

To: Chapter Presidents and AA Board Members

From: Carol Freeman

Subject: Notes from the July 28-29, 2007, Alumni Association meetings in Santa Fe.

At the July 28-29 meetings, chapter presidents and AA board members celebrated the good health of 17 or 19 chapters. Of the other two, and Austin representative reported that the chapter will be meeting shortly to reactivate, and the alumni office will be working with members in the Baltimore area to hold more activities there.

Action Items of the Chapters Committee:

1. A reminder to chapters to **check the SJC website** to see what other chapters are doing, update the information about the chapter, and to encourage members to register for the Online Community – visit http://alumni.stjohnscollege.edu/members/group_select.asp?type=191 If chapters have questions about the Online Community, contact Victoria.Smith@sjca.edu.
2. **New reading group:** Alumni in the Madison, Wisconsin, area have begun holding seminars.
3. **SJC President Mike Peters will be visiting a chapter a month.** Chapters are encouraged to contact Michael Bales, Santa Fe alumni office, Michael.bales@sjcsf.edu, to arrange for a visit.
4. Chapter events are being held around the country to **celebrate the success of the capital campaign.**
4. A reminder about **tutor visits:** Chapter Presidents, think about planning ahead so that Jo Ann Mattson (Alumni Director), JoAnn.Mattson@sjca.edu, can provide assistance in arranging for tutor visits. It is helpful if you can identify which tutor and reading (if preferences are known). Be clear with Jo Ann about who will make what arrangements.
5. Michael Bales, Santa Fe alumni office, will provide a sample form for chapters to use in having **members sign in at chapter events.**
6. Discussion continued about a **Chapter President Retreat**, a once a year event to bring chapter presidents or their representative together. There is concern about attendance of chapter representatives to the AA Board meetings. Attendees discussed possible assistance that the alumni office and the college might offer to make it possible for more to attend at least once a year. Please send any ideas to JoAnn.Mattson@sjca.edu and/or Carol Freeman, freem013@umn.edu.
7. Some chapters have questions about **free venues to hold chapter events.** Ideas were shared including: members' homes, community centers, libraries, Great Books Foundation, members' condo clubhouse, historic sites, bookstore, and office buildings.