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## BACK TO BOSTON!

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Alice J. Burns, President

Dear Sacred Heart friends,

In some ways it seems like just yesterday that we set sail from Omaha to Boston Harbor. It's been a circuitous route with two visits to St. Louis for Board meetings and a detour south for the AMASC World Congress. We shall reach Boston in early April and are very much looking forward to seeing many of you at the 40th AASH National Conference.

The AASH Board would like to congratulate Pam Snyder and Barb Lopiccolo, both of whom recently stepped down from their positions as President and Vice President respectively of AMASC, and their Board for their stewardship of AMASC for the past four years. The Arizona Associated Alumnae/i deserve thunderous applause for hosting alumnae/i from throughout the world to a World Congress with speakers and programs designed to touch upon one's spiritual life as well as key ecological concerns. AASH was proud to work with AMASC in disseminating Congress information to all alumnae/i associations and schools and in promoting the Congress.

AASH invests much effort and dollars into reaching out to alumnae/i. We try to stay, if not ahead of the curve, at least with the curve. Our communications include *Esprit de Coeur*, the AASH web site, Facebook, Twitter, Linked In and Instagram and the occasional email blast. It's good to see more alums plugging in to AASH news and events via the social media sites.

It is through your continued support and generosity that we continue our efforts to reach out, to connect, to inform. We are grateful to the associations for their support, and we are grateful to the many alums who donated by check and via the web site. It is your allegiance, your sense of family and your generosity that allows us to be a home for all alumnae/i and ensures our future.

In 2013 in Omaha AASH celebrated its 80th Anniversary. This year in Boston we shall celebrate together our 40th National Conference. We began life as a small group of women who saw the need to "foster a closer union among the Alumnae/i Associations, to promote the spiritual and educational goals of the schools and to develop an understanding of social and spiritual responsibilities in the light of existing conditions in the Church and the world" (AASH Constitution). To help ensure our continued existence and to act in a fiscally responsible manner, the Board has incorporated AASH as a non-profit corporation. Previously AASH was an unincorporated association. I have served on four Boards since 2007 and three of the four Boards were advised by outside counsel to incorporate. The previous Board began the process and the current Board followed through to incorporation.

We hope you take the time to read about the very full and interesting program planned for the Boston National Conference. More importantly, we hope you register. The information and forms you need are enclosed herein and are only a mouse click away on our website ([www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org)). Boston and the Eastern Region are putting the finishing touches on their welcome. Please check our web site often for updates. We will soon be posting information on Boston sights and experiences you can enjoy both pre- and post-conference. Call your sisters, brothers, former classmates -- plan a reunion. The city has such a rich history and is easy to explore on foot and/or public transportation.

Come celebrate our Cor Unum recipients, our Woman of Conscience awardee, our Maryliz deVito Lincoln Award winner, and share in and learn from the accomplishments and ongoing work of our presenters. Come to Boston!

With a smile,

Alice

**On the cover:** *Newton Country Day School; Stained glass window of St. Philippine Duchesne and St. Madeleine Sophie in Trinity Chapel (formerly Newton College, now part of Boston College Law School Campus); NCDS Class of 1905; Newton College Alumnae*

**Back cover:** *NCDS '70, Lower School early 1950s; Stained glass image of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, Newton Country Day School Chapel.*

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# NATIONAL OFFICE NEWS

## Bryn Mawr Receives \$1,200 from AASH

Congratulations to Bryn Mawr Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, winner of the Young Alum Contest, which ran on Facebook from Nov. 21-Dec. 31, 2014. AASH will donate \$1,200 to Bryn Mawr's scholarship fund to recognize the school for registering the most young alums on the AASH website!



*Bryn Mawr Country Day School of the Sacred Heart*

## Alumnae Leave a Legacy for AASH

Last July AASH lost a loyal alumna, Mary Kay Tracy Farley. She was a generous donor to AASH throughout her life and was especially generous in leaving a legacy gift of \$10,000 in unrestricted funds. Her gift was from the heart.

A graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Grosse Pointe, and Manhattanville College, Mary Kay continued on to Loyola (Chicago) University School of Social Work. She was president of the Manhattanville College Alumni Association and was the recipient of Manhattanville's Distinguished Alumna Award. Manhattanville again honored her in 2012 with the Outstanding Alumna Service Award.

Among Mary Kay's far-reaching philanthropic interests, education ranked high. She was a former trustee of Barry University in Miami and Manhattan College in the Bronx. As an anniversary gift to her husband in 1985, Mary Kay established the James Farley Scholarship presented annually to one male and one female student athlete at Jim's high school alma mater. The Farleys endowed scholarships at other educational institutions as well.

Mary Kay was a 2007 Cor Unum recipient. In her tribute to Mary Kay, the late Sister Mary T. Clark, RSCJ, said, "Mary Kay finds happiness in providing it for others. On her 'card' Mary Kay calls herself: Wife, Mother, Sportswoman, Philanthropist. This last word contains *philia* (love) and *anthropos* (human kind), i.e., a lover of human persons. Literally understood, philanthropy is an ideal made real with God's grace, and aptly describes Mary Kay's priorities."

AASH has also recently learned of the death of Marcelline Chartz Smith in October. Marcie had been a generous donor to AASH over the years and her philanthropy continued after her death, as she named AASH in her will.

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### Alumnae Leave a Legacy for AASH *continued from page 3*

Marcie graduated from San Francisco College for Women, Lone Mountain in 1947 with a degree in mathematics. She then embarked on a 44-year career with NASA as a systems engineer, eventually rising to Division Chief at Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif. Twice she received NASA's Exceptional Service Medal for her leadership in establishing Ames Research Center as the Agency's central computer facility and the leading center of large computers. Marcie was a pioneer, paving the way for women in the field of computer science and aeronautics.

#### Would you like to leave a legacy?

AASH hopes some of our readers will consider a legacy gift to AASH in their wills to help continue our mission "to foster a spirit of unity and ongoing communication among alumnae and alumni and their respective associations throughout this nation and the world." *For more information, please contact the AASH National Office at 314-569-3948.*

## NEWS IN OUR SCHOOLS



### Alumna to Head Duchesne Academy, Omaha

Following a national search, Meg Huerter Brudney was the unanimous choice for Duchesne, Omaha's next Head of School. She will begin on June 1, 2015 and is the first alumna to hold this position in the school's more than 130-year history.

"It is more than a position; it is my calling," said

Meg. "The alumnae who have reached out to encourage my candidacy have been true foundations and support. I am overwhelmed and humbled by the kindness."

Following graduation from Duchesne in 1983, Meg earned her bachelor's degree in communication from University of Kansas, Lawrence and has completed many management courses such as the Kellogg School of Management Leadership Academy and Notre Dame's Executive Transformation Nonprofit Leadership.

Meg has most recently served as an executive director of the Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis. Previous roles included director of marketing and communications in non-profits such as hospitals and medical clinics.

"Meg knows that she wants to return to the academic and spiritual life that gave her a beginning, so she has come full circle to lead her alma mater to build on the excellence of Sacred Heart heritage and tradition while focusing on the needs of the 21st century student," stated Molly Schropp, chair of the Duchesne Academy Board of Trustees. "There is no question that Meg will lead with courage and confidence adhering to Duchesne's Goals and Criteria."

Congratulations to Meg. We look forward to many years of her leadership and vision for future Sacred Heart alums!

### Esprit de Coeur Goes Green

One of the main goals of each Board is to keep members informed. The *Esprit de Coeur* (EdeC) has been and continues to be our primary communication tool. It is wonderful way to share news and pictures about all the activities occurring in the various AASH regions and communities. The Board, in carefully considering its responsibility to the environment and its fiscal responsibility to its membership, has decided to change the EdeC's distribution method.

The average issue of EdeC mailed to our members uses a total of just under 950,000 pages of paper. It is expensive to produce in its current format and mailing costs increase almost annually. On average it costs over \$50,000 per year to produce the usual two issues, which translates to nearly 40% of our overall annual operating expenses. We wish to make better use of the important and significant investments made in our web site and database during the prior two biennia.

Starting with the Spring/Summer 2015 issue of *Esprit de Coeur*, hard copies will be mailed only to our alumnae/i who graduated from an academy school prior to 1955 or from a college prior to 1959. All other alumnae/i will receive an electronic copy via email. Please be sure to visit [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org) to request a user name and password so that you may update or confirm that our records include your current email address.

The *Esprit de Coeur* also will be posted to the AASH website ([www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org)) and to our Facebook page (AASH - Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart) so it will be accessible to all our members. A small number of hard copies also will be mailed to each of our member associations for reference or distribution. You may request to receive EdeC by hard copy by contacting our National Office at 314-569-3948 or [NationalOffice@aashnet.org](mailto:NationalOffice@aashnet.org). Conversely, if you are among those scheduled to receive a hard copy and would prefer electronic copy only, please notify the National Office.

Please know that this decision was reached after much discussion and reflection. As your representatives, we take our responsibilities seriously and want to serve as good stewards of AASH. We believe that this change to distributing primarily in an electronic format will serve the environment well. The resulting cost savings will help ensure that we can continue the operations of AASH far into the future and meet the needs of our growing alumnae/i population.

# TOP SHELF

## Books by Sacred Heart Authors



### **“The Calling of Mother Adelli”**

*By Zoe Marhoefer Keithley, Lake Forest '51*

In this new novel by Zoe Marhoefer Keithley, a young girl shakes up the life of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, Ill.

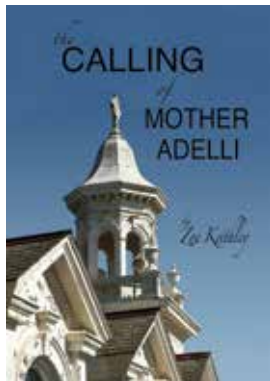
In 1948, a prominent surgeon leaves his 10-year-old daughter Helene Rhenehan in the care of a young nun at a Chicago-area boarding school.

Mother Mary Agnes Adelli, newly appointed mistress of the Third Course or middle school, is deeply challenged by Helene, a fearful and angry girl who is distraught by the recent death of her mother and her father's departure for a planned working trip to Italy.

Helene's unhappiness causes strife for the school, and especially for the 28-year-old nun who is moving toward taking her final vows but whose attention is soon turned toward helping the troubled young student. The story explores how discipline, reason, good intentions and prayer can help Helene. It also explores the challenges of loyalty versus conscience and personal freedom. Though set in a different era, the issues addressed in “The Calling of Mother Adelli” are certainly relevant now.

Available through Amazon in paperback or Kindle format, the book is getting enthusiastic reviews from readers who describe Zoe's writing as elegant and poetic. The cover features photos taken of the 1903-era convent shortly before the building was demolished in 2014.

She has written several other books including “3/Chicago” (2013) and “Crow Song” (2009). A third-generation Sacred Heart alumna, Zoe earned her bachelor's of English from Trinity University in Washington, D.C. She earned her master's of arts in The Teaching of Writing from Columbia College, Chicago. She taught for more than 20 years at Northeastern Illinois University and now lives in Sacramento, Calif.



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

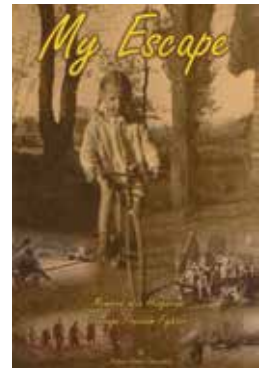


### **“My Escape: Memoirs of a Hungarian Teenage Freedom Fighter”**

*By Esther Kandó Odescalchi, Manhattanville '60*

Before arriving in the United States, Esther Kandó Odescalchi lived an entirely different life and wrote about it in her native Hungarian. It was a grim time in communist-occupied Eastern Europe. In 1956, as revolution churned in the air, she and seven other young refugees made the risky escape from Russian-occupied Hungary over the border into Austria. It was a difficult journey. Local guides no longer were willing to help those wanting to escape west. Trains were destroyed and non-locals were detained. Russian soldiers searched homes for those looking to flee.

Esther wrote “My Escape” in 1956, just after her arrival in Vienna. She translated it into English 50 years later. She completed her education in the United States, attending Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., where she earned a bachelor's degree in English literature. She went on to earn her master's in library science at Columbia University and a doctorate in communications at Clayton University. She worked in executive communications at IBM and was grant consultant of the Greater New York Library System. She is author of numerous technical and non-technical articles, three books and a play. She lectures and conducts workshops in the United States and abroad. She is also a professional ballroom dancer with a Dance Master's certificate. She lives in Pleasant Valley, N.Y.



“My Escape” is available through Merritt Bookstore ([www.merrittbooks.com](http://www.merrittbooks.com), 845-635-3256) or from the author ([twinks.odes@gmail.com](mailto:twinks.odes@gmail.com)). Soon it will be available from Amazon (paperback and Kindle).

# ARIZONA + AMASC + AASH = *Terrific Times*

By Mary Lococo Forsyth, AASH Vice President

## An Overview of the AMASC Congress

“Listening with One Heart” was the theme of the AMASC Congress held in Scottsdale, Ariz. from November 6-9, 2014. AMASC (Association Mondiale des Anciennes et Anciens du Sacré Coeur) President Pam Moore Snyder greeted the Congress attendees in a letter that said, “...we have come here to listen to the heartbeat of God as we listen to one another.” The Arizona Alumnae Association generously supported the infrastructure of the Congress; this included services such as registration, evening events and liturgical coordination. Besides Pam Snyder, three other North Americans served on the AMASC Board: Barbara Brown Lopiccolo, Vice-President; Wendy Delery Hills, Treasurer, and Maureen Elliott, Secretary-General.

Alumnae and alumni from 30-plus nations made the Scottsdale Resort and Conference Center their home for the four-day meeting. Sister Barbara Dawson, Provincial for Canada and the United States, greeted the national presidents at their full-day business meeting. A procession of the nations’ flags preceded the opening liturgy at Saint Maria Goretti Church in Scottsdale. Later liturgies were celebrated in French and under the stars incorporating Native American culture.

Sister Kathleen Hughes, former Provincial for the RSCJ in the United States, offered a keynote address that explored the differences between listening and hearing. Fr. George Coyne, SJ, formerly of the Vatican Observatory, discoursed on the relationship between religion and science. Other presentations focused on the crisis of healthy waters, the new social media app of the Religious known as “Call Me Back,” and the innovative outreach program of Bloomfield Hills students to provide books to children in need around the world. As the Ugandan association was formally admitted into AMASC, the audience rose in applause and celebration.

When attendees were not engaged in sessions, they were shopping at Le Marché du Sacré Coeur. Here they could buy products and keepsakes from all over the globe – everything from Ugandan jewelry to medals and notecards from the USA. As this was a meeting of the Children of the Sacred Heart, there were frequent and festive dining events. A Western themed dinner with line dancing lessons and a final closing gala with flags and national costumes dazzled and delighted everyone.

## The AASH Perspective on the Congress

Approximately 50 U.S. and Canadian alums joined the Congress. A combined regional meeting for the four U.S. regions allowed each Regional Director to meet and greet attendees from her region. Jodie Hannaman Thorne (Southern



*AMASC Board gathers in Scottsdale*



*The Canadian delegation*



*Young alums enjoy evening festivities*



*The Congo delegation*

Region), Caitie O'Shea (Western Region), Roselie Bellanca Posselius (Central Region), and Rhonda Raffi Meegan (Eastern Region), shared updates on their respective regions and invited input from the audience. Toni Walsh Curry, co-chair of the AASH National Conference in Boston, offered an exciting preview of the conference and responded to audience questions. Hosting a regional meeting at an AMASC Congress was an historic first.



## Creating a Video Documentary

At its June 2014 meeting, the Board of Directors of AASH agreed to create a video documentary containing interviews of alums. It is intended that this video be a dynamic, growing archive of how our alumnae and alumni interpret the legacy of their Sacred Heart educations. Regional Director Roselie Posselius began the video "conversations" at the AMASC meeting. Accompanied by her videographer, Roselie filmed nearly 25 individuals during the Congress. The video will be available for general viewing at the Boston conference, and the collection of video interviews will continue. AASH will post small portions of the video on its website and make a larger version available on YouTube. Ultimately, this video will record the impressions of Sacred Heart women and men, young and old.



*The Korean delegation and AMASC's first male board member, Robert Oehlmann of Germany, enjoying the Western-themed dinner*



*New President, Marisa Moreno de Malcher, with Claudia Nicolaije, Young AMASC Coordinator*



*Pam Snyder and Argentina delegate present the Papal blessing*

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*If you would like to donate to Boston Conference bags, please contact [conferencechair@aashnet.org](mailto:conferencechair@aashnet.org)*

# AASH PRESENTS BOARD SLATE FOR 2015-17

## **Mary Lococo Forsyth** *President, San Diego, Calif.*

Mary has served loyally and lovingly on the Board, most recently as Vice-President, preceded by two terms as Western Regional Director. She looks forward to her new position and is enthusiastic about the future of the organization. Mary became immersed in Sacred Heart both professionally and personally after graduating from Convent of the Sacred Heart, El Cajon (1963), and San Francisco College for Women (1967). Her teaching career began at Convent of the Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco, where she remained for 27 years as a teacher and administrator. There, she also served as interim head of the high school from 2012-2013. In addition, she has served on the Society of the Sacred Heart's "In Mission for Life" Capital Campaign. "Mary surely embodies the spirit of the AASH," writes Sr. Virginia Rodee. "Her Christian values and the spirit of the Sacred Heart are at the core of her person."



## **Jodie Hannaman Thorne** *Vice-President, Houston, Texas*

Jodie is a 1985 graduate of Duchesne Academy – Houston, where she served as Director of Alumnae Relations from 2009-12. Additionally, she has been an active member of Duchesne's Alumnae Board for 20 years, serving two terms as President. On the national level, she is completing her term as Southern Regional Director. "Jodie is a thoughtful leader who understands and loves to celebrate all things Sacred Heart," writes AASH Past President Beth Lowry Speck. "She has a way of communicating with such joy and energy she lights up a room. She also has the ability to make hard decisions, giving good, sound reasoning to what needs to be decided and done." Beyond Sacred Heart, Jodie has been involved in the Junior League of Houston, serving twice on their Board of Directors. She currently works as a project manager for Senior Systems, an independent school software company based outside of Boston.



## **Diane Remien Tymick** *Treasurer, Northbrook, Ill.*

Happily, Diane is returning to the AASH Board after serving as Treasurer from 2007-11. Prior to that she held the position of Corresponding Secretary. She is exceptionally suited for the Treasurer position after a 30-year career in banking, primarily with First National Bank of Chicago (now JP Morgan Chase), where her responsibilities included product management and sales of treasury management products to Fortune 500 companies. She retired as Senior Vice-President in 2001. A 1968 graduate of Lone Mountain, San Francisco College for Women, Diane is third generation Sacred Heart. Both her grandmother and mother attended Convent of the Sacred Heart in Lake Forest, Ill. Diane holds an MBA in finance from Loyola University Chicago. "Diane brings her expertise and skills to this area," affirms Alice J. Burns, outgoing President. "I served alongside her and found her to be intelligent, articulate, organized and enthusiastic."



## **Caitie O'Shea** *Recording Secretary, San Francisco, Calif.*

Caitie is finishing her term as Western Regional Director and has much experience on the Board at the national level, having served as Recording Secretary from 2003-2007. Also a graduate of Lone Mountain, San Francisco College for Women (1967), Caitie is very active on its Alumnae Board as well as the University of San Francisco Alumni Board. A self-described "life-long learner," Caitie has enjoyed an extensive 40 year career in education that includes administrator, coach, teacher, staff developer, trainer, curriculum leader and project manager, collaborating with districts, parents, staff and agencies to improve services to students. Internationally, Caitie also has served in the Peace Corps in Malaysia and taught English as a Second Language in Kyoto, Japan. "Caitie has demonstrated true devotion to the Religious of the Sacred Heart and unending belief in Sacred Heart education," shares Marisa Robbins Mizono.





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**Kathleen Feeney** *Corresponding Secretary, New York, N.Y.*

"I love Sacred Heart and am excited to be involved with AASH," says Kathleen. She began serving nationally on the AASH Board as Recording Secretary in 2013. Kathleen graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Conn. in 1998 and later became their Director of Alumnae Relations. She was also Associate Director of Alumni Relations at Fairfield University in Connecticut. Kathleen is currently the Alumni Director at the Dalton School in New York City. The combination of alumni relations and fundraising is a real benefit to the AASH Board. "I feel Kathleen's infectious personality could attract other young alums to be active in participants in AASH," writes Toni Walsh Curry.



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**Shannon Gilroy** *Central Regional Director, Omaha, Neb.*

New to the Board, Shannon brings expertise in fundraising, development, public relations, marketing, advertising and social media strategies. Shannon graduated from Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, Omaha in 2002 and has been connected ever since. Shannon is the Marketing Director at the Steier Group, a Catholic fundraising consulting firm based in Omaha, where she oversees both the marketing and creative services divisions of the firm. Shannon has been recognized for her commitment to service and volunteerism and is active with Omaha's Heart Ministry Center, Girls, Inc. and is currently participating in Leadership Omaha. Shannon has assisted the Development Office at Duchesne with various fundraising events and activities. "She continues to say 'yes' and always checks in with us to make sure we know she is there to help," writes Meghan Rowen.



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**Rhonda Raffi Meegan** *Eastern Regional Director, Silver Spring, Md.*

In her nomination, Rosemary Stuart Dwyer describes Rhonda as possessing "incredible, selfless dedication." Rhonda joined the AASH Board in 2013 as Eastern Regional Director. A 1971 graduate of Newton Country Day School and 1975 of Newton College of the Sacred Heart, she has been active in both schools' alumnae organizations as well as that of Boston College. Rhonda has worked on many boards in varied capacities and has volunteered for Sacred Heart schools and many charity organizations. Currently she aids fundraising efforts for [www.jazzd4life.org](http://www.jazzd4life.org), founded by jazz legend, Dave Brubeck, and daughter Catherine Brubeck Yaghsizian. On a side note, Rhonda may be the only Board member to hold a patent: "Large Angle Magnetic Suspension System" with James Downer, David Eisenhaure, Stephen O'Dea, Tim Bliamptis, and Laura Larkin. US Patent Number 4,723,735. Ask her about it in Boston!



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**Deborah Newhouse Dunham** *Southern Regional Director, Annandale, Va.*

"Debby is a loyal alumna, eager to support the AASH and the mission of the Society of the Sacred Heart," shares Ann Caire, RSCJ. Sister Caire was the headmistress at Duchesne Academy in Houston when Deborah graduated in 1970. Deborah was a member of Duchesne's Board of Trustees, where she served on multiple committees. In 2000 she received Duchesne's inaugural Philippine Duchesne Alumna Award for "her commitment to the elder community." Deborah was also instrumental in the formation of an alumni association in the Washington, D.C. area. Professionally, Deborah is a Certified Aging-in-Place Specialist and geriatric case manager in private practice. She was employed by Elderlink, Options for Caregiving, in Fairfax, Va. from 1996-2012. Deborah is also an active member of the Eden Alternative, Inc., an international not-for-profit dedicated to transforming care environments for elders and those who collaborate with them as care partners.



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**Kate Devers Sawyer** *Western Regional Director, Los Angeles, Calif.*

While Kate graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart, 91st Street in New York in 1986, she has been an active member of the Los Angeles Alumnae/i Association. She would like to become more involved on a national level to help develop more interest in AASH with recent graduates. When the Los Angeles Alumni Alumnae/i Association was re-activated in 2006, she was instrumental in assisting then-President Liz Bradley Helmick. "Kate has been someone I have always been able to rely upon in performing her tasks with timeliness and correctness," writes Liz. For more than 17 years, Kate has worked for Cheesecake Factory, where she is Manager of Internal Audit. Kate has served as a Big Sister with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for eight years.



# COR UNUM AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cor Unum recognizes an alumna or alumnus for excellence in one's work, loyalty to Sacred Heart values and the gift of self in service to others. It is awarded at the Conference to one alum living in each of the regions.



**EASTERN REGION**  
Eugenie "Mimi" O'Hagan,  
*Eden Hall 1948, Newton College 1951*

Mimi O'Hagan's commitment to education, the poor and the unity of the Sacred Heart international community has been a gift to all who know her. Her drive and compassion, along with her joie de vivre and spirituality, define the heart of Cor Unum, says nominator Susan Burke-O'Neal,

Director of Alumnae Relations & Associate Director of Development at Convent of the Sacred Heart (91st Street) in New York City.

An accomplished businesswoman, Mimi worked in communications, public relations and development during her long, interesting career. Her work ranged from Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidential campaign to corporate public relations at Schweppes. She also worked at several nonprofits such as Project Hope, The Freedom Institute, Oxford University Press and the American Association of Publishers. She has been a wonderful presence and booster at 91st Street. In the 1970s, she decided the Sacred Heart community could strengthen its international connections and created Entente Sacré Coeur, an international reciprocal exchange program for upper school students with their counterparts in Sacred Heart schools in Europe. She also helped cultivate the alumnae and development offices and produced the first annual report of giving for 91st Street.

Mimi officially retired in 2000, but she was just finding her stride when it comes to helping others. While building houses for Habitat for Humanity in Ethiopia in 2006, she was so moved by the sight of an impoverished child collecting water at a stream, she came back and contacted Save the Children ([www.savethechildren.org/mimi](http://www.savethechildren.org/mimi)) asking how she could help. A lifelong fundraiser, she got busy with her new initiative – called Mimi's Building Blocks – and started by writing hundreds of letters to everyone she knew. She has since raised more than \$750,000 and built five 'educational centers' which provide fresh water, latrines for boys and girls, playgrounds, stone classrooms for Early Childhood Development, Primary 1-4 classes and Middle 5-8 grades. The appreciative Ethiopian families and their children's lives have been transformed.

"I find it a miracle in my life to have this incredibly productive, life-changing work," she told *The Wall Street Journal* in a 2011 profile. She said her work shows that if she can achieve such a thing, others can engage in their own fundraising projects and find a way to pour their passion into their own interests. For her international, philanthropic heart, the AASH is pleased to present Mimi with the Cor Unum Award.



**SOUTHERN REGION**  
Laurie Weiss Nuell,  
*Carrollton 1975*

Many may remember Laurie Weiss Nuell as the chair of the powerful, festive and uplifting 2011 National Conference in Miami. However, few may know of her behind-the-

scenes accomplishments and dedication to service for others. "Laurie is the quintessential example of demonstrating active concern for the dignity of others in our local and global community," says Maria Cristina Garcia, Carrollton Alumnae Director.

After graduating from Carrollton in 1975, Laurie studied at Tulane University, where she received her undergraduate degree in social work. She also has her master's in social work from Barry University in Miami. This education led to a life dedicated to volunteerism and non-profit leadership. Her extensive board experience is focused on health care and education and includes the Public Health Trust, which manages Jackson Memorial Hospital, the major teaching facility for the University of Miami School of Medicine, the Network of Sacred Heart Schools and Academy of the Sacred Heart, The Rosary. She was also Chair of the Board of Trustees at Carrollton.

In 2004, she became involved with Dr. Paul Farmer and his organization, Partners in Health, working to combat disease and poverty in more than a dozen countries. In Haiti, Laurie has collaborated with a team of medical professionals, architects, members of the Carrollton community and many Sacred Heart schools (via their Hearts for Haiti campaign) to open Notre Dame La Colline Community School. Consisting of two buildings that house seven classrooms, an administrative office and infirmary, it opened in February 2014 and is a dream come true following the devastation of the earthquake in 2010. This enormous undertaking was a prime example of what Maria Cristina says is one of her biggest strengths: "Laurie excels at bringing together diverse communities who share a vision."

Giving back is a family affair. Along with her sister, Jennie Weiss Block, Laurie founded the Jay Weiss Center for Social Medicine and Health Equity,

named for their father who was a champion of the underserved in the Miami-Dade community. Her two daughters, Elizabeth '02 and Molly '12, are Carrollton alums, and her granddaughter, Charlotte, is a current student. We share their pride in Laurie for her accomplishments and dedication to "a social awareness which impels to action" and are happy to honor her with a Cor Unum Award.



### CENTRAL REGION

*Karen Witt German, Omaha 1975*

The life of Karen Witt German is linked to the word "caring," writes Meghan Rowen, Director of Alumnae and Special Events at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. The Nebraska school is the heart of the work that has defined Karen's life, as well as the lives of her many family alumnae including her mother, sisters, nieces and daughters Elizabeth and Carolyn.

Karen's strong connection and long service to the Academy and the church ring true to the "gift of self" for which Cor Unum recipients are known. The example was set by her mother, Josephine McGinn Witt, Omaha '50, a legendary matriarch and alumna, who also has played an integral part in the success of Sacred Heart education. Jo's enthusiastic volunteerism — including Past President of AASH, Board of Trustees member and advisor to the international Sacred Heart Alumnae Association — was modeled well to her children and grandchildren.

Raised in the importance of grace, tradition and education, Karen worked with her mother to plan the AASH Conference in Omaha in 1983 and went on to serve as president of the Alumnae Association, chaired the memorable Daisy Parade, co-chaired 2001 Congé and came back to co-chair it again in 2010 with her husband, Cal. While her daughters were at Duchesne Academy, Karen participated in almost every ILAC (Institute for Latin American Concern) event, as well as the Parent Board, the Booster Club and in the Development Office. She worked again on the AASH conference in Omaha in 2013 and is current President of the Children of Mary.

"Karen always reminds me to think outside the box, be efficient and resourceful, and best of all, Karen reminds me to smile," adds Meghan. She is always helpful and continues to answer challenges with a big smile on her face, a woman who Meghan says, "was an instant friend and mentor at the school." She is fully devoted to Sacred Heart education. Karen, who graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, also has served many worthwhile organizations including the Ak-Sar-Ben Women's Ball Committee, the Archdiocese of Omaha, Christ Child Board and Christ the King Church. The AASH is honored to stand with the Witt family to honor Karen.



### WESTERN REGION

*Esther Kmetty, Sophianum, Budapest*

Some alums may be familiar with Esther Mariassy Kmetty as the "stamp lady." Others may have enjoyed international hospitality through their alumni passports. Either way, her commitment to Sacred Heart connections is boundless. "Esther's loyalty to Sacred Heart values runs deep," says

Sister Virginia Rodee, who has been pleased to work closely with Esther in the Western Region for the past 17 years. "She prizes her Sacred Heart education"

Esther attended the Sacred Heart school, Sophianum, in Budapest, Hungary for first and second grades until spring of 1948 when the Communists closed all parochial and private schools. Her family escaped from Hungary in August, 1948, and sought asylum in Austria until they were given refugee status to come to the U.S. in November. With her first AMASC Congress in San Francisco in 1982 (which she attended with her mother, who had been to the very first AMASC in Brussels), Esther was hooked. Not only has she attended every Congress since, she has also attended every AASH National Conference beginning with New Orleans in 1987. Boston will make #15! She has been an integral member of the Arizona Alumnae Association, helping to make it the vibrant group that it is through her generous leadership and participation in Regional Meetings. At the national level, she has served on the AASH Board as Western Regional Director.

Esther also attends alumnae gatherings when she returns to Hungary, where Sophianum alumnae meet in their original school building. She has represented her home country at the AMASC Congresses and most recently, served as the local Congress coordinator when the Arizona Assoc. hosted AMASC in Scottsdale in November. With this impressive Sacred Heart service, Esther also has been dedicated to her family and active in her parish, volunteering extensively at her children's schools. In addition, she became a founding member of the Arizona Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar, which named their local annual undergraduate scholarship in her honor.

Perhaps Esther's lasting gift is her embracing of our internationality. Through many of her efforts, she has helped us remain connected. Whether it is spearheading the canceled stamp collection, which helps fund RSCJ and alumni attendance at AMASC, leading the International Relations Committee, which provides passports to all alumni when traveling to other countries, or welcoming Sacred Heart alums from around the world to Scottsdale, Esther serves with joy, faith, grace and humility. "Generosity is surely one of her finest gifts," credits Sister Rodee. We are happy to recognize Esther's generous heart with a Cor Unum Award.

# BACK TO BOSTON!

April 9-12, 2015



*Toni Walsh Curry (left), Rosemary Stuart Dwyer (right),  
Conference Co-Chairs*

We are excited to be returning to Boston in April for our 40th biennial national conference! Whether this is your first or your fifteenth conference, come to connect and collaborate with Sacred Heart alums from around the country.

This is our fourth AASH gathering in Boston (1955, 1975 and 1983) and we look forward to an informative, enlightening and inspiring conference. We hope you'll join us!

## Speaker Highlights



**RITA FOLEY**

*"Giving Forward: Staying Relevant, Rewarded and Healthy"  
Thursday, April 9, 10:30-11:45 a.m.*

There are many ways that you can "Give Forward" that not only help others, but they can be ever so rewarding to you and become your legacy. Hear from Rita Foley how the basis for her desire to volunteer started in Grade 5 at Newton Country Day School.

After a long and successful career as a corporate director and Fortune 500 global president, Rita retired early so that she had time to devote to volunteering. She is a founding partner of Reboot Partners LLC. In addition to consulting and conducting individual and corporate workshops on pre-retirement planning and career breaks, the four Reboot Partners principals published in April 2011, "Reboot Your Life: Energize Your Career and Life by Taking a Break" and in October 2014, "Revolutionary Retirement. Discover the New In You."

A 1971 graduate of NCDS, Rita received her Diploma from the University of Geneva and a bachelor's degree with Honors in Psychology from Smith College (Northampton, Mass.). She graduated from INSEAD'S Aims program and Stanford's Executive MBA Program.

Her career began with Polaroid in St. Albans, England and then she worked at Harris Lanier before spending 17 years at Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) in Maynard, Mass in various leadership roles. Rita was EVP, Worldwide Operations for QAD (NASDAQ) in Santa Barbara, Calif. Her career in business culminated at MeadWestvaco as Global President of the Consumer Packaging Group.

Rita is a committed leader in numerous organizations dedicated to improving the health and lives of individuals. She sits on the boards of publicly-traded PetSmart and Dresser-Rand, and The HealthCare Chaplaincy. While Chair of Pro Mujer International, a micro-finance and women's development organization, Rita was honored by NACD for their Inaugural Not-for-Profit Director of the Year award.

Rita feels her greatest accomplishments are her two sons, Nathaniel and Michael, who work and live in New York City. The new love in her life is photography. Her first solo show, entitled "Visual Mediations," was on exhibition at Alternatives Gallery in New York City in December 2013.

Rita will speak about how you can continue to give back, why it's so important to your health, feeling relevant, being fulfilled and living a life of gratitude.



**FRANCES DUBROWSKI**  
*Climate SmART: Honoring Our Children's Future  
 Through Faith, Art, and Action*  
 Friday, April 10, 8:30-10 a.m.

Frances Dubrowski (Newton College), project director of Honoring the Future, moderates a panel of RSCJ educators and practicing artists that will explore what climate change means for us and what we can do to build prepared, resilient, climate smART communities for our children and their children.

“What would you do if you had only a few more years to live?” When Fran sought to refocus her energies by asking that question, the answer was obvious. An environmental attorney and educator with decades of experience translating complex science into plain English, she responded: “tackle climate change, the single greatest challenge of our generation.” “We all want to build a better world for our children and grandchildren,” Fran reasoned, “but climate change poses a real, immediate, and potentially devastating threat to that goal.”

“We have the power to craft a different future for ourselves and our children – but we must act now,” she says. But, how? For Fran, the answer lies, in significant part, in art. “Art has always been the discipline through which we merge our dreams and our reality,” she observes. “Art can help us realize our vision of a better future. Art compels us to reflect, helping us to make sense of our world.”

So, Fran joined with colleagues to launch Honoring the Future, a nonprofit project to harness the power of art to educate, empower, and engage the public on climate change. Prominent artists like Maya Lin, James Balog, Alexis Rockman and Eve Mosher lent the project art images; several also joined the project in public panel programs to discuss how to build prepared, resilient, “climate smART communities.”

This program will pose many questions: How is climate change impacting our world, especially the elderly, very young and impoverished? What will our children face if we do not take effective action? And most importantly, how does our faith influence our response?

“I’m excited to be having this discussion with the alumni and alumnae of the Sacred Heart,” says Fran. “Our shared traditions, creative spirit and deep commitment to community service provide a foundation for exploring these questions in ways that can be profoundly spiritual.”

Ultimately, the goal is to inspire “because there are so many simple, practical things we can do to make our lifestyles more sustainable,” she says.

***This session, sponsored by Honoring the Future ([www.honoringthefuture.org](http://www.honoringthefuture.org)), includes a panel of artists and RSCJ educators:***

**Peter Handler**, award-winning craft artist and creator of “The Canaries in the Coal Mine” sculptural works about the impacts of climate change and co-founder, Philadelphia Chapter of PA Interfaith Power & Light.

**Nancy Cohen**, internationally recognized sculptor and installation artist, whose work explores the tension between fragility and strength, often in the context of her local waterways.

**Joan Kirby**, RSCJ, UN Representative from Temple of Understanding, the U.S.’s oldest interfaith organization.

**Melanie Guste**, RSCJ, Headmistress, Academy of the Sacred Heart (The Rosary) and Facilitator, New Orleans Healthy Waters and Coastal Restoration Interest Group.

**Eleanor MacLellan**, RSCJ, Educator at Massachusetts Audubon Society, Drumlin Farm, reconnecting urban elementary school children to nature.



*Arctic Ice Reliquary  
 by Peter Handler*



## BACK TO BOSTON!, *continued*

BARBARA GOULD HENRY

*Ruby Bridges Screening, Presentation and Q&A  
Friday, April 10, 12-1:45 p.m.*

Newton College alumna Barbara Gould Henry has helped to make an unforgettable imprint on history. "On November 14, 1960, at the William Frantz School in New Orleans, there occurred a scene that shamed our nation and shocked the world," writes Barbara. "It was the arrival of a delicate appearing little black girl making her way with a quiet dignity and exceptional courage in the company of United States Federal Marshals to enter the formerly all-white public school, thus taking first steps in officially desegregating the city's public school system." This is the story of Ruby Bridges and her devoted teacher.

*As I took her hand in mine from the hand of the Federal Marshal, we made our way - then - and pressed through the year - alone and together - for our singular mission and living, personal academic adventure.*

Only two years into her teaching career and just two months in New Orleans, Barbara was told, on her first day, that "if I returned tomorrow, I would meet my new student." "Then I knew - appalled, but determined, I was returning. And on that second day, that magical moment occurred that has forever remained as indelible as it was striking in its happening ... As I - and only I - went to greet her and then introduce myself to her, her head slightly tilted downward, offered a touching, gentle smile and then her big, gorgeous brown eyes rose to meet mine - and there and then - it was love at first sight."



*Barbara Gould Henry and Ruby Bridges reunite at the unveiling of a statue commemorating the 54th anniversary of integrating William Frantz School.*

Barbara bravely faced the wildly protesting mob outside the school daily, surrounded by Federal Marshals, to be with Ruby in their solitary classroom, shunned by other teachers, parents, and students. This self-sacrificing gesture brought forth a Civil Rights victory in its six-year pursuit of realizing the 1954 U. S. Supreme Court Decision decreeing the end of racially segregated public schools in our nation.

This historic event has been acknowledged by invitations to the White House by Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, guest appearances on the Oprah Winfrey show, and has been immortalized in an image portrayed by Norman Rockwell's famous painting - "The Problem We all Live With."

Last November a bronze statue of Ruby Bridges was unveiled on the 54th anniversary of her integrating the school, now known as Akili Academy Charter School, where their classroom has been restored and preserved. Barbara and Ruby - teacher and student - both attended the event.

Barbara will share a PowerPoint presentation from the movie "Ruby Bridges" during lunch in the grand ballroom of the Taj Hotel (formerly the Ritz Carlton), overlooking the historic Public Gardens.

## JOHN AND MARCIE EASON AMORY

### *"Brahmin Meets Cowgirl"*



Marcie Eason Amory and her husband, John, share the story of their partnership, now 51 years strong. John is Boston born and bred, a Harvard graduate. His great, great grandfather was Major John Buttrick, who is known to have “fired the shot heard round the world.”

Marcie is a self-professed, die-hard Westerner from a ranching family in Nevada. She boarded at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Menlo (now Atherton) from 1941-52 and graduated from Lone Mountain in 1956.

After spending time in the Army, John traveled west to visit his mother in Scottsdale. With no specific plans, he met the manager of Coldwell Banker who asked if he would like to work in real estate.

As luck would have it, Marcie was working at Coldwell Banker and her desk was right in front of John’s. “Voila!” she says, “The rest is history.”

And history there is ... on both sides Marcie and John have connections that date back centuries.

They share a love for the mountains, open spaces, horses and boats and have three children. They currently live in Wickenburg, Ariz, (about 40 miles northwest of Scottsdale). After 55 years, John is still selling commercial real estate with the same company – now CBRichard Ellis. Marcie is Past President of AASH and especially active in the Arizona Alumnae/i Association. She is an avid volunteer and recently trained her dog for therapy work.

“He’s from the East, I’m from the West, but our values, our faith, our love of family and country are airtight,” says Marcie. Their story is sure to be inspiring, interesting and fun!



### KATHLEEN HIRSCH

*“Wise Hearts and Open Minds:  
How Best Practices Can Change Our Lives”  
Saturday, April 11, 2:45-4 p.m.*

Kathleen Hirsch is an alumna of Nottingham Academy of the Sacred Heart in Buffalo, N.Y. (closed in 1972), where she founded the student newspaper. A regular contributor to *Crux: All Things Catholic* ([Cruxnow.com](http://Cruxnow.com)), she is also the author of three books, a poet and teacher.

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College, she holds an M.F.A. from Brown University. For two years, Kathleen was a reporter for the *Springfield Union and Sunday Republican*, and later *The Valley Advocate*. She began working for *The Boston Phoenix* in 1983, and covered the city’s subcultures and marginal populations for three years, which inspired her to write *“Songs From the Alley,”* a portrait of contemporary homelessness among women.

Following the success of her first book was a decade of freelance writing and public speaking. Her work has appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Boston Magazine*, *Ms.*, *Working Woman*, *the Mississippi Review*, *The Georgia Review*, *Five Points*, *Orion*, and was syndicated in many national newspapers.

In addition, she has written *“A Home in the Heart of the City”* and *“Sabbath Life: One Woman’s Search for Wholeness,”* as well as *“Mothers,”* an anthology of fiction about motherhood (co-edited with Katrina Kenison).

For the past 15 years, Kathleen has taught at Boston College, in the PULSE program, a service-learning and social justice program dedicated to the formation of graduates who can live out the college’s motto, “men and women for others.” Building, bridging and sustaining “communities of value,” students spend a full year in consistent service at one of nearly 60 sites in the city, learning in the process the key value of authentic connection, conversation and mutuality. Her work there has been buttressed by several recent books that emphasize the importance of mindfulness and best practices in serving others.

Kathleen is married to Mark Morrow, deputy managing editor at *The Boston Globe*, in charge of *The Sunday Globe* and investigative projects. Their son, Will, is a college junior.

# AASH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

*April 8 – 12, 2015*

## Wednesday, April 8

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Registration for early arrivals
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique Open Dinner on your own (Suggested restaurants in Conference Welcome Bag)

## Thursday, April 9

6:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Registration available
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Continental breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	AASH General Session I Call to Order & Welcome <i>Alice J. Burns, President</i> Invocation Welcome to Boston <i>Toni Walsh Curry &amp; Rosemary Stuart Dwyer, Conference Co-Chairs</i> History of Society in Boston <i>Barbara Rogers, RSCJ, Head of Newton Country Day</i>
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Rita Foley (Newton Country Day School), <i>Corporate Director, retired Fortune 500 Global President, and committed leader in numerous organizations dedicated to improving the health and lives of individuals</i>  “Giving Forward: Staying Relevant, Rewarded and Healthy”  Introduction by Joanne Jaxtimer (Newton Country Day School), <i>Managing Director, Corporate Affairs, BNY Mellon</i>
12:00 p.m. SHARP!	Board buses for Newton Country Day School Box lunches on board bus
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Network of Schools Alumni Directors Meeting at Newton Country Day School
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Newton Country Day School Visit  Reflection on the Mission — <i>Students</i>  Iconography of the Chapel — <i>Barbara Rogers, RSCJ</i>
3:00 p.m.	Board buses for return to Conference Hotel
4:45 p.m.	Board buses for trip to Odyssey Cruise Ship
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Shelagh Mary O’Dwyer Welcome Cocktail Party aboard Odyssey
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner and entertainment by the Bo Winiker Band
TBD	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique Open



## Friday, April 10

7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration Available
7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Buffet breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<i>Conference Hotel</i> Climate SmART: Honoring Our Children’s Future through Faith, Art and Action Fran Dubrowski (Newton College) Moderator, Project Director, Honoring the Future Peter Handler Nancy Cohen Joan Kirby, RSCJ (Greenwich, Manhattanville College) Melanie Guste, RSCJ (The Rosary, New Orleans) Eleanor MacLellan, RSCJ (Newton Country Day School)
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Regional Meetings
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch at the Taj Hotel (formerly the Ritz Carlton) Barbara Gould Henry (Newton College), inspirational teacher of Ruby Bridges Presentation and Q & A
1:45 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Break
1:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	AASH General Session II
3:20 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Return to Conference Hotel
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Outreach to the Marginalized Nancy Kehoe, RSCJ (Sheridan Road, Duchesne, Omaha) – Mental Illness Marion Glennon (Greenwich) – Prison Ministry Melissa Weiksnar (Nottingham, Buffalo) – Addiction Betsy Hartson, RSCJ (The Rosary, Barat College, Manhattanville College) – Living Wages
6:30 p.m.	Departure for Home Dinners
7:00 p.m.	Home Dinners
TBD	Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique Open

## Saturday, April 11

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Brahmin Meets Cowgirl      John and Marcie Eason Amory (Atherton/Menlo Park, Lone Mountain)
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<i>St. Cecilia’s Church</i> <i>Cor Unum Liturgy and Awards</i> <i>Woman of Conscience Award</i> <i>Bishop Walter Edyvean, Celebrant</i>
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<i>Conference Hotel</i> Luncheon Winner Presentations: Student Essay Contest Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award – Cristina Mas (Carrollton)
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Keynote Speaker Kathleen Hirsch (Nottingham, Buffalo), award-winning journalist, author, poet, professor of writing at Boston College “Wise Hearts and Open Minds: How Best Practices Can Change Our Lives”

## AASH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE, *cont.*

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Cor Unum Celebration Gala: Fairmont Copley Plaza

TBD Hospitality Suite/Sacred Heart Boutique Open

**Sunday, April 12**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. *Conference Hotel*  
Liturgy: Fr. E. Corbett Walsh, S.J., Celebrant

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Farewell Breakfast  
AASH General Session III

12:00 Noon Conclusion of Conference

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# WOMAN OF CONSCIENCE

Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ



"It is the countless acts of kindness and giving of herself that no one knows that make her a superb model of Christian love and understanding."

This testimonial describes Sister Gail O'Donnell, recipient of the 2015 Woman of Conscience Award, given to recognize an RSCJ for her total gift of self in the service of others.

Sister O'Donnell has spent the past three decades immersed in spiritual direction and retreat work and "has helped many . . . find God's loving heart in times of crisis." Currently she is an adjunct faculty member at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Sister O'Donnell grew up on Grande Ile, just south of Detroit, and boarded at Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe, Mich. A graduate of Newton College, Sister O'Donnell earned her master's in English from Manhattanville College in 1965 and began teaching in Harlem. She also taught and was Headmistress at Grosse Pointe and Nottingham in Buffalo, N.Y. (both Sacred Heart schools that have closed).

After earning her master's of divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass, Sister O'Donnell traveled to South Korea, where she taught English and theology at Song Sim College for Women in Seoul. Returning to the U.S., she became the Director of Formation for the U.S. Province, responsible for the formation of religious candidates and young professed. The Jesuits also sought her as a member of their novitiate team, a novel idea at the time to include a woman. Her international experience continued as she was appointed to the RSCJ International Formation Team in Rome. When she returned home, she headed Weston's sabbatical program as director of continuing education.

"I am humbled and grateful to receive this award – especially at an AASH meeting that is focused on 'Philanthropy of the Heart,' says Sister O'Donnell. "To me, 'philanthropy' means 'one gives generously from what one has received.' Each morning I ask in prayer to be an instrument of God's love. That is my deepest desire. I'm sure that is why I was drawn to and have been sustained by the charism of the Society of the Sacred Heart: to daily discover in prayer and to reveal in concrete actions the abundant love of God as revealed in Jesus. I receive this award in the name of my fellow Religious of the Sacred Heart who in so many diverse ways are philanthropists of God's love."

Sister O'Donnell has shared her gifts of self through international and national ministries in teaching, religious formation, spiritual direction and retreat work. "She is a brilliant leader who has given deeply from her heart to the Society and its associates all of her life," writes her nominator. The AASH is pleased to honor Sister O'Donnell as our 2015 Woman of Conscience.

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*"Woman of Conscience" was the theme of the 28th AASH biennial conference held in New York in 1991, at which a Religious of the Sacred Heart from the host region (East), Sister Joan Kirby, was recognized by the conference committee for her outstanding impact on the lives of others. Since then, the Woman of Conscience Award has been used to honor and thank an outstanding RSCJ in the host region during the conference for her shining example and for the total gift of self in the service of others.*



# RECOGNIZING OUR YOUNG ALUMS

## Cristina Mas, Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award Recipient



“When I received AASH’s phone call regarding the Maryliz deVito Lincoln Generosity and Service Award, I was humbled and shocked,” says Cristina Mas, the 2015 recipient. “I am in the midst of planning our 10-year high school reunion and was almost certain the call was about our event. What a beautiful surprise.”

Cristina is a 2005 graduate of Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, where she spent the majority of her life. She began Carrollton at the age of two and her exemplary dedication to Carrollton has continued. As the Class Representative, she is responsible for planning reunions as well as maintaining the Class of 2005’s Facebook page. In addition, she ensures classmates are kept in the loop with relevant information. “Our class also benefits from Cristina’s hand-written Annual Fund letters; the money collected from these letters goes to benefit the future students of Carrollton,” writes her nominator. Beyond her commitment to the Class of ’05, Cristina also spends time mentoring current students.

After graduating from Carrollton, Cristina attended Loyola University, where she majored in criminal justice, initially intending to go to law school. However, due to Katrina, her first semester was spent at Fordham University in New York City. Currently, Cristina is the Director of Marketing and

External Affairs for Pointe Group Real Estate, a commercial full-service real estate firm based in Florida.

In addition to her extensive alum involvement at Carrollton, Cristina is the founder of a young professional organization in Miami whose goal is to raise the level of civic engagement in the community. She is also a member of the World Economic Forum Global Shapers, as well as a member of the Miami Association of Realtors Young Professional Network Board, a member of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce HYPE committee and co-chair of the Frost Science Museum Annual Gala After Party. It’s clear that service is an integral part of her life.

“I am grateful to be recognized by the AASH, but most grateful for my time at Carrollton for giving me the spirit of service and gratitude that led me to such an honor,” says Cristina. “Without the Sacred Heart community, I would not be where I am today – professionally or personally. So while I celebrate receiving this kind honor, I also must celebrate the lifetime of values the Sacred Heart education gave me and that I strive to embody every day.”

*This award, given in memory of Maryliz deVito Lincoln, was established in 2007 to recognize an alumna or alumnus, 35 or younger, who has demonstrated outstanding support of and loyalty to her/his alumnae/i association. The winner receives an expenses-paid trip to the national conference.*

*Maryliz’s joyful, exuberant, generous spirit was palpable. A graduate of Lone Mountain (1965), she became involved in her local alumnae association, then at the national level, ultimately serving as AASH president from 1999-2001, and internationally with 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. “Her devotion to the Religious of the Sacred Heart and deep appreciation of her Sacred Heart education permeated her very being,” says Olga Seiferth Rome, The Rosary ’53 and AASH Past President.*

*Maryliz died in 2003 of an apparent heart attack. She is remembered as a kind, compassionate, fun, competent, courageous, loyal woman. Her generous bequest not only funds this award, but also is invested by AASH to be used for special needs.*



### PAST RECIPIENTS

2007 Amy Banna, Bloomfield Hills '95

2009 Karen Patterson, Forest Ridge '93

2011 Sara Burchell Kestner,  
Stuart Country Day '96

2013 Meghan Dowd Schlattmann,  
Duchesne Academy, Omaha '97

# REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION - Please complete a separate form for each person attending. You may also call 314-569-3948 and register by phone, or register online at [www.aashnet.org](http://www.aashnet.org).

First name	Maiden name	Married name (if applicable)		
Address	City	State	Zip	
Home phone	Cell phone	Email address		
Sacred Heart school(s) attended; School/alumnae/i affiliation		Years attended/graduated		

\*Please indicate if you have been designated by your association as  
 Voting Delegate    Voting Alternate   Name of Association \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate how you wish your name to appear on the name tag \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate any special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_ Other needs \_\_\_\_\_

I will need to take handicap shuttle, I am unable to walk 7 city blocks \_\_\_\_\_

FULL REGISTRATION - Full registrants receive entrance to all activities as noted and conference tote bag. Please check one.

RSCJ Registration before March 28: \$350 \_\_\_\_\_ after March 28: \$400 \_\_\_\_\_

Early Registration (on or BEFORE Feb 28)	Registration (March 1 - March 28)	Late Registration (on or AFTER March 29)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$395 (36 and older)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$425 (36 and older)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 (36 and older)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$350 (35 and under)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$395 (35 and under)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$445 (35 and under)

In order to help us plan for space and reduce waste, check each event you plan to attend:

Thursday, April 9	Friday, April 10	Saturday, April 11	Sunday, April 12
<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Plated Farewell Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/> Box Lunch/ Bus to Newton Country Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch at the TAJ	<input type="checkbox"/> Cor Unum Mass	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bus to the Odyssey	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Dinners (for full registrants only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch at Hotel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Reception and Dinner on the Odyssey Cruise Ship	<input type="checkbox"/> Need a ride from hotel to home dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Cor Unum Cocktail Party and Dinner at the Fairmont Copley Plaza	

Total amount enclosed for Full Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note lodging is not included in registration costs. Westin Copley Place is the conference hotel. Please visit [www.westincopleyplaceboston.com](http://www.westincopleyplaceboston.com) site or contact them directly (Phone: 617-262-9600) and ask for 2015 AASH Conference rate, The hotel rate is \$189+tax and includes complimentary room internet. Remember, using the conference preferred hotel helps to keep the cost of the conference to a minimum.*

# REGISTRATION

## PARTIAL REGISTRATION - Can't join us for the entire conference? Choose your events!

Partial registration allows you to attend specific events during the conference, please check the events you wish to attend below.

- Thursday, April 9** Breakfast, Morning Session \$35  
Box Lunch, Bus to Newton Country Day School, Afternoon session \$75  
Odyssey Cruise Cocktail and Dinner \$125
- Friday, April 10** Breakfast Morning Session \$35  
Lunch at the Taj Hotel Afternoon Session \$75
- Saturday, April 11** Buffet Breakfast Morning Session \$35  
Lunch Afternoon Session \$75  
Cor Unum Gala, Fairmont Copley Plaza \$150
- Sunday, April 12** Plated Farewell Breakfast \$35

Total amount enclosed for Partial Registration \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RIBBONS AND EVENT SPONSORSHIP** - Show your support of our conference. Your name tag will have a ribbon attached and your donation will be recognized in the souvenir program.

Along with my registration, I would also like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a ribbon sponsorship.

- Gold Ribbon (\$5,000+)
- Silver Ribbon (\$2,500-\$4,999)
- Sophie's Circle (\$1,000-\$2,499) - sponsor an RSCJ's conference costs
- Blue Ribbon (\$500-\$999)
- Green Ribbon (\$250-\$499)
- Pink Ribbon (\$100-\$249)
- Red Ribbon (\$50-\$99)

Total amount enclosed for Ribbon and Event Sponsorships \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: If you cannot attend the conference, but would like to help sponsor an RSCJ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT

Please mail completed registration form and check to:  
AASH Boston Conference, c/o Lois Wrightson  
200 Birkdale Lane, Jupiter, FL 33458

Full Registration Total	\$ _____
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Sponsorship Total	\$ _____
Additional Gift	\$ _____
Grand Total	\$ _____

For questions or more information, please email:  
conferencechair@aashnet.org or nationaloffice@aashnet.org

**REFUND POLICY: Full refunds only for cancellations in writing postmarked on or before March 28, 2015**

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# ADVERTISING — Reserve your space by March 8

## Celebrate your business or someone special in the AASH National Conference Program

This full-color souvenir program will include the conference schedule and planned tours, a list of AASH directors and conference volunteers, highlights from the conference, Sacred Heart history, noted Sacred Heart alumnae, and much more!

Space in the program is available to everyone:

- Showcase your school or alumnae group
- Thank a special teacher, mentor or alumna
- Congratulate a new alumna
- Showcase items your association offers for sale
- Advertise your business
- Honor a RSCJ
- Show appreciation to current, past or future AASH Board Members

Advertising in the program helps underwrite the cost of the conference not covered by registration. It is a great way to show your support for AASH and celebrate special people or groups which have had a positive influence in your life and to honor award recipients, Advertise your business and reach new demographics. Celebrate your Sacred Heart education and thank those who helped you along the way.

### Advertising Spaces:

<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Back Cover (7 x9.5")	\$2,500*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Page (7 x9.5")	\$1,000*
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Front Cover (7 x9.5")	\$1,500*	<input type="checkbox"/> Half Page (7 x 4.75")	\$500
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Back Cover (7 x9.5")	\$1,500*	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page (3.25 x 4.75")	\$250

\*Includes web page advertisement on Conference website.

Need help with layout? We can help format ads for an additional \$50. Send us your information and let us do the rest!

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Company (Alumnae/i Association, School, Business, etc.)

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All artwork should be camera ready (300 dpi and in pdf, tiff, eps or jpg format) and may be sent via e-mail to: Marilyn Parker (marilyn.parker2@me.com) or on a CD by mail to the address below.

For questions, contact Marilyn at 617-755-0282. Please include contact name and phone number with all payments and artwork.

Deadline for artwork is March 8, 2015. Please make checks payable to Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart and mail payments, advertising form and/or artwork to: AASH National Office, 801 S. Spoeede Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131.

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