on Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913, when a devastating tornado demolished the north wing of the school. The killer tornado – which hit the city shortly after Easter church services – caused such extensive damage to the original structure's north side that plans were made to level it. Concerned citizens stepped forward and the building was repaired. Reconstruction took a full year and changed the front entrance to the present circle drive.

In 1915, the school added college courses and renamed itself Duchesne College and Convent of the Sacred Heart. In addition to the Academy, the Religious of the Sacred Heart operated and staffed Duchesne College and an elementary school for more than 60 years. The college closed in 1968 and the elementary school was

phased out in the mid-1970's, having educated thousands of students from preschool through college. Following the close of the college, the institution was renamed Duchesne Academy. Duchesne Preschool reopened in 1999 to boys and girls.

Today, Duchesne Academy is noted for its historic past and its academic future. New additions to the school have created a renewed landmark in Omaha: from the devastation of a tornado has risen a true Treasure of The Heart.



Easter Sunday, 1913 a devastating tornado struck Omaha, leaving Duchesne in a state of near destruction.

The land was a mass of tangled weeds high on a hill looking down at the city. In spite of the roughness of the terrain and the primitiveness of this frontier town, Mother Dunne returned to Omaha to found the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Duchesne Convent College and Academy in Omaha, prior to the 1913 tornado..



The first alumnae reunion of "Park Place" graduates was photographed October 20, 1903 by Louis R. Bostwick (1868-1943), who chronicled historic Omaha events for more than 40 years. This image is used by permission of the Durham Museum and is from its extensive Bostwick-Frohardt Collection.



# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FROM AASH PRESIDENT 2011-2013

**MAUREEN E. RYAN**

BARAT COLLEGE 1981

*Dear Alums...*

*This issue of Esprit de Coeur has details of the upcoming 39th Biennial Call to Conference being hosted in Omaha April 10-14. Suzy Kratochvil, Conference Chair and her committee, as well as the alumnae and current students, faculty, staff and administrators of Duchesne Academy are eager to welcome you to their beautiful school. Duchesne has just completed a state of the art five-story addition connected to the original building built in 1881. And, since we are celebrating our 80th year anniversary, it is most fitting that this issue is filled with many stories of Duchesne alumnae – past and present – to help bring our history alive, as we Celebrate our Legacy in the Heartland. And speaking of Legacy, read about the heartwarming generosity of Shelagh Mary O'Dwyer, Point Grey '38, on page 13.*

*About the cover: it was in 1933 the Very Reverend Mother Manuela Vicente, Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart, when solicited for a little word about the first reunion, sent the motto "Pietas, Caritas, Magnanimitas". And during the initial meeting, the Very Reverend Robert S. Johnston, S.J., President of St. Louis University, gave the opening address. In part he stated; "When we inspect the programme to learn the subjects of the "Papers" for this convention, we find that the titles are "Federation," "Spirit," "Service." The mere choice of subjects so appropriate and so vital seems in itself a guarantee of the success of the Convention. And their initial letters, F S S, offer at least a passing suggestion of a holy phrase, - "F.S.S.," "Filiae Sacratissimi," "Daughters of the Most Sacred."*

*After the first meeting was hosted, AASH president Sara Chambers Polk wrote to Mother Mary Reid stating, "We think it is of vital importance, for the success of our undertaking, that each individual member be made to realize that she is an integral part of the Association, a link in the chain, and we can only be strong as our links are strong."*

*We count on your financial support to help us stay financially strong and continue to improve the services we offer as an association so that we will flourish for the next 80 years. I'd like to suggest that in honor of this momentous and special anniversary year, please consider a gift to AASH, either in honor or memory of a loved one: someone you wish to recognize, to show your appreciation and gratitude – a parent, a friend, a sibling, RSCJ, or mentor. Remember to check our website for the list of corporations with Matching Gifts Programs. Your dollars may be doubled or tripled, so check it out.*

*In this issue, you will note that a very special award was created this year -- the Janet Erskine Stuart Spirit Award – to recognize individuals who, through their work, continue to strengthen the spiritual and educational mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.*

*To read more about the history of AASH, its first meeting in 1933 and the names of Association Presidents shown on our cover, who attended the very first AASH meeting, visit my blog – [aashpresidentmer.blogspot.com](http://aashpresidentmer.blogspot.com).*

*I look forward to seeing you in Omaha!*

*Warm Regards in the Heart,*



*Maureen Elizabeth Ryan*



*Pictured left - right: Meghan Conway Rowen, Director of Alumnae and Special Events; Suzy Kratochvil, AASH Conference Chair; Sheila Haggas, Head of School Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart; Maureen Ryan, AASH President.*

# Southern Regional Conference



Alums from the Southern Region met in Houston, Texas and appropriately the conference theme was Deep in the Heart. A special Fiesta Celebration was planned at Regis School on Friday evening and we all received a warm welcome by Dr. Nancy Taylor, Head of School.

Beth Speck, AASH Past President and Director of Admissions at Duchesne Academy proudly introduced Patricia Swenson, the New Head of School.

Keynote speaker, Melanie Guste, RSCJ gave a thought provoking talk followed by a slide presentation entitled "Philippine Duchesne: A Spirituality of Mission in Today's World".

To read more visit the [aashmerpresident.blogspot.com](http://aashmerpresident.blogspot.com) dated November 2, 2012.

**1.** AASH President Maureen Ryan with siblings, Adele and Ann Caire, RSCJ. **2.** Ten RSCJ joined us - Srs.: Lynne Lieux, Adele Caire, Melanie Guste, Bonnie Kearney, Ann Caire, Sharon Karam, Sheila Hammond, Georgeann Parizek, Diane Roche, and Jan Dunn **3.** Patricia Swenson – Duchesne Academy Head of School **4.** Linzee Evans LaGrange and Peggy Adams **5.** Maria Cristina Garcia – AASH Southern Regional Director **6.** Carmen DeMoya and Patsy Martin **7.** Dede Sheehan Brunetti and Sr. Sharon Karam, RSCJ **8.** Jodie Hannaman Thorne and Maggie Sieger Kaspura **9.** Russ Clever and Beth Lowry Speck **10.** Annmarie Harris Block and Tata Young.

# Duchesne Alum “Pays It Forward”

## *Giving the Gift of a Sacred Heart Education at Josephinum Academy*

When Michaela Betterman D’Arrigo first visited Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart as an eighth grade student in Nebraska, she immediately recognized her heart’s desire to attend. Unfortunately, her family faced financial challenges at the time that appeared to put a school like Duchesne out of her reach.

Michaela remembers, “It was Sr. Shirley Miller who opened the doors to Duchesne. I can still remember meeting her as an eighth grader, and her telling my mother that Duchesne would offer the financial assistance that would make it affordable for my family. The gift of a Sacred Heart education has transformed my life forever.”

Today, Michaela devotes herself to “paying it forward” by serving as a board member at Josephinum Academy in Chicago, the newest Sacred Heart School that is bringing new life to St. Madeleine Sophie’s vision for Sacred Heart education.

“When I had children, I was determined that they would attend a Sacred Heart School and receive the same value-based education I was so privileged to receive.”

It was through the Sheridan Road community that Michaela first learned about Josephinum in 2006. Today, Josephinum opens the doors to Sacred Heart education to promising young women, nearly 70% of whom come from impoverished families. The average family income for a Josephinum student is just \$32,000, and families can afford to pay just a fraction of the true cost of education. The school depends upon the generosity of its donors to support nearly 80% of its annual expenses — a challenging responsibility that Michaela has embraced wholeheartedly.

“When I first visited Josephinum, I felt the same peaceful and welcoming spirit that I experienced at Duchesne. I remembered the sense of gratitude and relief I felt when Sr. Miller reassured my mother that I would be able to attend. I knew that I had to help open the doors to Josephinum for our deserving students.”

Chicago, like many large cities, is experiencing an educational crisis. Public schools are unsafe and have high dropout rates, and the private schools are unaffordable to those most in need. Michaela felt called to make sure that the precious opportunity for a Sacred Heart education, which she was determined to pass onto her four children, would also be available for those less fortunate.

As the Chair of the Development Committee for Josephinum’s board, Michaela has led the school’s efforts for fundraising scholarships for deserving students, and is directly responsible for increasing the scholarship funding that has enabled the school to nearly double its enrollment in the past five years.

“What is most inspiring to me is the courage and confidence of our students. Each day they travel to Josephinum from 40 different zip codes, often through dangerous neighborhoods, demonstrating their personal commitment and appreciation for their education.”

Like Michaela, Josephinum’s students do not let financial challenges hold them back, and for the past six years every graduate has been accepted into college. The great majority of Josephinum’s students represent the first generation of their families to attend college.

While at Duchesne, Michaela was a “work-study” student, and she can still remember helping to lay the bricks of Duchesne’s circular drive. At Josephinum, she is helping to build a foundation that will help to transform the lives of our students and those of their families for generations to come.

Adds Michaela: “Josephinum needs all the help that we can get! This year we are expecting a record number of applications and we depend upon those who know the value of a Sacred Heart education to help us serve these inspiring young women.”

For more information about ways to support Josephinum, including opportunities to offer student scholarships, please visit Josephinum’s website at [www.josephinum.org](http://www.josephinum.org).



*Michaela (l.), Duchesne Academy '85, and Helen Bruns Ryan, Woodlands Academy '50, Chair Emerita of Josephinum Board of Directors.*

# NOMINEES FOR THE 2013-2015

## **ALICE BURNS**

PRESIDENT — HARWICH, MA

When Alice worked with two Prince Street classmates in 2006 to organize a 40th reunion for her class and classmates from three prior and three successive years, she had no idea the path would lead from Rochester to Omaha with stops at National Conferences in New York, Los Angeles and Miami. It has been a whirlwind immersion in AASH as Eastern Regional Director (2007-2011) and Vice President (2011-2013). Along the way, she helped launch a web site for Prince Street alumnae, again offered her organizational skills as the Rochester Alumnae Association hosted a reunion for all classes in 2011, and assisted in establishing a new association – Southeast Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands. She has loved meeting so many enthusiastic, dedicated, multi-talented and multi-faceted alums in her travels for AASH.

Alice is an alumna of both Prince Street and Manhattanville College and served on Manhattanville's Alumni Board from 1994 to 2002. She was the recipient of Manhattanville's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995.

After a 30-year career in banking and real estate finance, Alice made a major career change in 2009 to social work. She is employed full-time as a Care Manager for Caregiver Homes of Massachusetts.

Alice is looking forward to her biennium as President and to working with the talented Board members who will be serving the membership during the next two years to grow and expand the association.

## **MARY LOCOCO FORSYTH**

VICE-PRESIDENT — SAN DIEGO, CA

After two terms as Western Regional Director, Mary looks forward to her new position as AASH Vice President. Mary is an alumna of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, El Cajon, and San Francisco College for Women.

Mary has immersed herself in Sacred Heart both professionally and personally. She began her teaching career at Convent of the Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco, and remained there for 27 years as a teacher and administrator.



*Alice Burns  
Eastern Region*



*Mary Lococo Forsyth  
Western Region*



*Gary S. Tom  
Western Region*



*Kathleen Feeney  
Eastern Region*



*Joey Yao  
Central Region*

She also served as Assistant head of High School at Sacred Heart Schools, Atherton, for three years. She is currently interim head of high school at Convent of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco.

## **GARY S. TOM**

TREASURER — ALAMO, CA

Gary has more than 25 years in broad financial management experience in a variety of healthcare and financial services. He is a Certified Public Accountant and earned an MBA from Santa Clara University and a Bachelor of Science from University of California at Davis.

An alumna of Stuart Hall for Boys, Gary has been active at his alma mater for many years. He served from 2006 to 2012 on the Stuart Hall Board of Trustees and since 1992, he has been an ex-officio member of the board.

Gary has been president of the Stuart Hall Alumni Council for 20 years and chaired the 40th and 50th Anniversary celebrations for the school.

## **KATHLEEN FEENEY**

RECORDING SECRETARY —  
NEW YORK, NY

Sacred Heart education is a family affair in the Feeney Family. Kathleen graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, CT in 1998. Her sister Margaret was in the Class of 2000, and Ellen graduated in the class of 2002.

Kathleen was Director of Alumnae Relations at Greenwich, where she was instrumental in bringing young alumnae back to the school to attend events on campus. Currently, she is Assistant Director of Special Events for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation in New York, where she is Executive Director of Pink Agenda – a fundraising organization for cancer research, care and awareness directed at young professionals.

She is also a member of the New York Junior League. Kathleen is eager to bring her experience in alumnae relations, project and special events management to the AASH Board.

# AASH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## **JOEY YAO**

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY —  
CHICAGO, IL

Joey is a lifelong resident of Chicago and 1986 alum of Hardey Prep. Following eight years at Hardey, he attended the University of Chicago Laboratory High School and graduated from Cornell University. Joey received a law degree in 2005 from George Washington University.

He returned to Chicago in 2007 and embraced the opportunity to reconnect with the Sheridan Road Community. Joey currently is an Associate with the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP.

Joey is a President Elect of the Sheridan Road Alumni Association Board and he recently attended the AASH Central Regional Conference in Michigan. His sister, Irene, is a 1987 graduate of the Academy at Sheridan Road.

## **ROSELIE BELLANCA POSSELIUS**

CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
GROSSE POINT FARMS, MI

Roselie is actively engaged in support of her Sacred Heart alma mater, the Grosse Pointe Academy – formerly Academy of the Sacred Heart. A 1973 alumna and mother of Giovanna, a recent GPA graduate, Roselie has a strong connection to the school.

Roselie is serving her sixth term as president of the Alumni Association of Grosse Pointe Academy, and also served two terms on the school's Board of Trustees. Her advocacy for young women led her to becoming a founding Board Member of Sisters Under Sail, a leadership program for teenage girls.

## **RHONDA RAFFI MEEGAN**

EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
SILVER SPRING, MD

Rhonda is a 1971 graduate of Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, and Newton College of the Sacred Heart, where she received a BA in English in 1975. She also attended Harvard University/Radcliffe College for advanced studies in management and psychology.

Over the years, Rhonda has engaged in many levels of support for Sacred Heart schools,



*Roselie Bellanca Posselius  
Central Region*



*Rhonda Raffi Meegan  
Eastern Region*



*Jodie Hannaman Thorn  
Southern Region*



*Caitie O'Shea  
Western Region*

including fundraising and board positions. She has been a voting AASH Representative; a member of the Board of Directors, Boston College Alumnae Association, Newton College Seat, 1995 and served as President of the Board of Directors in 1986 for Newton Country Day.

## **JODIE HANNAMANTHORN**

SOUTHERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
HOUSTON, TX

Jodie Hannaman Thorne is a member of the Class of 1985 from Duchesne Houston, where she served for several years as Director of Alumnae Relations. She has been credited with drawing in many new alums and greatly expanding the reach and scope of the association there.

Jodie has served as president of the Duchesne Alumnae Association, and has been active on the Duchesne Alumnae Board for almost 20 years. This year marks her 4th AASH National Conference.

Jodie works in Houston as an Alumni Development Project Coordinator for Senior Systems, an Independent School Software company.

## **CAITIE O'SHEA**

WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Caitie is looking forward to returning to the AASH National Board. She previously served for two terms (2003-2007) as AASH Recording Secretary and has participated in many AASH National and Regional Conferences.

Caitie graduated from Lone Mountain College in 1967 (San Francisco College for Women). Following graduation, she served as a teacher in the Peace Corps in Sabah, Malaysia and later taught in Kyoto, Japan.

As a member of the Lone Mountain /San Francisco Alumnae Association, which is now a constituent group of the University of San Francisco, Caitie has served as President, Vice President, Secretary, Director, and currently as AASH Liaison. She also serves on the Alumni Board of the University of San Francisco.

# Cor Unum Award Recipients

## CENTRAL REGION

*Rosemary O'Neil, Sheridan Rd., Class of '42; Maryville College, Class of '46*



In the tradition of Sacred Heart alums, Rosemary O'Neil has devoted much of her life to service and volunteerism on behalf of both religious and other Sacred Heart alumnae, as well as community and cultural organizations in the Chicago area. Following graduation from Maryville, Rosemary was Assistant Registrar for the School of Speech at Northwestern University,

later becoming administrative assistant at a brokerage firm. She "retired" in 1964 when her employer retired, and began devoting herself to the fulltime role of volunteer.

Active in AASH, Rosemary attended her first Biennial Conference in 1951 at Cincinnati, and since has attended several more. She promoted the 1986 AMASC Conference in Japan, which she also attended.

Rosemary has served on a number of Boards, including Madonna Center – a Chicago mission serving Italian immigrants; Christ Child Society; Chicago-Lake Forest Alumnae Association; and Maryville College Alumnae Association. She was honored by Maryville with the Alumnae Loyalty Award.

Rosemary received the Sheridan Road – Catherine Seiker, RSCJ Award after she was "drafted" by Sr. Seiker to refurbish old school photo albums and help identify alums in the photographs. She also produced the 50th Anniversary of Sheridan Road – a celebration that included a Mass and reception on the Feast Day of St. Madeleine Sophie.

Whether it was serving as assistant editor of the AASH Newsletter or volunteering at an inner-city settlement house, Rosemary O'Neil exemplifies the qualities that have earned her a 2013 Cor Unum Award.

## SOUTHERN REGION

*Jane Shannon Cannon, Maryville College, Class of 1957*



Jane Shannon Cannon is a distinguished alumna of Maryville, where she was editor of the college newspaper for two years and Student Council President during her senior year. She received her BA in English, with minors in Education and Latin. Following graduation, Jane taught Latin and English at Parkway Central High School for three years.

She married Richard Cannon in 1959 and they are parents of four daughters and a son, who died in 1979. All four daughters attended Sacred Heart Academy, and she began teaching there in 1969. Moving into administrative positions, Jane served as Public Relations and Development Director, Events Coordinator, Hospitality Director and Alumni Director. In 2001, she cut back to part time and became Alumni Director, her current position.

With the canonization of St. Philippine Duchesne and the presence of the Network offices in St. Charles, there was a growing need for hospitality. Jane worked with the women

in the school community preparing meals and planning events for the many guests. She was encouraged to write a cookbook of her favorite recipes. The first was handwritten and auctioned at the annual Chemin de Fer. The next year, the handwritten cookbook was published as *En Famille* and sold as a scholarship fundraiser. Subsequent cookbooks with additional recipes have followed.

Because of her love of sewing, she became active in her Parish making and laundering altar linens, sewing banners and vestments for seasonal needs. Jane is also a lector, Eucharistic minister and RCIA presenter.

She has written a number of feast day plays for performance at the Academy, and wrote the script for the City of St. Charles' celebration, *Congé du Coeur*, honoring St. Philippine Duchesne in 1988. She is currently researching and writing the history of the Academy in anticipation of the Bicentennial in 2018.

She was recipient of the Maryville University Centennial Award in 2003. In 2010, she received the Archdiocesan Women's Award for her work in liturgical art from the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



E A S T E R N R E G I O N

*Betty Buckland, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Overbrook, Class of 1957*



Betty Buckland refers to herself as a “lifer” from the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Overbrook. Among her many efforts as an Overbrook alum, she worked tirelessly with school heads and other alumnae to have Bryn Mawr accepted into the Network of Sacred Heart Schools. The school became a member of the Network in 1999.

Following graduation, Betty attended St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. At the same time, she returned to Overbrook to coach. Following her marriage in 1965, she lived in Connecticut for the next six years.

Betty has always been active in alumnae events and was named the Distinguished Alumna in 2007. She has attended

every AASH Biennial Conference for two decades and all but one Eastern Regional. She and her husband, George, have four children and nine grandchildren. Her two daughters, Wendy and Chrissy, graduated from Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr and are active in alumnae activities. Most recently, Wendy was AASH Eastern Regional Director.

In 1980, Betty became an employee of her alma mater and has served as Development Director, Annual Fund Director and Alumnae President. Presently, she is Director of Alumnae, a position she has held since 1990. She credits her love and devotion to Sacred Heart “from the wonderful RSCJ’s who helped to develop her strength and character many years ago.”

W E S T E R N R E G I O N

*Jean Hicks Miller, San Diego College for Women, Class of 1959*



A lifetime resident of California, Jean Hicks has devoted decades of service and support of Sacred Heart education. Since her graduation from San Diego College, once a Sacred Heart college and now San Diego University, Jean has been a tireless volunteer on its behalf, as well as in her parish and her community.

An active member of her local Sacred Heart Alumnae/i Association, she has served on the Board as President, Chair of a National Conference, Chair of a Western Regional Conference, chaired the Jazz Supper, Mater Tea and Lenten Reflection. She also served on numerous committees for over two decades.

Jean has been a member of the University of San Diego Alumni Board, the Dean’s Advisory Board for the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, a member of the

Homecoming Committee, and the Advisory Board for the Institute of Christian Ministry. As recognition for her extensive service to the University, she received the Mother Rosalie Hill Award.

In the Immaculate Conception Parish, Jean is a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and has both chaired and served on numerous parish activities and events. Among the events she contributed to are the Annual Tea, International Dinner, Lenten Soup Suppers, to mention a few.

Jean has attended both National and International alum conferences. Her first AMASC Conference was in Tokyo and the last was in Malta. She says that she tries never to miss the AASH Biennial Conferences.

She married Ken Miller three weeks after graduation from San Diego College and they had four children. Sadly, her youngest, Alex, died of cancer in 2008. Jean says the support, prayers and many acts of kindness from the Sacred Heart community have been extraordinary.

*Cor Unum Recognizes an Alumna for Excellence in One's Work,  
Loyalty to Sacred Heart Values and the Gift of Self in Service to Others.*

# ANNOUNCING FIRST RECIPIENTS



THIS IS A SPECIAL YEAR for the Associated Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart, as we enter our 80th year as an Association. In 2014, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the death of Mother Janet Erskine Stuart. As the Centenary

is being launched this year, it is a time for reflection, contemplation, shared wisdom, prayer, thanksgiving and pilgrimage. Mother Stuart, a world renowned educator and writer, led the Society of the Sacred Heart into the 20th Century, and believed that it is not so much what we say or do that educates: what really educates is who we are. Mother Stuart insisted that educators must “bring up children for the future, not for the present.” Because of this, AASH has chosen to create a special Janet Erskine Stuart Spirit Award. The award recognizes individuals who through their work continue to strengthen the spiritual and educational mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

It has been learned through Mother Stuart’s writings that she believed strongly in three things:

*Love as the beginning and end of everything*

*Being oneself*

*Finding God in all things*

These lessons learned from Mother Stuart, are seen in the recipients being honored. It is with gratitude and happy hearts that we honor the following alumnae – all religious: Jean Bartunek, RSCJ; Carlota Duarte, RSCJ; Jacqueline Howard, RSM; and Irma Patricia Reiss, RSCJ.

In this rapidly changing world, these four women have met many challenges. Their lives have been modeled after St. Madeleine Sophie, St. Rose Philippine and Mother Janet Erskine Stuart and have been rooted in the love of the Heart of Jesus. Thank you for what you do for the people you work with and for all of us.

## Carlota Duarte, RSCJ

The daughter of a Mexican father and an American mother who attended a Sacred Heart school, Sister Duarte attended Kenwood Academy of the Sacred Heart in Albany, NY, on scholarship and then Maryville College, St. Louis, graduating in 1966. Two years later, she joined the Society and earned a BFA at Manhattanville. Her first assignment as a religious was teaching English, photography and pottery-making at Doane Stuart School in Albany. For the next 20 years, she taught at the University of Massachusetts and became a professional artist. Her interest in ethnicity led her to Mexico – exploring the various regions of the country. Sister Duarte’s ties were strengthened with Mexico in the 1980s when she received the opportunity to help compile a reference book on Mexican pictorial collections. This opened the door to what was to become a dedication to empowering the indigenous Mayan people of Chiapas and the birth of the highly acclaimed Chiapas Photography Project. Since it began in 1992, the program has trained hundreds of Mayans to become photographers of their culture and their world, and who – in turn – have trained others to be photographers.

In the beginning, they relied on donated cameras, and these donations enabled the program to expand. The project caught the attention of the Ford Foundation, which has provided substantial financial support, including enabling Sister Duarte to permanently settle in Chiapas. Today, her catalog of photography now exceeds 75,000 pieces – all created by local photographers.

She stresses that the purpose of the project is far deeper than the glossy books and New York exhibitions. “What matters,” she says. “Is giving people the opportunity to represent themselves with their own artistic talent and to regard themselves and their cultural heritage with dignity and pride.”



## Irma Patricia Reiss, RSCJ

For hundreds of women and, after 1982, men who attended Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois over three decades before its closing in 2005, “Sister Patsy” was more than a revered counselor. She was ever present and available to the students as she lived in the dorms, which gave her a great deal of insight into their lives.



# OF THE STUART SPIRIT AWARDS

Friendships begun at Barat continue today. Now that she is right next door at Woodlands as RSCJ Presence, it is like a homecoming for her.

Born in New York, Sister Patsy grew up in Westchester County. The oldest of five, the four girls attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Connecticut. After graduating from Greenwich in 1953; she went to Barat College, graduating in 1957. She entered at Kenwood shortly afterwards, and she went on to earn her MA at Manhattanville.

Her first teaching assignment was at Prince Street in Rochester and after final vows, she was briefly at 91st Street and then at Nottingham in Buffalo. She returned to the Chicago area in 1972 and began her long stint at Barat as Residence Hall Director and Campus Minister – a role she loved as she became a source of comfort, strength and inspiration to the Barat community.

On June 11, 2005 Sister Patsy was conferred with an honorary doctorate degree at Barat College for which she was thrilled and grateful, since it was the college's last commencement.

"I never considered my work as a job. Rather, it has been my loved ministry. I try to foster connections; to nurture relationships; to be available; to be a loving, prayerful RSCJ presence – a presence which provided me 33 years of joyful, continual service to show forth God's love and to embody Barat's spirit and mission of educating the whole person."

## Jacqueline Howard, RSM

Following her graduation from City House in 1962, and Maryville College in 1966, Sister Howard entered the field of education. It was on the recommendation of her uncle – a Barat Hall, St. Louis alum – that she become an educator because "it's nice to have a three-month vacation every summer. More than 40 yrs later, and Sister Howard is still a Catholic school educator.



She began her career as a junior high math teacher, and today, she is President of Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. It is the only all-girls' school in the state. During the years between, Sister Howard has ministered in five states as a teacher, a school counselor, an assistant principal, a principal, and now, a president.

For her, education is a passion and she rejoices to see each young woman grow in her faith life, learn to value

intellectual pursuits, develop a social consciousness, and learn to make wise decisions. As she notes: these have always been the goal of a Sacred Heart education. Her grandmother graduated from Maryville '19; her mother, City House '39 and Maryville '43; her sister, City House '65 and Maryville '69; sister-in-law, Rosary '70; and four nieces – two at the Academy, St. Charles, and two at the Rosary.

"A faith-based education is not as valued as it once was," she says. "But that is why Catholic education is so very important. We have to challenge our young women to see, really see, the marginalized and act to improve their lives. We have to give our young women the tools to be reconcilers and peacemakers. It is a worthy challenge and one that I embrace with enthusiasm each day. And, my uncle was wrong. I have NEVER had three months off in the summer."

## Jean M. Bartunek, RSCJ

Jean M. Bartunek, RSCJ is the Robert A. and Evelyn J. Ferris Chair and Professor of Management and Organization at Boston College. She is a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Clifton '62 and Maryville University of St. Louis, '66. She entered the Society of the Sacred Heart after her college graduation and then, after the novitiate, taught at Woodlands Academy from 1969-1971.



Sister Bartunek holds a PhD in social and organizational psychology from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She was a visiting assistant professor in the Organizational Behavior group at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1976-1977, and, since 1977, has taught at Boston College.

Sister Bartunek has published more than 125 journal articles and authored or edited five books. She is fellow and past president of the Academy of Management, her primary professional society, which includes over 19,000 members from more than 90 countries.

In 2009 she won the Academy of Management's Career Distinguished Service Award. She is an associate editor of the Academy of Management Learning and Education and the Journal of Applied Behavioral Science, and co-edited a 2012 special topic forum on compassion and care in organizations for the Academy of Management Review. Her research interests focus around organizational change, broadly conceived, and academic-practitioner relationships. In 2012 she received a doctor of Laws degree, Honoris Causa, from the University of Roehampton.

## PAST PRESIDENT PROFILE

### *Willow Teresa Shoemaker 1951-53, hosted first Omaha Biennial Conference*



Willow Teresa – the name alone is deeply associated with Duchesne Academy. Beginning with Willow Teresa O'Brien, who graduated in 1918; then her daughter, Willow Teresa Shoemaker, graduated in 1953; her granddaughter, Willow Teresa Head, graduated in 1989; and her great granddaughter, who is the fourth Willow Teresa will graduate in the class of 2014.



*Willow O'Brien Shoemaker with daughter Willow Shoemaker Head on her right, and granddaughters, Colleen Head, on her left, and Willow III (Head), at about 11 years old.*

in New York City in 1922. In her early years, Willow was an actress with lead roles in many plays at Community Playhouse in Omaha. She worked with Henry Fonda, whose family were neighbors of the O'Brien family when she was growing up.

She married Edward Shoemaker on May 29, 1928 at St. Cecilia's Cathedral. An Omaha attorney, Edward had served



*In the 1922 graduating class at Manhattanville, Willow is on the back row -- showing her individuality by unbuttoning her robe and not wearing the requisite white gloves.*

in World War I and received the Silver Star for his leadership and battle overseas. A partner in the law firm, Gaines, Shoemaker and Crawford, Edward met an untimely death in July 1950 at the age of 54.

Willow and Edward had one daughter, the second Willow Teresa, born on New Year's Eve 1934. She was an alumna of both Duchesne and Maryville College in St. Louis. She married Robert J. Head in 1964, and following in her Mother's footsteps, both her daughters – Colleen graduated from Duchesne Academy in 1983 and Willow Teresa in 1989.

Willow Teresa Shoemaker was deeply involved with all things Sacred Heart, and was a delegate to the Chicago Biennial Conference in 1939; attended the Biennial Conference in 1941 at New Orleans, where she was elected 2nd Vice President of the AASH National Board. She attended the Cincinnati Biennial in 1951, where she was elected President to host the Conference in Omaha in 1953.

Willow was chairman of several Sacred Heart committees over the years, including significant fundraising events for Duchesne. Willow Teresa Shoemaker led an interesting and empowered life, always mindful of her Sacred Heart commitments and her devotion to Duchesne. She supported numerous other community organizations through the years, including the Omaha Junior League and Christ Child. She died February 1, 1983.

Willow Teresa Head continued her Mother's legacy in support of Duchesne – furthering the goals and objectives of her Sacred Heart education throughout her lifetime. She died in 2010, passing the torch to her daughters, and her granddaughter. For the foreseeable future, there will continue to be a Willow Teresa supporting the programs at Duchesne.

As AASH celebrates its 80th anniversary, it is significant to note that the 9th Biennial conference was hosted for the first time in Omaha in 1953 when Willow Theresa O'Brien Shoemaker was President. Sixty years later the 39th Biennial Conference brings us back to Omaha and the focus on Duchesne Academy as our host school with a new state of the art addition, the spirit of our Past President Willow Teresa O'Brien Shoemaker will prevail.



## Shelagh Mary O'Dwyer Makes \$95,000 Legacy Gift

It was with deep sadness that AASH learned of the passing of alumna Shelagh Mary O'Dwyer in Vancouver, BC, Canada on January 16, 2012, at the age of 92. Just as in life, Shelagh showed her devotion to her Sacred Heart roots by making a gift of \$95,000 to AASH.

This generous gift, in her memory, was made by her executor and many friends in recognition of her love of AASH, its Mission and the National Conferences that she greatly enjoyed attending. For these reasons, the Gift has been specifically designated for use in conjunction with the biennial conferences.

According to the terms of the Gift, \$5000 is to be used to underwrite a reception or social gathering during the Biennial Conference, with acknowledgement that the event is in honor and funded by Shelagh O'Dwyer. The first event will be held during the upcoming 39th Biennial Conference in Omaha.

Shelagh Mary O'Dwyer was a 1938 graduate of Point Grey Convent of the Sacred Heart. Following her graduation, she continued to support the school, AASH and fellow alums over the years. She was a frequent participant in both National and Regional Conferences, both in Canada and the United States. Shelagh attended almost every Regional, National and World Conference with members of the Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart whom she loved.

She was well-known for her generosity of time and talent. Her volunteering and scrumptious cooking were legend. She also loved cruising, and with her friend Marjory Swann saw many parts of the world. Many people still called Shelagh "Brown Owl" from her days as a Brownie Leader. Shelagh will also be remembered by The Girl Guides' Trefoil Guild, The CWL of both Immaculate Conception and St. John the Apostle Parishes, St. Vincent's Hospital Guild, her Varsity Ridge Bowling Team, Brock House and The ASK Friendship Centre which she loved in her later years.

Shelagh was an administrative assistant for more than 35 years at BC Electric/Hydro. Her many friends recall that Shelagh's life was centered on her Love of Christ which was so evident in her lovely, gentle ways. In her obituary, her friends wrote: Micah 6:8 exemplifies best how Shelagh made her way to 92 years. "This is what the Lord asks of you: Only this... To act justly, To love tenderly, and To walk humbly with your God." Rest in Peace our Darling friend.

*1938 Graduating Class at Point Grey Convent. Shelagh is second from right.*



*Shelagh wearing her Convent uniform.*





THURSDAY NEBRASKA STATE CAPITAL SPEAKERS

**Hildreth Meière:  
A Daughter's Perspective**

*By Louise Meiere Dunn and Hildreth Meiere Dunn*

Louise Meière Dunn is the only child of a remarkable woman – Hildreth Meière (1892-1961). Louise is President of the International Hildreth Meière Association, founded to conduct activities to promote and perpetuate the legacy of Hildreth Meière, whose achievements gained the recognition of the established art world during the first half of the last century. Louise's great grandmother attended City House in St. Louis and the records show that she was attending the school when St. Philippine Duchesne visited the school. Louise's grandmother and mother both attended Manhattanville. Louise attended 91st Street, Eden Hall, Maplehurst and graduated from Greenwich, where her daughter, Hildreth Meière Dunn and granddaughter, Kimberly Kupik also graduated. Kimberly is a sixth generation Sacred Heart graduate.

Hildreth Meière Dunn, granddaughter of Hildreth Meière, is Vice President of the International Hildreth Meière Association. Dunn is a 1977 graduate of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Greenwich, Connecticut. A photographer, Dunn has published her photographs of Hildreth Meière's work in the catalogue of the exhibition Walls Speak: The Narrative Art of Hildreth Meière (St. Bonaventure University Press, 2009). Her photographs have also appeared in the New York Times, Washington Post, Stamford Magazine, Chicago Art Deco Society Magazine, Blue Guide New York and Esprit de Coeur.



THURSDAY BORSHEIMS EVENT

**An Introduction  
to Borsheims**

*By Susan M Jacques, G.G.,F.G.A*

Appointed President and CEO in 1994 by Warren Buffett, Chairman of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., Susan M. Jacques has guided Borsheims Jewelry & Gifts to substantial growth and increased its worldwide prominence. Ms. Jacques received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Women's Jewelry Association in July, 2010, was inducted into the National Jeweler's Hall of Fame in 1997, recipient of the 1999 Annual Award for Excellence in Retail by the Women's Jewelry Association and was honored by Jewelers for Children at its 2004 Facet of Hope dinner.

Ms. Jacques is a leading force in the jewelry industry, playing an active role in trade organizations including governor and current Chairman of the Board of the Gemological Institute of America; board member of the Jewelers Vigilance Committee; and on the fundraising committee of Jewelers for Children.

As one of Omaha's best known and respected retailers, Borsheims has played an important role in the recognition of the city nationally and internationally.

Along with this position of prominence comes a responsibility to the community, recognized readily by Ms. Jacques. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Creighton University and is a member of the World Presidents' Organization, Nebraska Chapter.

**FRIDAY SPEAKERS SERIES**

**"Service: Rooted in the Heartland and Spread Worldwide" A**

Panel moderated by Anne Wachter, RSCJ

Panel Members: Diana Kingston Carter A00, Kaitlin Nelson Miller A97, Anne Batchelder A99



**Anne Wachter, RSCJ - Duchesne Academy, '80**, began her tenure as Headmistress of Sacred Heart School of Halifax in 2012. Her graduate degree is from the University of San Francisco, and she has a B.B.A. with a concentration in accounting from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame. Before coming to Halifax, Sr. Wachter spent 15 years at Convent of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco, and a total 24 years experience in Sacred Heart schools as a teacher and administrator spanning the K-12 spectrum. She serves on the Duchesne Academy Board of Trustees .



**Diana Kingston Carter - Duchesne Academy, '00**, attended Saint Louis University earning a BS in 2004 in Nutrition and Dietetics. She received her dietetic credentials from the University of California, Berkeley and practiced as a dietitian in the Bay Area, becoming interested in international nutrition. Joining the Peace Corps, she served in a village in southwest Uganda from 2007-2009. She helped start a bakery with HIV positive mothers, called Kids Cafe, which is still operating. Diana earned a MS from Tufts University in 2012. She is currently working with World Vision in Washington, DC on global nutrition issues.



**Kaitlin Nelson Miller - Duchesne Academy, '97**, currently serves as Senior Housing Program Specialist for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Washington, DC. In this role, she manages the day-to-day operations of the HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program, which combines HUD housing assistance with VA case management for over 50,000 homeless Veterans. Kaitlin also represents HUD on the interagency team that designs strategies and monitors progress towards achieving the federal government's goal of ending veteran homelessness by 2015. She holds a Masters in Public Administration from Cornell University and a BA from Hamilton College.



**Anne Batchelder - Duchesne Academy, '99** After graduating from Duchesne, Anne went to Boston College where she studied Sociology, with a minor in Faith, Peace, and Justice. While in college, she studied abroad in Kenya, led a program for international volunteer programs including service trips to Belize and Jamaica. Anne spent a year volunteering in Ghana. She then spent three years at the ONE campaign, advocating the end to extreme poverty in disease around the world. In 2006, Anne helped found an organization to care for orphans and widows in a village in Nigeria and remained there to help the fledgling organization expand its impact on orphans and vulnerable children. The program grew from serving 60 orphans to nearly 200.

**FRIDAY SPEAKERS SERIES**

**"Here Comes the Sun: Surviving and Thriving after Violence"**

By Bridget Kelly Strauss A95



**Bridget Kelly Strauss - Duchesne Academy, '95**, is a graduate of Saint Louis University. Her 2002 survival of abduction, rape and attempted murder by a stranger was surely improbable -- and many have called it a miracle. After she was shot three times at point blank range in the middle of the night, Bridget, then 24, was left to die in a field. She somehow made it 200 yards to a house, and surgeons at a nearby hospital worked six hours to save her life. Her attacker was sentenced to life in prison, and Bridget spoke out publicly on behalf of survivors of sexual violence. She earned a Master's Degree in literacy education from New York University and today teaches reading at a New York public school. She also serves as a volunteer advocate for the Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Program at hospital emergency rooms counseling survivors of domestic and sexual violence. In her worst moment -- alone and far from everyone she loved -- she had prayed for strength. Through it all, she never felt abandoned. On the contrary, she has said, "God was there, holding my hand."

**FRIDAY SPEAKERS SERIES**

**"Philippine and the Two Bears"**

By Bridget Bearss, RSCJ and Rosemary Bearss, RSCJ



**Bridget Bearss, RSCJ - Academy of the Sacred Heart, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan (Head of School)** Sister Bearss has been Head of School at the Academy of the Sacred Heart since June 2000. She completed her undergraduate work in Education at Maryville University and a MEd at Washington University in school administration and school law, and did post-graduate coursework in theology and spirituality at Boston College. She has been an educator for more than 30 years, with 15 years in educational administration. Her post-graduate work has focused on school change and school leadership. She has served on a variety of educational and non-profit boards around the country.



**Rosemary Bearss, RSCJ.** Sister Bearss is financial director for Coconut Groves Cares, Inc./The Barnyard, an educational project in Miami. She is a former provincial of the U.S. Province and a former teacher and administrator at Barat College in Lake Forest, Illinois. She holds a master of divinity degree from the Jesuit School of Theology.

**COR UNUM LUNCHEON SPEAKER**

**"The Heartland in the Heart of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat"**

By Shirley Miller, RSCJ



**Shirley Miller RSCJ - Duchesne College '63** Shirley Miller's sisters, Mary Dell and Carolyn, both graduated from Duchesne also. It was a family affair. Sister Miller grew up in small towns in Nebraska and Iowa. She worked for two years after college and then entered the Society in Albany, Kenwood. She made first vows in 1968 and was assigned to Woodlands for four years where she taught English, Religion, and was the Dean of Students. She came to Duchesne Academy in 1972 where she taught religion and worked on her Masters degree in Religious Studies for five summers at St. Thomas in Houston. Sister Miller became principal of Duchesne in 1978 and served in that capacity until 1989. Sister Miller is recipient of the 2013 Woman of Conscience Award (see page 16).

## 2013 Woman of Conscience: SHIRLEY MILLER, RSCJ

Sister Shirley Miller has been walking in the paths of many RSCJ before her in thoughtful prayer, work, and deed. She has touched many a student's life through her intellect, common sense, and clear love of life as an educator. She also possesses strong leadership and business skills that would take her in a different direction allowing her to meld all of these qualities into even more meaningful work and create a legacy that will endure.



Sister Miller grew up in small towns in Nebraska and Iowa and graduated from Duchesne College in 1963. She worked for two years after college and then entered the Society in Albany, Kenwood. She made first vows in 1968.

She began her educator's career at Woodlands and was there for four years where she taught English,

Religion, was the Dean of Students and worked in the boarding school. She was sent to Duchesne Academy in 1972 where she taught religion and worked on her Masters degree in Religious Studies at St. Thomas in Houston. Sister Miller became principal of Duchesne-Omaha in 1978 and served in that capacity until 1989.

She completed her Masters degree in Administration at Notre Dame during the last three summers in Omaha. From there she was sent to the Academy of the Sacred Heart, the Rosary, in New Orleans where she was headmistress from 1989-2003. Sister Miller has been the Director of Mission Advancement for the Society in the US since 2003.

Because Sister Miller has helped to secure the legacy of the Society today and having inspired many by her love of the Sacred Heart and zest for life, we are delighted to recognize Sister Shirley Miller as the 2013 Woman of Conscience Award recipient.

In 2003, Sister Miller, having been a successful school administrator, opened the first mission advancement office for the Society to implement an annual giving program. As she grew in this role as the Director of Mission Advancement, it became evident that the Society would need to take steps to secure their future.

Sister Miller spearheaded the Mission to Life campaign to help the Society fund present and future ministries and the present and future care of the elderly sisters. Sister Miller brought full circle her love of the religious order to which she belongs along with her ability to communicate so effectively to all she meets in order to make this campaign a successful reality. As of January 2013, the campaign has raised \$40million in gifts, pledges, and bequests securing the future and legacy of the order we so dearly love.





Wednesday, April 10, 2013		Location
Noon-7 p.m.	Registration available afternoon/evening	Hotel
TBD	AASH Board Meeting	Hotel - Fontenelle Board Room
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Alumnae and Alumni Directors meeting	Hotel - Hill Room
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	<b>Shelagh Mary O'Dwyer Wine and Cheese Reception</b> <i>Open to all conference participants</i>	Hilton Hotel
TBD	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique open	Hotel - Cozzens
Thursday, April 11, 2013		
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration available	Hotel
<b>Conference Opens</b>		
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	Hotel - Blackstone Ballroom
8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	<b>AASH General Session I</b> <b>Opening Remarks and Welcome</b> Maureen Ryan, 2011-2013 AASH President	Hotel - Blackstone Ballroom
	<i>Announcement of Maryliz DeVito Lincoln Service Award</i>	Hotel - Blackstone Ballroom
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Regional Meetings/Lunch	Hotel - Multiple Rooms
Noon - 5:30 p.m.	<b>Hildreth Meiere Art Tour (Nebraska State Capitol)</b> <i>Hildreth Meiere, past AASH president (1957-1959)</i> <i>Famed Art Deco artist of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century</i>	Bus Transportation
Noon - 1:30 p.m.	Transportation to Nebraska State Capitol - Lincoln, NE	Bus Transportation
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Tour of Meiere art work	State Capital
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Presentation: Hildreth Meiere: A Daughter's Perspective <i>Louise Meiere Dunn and Hildreth (Hilly) Meiere Dunn</i>	Warner Chamber - State Capital
3:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Goutier	State Capital Courtyard
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Transportation back to Hilton	Bus Transportation
5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Transportation to Borsheims Fine Jewelry and Gifts	Bus Transportation
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Borsheims Shopping and Dining Event</b> (A Berkshire Hathaway company)	Co-hosted by Borsheims Fine Jewelry and Gifts
	<b>A Introduction to Borsheims</b> <i>Susan M Jacques, G.G., F.G.A</i> <i>President and CEO of Borsheims Fine Jewelry and Gifts</i>	Borsheims Fine Jewelry and Gifts
	Heavy hors d'oeuvres with Wine Bar Shopping	Borsheims Fine Jewelry and Gifts
8:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	Depart to Hilton	Bus Transportation
TBD	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique open	Hotel - Cozzens
Friday, April 12, 2013		
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration available	Hotel
7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	Hotel - Blackstone Ballroom
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Depart to Duchesne Academy	Bus Transportation
9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	Seminars- First Session <b>Service: Rooted in the Heartland and Spread Worldwide</b> <i>Moderator: Anne Wachter, RSCJ</i> <i>Panel: : Diana Kingston Carter A00, Kaitlin Nelson Miller A97, Anne Batchelder A99</i>	Duchesne Academy
9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Break	

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10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Seminars- Second Session <b>Here Comes the Sun: Surviving and Thriving after Violence</b> <i>Bridget Kelly Strauss A95</i>	Duchesne Academy
10:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Seminar - Third Session <b>Philippine and the Two Bearss</b> <i>Bridget Bearss, RSCJ and Rosemary Bearss, RSCJ</i>	Duchesne Academy
Noon – 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon <b>AASH General Session II</b> <b>Presentation: AASH 80<sup>th</sup> Year - Our History</b> AASH Meeting	Duchesne Academy Caffrey-Ryan Auditorium
2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Transportation back to Hilton	
2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	City Tours (Two options - choose one)	Bus Transportation
	<b>Discover Omaha Present</b> <i>Window seat bus tour of Omaha today. Tour stop at Boys Town.</i>	Bus Transportation
	<b>Discover Omaha Past</b> <i>Window seat bus tour of Omaha past</i> <i>Tour stops at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (RSCJ burial site),</i> <i>The Durham Museum (former passenger railroad station)</i>	Bus Transportation
6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	Depart for Home Dinners <i>Meet in the Hotel lobby for transportation</i>	Hostesses Transport
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Home Dinners Location and Directions located on your personal invitation Transportation to and from your dinner will be arranged by your hostess	
TBD	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique open	Hotel - Cozzens
Saturday, April 13, 2013		
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet	Hotel - Blackstone Ballroom
9:00 a.m.	Depart for Cor Unum Liturgy at St. Cecelia's Cathedral	Bus Transportation
9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<b>Cor Unum Awards Liturgy</b> <i>The Most Reverend George J. Lucas</i> <i>Archbishop of Omaha</i>	St. Cecelia's Cathedral
Noon- 2:00 p.m.	<b>Cor Unum Luncheon</b>	Hilton Hotel
	Invocation	Hotel
	Student Essay Contest Presentation	Hotel
	Cor Unum Keynote Address <b>The Heartland in the Heart of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat</b> Shirley Miller, RSCJ	Hotel
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	City Tours (Two options)	Bus Transportation
	<b>Discover Omaha Present</b> <i>Window seat bus tour of Omaha today. Tour stop at Boys Town.</i>	Bus Transportation
	<b>Discover Omaha Past</b> <i>Window seat bus tour of Omaha past including the Gold Coast homes.</i> <i>Tour stops at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (RSCJ burial site),</i> <i>Western Heritage Museum (former passenger railroad station)</i>	Bus Transportation
5:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.	Break	
6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.	Depart for Omaha Zoo and Aquarium	Bus Transportation
7 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	AASH 80th Anniversary Cocktail Party and Dinner	Omaha Zoo and Aquarium
9:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Transportation back to Hilton	Bus Transportation
TBD	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique open	Hotel - Cozzens
Sunday, April 14, 2011		
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Sunday Morning Mass	Hilton Hotel
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>AASH General Session III</b> Farewell Breakfast Election of 2013-2015 Board and invitation to 2015 Conference	Hotel - Blackstone Ballroom
Closing of Conference		

## Discover Omaha's Past

Friday from 2:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2pm to 5pm



What does the name Omaha mean? And just who were the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben? You'll learn the answer to these and other questions, along with humorous tales of Omaha people and places during your tour of Omaha's past. A local guide will let you in on Omaha's

colorful history during your three hour tour. Your tour will include: The historic Gold Coast; Joslyn Castle; St Cecilia's Cathedral, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, and the Durham Museum by motor coach with a long stop at the Durham Museum.

**The Gold Coast** - The Gold Coast Historic District is located in Midtown Omaha and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This historic district covers approximately a 30 block area and was a trendy social hotspot in the 1920s. It was called the "Gold Coast" for its concentration of high-value homes. The neighborhood housed many of Omaha's cultural and financial leaders between 1900 and 1920. <http://www.omahahistoricdistrict.org>

**St. Cecelia's Cathedral** - Begun in 1905 and consecrated in 1959, historic Saint Cecilia Cathedral is the master work of renowned architect, Thomas Rogers Kimball. Ranked among the ten largest cathedrals in the United at the time of its completion. This cathedral is the bishop's church and a diocesan gathering place. <http://www.stceciliacathedral.org/history.htm>

**Joslyn Castle** - In 1903, Nebraska's wealthiest couple, George and Sarah Joslyn, completed one of Nebraska's greatest homes—a 35-room Scottish Baronial mansion atop a hill on Omaha's then outskirts. <http://www.joslyncastle.com>

**Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** - The eternal resting place for many of Omaha's rich, famous, and/ or powerful citizens. Most notably Duchesne College/Academy housed the RSCJ retirement community for many years. You will visit the RSCJ burial sites.

**Durham Museum** - The Durham Museum, making its home in Omaha's beautiful art deco Union Station, houses an extraordinary array of permanent exhibits including restored train cars, 1940's store fronts, numerous artifacts showing the history of the region, and the Byron Reed collection which includes some of the world's rarest coins and documents. The Women Who Rock traveling exhibits from the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is the featured in April. During your visit, be sure to stop by the authentic soda fountain and enjoy a phosphate or malt. <http://www.durhammuseum.org/about/welcome.aspx>

## Discover Omaha's Present

Friday from 2:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 2pm to 5pm

Omaha is a city on the move. On this tour you will see Omaha, Nebraska's largest city, is a bustling metropolis that combines big-city sizzle with simple charm. A local guide will show you Omaha today on your three hour tour by motor coach. Your tour will include: the Riverfront area/ Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge, the Old Market, Downtown with a stop at Pioneer Courage Park, Midtown, Field Club area, Fairacres area, the Ak-Sar-Ben neighborhood and a stop at Boys Town.

**Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge** - This stunning, 3,000-foot long walkway stretches across the Missouri River, giving pedestrians a spectacular view of Omaha's skyline and an almost airborne experience. The bridge plaza features a small amphitheater and 26 dancing water jets. Connected to more than 150 miles of nature trails – visitors love to walk on Bob. <http://omaha.net/places/bob-kerrey-pedestrian-bridge>

**Old Market** - Unique shopping, boutiques, pubs, restaurants, art and entertainment—all packed into this lively, historic district that's perfect for all ages. Dine in one of more than 30 outstanding restaurants; explore a host of exotic antique emporiums, tasty sweet shops and much more. <http://www.oldmarket.com/>

**Pioneer Courage Park** - The purpose of this park is to tell the story of the hundreds of thousands of pioneers who migrated to the West, many of whom stood on his very ground. Sculptors Blair Buswell and Ed Fraughton, two of the leading sculptures in the world, created Pioneer Courage with four pioneer families and their covered wagons departing westward from Omaha. [https://www.firstnational.com/001/html/en/site/assets/documents/aboutus/pioneer\\_facts.pdf](https://www.firstnational.com/001/html/en/site/assets/documents/aboutus/pioneer_facts.pdf)

**Midtown, Field Club, Fairacres, Ak-Sar-Ben** - Visit these historical neighborhoods, each with their own history and contribution to the Omaha landscape. <http://www.landmarkmg.com/company/neighborhoods.html>

**Boys Town** - This well-known landmark is a national treasure, featuring an expansive campus with a museum, historic chapel, gardens and a world-renowned youth care program. Founded in 1917 by Father Flanagan, Boys Town now touches the lives of 900,000 people across the U.S. each year. <http://www.boystown.org/about>





## SOPHIE'S FIRE THE STORY OF ST. MADELEINE SOPHIE BARAT

BY CONNIE SOLARI

Author Constance Solari has taught at Sacred Heart Schools in Atherton for more than 42 years. During extensive research into the life of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, she discovered a woman she would have loved to call her friend. Through a fictionalized account, her latest book is based on actual events.



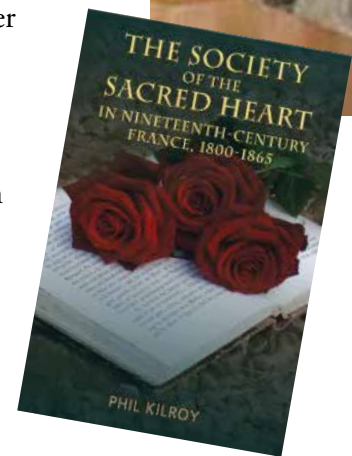
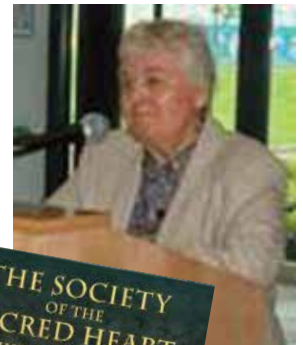
IN THE MIDDLE OF A RAGING FIRE ON A WINTER NIGHT in 1779, a Burgundian woman went into early labor and delivered a child who never should have survived. Instead, the tiny infant—Madeleine Sophie Barat—went on to thrive in a France wracked and torn by revolution, terror, Napoleonic domination, and all that followed in their wake. Possessed of a vision of a world dedicated to generosity and love, she founded a religious order and an international network of schools that still flourish today: the schools of the Sacred Heart. In 1925 she was declared a saint. Passionate, brilliant, politically savvy, and aware of the powerful potential of women to reshape society, Sophie is a role model for our own times. And thus Sophie's Fire burns on to this day.

## SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART IN 19TH CENTURY FRANCE

BY PHIL KILROY, RSCJ,

A resident of Dublin, Ireland, Sister Phil Kilroy is an academic author, who previously wrote the definitive history of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat in 2000. Her new book is comprised of five essays, each covering a different aspect of the Society and its members. It is particularly presented to address inquiries and unanswered questions that arose following Sister Kilroy's first book: Madeleine Sophie Barat: A Life.

The aim of this book is to bring together aspects of the private and public life of members of the Society of the Sacred Heart in 19th century France by using the extensive community and personal archives of the Society, as well as the collection of 14,000 letters of Madeleine Sophie Barat. By combining rigorous research and writing within the perspective of women's history, the lives and achievements, the successes and failures, of these French women are shifted out of hagiography into history. This book is unique. It breaks with the tradition of religious hagiography so prevalent when writing the history of religious women in the Catholic Church. It addresses the complexity of their personal/ community lives along with their public contribution to society.



For a comprehensive list of Sacred Heart authors, visit AASH President Maureen Ryan's blog at: <http://aashpresidentmer.blogspot.com>

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# Meghan Dowd Schlattmann

MARYLIZ DEVITO LINCOLN GENEROSITY AND SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Meghan Dowd Schlattmann, 1997 graduate of Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart in Omaha, Nebraska is the winner of the 2013 Maryliz DeVito Lincoln Young Alum Generosity & Service Award. The award is given in memory of our AASH Past President (1999-2001).

Meghan is the fourth recipient of the award. Prior awards went to Amy Banna of Bloomfield Hills in 2007; Karen Patterson of Forest Ridge in 2009; and Sara Kestner of Stuart Country Day in 2011.

Meghan Dowd Schlattmann is, and will continue to be, a wonderful asset to the Duchesne Academy Alumnae Association and to the community. She joined the Alumnae Board in 2010 and has shown tremendous support of each alumnae event throughout the year, as well as in other aspects of the school community. In the past two years, Meghan has chaired the Wine & Cheese event twice during Reunion weekend; given countless hours of time and energy into the creation of the Alumnae Facebook page – promoting



events and alumnae news with our alum followers; planned several Girls Night Out events for local alums; and this year, has taken over the Alumnae Shoppe – merchandising and buying creative new items to sell at events and in our Cardinal Bookstore.

Outside of the alumnae board, Meghan assists the raffle sales for Congé, the annual Duchesne dinner/auction fundraiser, which she always attends and promotes attendance among other young alums. She is a familiar face around Duchesne hallways and continues to be involved in every way she can! ‘We are lucky to have her in our community,’ exclaims Meghan Conway Rowan, Director of Alumnae and Special Events. ‘Meghan has always been a positive advocate and supporter of Duchesne and the Duchesne Preschool.’ AASH looks forward to honoring her at the 39th Biennial Conference in Omaha April 10-14, 2013. Meghan Dowd Schlattmann embodies Maryliz DeVito Lincoln’s legendary generosity and service to her alma mater.