

◆ The Anchor ◆

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Spring 2006

2006 Alumnae Weekend

Plan on making Alumnae Weekend 2006 one to remember. Mark your calendars for **July 7-9**. The following events are to be held at the Ago House at 11 Pierrepont Avenue

Friday, July 7

5:00-8:00 pm

Informal Reception

Saturday, July 8

10:00 am

Ago Alumnae Assoc. Mtg. (All Agonians welcome to attend.)

12:30 -1:30

Barbecue (Bring the whole family)

2:00-4:00

Casual Porch Gathering (singing Ago songs, class pictures, tours of the house, etc.)

5:00

SUNY Potsdam Class Dinners

Reservations required. If interested, specify seating at "Ago Table". Call SUNY Alumni Relations Office at (315)267-2120 or www.potsdam.edu/alum

Sunday, July 9

8:00-10:00 pm

Breakfast

(Please stay for meeting)

10:00 am

Board of Directors Meeting

RSVP:

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Agonian Sorority's Impact On Potsdam's Colleges and Community

Letter from Nancy Griffin to the Agonian Alumnae Association:

Dear Ago Alumnae,

As a new Honorary member of Ago, I was very proud when asked to write about ways in which Ago has had an impact on our colleges and the Potsdam community. I am happy to do so because it gives me an opportunity to say thank you for all that you have done—and continue to do—to make Potsdam the wonderful place that it is.

Although I am fairly new to the Ago community—I became an Honorary just last year—I have been part of the Potsdam community for almost 23 years, both as an employee of SUNY Potsdam and resident of the Village of Potsdam with my husband Michael, who has been employed at Clarkson University for 20 years. We consider ourselves very fortunate to be able to live here and make our living in such a special place.

Potsdam is special for many reasons, but chief among them is the strong sense of community—the idea that we are all neighbors, whether we are permanent residents or just here for a short period of time while earning a college degree—and good neighbors take care of each other. We are very lucky to have many good neighbors, including Ago, who are willing to pitch in to help others in need.

I am very impressed by Ago's community service activities each year, such as participating in Derby Days to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network, volunteering for the American Red Cross blood drive, hosting a Halloween Party for children from needy families, helping with a food drive for St. Mary's Church, conducting a domestic violence awareness campaign for Renewal House, and staffing a table at the Student Union to collect donations for Hospice once a week. These are just a few of the many examples of the ways that Ago actives have contributed to our community.



As I reflect on Ago's many community service projects, I realize that the term "actives" is an

appropriate one. They are, in fact, very active in the life of the sorority as well as the life of their college and village community. I also realize that the reason they are so actively involved is that they have such strong role models in their alumnae who set a wonderful example to follow. Looking through "The Anchor", I am happy to see that so many of you are involved in volunteer activities in your own community. You are an inspiration to the actives as they prepare to leave the Potsdam community and become members of the communities where they will live and work.

I am also privileged to work directly with many of you in my role as Director

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This Old House

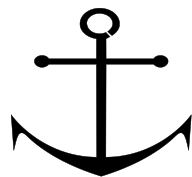
Our house at 11 Pierrepont Avenue has had a few repairs this year. They include:

- The front porch floor was scraped, primed, and painted.
- The porch spindles and rails were repaired and painted.
- The front fascia board was replaced.
- The front door screen was replaced.
- The back porch and steps were painted.
- Screens were put back on.
- The house was pressure washed.
- Clog was removed from bathroom sink.
- New curtain rod was affixed in bathroom.
- The hallway light fixture and electrical short were fixed.
- The shower room tub leak was repaired and space over the tub sealed.
- Cable wires were restrung.
- Screens were made for the racks.



11 Pierrepont Avenue

Your support of the Agonian Alumnae Association through your membership dues helps to fund repairs on The Ago House. Thank you for helping to maintain the Ago House in good condition.



Agonian Alumnae Association Treasurer's Report:

Account Balances

Checking	\$2907.53
Savings	\$9550.93
CD	\$3579.13

Major Expenses

Scholarship	\$2000.00
Newsletter	\$1200.00
Rush Support	\$ 500.00
Roof Repair	\$ 800.00

2005 Donations

\$4445.00

Many thanks to all Agonians who generously support the Alumnae Association. With the donations, we are able to produce the annual newsletter, award scholarships to active members, help with major house repairs to 11 Pierrepont, and support the active membership with rush activities. Our membership year runs from January to December and dues remain at \$20 per year. Additional donations are welcomed.



OURSTANDING ALUMNAE AWARDS

Mary Carr Melkonian '59 was voted to receive the "House Beautification" Award for re-doing the 11 Pierrepont dining room.

Denise Aiello Bukovan '76 was voted to receive the "Lifetime Achievement" Award for all her work with the Ago Board of Directors.

Ago's New Dining Room Mural





Agonian Alumnae Association



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Agonian Corporate Board of Directors

Meeting at the home of Jane Morale

Back row L-R:
Denise Aiello Bukovan '76, Erica Pendleton Davis '83, Shelley Ives '83.

Front row L-R:
Jane Morale '80, Colleen Costello Filiak '79, Sue Wajda '74, Patty Ruggiano Schmidt '65

In Appreciation:



Our thanks and gratitude to the **Alumnae Association Leadership Team** and **Agonian Corporate Board of Directors** for their dedication and service to Agonian Sorority. Please contact them to show your support by volunteering to help!

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THANK YOU!

Join the Alumnae Association TODAY by filling out the form on the back of this newsletter!

2005 Agonian Alumnae Association Meeting

Agonian Alumnae Association

Meeting July 2005 Minutes

President Jane Morale '80 called the meeting to order at 10:08 am. The Agonian Hymn was sung, accompanied by **Sue Wajda '74** and **Jamie Sico '05**. There was a moment of silence for our deceased Sisters.

All were welcomed and asked to sign the attendance roster; Jane reminded all that only dues paying AAA members can vote, although all may participate in discussions, etc.

Ago Anchor Editor's report:

Another great job by **Fran Sardina Bliak '62** and her team. Fran will continue to edit the newsletter.

2004/2005 Scholarship Chair report:

The Eunice "Brownie" Badger is awarded to the Sister who exemplifies Agonian Sisterhood while demonstrating excellence in service to the college and community. The 2005 winner of \$1000, **Jamie Sico '05** was in attendance. Congratulations, Jamie! The Laurena Ramsdell scholarship is awarded to the Sister who exemplifies Agonian Sisterhood while demonstrating scholastic excellence. This year's award of \$1000 went to **Krystal Catapano '05**. The Suzanne Wajda scholarship is awarded to the Sister who shows Agonian Sisterhood and leadership. This year's award of \$1000 went to **Megan Fallon '05**. **Ellen Stuart Wagner** moved to award 3 scholarships for \$1000 each and her motion was seconded by **Jamie Sico '05**. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

This year's scholarship team will be **Laurie Wood Cooper '77**, **Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75**, and **Liz O'Connor Utzig '77**.

Secretarial Team report:

Amy Hind Henry '76 and **Mary Lee Alles Caggiano '61** take care of our correspondence and act as a liaison between the Active Sisters and the

Alumnae.

We had 76 Ago Alumnae Association members in 2004. This year (2005) we have 119 members.

Treasurer's report:

Kathy Ames Kieta '74 reported that the following expenditures were made: Rush support \$500; Scholarship \$3000; Roof repair \$800; Newsletter \$1228.01; Total: \$5528.01. Dues and membership: \$2100. Donations: Repairs \$405; Newsletter: \$30; Scholarship \$60; Where needed: \$2050; Total: \$4645. Account balances: checking \$6186.07; savings \$5536.32; CD \$3507.78.

President's report:

Jane Morale '80 thanked class reps and noted those in attendance. Jane listed the weekend events and invited everyone to attend. Outstanding alums: **Mary Carr Melkonian '59** was voted to receive the "House Beautification" Award for re-doing the 11 Pierrepont dining room. **Denise Aiello Bukovan '76** was voted to receive the "Lifetime Achievement" Award for all her work with the Ago Board of Directors.

Teaching Excellence Award in honor of Marie Decker – No award given this year.

Jane also invited everyone to participate in the weekend activities including a barbecue at 12:30, dinner on campus with seating at the Ago table, breakfast on Sunday at 8 am and the Agonian Board of Directors meeting at 10 am.

Jane introduced the Active officers in attendance and thanked them for all they do to make the Alumnae feel welcome and continuing the spirit of the Agonian Sisterhood.

The Active girls talked about their community service projects. These include Renewal House, a domestic violence shelter; Derby Days with Sigma Chi and other Greeks, raising a total of \$4000 for the Children's Miracle Network; raising money for Hospice, an indoor fair for Potsdam Elementary children; and a Halloween party with Phi Kap fraternity for underprivileged

children.

New Business:

Sue Wajda '74 moved to invite **Nancy Griffin** to become an Honorary Member; **Patty Ruggiano Schmidt '65** seconded; passed.

Patty Ruggiano Schmidt '65 and **Ellen Stuart Wagner '65** volunteered to head a "Quiet Campaign" in order to investigate interest in funding 11 Pierrepont capital projects.

Elections:

Treasurer: Patty Ruggiano Schmidt '65 nominated **Alice Warden Ehmann '93**; **Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey '77** seconded; passed. Congratulations!

Secretary: Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey '77 nominated team of **Mary Lee Alles Caggiano '61** and **Sandy Maus Ryder '65**; **Sue Wajda '74** seconded; passed. Congratulations!

Vice President/ President: Sue Wajda '74 nominated **Jane Morale '80**; **Patty Ruggiano Schmidt '65** seconded; passed. Congratulations!

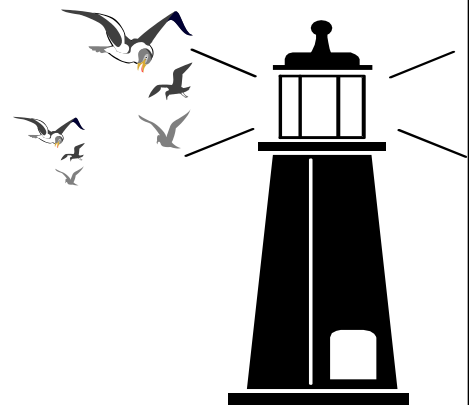
Congratulations and good luck to all!

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Wajda '74

Jane Morale '80





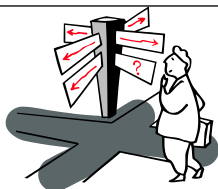
2005 Agonian Alumnae Association Members

'40 Amelia Clohosey Healey	'61 Kate Merrill Karshick	'74 Elaine Whitehead Pauly
'40 Elizabeth Goldsmith Jepson	'61 Eleanor McKillop Russell	'74 Janet Fraser Teixeira
'40 Margaret Roch Phillips	'61 Elizabeth Gibson Venator	'75 Debbie Diefendorf Hind
'45 Barbara Geignettner Lane	'62 Sue Johnson Aceto	'75 Lorraine Misicka
'45 Mary Meyers Tracey	'62 Judy Schulz Anderson	'75 Donna Longenecker Neubauer
'48 Natalie Parente Castaldo	'62 Fran Sardina Blied	'76 Denise Aiello Bukovan
'48 Elaine Bismark Dwight	'62 Elaine Fallon Boyrer	'77 Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz
'49 Betty Savage Castiglione	'62 Shirley Wolf Crane	'77 Georgiana Czerniak McGlinchey
'49 Nan Rankin Harris	'62 Kathryn Sheldon Cox	'77 Elizabeth Connor Utzig
'49 Elizabeth Winchester Kirwan	'62 Jean Urbas Dearstyne	'78 Nadine Gager Compisi
'49 Jane Baumer Moore	'62 Beverley Eccles Levy	'78 Jean Quattrocchi
'50 Shirley Secor Bush	'62 Joan Presta Litteer	'78 Patty Abernethy Sohl
'50 Sylvia Decker Quackenbush	'62 Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman	'79 Colleen Costello Filiak
'51 Patricia Patnode Caringi	'62 Judith Schorge O'Reilly	'80 Sue Hein Bailey
'51 Lucille Jackson	'62 Pat Clerkin Swanson	'80 Sue Charlton Carpenter
'51 Norma Jean Lamb	'62 Sharon Mooney Wolcott	'80 Tara Donovan Deines
'51 Winifred Toelke Peer	'63 Gail Taillie Crandall	'80 Patricia Coogan Huntington
'53 Shirley Bell Andrews	'63 Susan Tincknell Rossi	'80 Jane Morale
'55 Eleanor Jeffers Cox	'63 Marti Tallman Scott	'81 Cynthia Jackman Dwyer
'55 Marlene Ferguson Deveans	'63 Beverly Smith	'81 Patrice Delaus Scully
'55 Marilyn Steele McDonald	'63 Lynn Sklar Warshauer	'81 Robin Landrigan Smith
'55 Joan Petteys Mullins	'65 Elaine Pespas Lifton	'82 Constance Walker Bush
'55 Leonore Jacoby Neuberger	'65 Sue Brown Lilyblade	'82 Ellen Bartis Gambee
'56 Janet Heldt Beckler	'65 Johanna Riesmeyer McConaghy	'82 Karen Lorenz Walker
'56 J. Marilyn Shott Gorman	'65 F. Hope Carey Nejako	'83 Lori Principe Guarino
'56 Marlene King Towne	'65 Karen Shepard Retchless	'83 Kathleen Welch Vigue
'57 Mary Jane Flewellin Fisher	'65 Sandy Maus Ryder	'84 Linda Lawrence Degen
'57 Shirley Dymond Funicello	'65 Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt	'84 Susan Compton Dixon
'57 Julie Eisenstein Hirsch	'65 Ellen Stuart Wagner	'84 Cheryl Williamson Fisher
'57 Barbara McMahon Newcomb	'65 Maureen Sullivan Wellbery	'84 Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger
'57 Anne Giovannone Samson	'67 Catherine Ormiston Clark	'84 Stephanie Bakyta Seltzer
'57 Pat Adams Sundell	'68 Kathleen Belgard Finney	'85 Debra Foell Dower
'59 Sylvia Miga Anable	'68 Sherry Vader Pfenniger	'86 Penny Zonneville
'59 Joyce Horvath Berg	'68 Ann Lingenfelter Sandstrom	'88 Melissa Steinberg Bernier
'60 Julie Krum Kennaugh	'69 Christine Aiken	'88 Heather Williams Biche
'60 Judith Bennett Mayo	'71 Joanne Bodow Brandt	'88 Kelly Underwood Case
'60 Wenda Carter Paton	'71 Lynne Boles	'88 Wendy Schmitt Kowalczyk
'60 Ann Gamble Wright	'71 Barbara Blowers Perez	'90 Renee Hallinan Reagan
'61 Carol Rinfret Broadhurst	'72 Marie DuPell Caschera	'93 Alice Warden Ehmann
'61 Mary Lee Alles Caggiano	'72 Paula Thompson Moore	'94 Heidi Dopp
'61 Joan Kupiec Janowsky	'74 Kathy Ames Kieta	'05 Megan Fallon

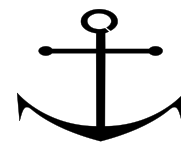
Thank you all for your support!

2006 AAA Members

'28 Irene French McCormick	'61 Carol Rinfret Broadhurst	'71 Karen Simons Johns
'46 Margaret Scanlon Minotti	'61 Marian Couch Cooper	'71 Barbara Blowers Perez
'46 Jane Berlin Rittman	'61 Arlene Lindstrom Dahm	'72 Paula Thompson Moore
'49 Shirley Valentine Backus	'61 Joan Kupiec Janowsky	'74 Kathy Kieta
'49 Beverly Savage Castiglione	'61 Elizabeth Gibson Venator	'76 Judith Fabic Verbanic
'49 Patricia King Connor	'62 Judith Schulz Anderson	'78 Nadine Gager Compisi
'49 Lila Dean Hamilton	'62 Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell	'80 Barbara Walczak Cox
'49 Nan Rankin Harris	'62 Fran Sardina Blied	'80 Patty Coogan Huntington
'49 Donna Newton Johnson	'62 Elaine Fallon Boyrer	'81 Patrice Delaus Scully
'49 Elizabeth Winchester Kirwan	'62 Jessie Norton Casavant	'82 Constance Walker Bush
'49 Helen Lane Milvaney	'62 Kathryn Sheldon Cox	'82 Linda Lansing Gribble
'51 Patricia Patnode Caringi	'62 Shirley Wolf Crane	'82 Karen Lorenz Walker
'51 Margaret LaVine Clarke	'62 Kathryn Bernardo Grabowski	'83 Lori Principe Guarino
'51 Winifred Toelke Peer	'62 Beverley Eccles Levy	'84 Karen Dworaczyk
'56 Janet Heldt Beckler	'62 Rosemary Falbo Quadriini	'84 Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger
'56 Katherine Bury Busler	'62 Patricia Clerkin Swanson	'84 Cheryl Johnson Welles
'56 J. Marilyn Shott Gorman	'62 Sharon Mooney Wolcott	'87 Becky Volans Akins
'56 Janice Rowlands Johnson	'63 Nancy Weber Richardson	'89 Barbara Anne Ferguson Wallace
'56 Margaret Best McDivitt	'63 Susan Tincknell Rossi	'93 Alice Warden Ehmann
'56 Marlene King Towne	'63 Martha Tallman Scott	'95 Molly Moore
'57 Catherine Zappia Welsh	'68 Sherry Vader Pfenniger	'05 Megan Fallon
	'69 Christine Aiken	Hon Nancy Griffin



Missing Agonians



If you know addresses of any of these Agos, please contact **Jane Morale** at 1-585-388-1438 or agojane@hotmail.com

2001

Mandy Mashaw

1991

Kimberly DeCoste
Dawn Revette

1981

Liz Hartmann
Cheryl Machina Mackey

1976

Lori Kaylor Lorenzetti
Elizabeth Osterhout Washam
Eileen Goss Whelley
Nancy Geis Wilcox

1971

Marcia Litz Greenberg
Deborah Greenan Rudd

1966

Marcia L. Dickenson
Fran Abrams Heyman
Nancy Smythe Schick
Karen Knight Sky
Kathy Shregel Tillotson

1961

Jane Vanderhoof Booher
Eileen Shea Burgoyne

1956

Mary Jo Avery
Carolyn Youker Boynton
Phyllis Soloway Brickman
Audrey Pool Hudson
Carol Johnson
Marilyn Bennett Larabee
Joan Brackett Meeker-Kennedy
Isabel Bullis Murphy
Betsy Bruce Reid
Nancy Solheim Smith
Sandra Stout
Barb Schauble Van Audenhove
Nancy Brooks Willis

1946

Dorothy Green Dart
Marjorie Huntley
Phyllis Moose Matthie
Janet Rockefeller Pfluecker
Margaret Philbin
Lillian Patterson Shepardson
Virginia Mayhew Smith

1936

Barbara Tiffany Bouck
Rita Finnegan
Kay Gebo
Muriel Meade Holdridge
Anne Cronkleton Manfredi
Fran Fairchild Ridgeway
Marchinon Cannon Rogers
Barbara Boomer Tompkins

1931

Rhoda MacCarger Burton
Lenora Bostick Cooper
Jessie Reese Gillett
Teresa Derby Ireland
Frances Derby Mullins
Ruth Douglas Parker

1916

Helen Lewis Allen
Blanche Loucks Deyoung
Edna Bohl Toerge

Honoraries

Anna Pierce Anderson
Dr. & Mrs. Nelson Beeler
Marilyn Roy Bogosian
Ray Bond
Dr. Joseph Califf
Ethel Smith Coons
Dr. David Carter
Terrill Dean
Mrs. Grace Dutton
Mrs. W. J. Eschner
Dr. Kenneth Forbes
Mrs. Josephine Fuller
Frank Nulf
David Palmer
Elaine Petraw
Martin Phillips
Jean Cowman Ross
Ed Seney
Nathan and Kathy Snell



Agonians Honored by SUNY Potsdam

Two Agonians were honored during the 2005 SUNY Potsdam's Reunion Weekend. The Minerva Award, the Alumni Association's highest award for professional achievement, was presented to **Elaine Pespas Lefton '65** (front right). In recognition of her service to the College and the Alumni Association, **Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75** was honored with the Distinguished Service Award. Members of Agonian presented both recipients with flowers.

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Thank You!



Many thanks to the class reps who donate their time to collect news and update addresses. We all appreciate their efforts. Several classes do not have a class rep and need someone to volunteer.

Please help fill these positions by contacting: **Jane Morale at 585-388-1438 or AgoJane@hotmail.com**

Class of '65 Planning October '06 Reunion at The Sagamore in Bolton Landing



Ellen Stuart Wagner '65 would like Agonians to consider attending a reunion at **The Sagamore** in Bolton Landing, NY which is on Lake George about 3 hours south of Potsdam on **October 6, 7, & 8**. Ellen tells us that a group of about 20 members of the **Class of '65** were signed up as of February but she would like to see a greater number of her classmates and other Agonians attend. "The more the merrier."

Ellen is organizing a dinner for all attendees on Saturday night and possibly on Sunday.

The Sagamore is a great resort, offering golf, tennis, boating, hiking, and fishing. The water should still be swimmable in early October. If you would like to attend the **Reunion at Sagamore** weekend in October, it is important that you make reservations now and get back to Ellen as soon as possible. The phone number for **Sagamore reservations** is **1-800-358-3585**. Ordinarily the Columbus Day Weekend requires a three night minimum but our group has been granted a two night minimum by Kevin Rosa the Events Planning Manager.

Reunion at Sagamore should be a lot of fun! The Adirondacks are very popular during the fall season. Join in on the festivities by making your reservations **immediately** and letting Ellen know you are attending. She can be contacted by calling **847-864-2233** or through e-mail at **ellen@wagnerabode.com**.

Agonian Alumnae Awards Scholarships



Laurie Wood Cooper '77, Michelle Clark '07,
Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey '77



Amy Hind Henry '76, Jenna Novak, '07, Georgie
Czerniak McGlinchey '77

Two Agonian Sorority sisters received \$1000 scholarships from the Agonian Alumnae Association for the 2005-2006 academic year. **Michelle Clark** received the **Laurena Ramsdell Academic Excellence Scholarship**, and **Jenna Novak** received the **Eunice "Brownie" Badger Service Excellence Scholarship**.

Michelle, a junior from Whitesboro majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Society and Human Services, credits her pledging experience with providing her with the academic focus she needed following a difficult first semester at Potsdam. Ago's mandatory library hours, along with dedication to her studies, helped her raise her GPA. By her sophomore year, she made both the President's and Dean's Lists. Michelle accomplished this while also holding a work study position in the Public Affairs Office on campus and serving as Ago's Recording Secretary. Professor Andrew Sherwood, Sociology, and Patricia Kishpaugh, Public Affairs Office, recommended Michelle for this award. She currently serves as Ago's Social Treasurer and works on many committees.

For **Jenna**, a junior from Maryland majoring in Criminal Justice Sociology and minoring in Society and Human Services, service has always been part of her life. She taught dance, coached lacrosse, and participated in the Race for the Cure before coming to Potsdam. Once on campus, she joined the Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, participating in CROP Walks and supported the Heifer International Project. She is leading a committee to establish a Potsdam chapter for Habitat for Humanity. Jenna volunteers at the Renewal House in Canton, and Michelle Stevenson, Volunteer Coordinator, recommended Jenna for this award. Jenna also participates in all of Ago's community service opportunities and serves as Pledge Mistress.

Alumnae coordinating this year's scholarship selection process were: **Laurie Wood Cooper '77, Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75, and Liz O'Connor Utzig '77**. Alumnae reviewing the applications were: **Lucille Jackson '51, Winnie Toelke Peer '51, Annette Johnsen '61, Amy Hind Henry '76, Cathy O'Connor '76, Robin Landrigan Smith '81, Julie Cunningham Sanbeg '86, and Melissa Dennis Fasse '96**.

Congratulations, Michelle and Jenna. Your sister Agonians applaud you, your accomplishments, and wish you many more.

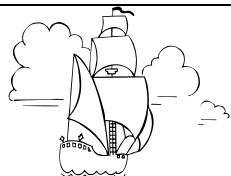
Laurena Ramsdell Remembered:

It was with much sadness that we heard of the passing of **Laurena Ramsdell**, our beloved Advisor and Agonian Board of Director Member, Student Teacher Supervisor, Mentor, and Honorary Agonian. Those Agonians who were privileged to have known her will remember her with fondness, gratitude and respect. She could often be found at the Ago House at celebrations such as the Ago Senior Breakfast where she presented the Senior Award and her "Unbirthday Party" pictured at the right.

She was a role model for us and will never be forgotten by Agonian. We continue to honor her with the awarding of an annual scholarship for Academic Excellence in her name. See the Class News Section on p. 13 for more information about her career.



Agonian Sorority Sisters News From I I Pierrepont



2005-2006 Agonian Sorority Officers

President:	Rachel Cajigas
Vice President/House Treasurer	Elizabeth Wegner
Social Treasurer:	Michelle Clark
Pledge Mistress:	Jenna Novak
Alumnae Secretary:	Rachel Lewis
Corresponding Secretary:	Tanya Kszystyniak
Social Chairperson	Liz Henderson
House Manager:	Lindsey Gonzalez
Senior ISC Representative:	Brianne Blackburn



Junior Positions:

Junior ISC Rep:	Jessie DeMatteo
Music Directress:	Erika Brown
Chaplain:	Gabe Petit
Senior Guide:	Angela Kelley
Recording Secretary:	Nicole Brust
Senior Rush Chairman:	Maria Potenza
Rush Chairman:	Erika Brown
Historian:	Jessie DeMatteo
All-Greek Representative:	Katie Campagnone

President's Report

At first, undertaking the task of President was a bit daunting, especially when 7 of the 9 e-board members were transitioning from living on campus to living at the house. There were many new things happening "inside" Ago and there were many changes going on "outside" of Ago. Formal rush was changing, and the way the Greek community dealt with, and considered, "de-pledging" was changing, as well. Issues with "house secrecy" in the Greek community were challenged by the school, and

we were constantly reminded of how important it is to abide by the college's expectations - all this, while striving to attain the values of Ago.

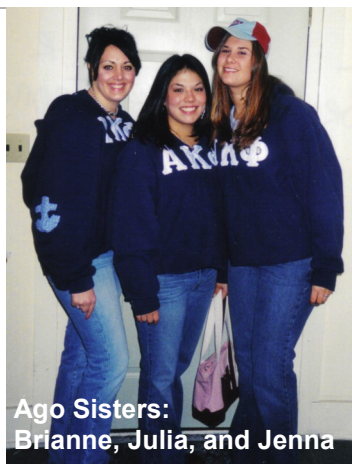
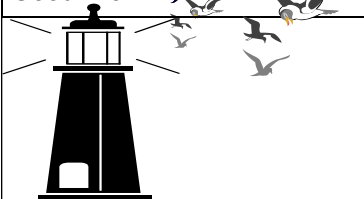
Although the demands made on us this past year were overwhelming at times, every Agonian sister has supported and encouraged me in every aspect of this position. Let me take a moment to brag about those awesome Agonian sisters... The girls I live with and call my sisters have done an amazing job as students, members of Ago, and

friends. We have the highest membership in the three years I have been in Ago, and even more important, we are all best friends! Every girl in the house is involved in at least one campus club or intramural sport; is an active member of Ago and the campus community; and all this without an iota of apathy present. I am so proud to be amongst such wonderful girls during my last year in school and am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as President!

by: Rachel Cajigas

Agonian Sorority had a booth at the Freshman Welcome Fair. "It was a wonderful display," said Chris Strong, Dean of Student Affairs. We should be very proud of our Sisters!

Good Work!



Ago Sisters:
Brianne, Julia, and Jenna

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 ☆ **REVAMPING GREEK SYSTEM** ☆
 ☆ The Ago Girls have been working ☆
 ☆ with the Dean of Students, Chris ☆
 ☆ Strong, on revamping the entire ☆
 ☆ Greek system on campus. Their ☆
 ☆ goal is to do away with hazing ☆
 ☆ and unfriendly competition. ☆
 ☆ Instead, they are striving for ☆
 ☆ leadership and self-esteem ☆
 ☆ building strategies. ☆
 ☆ We are proud that Ago is taking ☆
 ☆ on this leadership role. Great job! ☆
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Agonians in London

Over winter break **Allison Autry, Michelle Clark, Lindsey Gonzales** and **Jenna Novak** traveled to London, England for a “winterim” class. The class was focused on current human rights issues around the world.

Kevin Bales, the world’s leading activist on human rights, and the author of the required text, taught lecture during the course, and brought the class to various anti-slavery organizations.

The class studied human trafficking, and different forms of modern day slavery, which included domestic, agricultural, and manufacturing.

While studying in London, these



Visiting Stonehenge are Agonians **Michelle Clark, Lindsey Gonzales, Allison Autry, and Jenna Novak.**

Agonians also visited various tourist attractions. They toured Kensington Palace, The Tower of London, and had the opportunity to visit and sit in on a congregation of the Lords in Parliament. The Ago girls also took a trip to Stonehenge, one of the great wonders of the world.

The trip was a lifetime experience that each one will never forget. The four “Agonians” will forever share a special bond because of their adventure. It has definitely motivated each one to want to travel around the world and experience other cultures.

by Michelle Clark

All Greek Council Report



Alpha Kappa Phi takes All Greek Council very seriously. Two of our members were part of the e-board of AGC -- **Brianne**

Blackburn was the treasurer, and **Lindsey Gonzales** was the Secretary. Also, **Katie Campagnone** took part in

representing AGO on the council, while Agonian President, **Rachel Cajigas**, sat in on every meeting.

In addition to Katie’s council position, she was the Town Board representative for AGC. She attended the monthly Town Board Meetings to let the community know that “Greeks” are willing and able to help the town in any way.

AGC participated in our town clean-up, April 22nd, as well in Greek Week, which ran from April 17th – 21st. As part of community service through AGC, fellow Agonian sisters also participated in helping the Humane Society.

by Katie Campagnone

Inter-Sorority Council (ISC) Report



Much of ISC’s efforts in the Fall and early Spring semesters were to reform the Rush Process and it’s requirements.

Contributors for the ISC Rush Committee included **Allison Autry** (also the ISC Treasurer), **Brianne Blackburn**, **Jesse DeMatteo**,

Jenna Novak, and **Lindsey Gonzales**.

The new formal Rush Process consists of one optional Rush Party, while Interest Party and Final Tea remain the same.

ISC’s other projects included a Constitution Revision Committee, for which **Allison Autry** and **Jesse DeMatteo** were also contributors.

Allison Autry was also in charge of the ISC T-shirts.

As a final note, ISC Community Service Project ideas include adopting a village in India.

by Brianne Blackburn

Social Chairperson's Message

As Social Chairperson for the Agonian Sorority, I have had the opportunity not only get to know people from other Greek Organizations, but have been given the chance to set up functions and events with other Greek houses in order to promote a stronger and more solid friendship and closeness within the Greek community.

One of my main focuses has been to avert from holding events with fraternities we might be closest with

and strive to set up events with fraternities we might not know as well. This has allowed us to get to know new people and gave those fraternities who did not know us that well an opportunity to see what Ago is about. In one semester we have functioned with DK, Sigma Pi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Tau Delta Kappa, Psi Phi, and others.

I have also been deeply involved with one of our largest functions to date - our formal. This highly

anticipated and extremely fun event was held on April 1st in Canada.

Holding the position of Social Chairman, in this great sorority has truly been a wonderful and fun experience. I have been given the chance to set-up events that all of my sisters and I can experience together. We will all share many lasting memories of these functions for the rest of our lives!

by Liz Henderson

Derby Days

Derby Days has become a huge event in Potsdam bringing the entire community together in support of the Children's Miracle Network. It's a weeklong event, which allows us to raise money for a good cause, mix, mingle, and show-off our "Agonian talents."

This year's theme was "Around the World" and the fun was spread "around the town" from November 6, 2005 – November 12, 2005.

Ago participated in many enjoyable and unforgettable events. You should have seen us as we participated in the lip-sync contest – *or maybe you shouldn't have.* We

didn't win any prizes, but we sure had a great time!

In the field competition – we enjoyed ourselves again. Ago participated in the mattress race and mastered the dizzy bat and egg toss events. And when it came to a friendly game of dodge ball, we were unstoppable!

Wow!! It's obvious that talent runs deep in our house, from lip-syncing to tossing an egg. We definitely are fierce competitors!

And how about our stage talent?? Watch out Broadway, here comes Ago!!! Our talented Agonian sisters

took first place in the Derby Days skit competition and earned first place honors for the hat created especially for Derby Days. Creativity and imagination definitely runs deep in a true Agonian!

We must also congratulate our "Derby Darling," Maria Potenza. Maria represented our house extremely well in this competition.

In summary, Ago truly enjoyed Derby Days. We placed second "overall" at Derby Days, but most importantly, Ago raised over \$400 for the Children's Miracle Network. Way to go Ago!!!

by Rachel Cajigas

Ago in the Community



Ago is proud to be a part of the great Potsdam community.

Here are just a few events which highlight how we make a difference:

October 14:

First Frost AIDs Walk/5K run in Thompson Park, Watertown.

Proceeds benefited the AIDs Community Resource Centers in Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Oswego Counties.

November 6 -12:

Ago donated over \$400 to the Children's Miracle Network through our participation in the 2005 Derby Days events.

December Holiday Season:

Ago participated in the Kiwanis Club Giving Tree.

Fall and Spring Semesters:

Pledges collected for St. Mary's Hospice, our Philanthropy.

March 9

Ago collected for Multiple Sclerosis at PNC.

What Ago Means to Me....



Ago means five new soul mates.

It also means friendships that last forever.

It means never looking at a yellow rose the same way again.

It means gaining the strongest form of trust, loyalty, and friendship a person can have.

It means having pride in pledging the hardest and best house there is.

Ago means always having someone there for you.

It means having respect for those who surround you and those who came before you.

Ago means a newfound family held with the tightest bonds of love.

Every single day we are reminded of why we chose this path, by the constant unity of our pledge class.

All of this we owe to Ago, and it will never be forgotten.

- Pledge Class of Spring '04

*Michelle Clark
Lindsey Gonzalez
Liz Henderson*

*Serena Krauz
Tanya Kozystyniak
Rachel Lewis*

Agonians

Back Row: Allison Autry, Liz Wegner, Rachel Cajigas, Brianne Blackburn, Michelle Clark

Middle Row: Leta Luguri, Nicole Brust, Liz Henderson, Jenna Novak, Tanya Kozystyniak

Front Row: Maria Potenza, Jessica DeMatteo, Katie Campagnone, Rachel Lewis

Ago's Newest Members

Fall 2005

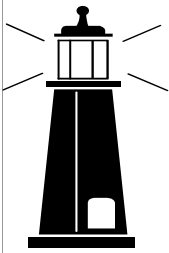
<i>Erika Brown</i>	<i>Locust Valley, NY</i>
<i>Angela Kelley</i>	<i>Ontario, NY</i>
<i>Gabrielle Petit</i>	<i>Hartford, NY</i>

Spring 2006

<i>Rachel Gebhardt</i>	<i>Central Square</i>
<i>Jenna Naylor</i>	<i>Glens Falls</i>
<i>Erin Wilkinson</i>	<i>Glens Falls</i>
<i>Heather Taylor</i>	<i>Fairport</i>
<i>Amy Rich</i>	<i>Bolton Landing</i>
<i>Nicole Wilson</i>	<i>Liverpool</i>
<i>Lauren Zona</i>	<i>Rochester</i>
<i>Sarah Paparella</i>	<i>Whitesboro</i>

*"Ago means friendships
that last forever..."*





Agonian Class News



In Memoriam:

We are sorry to report the passing of:

Laurena Ramsdell, Honorary/Board

Luella Thomas Reudink '38

Mary Meyers Tracey '45

Martha Pollard Shannon '48

Judith Jones Norton '61

H onoraries

Laurena Ramsdell passed away on December 11, 2005. She graduated with the Class of 1929 and joined SUNY Potsdam's staff in 1941 and was primarily associated with the College's Congdon Campus School and the supervision of student teachers. She was also director of elementary student teaching from 1964 until her retirement in 1969. Miss Ramsdell was a member of the Agonian Sorority's Board of Directors. (See article on page 8.)

Nancy Griffin (Honorary 2005) wrote a very nice note on her info sheet: I'm so proud to be a new Honorary! Many thanks to the sisters for choosing me for this honor. I enjoy the newsletter and appreciate receiving it. Thanks!

C lass of 1946

Jane Berlin Rittman is pleased to announce the birth of her second grandchild, Zachary Alec. He was born on January 23, 2006 and lives in Florida with his sister Danielle and

parents. Jane still keeps busy making music with her viola, playing in various groups on Long Island.

C lass of 1948

Elaine Bismarck Dwight is now retired from her church choir job. She had been doing it for 25 years and loved it. However, now she has 5 grandchildren, one in Arizona so she needs time to visit and love them. Her eldest is in Peru, IN and her daughter is in Kent, CT. Elaine's husband Warren is very healthy and happy.

C lass of 1949

Nan Rankin Harris is finally enjoying retirement after 30 years of teaching and 22 years with Avis Rent a Car. She is learning "how-to" and so far, she likes it!

Bev Savage Castiglione is back "on duty" again as rep for the Class of '49! In July '05 Bev attended the Alumni Banquet in Potsdam with her daughter Sue who joined her classmates for their 25th reunion. Bev was happy to finally meet **Jane Morale '80**, Ago Alumnae president, whom she has known for many years only through snail mail and e-mail. Bev enjoyed seeing Agos from the Class of '50, including **Shirley Secor Bush**, **Shirley Butler Gassner**, **Lorna Millard Hoffman**, **Margaret Curtis Aquino** and others. Bev is director of church music activities from Sept. through May. Memorial Day she treks north to the St. Lawrence River with her feline companion "Cassie-Patches", for a summer of sun, boats, water, and the outdoors.

Betty Winchester Kirwan lost her husband of 52 years in September. She is spending one more winter in Florida before selling her place. Fortunately, she has music to fill her time. Betty plays in an orchestra of retired people.

Jane Baumer Moore and Jack are

enjoying life in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. They both enjoy the great outdoors so they walk the "Greenway" which follows the river for miles. P.E.O. and garden club takes up Jane's time. They spend winters in Punta Gorda, FL where they have many good friends. Recovery from the hurricane continues but many new homes and businesses show growth in the area.

Helen Lane Milvaney is in her 25th year of real estate but is thinking about retiring and enjoying her grandchildren. In 2005, Helen took a wonderful trip to Ireland where she enjoyed great scenery & food, no rain, a terrific group of people, and lovely accommodations from castles to manor houses. Helen is still line dancing, playing duplicate bridge, and mastering Sudoku.

Donna Newton Johnson still volunteers at a local elementary school and at a center for children with special needs, when she isn't traveling. Dick and Donna spend Feb. and Mar. in Williamsburg, VA where they lived for 25 years. In Sept. they attended an Elderhostel program in Germany and Austria and enjoyed lots of Mozart!

After spending 25 winters in Florida, **Shirley Valentine Backus** sold her mobile home and car in Haines City. She had both knees replaced and does not feel able to travel to Florida each winter, anymore. She is happy to be home at Lake Bonaparte with her son, Michael, who is pipe organist at Community United Church in Carthage.

Lorraine Brown Bogardus is the choir director at the Morristown United Methodist Church. In 2005, she gave a lecture for the SOAR (Stimulating Opportunities After Retirement) Program at Potsdam College on the topic of the history of Morristown: "Our Past is Our Future." Lorraine still swims in the St. Lawrence River after two knee replacements.

Winifred Stoker Pusey and Brad live on the coast of Maine, on the Eggemoggin Reach of Robert

33' Cape Dory sailboat.

Lila Dean Hamilton and "Ham" live in The Villages, FL for 6 months each year, then in Batavia, NY the rest of the time. Lila's first love in bridge, second is golf, third is attending shows. For several years, a few Agos from '48 and '49 have tried to meet in the spring in Lakeland, FL for lunch and fun. The following have attended: **Jean Goldthwaite Swanson, Charlotte McCurdy Ellis, Mary Lou Farr Koulman**, sometimes Janet Phillips (Harry's wife), and in years past, our beloved **Betty Baritaud** (Barry's wife), and **Lila Dean Hamilton**.

Ruth Rose Many traveled a lot this year: five weeks in Hawaii to visit her daughter and family in April; a week in Vermont, a week in Maine, and two in North Carolina in May. Sadly, Ruth lost her oldest sister on January 8th.

Class of 1951

Lucille Jackson visited the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion Canyons, Monument Valley and Las Vegas in fall 2004. She had a marvelous time but didn't gamble in Vegas since she always loses anyway.

Pat Patnode Caringi urges all her Ago Sisters to have mammograms. She had her third cancer surgery last May. She had a lumpectomy on her right breast in '94, a left breast mastectomy in '04, and a right breast mastectomy in '05. Pat misses her after-school teaching and hopes to be able to go back to it next year. Now she's being treated for bone cancer. All her doctors and medical personnel say she's "tough". Pat thinks it is being a "North Country Hick"!

Peg LaVine Clarke and Sam continue to enjoy their retirement years and 6 grandchildren. They still live in their Clifton Park home of 38 years. They enjoy cruises and returned to the Caribbean in Feb. Since Saratoga is the "place to be" in the summer, they generally stay put except for family visits which takes them to Potsdam.

Shirley Fischer Pool has enjoyed reconnecting with Ago friends. Shirley's oldest moved to Pittsburgh where Shirley has had delightful visits with original bunkmate in 'dorm' **Nancy Spencer Harris**. After over 45 years of no organ lessons, Shirley started again in '87, reactivated the American Guild of Organists in her area in 1992, and it's been an expansive experience.

Class of 1956

Mary Jane Flewellin had total knee replacement and is doing well.

Marilyn Shott Gorman and Ron spent Aug. and Sept. in Oregon at their newly purchased vacation home in Shorepines Bay Village trailer park, in the town of Coos Bay. They were entertained by numerous ducks and one lone swan. What a comedy to watch them strut around showing off for the residents.

Nancy Proseus Campbell retired in '99 after a career of 41 years, most of which were in her hometown of Sodus. Nancy's husband passed away in 2000. She has two grown children who live within an hour of her. There are five grandchildren. Since retirement Nancy is volunteering in classrooms and accompanying choral groups as well as the high school musicals.

Janet Jeldt Beckler plans to be in Potsdam for the Big Reunion in July. It's Ed's 50th at Clarkson too. Even though "retired", they still help out their kids at Natural Stone Bridge & Caves. The Becklers took a month-long trip to Newfoundland last summer as part of a caravan of campers and it was great. They highly recommend it. They still ski, and holding out for that free over-70 pass next year! Jane is looking for a video of the PSTC production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors, '52. Perhaps someone might have information to send her.

Marge Best McDivitt spent a week

in Honolulu the beginning of the year, where John surfed when not performing with the U.S. Navy Band. They traveled to MA and CT to enjoy their children and families. In Aug. they drove to John's hometown of Franklin Grove, Illinois for their Harvest Festival including a parade with 64 tractors. John rode in a red 1950 Oldsmobile convertible with his '49 classmates. **Ann Butler** came for their annual visit to the NY State Fair and explored for 10 hours. Finally, a trip to Williamsburg, VA to perform in the Williamsburg Concert Band of 97 musicians from 21 states.

Johanna Di Croce Farra and the entire 21-member Farra Family had their annual gathering in Maine. In July, Ron and Jo enjoyed a week with his twin brothers and wives in Aruba as guests of his brother. As freelance journalists, they continue to write for several publications and participate in the state senior games. This year they traveled to Pittsburgh to compete at the nationals in swimming and cycling. Jo is looking forward to seeing her Ago sisters at the 50th Reunion.

Class of 1957

Pat Adams Sundell and Bob have been doing some traveling. Most noteworthy was a 12-day trip to Costa Rica in March 2005. They loved the colors, warmth and diversity of the environment. Bob has been bird-watching for 65 years and saw 45 new species!

Class of 1958

Sue Conant Young spent last summer visiting their grandchildren, now totaling 11. Daughter Laura adopted a little boy from China. He already has a Chinese grandma "Sue Young" or as it'll probably be spelled, "Su Yung"!

Class of 1959

Judie Bennett Mayo and Skip are traveling renewing ties with friends from their "poor as church mouse" days in graduate school. It will seem like 40 years had never passed. They attended a family wedding on Martha's Vineyard. Their 40-year-old home will get an in-door and outdoor facelift. Some caused by a 10" flood in their basement while they were away. The results will be fun – the process, maybe not!

Diane Schug Basch stayed in the US this year...visited grandchildren in California, Atlanta and Colorado. She saw friends in Wisconsin and **Diane Wojnar Kuruc** and husband in Lake George, NY. Survived the hurricanes!

Fran Mider Biedler and Sam went up to New York for a wedding - that was fun! She enjoyed seeing all her family. Sam is not doing well so Fran spends her time with him each day. But, she still has her sense of humor!

Jolie Smithem Haug and Peter's year started with a 9-day pilgrimage to the Baha'i Holy Sites in Israel last January. They spent 2 weeks touring Yunnan Province's beautiful sites, including one that claims to be the original Shangri La. Summer was spent with family, splitting time between Pendleton, OR and Pullman, WA. Took time to drive across the Cascades and visit old friends in their former home on the Pacific Ocean. Then back to China, for another term teaching English, directing the chorus of "Lovers of English Songs" and a bit of chiropractic work on the side.

Julie Krum Kennaugh and Terry hosted again several visitors from Russia who were touring Burlington as part of the Library of Congress Open World Program in June '05. The guests came from the Tumen region of Siberia and from Samara in central Russia and activities provided an informal cultural learning experience for all. Attended the 45th class reunion in Potsdam with Wanda - good times with Ago friends! In August, Julie and Terry had a reunion with Swiss friend, Peter Muller, an

exchange student in 1955 when he played cello in Julie's high school orchestra in Auburn, NY.

Eileen Knapp Patch and Dave attended a Lincoln conference at the RIT campus. Because the Civil War Preservation Trust Conference was held near Washington, DC, they went to see the impressive World War II memorial. Enroute to the annual congress of the Society of Mayflower Descendants at Plymouth, MA they saw their grandchildren board the school bus in North Andover, stopped at historic site of Abigail Adams' birthplace and walked the Arnold Arboretum with Kim and Eric. Eileen does living history presentations for groups. If you need a program for an event, please keep her in mind!

Dotty Hirsch Sellman retired in June '05 after 31 years of teaching. She still substitutes once in awhile to visit with some of her friends. The past summer Dotty and George spent two glorious weeks in Ireland - beautiful! In the spring, they are planning to downsize and move to an active adult community in the next town. Dotty keeps busy with their 5 grandchildren and does volunteer work. She hopes to make the 50th reunion!

Dottie Noyes Sharrow activities center around family, traveling and time at their camp. Dottie and Conrad had a wonderful trip to Lake Louise, Banff and Glacier National Park - the Rockies are as spectacular as ever! In January, they headed for Florida for their annual visit in the Sarasota area. Year-round they spend time at their camp at Long Lake, NY where family and friends often gather. It's a great place to just relax and enjoy the beautiful Adirondacks. Dottie says we must look ahead and plan on the 50th reunion!

Phyllis Young Stearns was glad to reconnect with her Class of '60 Ago sisters in July at the 45th. Phyllis and Ron moved to a new place in Florida. They love living winters there and see **Freda Bradt** and

husband Chuck. Phyllis hears that **Diane Wojner** is in Naples so hopes to see her. Does anyone know her Naples address? Phyl is Assistant Conductor to the Sweet Adelines Group Venetian Harmony - keeps her into music!

Wenda Carter Paton retired from Cisco Systems in early December after 17 years in Asia and 20 years in the computer industry. Last Feb. Wenda joined **Julie Krum Kennaugh** and Terry at the Von Trapp Ski Lodge in Stowe for cross country skiing with breathtaking views of the Green Mountains. Two highlights of 2005: seeing Eric's salsa brass band, Yum Bam Be, perform in a downtown Columbus park and seeing Stuart's Japanese drumming group, Burlington Taiko, perform at the Children's Museum in Boston. Wenda and Julie were in Potsdam for the 45th Reunion. It was great to hang out at the Ago House and catch up with **Phyllis** and **Freda**.

Class of 1961

Marian Couch Cooper enjoyed spending time with classmates **Sandy Clark Samuels** and **Gail Dennis Marineau** in FL last winter.

Carol Rinfret Broadhurst hopes to retire in 2007 after 34 years of Pediatric Nursing. She will continue her piano programs in nursing homes and hospitals in the Rockland Area. She recently became a grandmother for the third time! She will be celebrating her 50th class reunion from Suffern High School in June 2007, and serves on the Alumni Committee.

Mary Lee Alles Caggiano enjoys her 6 granddaughters who live nearby and her job as assistant teacher two mornings a week at church preschool; this summer she and her husband will travel to Australia with their daughter.

Sandy Clark Samuels is looking forward to retirement!

Marge Christiano Young moved to

Sun City, Georgetown, TX in fall of '05. Both children and grandchildren live in Texas, so Marge is enjoying being close by. Marge is enjoying her new home, meeting new friends from all parts of the USA, playing golf, hiking, biking, etc. She says it's a wonderful place to retire! Marge keeps in touch with **Mary Lee Alles Caggiano** and **Ann Mahoney**.

Gloria Gonda Grocock will finally move into her new home in March after spending a year living in three places out of suitcases and boxes. They enjoyed their first cruise, to the western Caribbean to celebrate their 40th anniversary, a trip to Ireland in June, and California in September. Gloria is thrilled with her new granddaughter who was born in November and enjoys babysitting her a couple of afternoons a week.

Betty Gibson Venator and husband continue to enjoy retirement, visiting their son, wife, and grandson. Another grandchild is due late June. Betty is taking and teaching Elderhostels, and continues to substitute on pipe organ and with church choirs, cares for her 93 yr. old mother, and relishes the friendships of her many Potsdam friends.

Class of 1962

Susan Johnson Aceto and Tom are enjoying retirement, spending most of the year as residents of Tucson, AZ. They return to the Maine coast for 5 months during the warmer months. They enjoy the freedom to travel and visited Spain in the fall and Thailand and Laos in January.

Judy Schulz Anderson and John had a wonderful 2 weeks on the Big Island in April '05. They snorkeled, saw dolphins and turtles, had a tour of Japanese Subara Observatory, visited Hawaii National Volcanic Park and ate their way around the island. They still enjoy astronomy star parties. They had a great visit with **Mary Lee Alles** and **Gerry Caggiano** in February and skied 3 days.

Muriel Cassens Bauman and Bob recently moved to 309 Hollywood

Ave., HoHoKus, NJ, 07423. Murrie is still teaching Pre-K at the Early Enrichment Center in Upper Saddle River, NJ, has 18 students and is also the head teacher. The school has close to 200 students and a staff of 25. Busy place. After class Murrie teaches beginning piano and has 45 students 7 days a week. Retirement? "No way!" says Murrie.

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell continues employment as a Community Liaison for East Windsor School System and John continues to work at Westinghouse. Her daughter and husband reside in OK and son and his wife in WA. Betsy and John enjoy traveling in their spare time and traveled to Costa Rica in February.

Fran Sardina Blied was honored in February by the Finger Lakes Arts Grants and Services with its Art Excellence Award for Art Volunteer. "This award is given to an individual who displays outstanding dedication and support of her time to the arts in the five county central Finger Lakes region. She holds an integral role in the arts". Fran was nominated for this award by the Board of Directors of the Yates County Arts Center where she volunteers as Workshop Coordinator and various other roles. Fran & Dave have 9 grandchildren; the youngest born Dec. 1 (Grace).

Elaine Fallon Boyrer and Jerry had a wonderful 2005. Daughter Kathy married Major James Snyder in July at The Sagamore Hotel on Lake George. In August their first grandchild, Dean William, was born to their son who lives in Estero, FL, a short drive from their winter residence. They are now looking forward to the birth of their second grandchild. They enjoy golf but both agree that it is the most humbling sport they've every participated in.

Jessie Norton Casavant and Paul are loving retirement! They moved into a new home built on 45 acres in the Adirondacks facing Green Mountains. "It's a beautiful spot!" They still enjoy summers on Otisco Lake, near Syracuse, and traveling

around the country, visiting friends and relatives, trading their time share for more exotic climates.

Kathryn Sheldon Cox has a bit of a twist in her news this year. She will retire in June. In Kate's humorous way she stated: "I can't tie any more shoes and I can't skip, gallop or play 'Farmer In The Dell'. DONE! It has been great". She's looking forward to having more time for herself and time to visit her kids in New Jersey and Maryland. Kate likes receiving our class list and hopes we always share with each other. "Something about the '60's, The Beatles and stuff!"

Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman wishes she could be in Florida joining Elaine and Fran for lunch especially with winter leaving its usual nasty mark. She asks if anyone has knowledge of the whereabouts of **Linda Tuffey?**

Shirley Wolf Crane and Irv enjoy get togethers with Ago Alumnae, **Bev Levy, Fran Blied, Rosemary Quadrini, May Kemp, Marilyn Clary, Anne Refermat, Barb Law** and **Cindy Lehmkuhle**. They continue hiking and skiing plus many church activities and volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Shirley's newest joy is her seventh grandchild. "It's fun having her nearby." The other six are out of state.

Kathryn Bernardo Grabowski is semi-retired; she still has her real estate company, M&G Properties, and works out of her home office. Her son Brett and family live in Burlington, VT with 7 year old twins and 18 month old Kailey. Son Dusty lives in Utah. Kathy has been divorced for 6 years and would love to find a new mate "companion".

May Simpson Kemp and Terry love living halfway between York and Lancaster in southern PA and have shared many happy times with the three grandchildren who live ten minutes away. In June they moved May's mother from New York to an assisted living home close to them. In August May and Terry spent three wonderful weeks in Ireland renewing many more family ties. Northern New York was a winter wonderland when

they visited son Kevin. Brought back lots of memories of Potsdam.

Beverly Eccles Levy moved to a townhouse in the boating community of "Stony Point Landing" in Webster. The community overlooks Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario. Bev and Gail enjoy the convenience of Rochester again plus the amenities of a Marina with a dock for their boat, a pool, tennis courts and no outdoor upkeep. They spent 3 months in FL in 2005 and visited their daughter and family in Seattle in May & Oct. They baby-sit their Rochester grandchildren one day a week.

Rosemary Falbo Quadrini and Dave spend time with their Dallas grandchildren every Friday as the family gathers at their house for pizza and catching up on the week's events. Their CA family now includes son David, Jr. who moved out to LA last spring to open a new art gallery Q.E.D. on LaCieniga Blvd. Daughter Anne, her husband, and twin sons live in the LA area too. While in Rochester for a family wedding, Rosemary had lunch with **Bev Eccles Levy** and **Shirley Wolf Crane**. Rosemary teaches part time at St. Rita's School.

Patricia Clerkin Swanson had "an interesting year filled with many blessings". In July, Bob went for a routine check-up and ended up in the hospital with Atrial Fibrillation. The following week Pat had a mastectomy with the initial stage of reconstruction to treat breast cancer. Neither health issue stopped them from taking a dream trip in early September. They spent 11 days on a loch in Scotland with cousins from three continents and then 3 weeks touring Italy. "What a country!" In Jan. Pat had the second phase of reconstruction and is doing well. She and Bob have 4 grandkids.

Sharon Mooney Wolcott lives in Avon, CT but spends some time in Naples, Florida. Unfortunately she missed seeing Fran and Elaine this year, leaving FL early in the season.

Fran Sardina Bliet and **Elaine Fallon Boyrer** met for lunch again this year while in SW Florida. They thought it would be great to have an Ago Class of '62 NYC Weekend

Reunion in 2007 either in June or September? If you are interested, contact Elaine at emboyrer@aol.com.

Class of 1963

Lynne Sklar Warshauer and Mark moved to Plano, TX in '96. After some adjustment to "Texas life", they are enjoying the experience. They have 4 grown children and 4 grandchildren. Lynne was a realtor in Fairhaven, NY and is now retired but involved in several organizations and busier than ever. They've done some traveling but Mark is like the Energizer Bunny – never stopping – work is his major motivator. Lynne has enjoyed traveling with her friends, especially their annual trip to Tucson! She hopes to hear from some Alums.

Susan Tincknell Rossi spends her winters in Naples, FL. She has a grandson who was born November '05. Susan's daughter was married October '05.

Bev Smith thanks all her colleagues who have come forth with their news. She continues to fill her days with golf, watercolor classes, and volunteer work. She still helps in a basketry class for the visually challenged and has added Habitat to her volunteering. That began with the first "Women Build" house in Sarasota and Bev has continued with the building of that house and others. Always busy!

Nancy Weber Richardson has enjoyed golf, the Gulf and the boat ever since they made Clearwater their primary residence. They continue to spend lots of time in NJ and CO, visiting their kids and five granddaughters! Their last big adventure was a wonderful trip to China and the next is a tour of the Caribbean Islands. After all these years, Nancy is still a tenor in Sweet Adelines. The last International Competition was supposed to be held in New Orleans, but was successfully moved to Detroit with only 4 weeks

notice.

Mary Lou Phillips Heller writes from her FL five months residence that retirement is great! They play a lot of golf in both states (NY & FL) and she also bowls in FL. Eight grandchildren keep them busy with sports, concerts, dance and special events.

Barbara Sanborn Mentzer continues to enjoy retirement from 31 years in public school teaching. She keeps busy with community groups, church activities, a book club, and day tripping with her husband Larry. Reframing her life became necessary when Barbara was diagnosed with the early stages of Parkinson's disease. Fortunately the symptoms do not interfere with daily activities – she just has to pace herself better.

Marti Tallman Scott enjoys living in an adult community with all the "fun" things to do. She teaches water aerobics 5 days a week for fun and exercise. They spend their travel time visiting grandchildren. Their Shaklee Business still gives them a purpose and helps many folks. Come visit! (Marti is living in Sun Lakes, AZ)

Cindy Thisse Lehmkuhl traveled to 8 European (Baltic Sea) countries on a 3-week tour – including London and Paris last year. She is still caring for her 99-year-old mother and trying to adjust to life as a widow. Cindy is chairing fundraising efforts for a new organ at church which is part of Tom's memorial.

Ruth Hammel Gove is contemplating retirement from teaching Kindergarten after 41 years. Tennis and golf are her sports of choice. She sees and talks to Nancy Hoffer on occasion. Ruth's involvement in a Sweet Adeline Chorus keeps her very busy. She also enjoys the company of husband John, friends and their 2 dogs.

Nancy Hoffer loves retirement! Life is good with Potsdam friends, family, travel, a little golf, volunteering 3 times a week and summers teaching at Tabor Academy in Marion MA.

Ellen Thiem Horn retired from the Rochester City School District in July 1, 2001. She formerly worked as an administrator and special education

coordinator in a preschool program. Now Ellen enjoys retirement, spending time volunteering at church and for the RCSD. She and her husband have four adorable grandchildren and live on the shore of beautiful Lake Ontario.

Class of 1965

Karen Shepard Retchless and Robert have moved back "home" after 40 years! They are both retired and busy. They enjoy their family, church activities, golf, and bridge (for Karen). They love traveling to Iowa to visit their 3 grandchildren and many friends in Colorado. They do miss Colorado after living there for 34 years. "Ago's, come see us!"

Class of 1967

There are lots of courageous ladies in Ago's Class of 1967: **Sharon Burns Cook** and her husband Peter are battling his lung cancer in an experimental NIH program. **Gwen Huestis Brewster** is recovering from a brain tumor, **Mikie Bailey Rose** visits her mom in a life care facility three times a week and with husband Carl consoles her mother-in-law, a recent widow. **Marion Allen Cole** lives next door to her mom who is in her nineties. Her several-times-a-day care giving efforts enable her mom to stay in her home. **Polly Ingram McCarthy's** son Rob had an aneurysm removed from his aorta. **Kate Belgard Finney** works tirelessly to fund-raise and educate about a little known, but very serious lung disease called LAM. I'm sure there are lots of other quiet acts of courage and kindness in our class as well.

And on a lighter note, **Polly McCarthy, Kate Finney, Sue Stubbs, Mikie Rose, Marilyn Edwards, Marion Cole, Katie Clark** and other friends gathered in Newport, Rhode Island for a two-night-three-day romp in July, 2005. The years rolled away and there were lots of laughs. We shared pictures of our children's weddings, of grandchildren

and of our travels (Kate's of the Canadian Rockies were fabulous!). Many of the group are retired but several have taken on new "careers". Mikie Bailey Rose makes wine!

Class of 1968

Pam Eldridge Hameline and Joe have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. Joe and their sons have founded the Hameline Group with UBS Financial services. They live in Burlington, VT. Pam is retired after 18 years as Assistant to City Mgr. and Chief of Police in the City of South Burlington.

Ann Lingenfelter Sandstrom has 3 grown kids and 2 grandsons. She and her husband have fallen in love with Hawaii and in April spent their 13th year there for a vacation. They always find something new to do and get a chance to visit some of her husband's friends from work on Oahu and meet friends that they have made while on Maui.

Myrna Denny Kidman is leading a quiet contented life revolving around home, dogs, and visiting their 2 married children and 3 grandchildren one more in April.

Nancy Chicken Merchant and Art are both retired. They're expecting their 1st grandchild in April, a boy. Their daughter is getting married in September. Nancy teaches private lessons on violin, viola, piano which keeps her really busy. Happy 60th birthday to one and all!

Class of 1971

Joanne Bodow Brandt went to a Potsdam reunion in June '05 on Fire Island. Only eleven people showed up and one was **Lucille Jackson, '51!** Joanne also got together with some high school friends in Great Barrington last summer. Friends from Israel, FL, and CO. Joanne has a daughter who is off to college this fall.

Barbara Blowers Perez moved to Westchester County from Binghamton, NY in '98, divorced after 25 years. Remarried in Oct. 05 to Nelson Perez who helps with all her projects, fixes everything, is a great salsa dancer, and cooks. For the last 6 years, Barbara has been teaching art to all ages and teaching dance: line, ballroom, and creative movement to kids. She sculpted a life size bust of a soldier (War of 1812) in bronze for a war memorial "The Trail of Honor" in Lasdon Park in Somers, NY.

Fran Williams Isaacs is still working for the Girl Scouts. She enjoys her three grandchildren and is anticipating the wedding of her youngest daughter this summer!

Francine Costintini Stuart has 2 children who she's very proud of. Will was recently married in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was an amazing trip. Elizabeth is an Emory grad and works for Elliot Spitzer in NYC. She will go to law school in the fall. Francine is still chasing her dream of someday being able to promote her art. She paints and Saratoga Springs is a great town for this! Racing season is so much fun...come visit her!

Ronnie Ritter Flansburg is a literacy coach in the Charlotte schools kindergarten program and she really enjoys it! They have a 1 yr old granddaughter. Ronnie would love to see her classmates!

Brenda Stevenson is retiring this year from teaching fifth grade at Victor Intermediate and being the building Math Coordinator. Her daughter Molly is teaching World History in Exeter, NH. Caitlin is graduating from SUNY Potsdam in May with an Art Education degree. Visits to the teacher stores used to take "soooo long" when they were little, but now they can't wait to go when they are home.

Lorraine Moore Testani had a year filled with incredible highs and lows: both of her children got married. They adore both of the new additions to the family, so that could not be nicer. But, at the same

time Lorraine's father's health deteriorated right after Adele's wedding and they lost him the same week Lorraine's son was married. What an emotional roller coaster it was. Lorraine's mother now lives in a home near her sister.

Class of 1972

Paula Thompson Moore and her husband retired in August. They are living "on the lake" in Tennessee. The Smokies are only about 20 miles away and the motorcycle riding there is superb. They have been successfully expanding their stable of motorcycles to ride (6) and are most pleased with the new Suzuki V-Stroms for "touring". First big trip will be Route 66 from Chicago IL to Santa Monica CA (and back) in the spring. Also have a 4 country European Alps motorcycle trip planned for the fall including Spain to visit friends and wrapping up with Oktoberfest in Munich.

Class of 1973

Diane Lenzi Klock is a discussion leader for Bible Study Fellowship International. When she is not studying, her next passion is painting. She does oil "plein air" landscapes and is trying to master watercolor. Don is working for Colgate and daughter Adrienne is married and living in Norfolk, VA. Son Geoff is finishing up his PhD at Balliol College Oxford. They look forward to having him stateside soon. If any one gets to the city, please give Diane a call.

Marjorie Rice Fulmer will be retiring this year after 30 years of teaching instrumental music. She has truly loved her job but is looking forward to new opportunities. Her son Brian lives and works in Minneapolis. Daughter Susan is in Med School at Upstate Medical, and Son Brendan is a junior at Williams College. Jim and Marjorie are looking forward to traveling a bit more and spending more time with their families.

Bonnie Betters-Reed was in South Africa where she was presenting at a

conference in Capetown. "Traveling north to a couple preservations was incredible; the Zulu people so kind and centered". Daughter Ally, a Junior, is starting the college search. Adam, her 18 year old Asperger's guy, is having a wonderful year in Newton North High School. Bonnie is on the board for the Asperger's Association of New England and enjoys singing with the church. Ally and Bonnie's husband Gary are going with their church on a mission trip returning to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua where Ally and Bonnie worked on a water project two years ago.

Class of 1974

Lynne Boles had a wonderful 2005! She was lucky enough to celebrate several milestones--her 25th wedding anniversary, her 30th year at Procter & Gamble, her 5th year with no further evidence of breast cancer, her election to Vice President for Global Advertising at P&G and an invitation to become a Trustee of the Potsdam College Foundation Board. Wow! How can you top that? Lynne and her husband celebrated their anniversary with a Mediterranean cruise. They enjoyed several fun trips with friends and family in the USA and Europe.

Kathy Ames Kieta lives in Chagrin Falls and is in her 6th year teaching 3rd grade at a small private school. Sarah and Andrew are both in college and Kristen is a junior in high school so life has calmed down a bit. Their summers include long visits to the Thousand Islands and weekends on Lake Erie.

Pam Silk Culver is in her ninth year as principal at Masconomet High School. It is a great place and she loves it. Masconomet has about 1400 kids and is a high performing school. Pam is traveling quite a bit - Ireland, Spain, France and the Caribbean in the past couple of years. She is looking for somewhere to retire to outside the US in several years - South of

France perhaps? Other than that - Pam is healthy and life goes on.

Barb Wuerderman Wood and Tom are enjoying their "same old" jobs (he in health care administration, Barb teaching Reading/Math at Canandaigua Elementary School), and still having fun with life on the lake! Their oldest graduated from Virginia Tech with an IT degree last May, and got a job with a small computer company in Silver Spring, MD. He's enjoying both his work and new life in the DC area. Their twin girls are in their third year of college, Alison at Princeton, and Sarah at the University of Virginia. Sarah spent this semester in Spain at the University of Madrid. Tom and Barb will spend spring break in April visiting her.

Donna Stanford teaches 7th grade English. She has also found a niche in retail having some fun with clients at Ann Taylor in West Hartford. Although she is enjoying this pace now, her sister Susan (Ago '72) and her husband retired last June and it's starting to look pretty good to Stan, too! She had the best surprise this holiday when **Tami Maloney Whitbeck** called. Remember how that girl could tell a story? It was great to catch up with her and Bob, Jenna, Brian, and Scott. "Someday I'll drag her away from her annual summer golf tournament to join us for alumni weekend!"

Elaine Whitehead Pauly reports that her business is solid and doing well. It is tons of work, but it pays for all her vices: horses, clothes, etc. She bought a horse last year and tries to stay up with daughter Dana. She is still on the school board, but her term expires this year and she is not sure if she will run again. Elaine is trying more and more to see friends and do some traveling. They plan ski trips this spring to Aspen and Sun Valley.

Sue Wajda is feeling better and started as a part-time Career Consultant for Lee Hecht Harrison. She gives workshops, assists downsizing and develops resumes. Tim is now installing and

maintaining CNC machines for the **Barb Putman Cregg '75** and Mike at NYMAT. They visited the UK for the first time in years and often retreat to their self-built cabin at Loon Lake. Sue and Tim became grandparents in February. Sue looks forward to welcoming back Agonians of all ages at their annual reunion each July.

Class of 1975

Sally Loe Aubrey married Jim Aubrey in May and moved to Naples, FL, where she worked for a private community on Marco Island as Assistant Controller. Even though they enjoyed the beaches, they weren't thrilled with the hurricanes and moved in March to Phoenix, AZ, where her sister resides. Daughter Martha teaches in Brighton, NY. Sally holds dear her friends from Ago.

Sue Holland Brzowski joined the design team for Hampton Art Stamps and continues to do work for stamping magazines, as well as a lot of free lance work. "Stampers' Sampler" asked her to be their guest artist for an upcoming issue! She and Vic love to travel and plan a Mediterranean cruise to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. Daughter Susan is a graphic designer in Manhattan. Sue and Vic enjoy visiting her and taking in the shows and museums.

Barb Putman Cregg and Mike vacationed at Disney World last April and celebrated their 30th anniversary in Maui in November. Being empty nesters gave them the opportunity to extend their stay at their cottage on Conesus Lake. Michael's work keeps him busy and he still attends cardiac rehab to stay healthy.

Donna Waliszewski Fallon teaches Math at Queensbury High School, but no longer has her own kids in the building to ask her for money or permission slips. Patrick, a sophomore at RPI, is a civil engineer major. Rich, a biological engineer major, is a senior at RPI. Tiffany graduated from RPI with a degree in chemical engineering and is employed at GE Global Research. Rick is in sales at Creative Stage

Lighting and gets to attend some of the productions he does lighting for, like Meatloaf and Celtic Woman.

Kathy White Finnerty thinks fondly on those almost long forgotten times at Ago! She works at Oswego County BOCES, her 27th year, as a curriculum specialist. She misses the contact with kids but her teachers exhibit all of the same behaviors! Patrick works at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Plant and is counting down the days to retirement. Kathy loves what she does and so far has not been bitten by the hope-to-retire-soon bug.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind, following in Gary's footsteps, received the SUNY Potsdam Alumni's Distinguished Service Award in 2005. Gary celebrated his 50th birthday and his 25th anniversary of employment at Ayco. His office moved to Saratoga, so they purchased a condo there. Allison is in her final year at SUNY Buffalo Law School where she "works" at the Volunteer Lawyers Project. Amanda graduated from Hamilton and is enrolled at New York University in a fast track Master's of Education program to earn dual certification in elementary and special education. Their family enjoys their escapes from the winter at their Sarasota condo.

Donna Longenecker Neubauer and Rocky semi-moved their empty nest to a townhouse in VA in Sept., keeping their NH house for Christmas breaks, summers, and retirement. Donna broke her ankle last Feb. and underwent another surgery for pin removal in Sept. Kelly is a 3rd year law student at Northeastern and loves her classes in criminal law. Spence is a junior Communications student at Boston College and loves directing TV shows. Ryan, a sophomore at RPI, is majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Systems.

Carol Baitup Sweet works at the church, learning some new skills including website management. Media Play, her part time job, went out of business, so she started working at Hallmark in January.

Meghan was accepted into the honors business program at Alabama and joined an honors business fraternity where she gets to meet CEO's and work on major projects with Fortune 500 companies. Jon, a freshman at Ole Miss, majors in psychology and pledged Kappa Sig fraternity with about 53 other young men. Kevin, a sophomore at Northview High, had another outstanding year in football and will play lacrosse in the spring.

Anne Gallagher Timpano is relieved that even though John was caught in a down-sizing at Kodak, he was very lucky to quickly find another job with Harris R. F. Communication as a Manufacturing Engineer. Bridget finished her Masters in Music Education and has a one year position at an elementary school in their home school district. Scott is a junior at SU and plays in the band for both football and basketball. Anne and John can frequently be found cheering in the Carrier Dome! They had great fun last September when Double Axel played at a Potsdam Alumni event in Rochester.

Jan Whitfield-Doolittle is enrolled in a doctorate in pharmacy accelerated program at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (Worcester) after being laid off from ENSR, an environmental consulting firm, during a turn down and being inspired by reading just the right fortune cookie! Her classes keep her very busy, but she misses her breakfasts with Donna and hopes to visit her in VA. Whit hasn't been on an exciting vacation in a long time, so she is inviting everyone who wants to come on a cruise the summer of 2007. Ahoy, Agos! What a great way to celebrate her graduation!

Class of 1976

Judy Fabic Verbanic is in her 10th year in Pittsburgh. John decided to take an early retirement from Hewlett Packard and began a new

career as 1st vice president of strategic marketing and sales at Mellon Financial in Pittsburgh. He loves the change and new challenge. Judy is at the corporate headquarters of American Eagle Outfitters as assistant to the vice president of intimates. Their older daughter Julie is being married on July 1st, so wedding plans are in full swing. Daughter Jamie graduates from Purdue in May.

Class of 1977

Liz Utzig is looking forward to attending the reunion with her sister. Her son is at Siena College where he just got elected President of Student Senate. Liz touches base with **Dief** and **Laurie Wood-Cooper** and they always enjoy themselves. Life is good for Liz: she has a job she enjoys and her family is a blessing.

Karen Kittelsen Stefanski and Tom took a long weekend cruise from Miami stopping in Key West and Cozumel (before the Hurricane). They toured Mayan ruins which were quite fascinating, but the area surrounding them was quite poor. They spent a large portion of their summer replacing clapboards that had split and weren't holding stain well. They bought Tim and Nick their own hammers, pry bars and tool belts for the clapboard work. The house was painted in the fall, and the roof replaced as well as the skylights. Now they are installing replacement windows.

Class of 1978

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan and Barry rescued a 3 year old Golden Retriever from an organization called GRROWLS. It stands for Golden Retriever Rescue Organization With Love, Statewide. Jeannie is still in touch with **Stephanie and Danielle Niles**. They did their traditional Operation Shop. They go shopping for gifts for Mike and other family members. Barry is extremely busy at work for the New York Power Authority.

Kathy Lunch Eddy and Bob are empty nesters now that both boys are off to college. However, they come home a lot on the weekends. Kathy has been working for a Home Healthcare agency for 2 1/2 years. In June she went from 24 to 32 hrs to put more money away for 2 tuition payments. Bob is with the same company (23 years). He doesn't travel as much but goes to California, China and Germany. He keeps racking up those frequent fliers miles for them to use. They used some to go to St. Marten for a week at Christmas.

Lori Gremmels Cooper is very happy and is getting married on June 23, 2006. They have been keeping busy with doing some redecorating and have been to Vegas twice this past year. She and Tom turned the big "50" this year. Brandon is in 7th grade and starting to become a teenager! He is still taking piano and did very well in the judged Solofest in May. Brandon is very excited about the wedding and thinks Tom is great! They get along so well. Last summer they all went to Denver to visit relatives.

Bonnie Johnson See had a chance, after over 20 years, to catch up with Sue Defoe last Spring after her move to Hilton Head. Bonnie is still busy in real estate and having fun with it, while Gary continues with his Business Marketing having now added franchise brokering to his business. They still love to travel and play sports...nothing new there!

Sue Difulgentiz Dee is doing well and adjusting to southern living, especially when it is snowing in MI and it is 70 degrees in SC! This past year she moved to SC, bought a home, got a teaching job and changed her name. Besides that it is the same old stuff! If anyone is in the Hilton Head area, please give Sue a call. susanjdee@yahoo.com.

Vera Thurston Gibbs and Steve are not grandparents yet. Erin and Ryan are getting used to marriage and want their finances sound before putting in a new factor (kids). Dave and Matt are both at SU full

time not living at home, Sarah is living at home working, and Katie is in her Junior year of high school.

Donna Passarella Bonomo, Bob and the girls, Lisa and Amy, are still living in Sparta, NJ outside Newark. Donna works part time training the ladies at "Curves" and is looking her usual very svelte self.

Nadine Gager Compisi and Tony traveled to Hilton Head in March with Nadine's sister and her husband. Although the weather was a tad inclement, they did get in several rounds of golf, sightseeing in Savannah and Charleston and some great eating at local venues. This past summer was filled with both Compisi and Gager family visits, and an enjoyable weekend with Dan & Doreen Spoor on Schroom Lake. In Nov., Tony and Nadine flew to San Francisco to visit family and toured through Sonoma and Napa Valley and played golf. Nadine is grateful for the friends she made in Ago and looks forward to hearing from you no matter what time of year it is.

Class of 1979

Becky Monkton King is working full time now and trying to keep the family on track. Her and husband, Kenny's, oldest is Allison. She is a HS senior so they are going through the college search process. "Boy have things changed!" Their boys, Greg and Dan are well and keeping them busy

Janet Polsinelli is still living in the UK and working for Hewlett Packard. She and her husband visit Janet's family in the US about once a year. They try to make it to their condo in St. Croix, but don't seem to fit it in. Janet is still in contact with **Donna Salvitti O'Hara** and **Jean Lennon Schuhle**, but not often enough!

Anne Marie Bianchi Sellitti comments that 2005 was a year of many changes! She accepted a permanent position as Senior Director of Project Management

with McGraw-Hill publishing, with an office in Highstown, NJ and Rockefeller Center, NYC. To shorten her long commute, Mark and Anne Marie took the opportunity to build a house closer to both of their jobs. Spare time is rare, but they still find time to visit Mom and sis in Rochester and hang out with their two 200 lb. English Mastiffs, Ceasar and Sheba.

Barbara Lanzano Combs reports she is in her 18th year at CA and 8th year as the Manager of Federal Marketing Events. Paul Bendik (DK) is one of her Federal Sales Managers and they have enjoyed renewing their friendship. Barb's husband, DB, has been running his family business for the past 2 years, an electrical contracting company in Winchester, VA. Wills is a freshman in HS and Andrew is in 7th grade. The boys keep them busy with travel soccer and basketball. Would love to hear from Ago's visiting the northern VA area!

Shanon Fowler Schneider and Jim live near Atlanta, GA. Their oldest son Dane is finishing up his freshmen year at Penn State. Their other 2 boys keep them busy playing all kinds of sports. Shanon has gotten back into painting some recently, something she really enjoys!

Cindy Natowitz Morguelan reports of her new adventure, working as part of the management team of a unique hotel property, called 21C Museum Hotel, where she lives in Louisville, KY. The hotel is to open in Spring '06. Cindy's son Nathan is 19 and attending Western University. Her daughter Jackie, 16 is a sophomore in HS. She hopes all Agonians are well and especially Big Sis, Amy and Little Sis, Donna.

Sharon Keating Heiligman enjoys her job at Tuthill Lighting in Brighton, NY. Her daughter Kim just loves college as a freshmen at Geneseo. Sharon's son AJ, a member of DU, will graduate from Clarkson U in May and has accepted a job as an energy engineer at Xerox in Webster, NY. She enjoys scrapbooking and traveling to NC, Myrtle Beach and FL with husband, Dan. Sharon enjoyed a tour of Ago last August and meeting

all the current Agonian sisters!
Thanks Maria!

Class of 1980

Martie Hulslander Dixon is now the Director of the Center for Alternative Course Delivery at Erie Community College. Basically, she is responsible for all courses that are non-traditional, seated classes on campus – such as, distance learning, offsite, service learning and international studies. For fun, Martie is going on her first cruise in February with a couple of friends. They are doing the Western Caribbean. She is calling it the test run because she and Jeff and are thinking of taking an Alaskan Cruise for their 25th anniversary in 2007.

Pat Coogan Huntington writes it is hard to believe that we could be old enough to have children going to college! (Of course we don't LOOK that old!) She had fun making the pilgrimage to Potsdam for the 25th college reunion last summer. She met up with her partner in crime, **Sue Hein Bailey** and proceeded to make their way to Sergi's to meet up with Ago friends. Although much had changed, it was amazing how it all seemed so familiar. Patty sees many Agos and other Potsdam and Clarkson alums at sporting events and in Wegman's. She is still at Nazareth College where she pretends that she is still in college.

Jane Morale had a new experience this year, she and son Zack (14-years-old) and husband Glen Zagorski formed a rock and roll band to perform at a church fellowship event. Jane played electric bass and sang solo on 4 songs and backup harmonies on the others. All those years of "air guitar" practice came in handy! She also attended a Billy Joel concert in Syracuse, 30 years after the first time she saw him with **Rosie Javarone** at Colgate U.

Class of 1981

Susan Duffy plans to attend this year's reunion along with her four children (ages 10 – 13) and her significant other, Patrick Duffy.

Sue Canale Hostetter lives in Rochester with her husband and 2 boys – Jonathan, 16, and Eric, 13.

Robin Landrigan Smith is living in Bolton Landing and continues to work for Gambro Healthcare. She loves being back on Lake George and in the Adirondack Mountains! Robin has the great fortune of good health, lots of love, and great friends! Happy 25th Reunion!

Margaret Farrell Benedetto completed her Masters Degree in Education from Nazareth College (Inclusive Childhood Ed. with Gifted and Talented extension). "It was such a wonderful journey of self discovery!" Margaret supposes it was not unlike her time at Potsdam just without the ups and downs of dating, wild drinking and with MUCH better grades!

Class of 1982

Karen Lorenz Walker lives in the Atlanta area and is currently working part time at her son's high school. They have been busy this past year traveling. They visited Disneyworld a few times and spent Christmas on the Disney Cruise Line. They have been visiting colleges as their son Greg starts his college search. Another Bernese Mountain dog has recently been added to the family.

Cathleen Ellia Bennett's son Steven attends SUNY Geneseo. Kristen is a junior and is beginning her college search. Alyssa is at the middle school and is enjoying the experience. The family took a ski trip to British Columbia in February '05 and had a great time.

Connie Walker Bush continues to work towards her Master's in Education and is a teacher's

assistant at her children's school 2 days a week. She spends a lot of time with her younger children and the diaper bag will soon disappear as boy number five becomes potty trained. All are healthy and doing well in school. Life is good!

Laura Huther Farnham and her children will have a new address as of March. They are moving to Basking Ridge, NJ where Laura has a new job as VP of Marketing for Trane. The children are real troopers as they prepare for another big life change.

Ellen Bartis Gambee is the reading specialist at her school. She is enjoying the new challenge and loves that it is part-time. Mike and she are getting ready to be empty nesters as William will graduate from HS in June. Jim, a junior at Bentley College, was accepted into their 5 year MBA program.

Judy Biviano Lloyd serves as Regional Representative for the U.S. Department of Labor and was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger as an Alternate Member of the CA Coastal Commission. She took on the Presidency of the Bay Area Chapter of the California Women's Leadership Association, a non-profit pro-business advocacy organization. She was recently elected Secretary of the East Bay Area Chapter of the California Elected Women's Association and featured in "Women Who Paved the Way", a book released this past Nov. at the ASTRA Women's Business Conference in Oakland.

Class of 1984

Lori Dietz and Ron continue to run a lot. Lori ran two marathons and greatly improved her times. She is now treasurer of the Syracuse Track Club and volunteering in many activities. Her work continues to be very busy and interesting.

Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger and Steve keep busy with daughter Jacqueline, 6 and her 1st grade activities. Their big news is that they

are in the process of adopting a baby from Korea and hope to have their new addition by spring.

Karen Dworaczyk keeps busy developing new products as a marketing Manager for Birds Eye Foods. She a busy mom to son Rudy, 11 and daughter Emily, 10.

Anastasia Glasheen is a first year DMA student in Choral Music at the University of Southern California. She received a teacher's assistantship for an undergraduate musical theatre course through the music education department, which includes a full scholarship and stipend. This summer the Chamber Choir will tour Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. Although she is a New Yorker at heart, she is loving the sunshine!

Jane Judson Mistur and Andy celebrated their 10th anniversary in NYC last July! They traveled with their boys to Dallas to visit Jane's brother, to FL for a week in April '05, and made their annual pilgrimage to the Adirondacks in Aug. Jane has entered the world of hockey moms spending the winter driving all over Central NY to various games.

When **Ellen Murphy** is not busy working at Monster, she is an avid golfer with a handicap under 20! She & her husband love to travel & recently had an exciting trip to the South Pacific.

Class of 1986

Kristin Allen Newton is adjusting to a 5 day work week again after many years working 3 days a week. Enjoying new found freedom of being able to leave Eric(12) and Julie (10) home alone for evenings out.

Carol Richter Deninger spent last summer touring the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Lake Powell and is just back from a week in Aruba.

Caroline Downing has been working in Toronto and commuting back to Boston when she can. She

is looking forward to getting back to Boston for good.

Kristin, Carol, Caroline, Kathy Smith Gorman, Kathleen Sheridan Brewer, Penny Zonneville and Patty Caroll Wilson got together in the Berkshires for their annual spa visit and tea-totalling outing. Always a lot of laughs.

Class of 1987

Becky Volans Akins continues to enjoy teaching high school math in Lisbon. She coaches 6th grade co-ed soccer and girls' basketball in the town recreation program. Ryan, 13, and Allison, 12, keep Mark and Becky busy with sports schedules and social events! Family trips for 2005 included Florida in April and California in August.

Michelle Ray Hogan and JJ have had a very busy year with work, family life, to-do's around the house, hobbies and volunteer work. James (4) is in the Pre-K classroom at day care, and will be starting Kindergarten next fall! Ethan (20 months) is at day care! Michelle continues to work full time at the Professional Development Program at SUNY Albany, and promoted to Senior Education Specialist in Feb.! They continue to keep in touch with **Annie Bryant Geiger '85**, Bruce, Sebastian, and Jordan, at the kids' birthday parties!

Sue Boulter Jackson and her 11-year old son, Jamie, were both diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome. Learning to live with chronic illness has been challenging, but Sue, Ken, Jamie and 8-year old Craig are adjusting to a slower pace of life. Sue enjoys writing for Family Fun magazine.

Life continues to be good for **Linda Dolanch Longhouse** and her family in Ithaca, NY. Linda keeps busy with volunteer work and traveled twice to Sarasota, FL to visit her mother in 2005; once with 6-year old daughter, Olivia, and for

2 weeks by herself to help her mom after foot surgery. Lots of fun and sunshine! Olivia is involved in all kinds of sports and activities and was invited to participate in her school's enrichment program again this year.

Lisa Newhouse Melveney continues to be busy every night of the week with their children's activities. Kaitlyn is in 6th grade and involved in dance, Girl Scouts, and soccer. Collin is in 4th grade and plays both indoor and outdoor soccer. Braden is still in pre-school and will start kindergarten in Sept.

Patty Carroll Wilson, Tom, Allie (9) and Kayleigh (7) are enjoying life in Howell, NJ with vacations to Lake Vanare, NY; and Boca Raton, FL. Soccer, softball and Girl Scouts round out their time. Patty shared lots of laughs in November when the 13 Cedar gang got together in MA. "Forty really isn't so bad!"

Class of 1988

Missy Steinberg Bernier and Renee live in Chicago. They have had a pretty busy year, with an even crazier one approaching. Leah is 1 and Chloe is 4. Aside from trying to keep up with the girls, Missy is still working pretty much full time selling software. Her plans of going part time are going to be delayed a bit as they just bought a "gut rehab" in the next neighborhood (Much better school) but are going to stay in their current house while the work gets done.

Dana Smith Darrow and Mike live in Chesapeake, VA. They've been there a year and a half now and are finally feeling settled in. Mike is still in the Army and gone most of the time. So, like many of us it is Dana holding down the fort and playing chauffeur to the kids: Amanda 13, Alexandra 11, and Jonathan 8. All 3 are involved in soccer and ice hockey. Dana is substituting at the Middle School, and can't believe how much fun she has teaching.

Jaime Walton Fogarty and

Terence are in Saranac Lake, NY. Their four children attend the local Catholic school. Jaime is over-involved in PEA, the Board of Ed, a classroom parent, and volunteering at too much stuff. The Fogarty's Lake Flower Marina also keeps her and Terence busy. She has about 20 hrs of work on the computer each week for the Marina and countless hours being there. The kids all ski and race, so they spend much time doing that. Needless to say, she loves being the stay at home mom!

Kim Peverly Lenta began a "Gotcha Covered" franchise (a mobile blind, shutter and draperies business.) Her new decked out van is the showroom and she travels to people's homes. She is busy balancing the business with Jackie Rose's and Nick's schedules and her lacrosse coaching. She travels around the country for US Lacrosse, coaching other people on how to coach lacrosse and is having a blast.

Annette Bratek Saxman received a promotion and is responsible for all of Gas Operations in the CNY area. Her kids are doing great, keeping busy with Basketball, Cub Scouts, their social lives and school work. They have season tickets to SU b-ball, NOT a good season but enjoy getting out to the games w/ out kids. She has taken up running to keep herself sane, and actually loves it now.

Colleen Palmer Beaudoin and Doug have had a busy year, as usual. Connor, Devin, and Bryce are involved in everything! She is still working part time and loves her job mentoring alternative applicant Math teachers. It's rewarding and also allows her more time at home with the boys. She has recently gotten back in touch with **Jenssie Flores McClintock, Diana Carroll Kaufman, and Aimee Fiorentino Garlock.**

Karen Sarbou Richardson and Scott's big news is that they got a chocolate lab. She is full of energy and a great addition to their

family. Karen and Scott are spending a week in Barcelona, thanks to a three day conference that Scott will be attending.

Jenssie Flores McClintock and Thomas are settling into their new home in Wading River, NY on the East End of Long Island. They look forward to unpacking boxes from their move and getting their lives back in order. Aaron is 2 and is trying to keep up with big sister Jordan who started school this year. They traveled to Disney, VT, and Cape Cod for their annual family vacations; a far cry from their long gone trips as singles to Italy and France!

Kelly Underwood Case lives in Saratoga Springs, NY and happily a stay-at-home mom, doing a lot of volunteering at school and church to get her out of the house (too much so sometimes). Jack 9 and Katie 7 are enjoying life. They've bought a pull-behind camper and enjoy camping on the Maine coast for a few weeks each summer, and some weekend trips to the Adirondack Mountains. This past winter they enjoyed skiing and some ice skating. Life is good.

Heather Williams Biché and Greg have adjusted to life with four kids. Patrick (11), Kristin (8), and Maeghan (5) love their little sister Emily (1). They all help out with her and have taken on more responsibility around the house. The three "big" kids are involved with sports year around. Heather is still working part-time at Lockheed Martin. She considers that her "quiet time". The family continues to enjoy their usual vacation spots: Cape May, NJ; Hilton Head, SC; and Heather's parents' place on Lake Ontario.

Patty Troutman Squier and family moved from Maryland to Florida this past year.

Class of 1989

Stephanie Jupin Darwak continues to enjoy being a mother

of 3 great kids: Samantha 11, Valerie 9, and Frankie 6. They keep Stephanie and her husband busy with their many sports and activities. Stephanie works at Pfizer as an Advocacy Relations Consultant. She works with disease groups and community based organizations on NYS health policy issues. It's very gratifying and she now enjoys the benefits of working from home! She keeps in close touch with Ago best friend **Nancy Culp** Stathopolous.

Kim Bingham Meusel is living in Acton, MA with husband Thomas and three kids, Anna 9, Tommy 7, and William 5. She stays at home with the kids, does a lot of volunteer work with the schools, and is trying to get in shape. They just bought a vacation home in the Adirondacks.

Barbara Ferguson Wallace and Jamie had their first baby, Heather, born Jan. 3, 2005. Yes, she was born on Barbara's birthday. She is 14 months old now and is such a joy. Barb quit working last May after 10 years at Baseline. It's been quite a change for Barb, but Heather keeps her busy. They also went on a family vacation for a week to Florence, Italy in July.

Patti Reuther Tarcha is working as an RN in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Endwell, NY. She has two kids and a happy life. The tiny babies at work are the most interesting part of her day.

Sue Young had an interesting year. The 2005 annual birthday trip, a multi-sport adventure trip to Costa Rica, was all that was imagined plus more! Except for a nasty fall off a horse resulting in a herniated disc in her neck! So, that sidelined Sue for the rest of the year! She still managed to have a girls' getaway on Nantucket with **Laura Boyd** and 10 other friends! She survived her 20th high school reunion and managed a couple of trips to Syracuse catching up with **Julie Clark** and **Kelly O'Donnell**.

Jill Kaplowitz Lyons lives in Franklin, MA with her husband, Jim, and their 3 kids: Jake 7, Jaimie 6

and Jase 18 months. She's busy doing the mom thing, taking dance classes and catching up with friends as time allows.

Laura Boyd works at Fidelity Investments in Boston at a new position and is enjoying the challenges of learning a new business area. She enjoyed a quieter travel year in 2005 with visits to family and New England areas. She bought a new condo in Maine and had a great time decorating and sprucing it up for the ski season. The snow conditions haven't been too friendly for the first year of ownership but she's sure things will perk up next year. If anyone is interested in visiting or renting, please contact her.

Cherri Legro Paluch and Bill have 2 girls: Amy 8 and Jackie 6, and 116 lbs of fur and drool, a Newfie named Bullet, an awesome addition to the family through animal rescue. They start training Bullet for water rescue this spring. Cherri works 2 days a week at preschool, but not in a classroom. She is in the workroom and in charge of supplies. She actually gets paid to go shop at Wal-Mart! She is Fundraising Co-Chair at the girl's school and a Daisy GS leader. Otherwise, she just lives vicariously through **Sue Young's** travels!

Class of 1990

Jade Miller Paunovich and Vaughn have two children, Bryanna and Nikolas.

Laurie Rinder Del Balzo is the proud mother of 4 boys. Mark Jr. 9, Danny 7, Nicholas 4 and Joseph 1. They only had one trip to the emergency room in '05 and some FABULOUS times as a family. They went to Cape Cod for a week and camping in NH. Yeah, you read that right...camping! They camped "Laurie style" at a campsite that had cabins with bathroom, kitchenette and a/c. In Mar. '06, they went to Disney for the first time. The boys play soccer, baseball, basketball,

and lacrosse.

Class of 1991

Christine Rodenhouse Whipple is working full time as a biological account executive for Bayer Healthcare. She is busy with their new son Quinn born Nov. '04 and daughters Erin and Megan. All is well. They live in Pittsford, NY.

Class of 1992

Lisa Pettinelli MacKenzie had her second child in Jan. '05, another boy, Ethan Dominick. He joins Aidan Ryan age 3. They are busy and loving it! Lisa went back to teaching in Sept.

Lisa Hirschey Olsen, Walt and children Laryssa 5, Scarlett 3½, and Graeme 1, live in Riverdale, NY. Coco is teaching 7th and 8th grade reading and absolutely loves it. Walt and she are hoping to be able to add one more little Olsen to the family in the near future.

Donna Colameo Scott, Brad, and son Brian (8 mo) live in Olney, MD. Donna completed her reading specialist degree in '02 and is now working as a reading specialist. After a difficult pregnancy, Donna is looking forward to getting back into running. She hopes any Agos visiting the Washington D.C. area will give her a call.

Melissa D'Agostino and sons Connor 5 and Brayden 3 live in Liverpool, NY. Missy is working as an IT manager at AXA Equitable Insurance Company. **Amy Harvey Brune** and Missy were recently spotted singing karaoke until the wee hours of the morning.

Tracey Diamond Ryan, husband, and son TJ live in Camillus, NY. Tracey is a Partnership Executive with Clarke American and travels all over the country. She has still found time to work on her golf game and is now a six handicap!

Mary Kay Farrand Ryan, Mark,

two sons Mark 7 and Mason 5, and two dogs Bernie and Quigley live in Endicott. She teaches in the Union Endicott School District and recently completed the administrative certification program through SUNY Cortland. She loves going to watch her sons play hockey on the weekends. She'd love to hear from any long lost sisters!

Amy Harvey Brune, husband Tracy, and daughter Emma 6 live in Baldwinsville, NY. Tracy and Amy will celebrate their 10th anniversary this year. Amy teaches 4th grade for the Syracuse City School District. She loves running and the family loves to ski together. **Ren Hallinan Reagan** lives next door.

Denise Jeffery Edwards, Michael, and daughters Kaitlyn 4 and Emily 2 live in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Denise is a Flight Test Engineer for Air Force Special Operations Command and was promoted to the rank of major this year. Michael is active duty Air Force and has flown missions in Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Denise keeps busy with running, golf, playing the flute, and Texas Hold'Em tournaments.

Amy Kiessling has been living in Seattle, WA for 5 years. She bought a condominium in the downtown area and is enjoying remodeling it. She still skis whenever she can and has found a group of Clarkson alumni in the Seattle area to hang out with. She would love hear from her Ago sisters.

Linda Musto Picard married Jake Picard in 2004 and they live in Foxboro, MA. Linda is working in Human Resources at Harvard Medical School and loves her job. She would love to hear from her Ago sisters.

Lisa Pettinelli MacKenzie, Adam, and sons Aidan 3 and Ethan 1 live in North Syracuse, NY. Lisa is teaching at Allen Road Elementary and wakes up before 5 am every day to train for the Ironman at Lake Placid.

Tara Zumpano Hartley, Will, daughters Glenn 6, Ava 3, and son Wyatt 1½ live in Cazenovia,

NY. Their house is over 150 years old. They enjoy doing renovations. Tara tutors at Cazenovia College and teaches History part time at SUNY Morrisville.

Class of 1994

Michele Bulleigh's son RJ is 17 months and doing great. Rob and Michele are in the thick of wedding planning. Their wedding date is July 8th, and planning has been a lot of fun. Michele would love to hear from her pledge sisters!

Valerie D'Ambrosio is in Costa Rica doing a month certification program for yoga, and then she is taking Spanish for 2 weeks. When she returns she is moving to Steamboat Springs, CO to work on her business there, with a focus on mountain and road cycling. She will also set up business in Nosara, Costa Rica, spending January thru April there.

Heidi Dopp traveled to Bolivia and Peru in '05, with Macchu Pichu being the highlight of the visit. Heidi got together with **Katie Keane Carney** and her lovely family. In '06, she will travel to Spain for 2 weeks. She is staying very busy with work, CCNA certification classes, volunteerism (Great Dane Rescue, Hospice, Wachovia Championship, Girls Soccer Coach), and sports.

Kristin Downey Tuohy had a baby boy in May named Matthew. Nora adores him, so the transition went well. Kristin and her family moved right before Christmas to a 19th century fixer upper (a lifelong commitment/project). She is no longer at Readers Digest, but now a self employed computer contractor.

Nicholle Francis and Michael were married on September 10th. It was an amazing day full of family and friends. They left on a cruise to Bermuda the next day and the newlyweds have been sailing along ever since. Nicholle has been spending a lot of time with her family in NY, and hopes to start a

family of her own very soon.

Sue Grant lives in Nantucket. She is a stay at home mom of Grant 3, and Max 1½ who thinks he's 3. **Molly McGreevy** and her husband Rob made a trip to Nantucket this summer, and it was wonderful catching up. If ever in the Massachusetts area, please come visit! Sue's email is sgrant424@yahoo.com.

Jessica Hunt McAllister and her family have been traveling more than usual this year. They vacationed in FL, NY, and the Carolina Coast (twice each), as well as Hawaii and Mexico. Her little sister **Kim Costello Rose** stopped in Atlanta for a visit last April, and in July their families met up again in NY. With all of the excitement of traveling out of the way, they are awaiting the arrival of baby number two in early April. Congratulations!

Molly McGreevy and Rob Cheng are still living in Miami. She is currently working on a collection of short stories and continues to teach English at Miami Dade College. If ever in the Miami area, please visit! Her email address is robertcmollym@aol.com.

Lisa Papa Munter has decided to stay at home and not return to teaching until Jake is in school. She has started on a new venture as being a voice talent and looking to do work in company voice automation, narration, and commercials. She cut her demo in Jan. and hopes to be able to send it to the right people and get some jobs! It is a fun change for Lisa.

Kimberly Butler-O'Brien is living in Richmond, VA. She has a two year old son named Charlie. She is teaching part-time this year and really enjoying it. She is having lots of fun with Pat, Charlie, and all the Potsdam Alumni living in Richmond.

Sheila Kane Pierce opened her own dance studio in Oct. with about 30 students. She is also teaching kindergarten full time at a school around the corner from her house. She is hoping to start a drama camp in Saratoga during the

summer. Her daughter Tessa is 2½, and her son Tucker is 6½ and in 1st grade. Jeff and Sheila constantly work on projects around the house and are getting ready for an addition (Rooms, NOT kids! haha).

Anna Gordon Risse spent 3 weeks in NJ training for a job with a different pharmaceutical company. She is very excited about her new job. Fred and Anna are doing well. They ran a 1/2 marathon in Jan., and Anna is training for her first full marathon to be held in June in San Diego. Anna and Fred vacationed in Jamaica and attended weddings in both Mexico and Ft. Lauderdale in '05. Anna's 13 yr. old step daughter Hali moved in with them full time in August. Anna would love to plan an Ago get together over the summer.

Elyse Waple, Paul, and Nula (their dog) really enjoy living in Charleston, SC. They spend their time working on their businesses (Chiropractic practice and Meineke Car Care Center) and going to the beach whenever they can. Dr. Waple successfully completed all National Board of Chiropractic Examiners requirements and obtained her doctor of chiropractic license for the State of SC. "The Doctor is in the House!"

Class of 1995

Meggan Tokaryk Hahn received her BA in '99 at SUNY Oswego in Human Development, worked as a high school Preventive Counselor, and got married to Ray all in the same year. They have 2 children, Greta 4 and Max 3. Meggan is a stay at home mom and in the beginnings of starting a small catering business with a friend, Amy (Petricillo) Anderson, class of 1994 for those who know her. Ray and Meggan just moved out of the city and into the peaceful country. They love it! They are always welcoming visitors, so please come!

Jennifer Klehammer Batzing's daughter Brookelyn turned 1 on January 23rd. Chad has become a

partner in Podiatry practice and Jen continues to chair CSE meetings for the Corning-Painted Post School District. They have been in their house a year now and love hosting gatherings and having visitors. Jen is looking forward to an Ago gathering soon.

Molly Moore Abrams and Chris were married Labor Day '05 in their neighborhood in DC. It made for a busy year and lots of happy times with family. They are settling down for a quiet year in '06. Molly's sister Megan will be married this coming Labor Day which makes her happier than she can say. Their home is always open to anyone wishing to see the sights in DC!

Erika Baker De George has lived in Maine for the last 5 years with her husband John and their two kids: Andrew 6 and Paige 3. They bought a new house, less than ½ mile to the beach. All Agos are invited, anytime! Erika works part time for Clinique cosmetics as a make up artist, and does some black and white photography on the side. She returned to school this year to complete a Maine State teaching certificate and plans to teach middle school. Life is busy but wonderful.

Jodi Meyer Eyer and Andy are keeping busy with Kristen (1). Jodi is back teaching fourth grade and Andy left GE and started a new job with Adritz in Glens Falls. Andy and Jodi live in the Saratoga area.

Gina Bernardo Michalski and Andy have two daughters: Ella 2½ and Olivia 1. Needless to say, Gina is very busy with the girls! She is working from home too, but finds the time to get together every so often with **Eva Dechario McGee** and **Kristin Downey Touhy**.

Julie DeStefano Stephens stays at home with daughters, Maggie 4 and Bella 2. From home she teaches graduate courses for the University of Phoenix Online and does per diem work for Harcourt, a text book company. Life couldn't get any better! She would love to hear from any of her Agonian friends!

Tammy Buchner Foley is a stay at home mom with two girls: Skyler 4 and Jessica 2. Sean works at home as a lawyer with a company called Westec. They live in Northern VA right outside of D.C. so if anyone is in the area, look her up!

Eva Dechario McGee and Kevin welcomed a daughter into the world on December 21, 2005. Laura Sue joins big brother Ryan who is 3. Eva continues to teach computers to elementary students and loves seeing and hearing from Ago friends. Keeps her feeling young!

Emily Gerepka Kish is having a great year! Allison is in Kindergarten at the school where she teaches 1st grade. Emily loves to have her at the same school. William just turned four and goes to a pre-K program. Emily's Mom and Dad moved to FL in Nov. It is so nice to have them so close! This summer Em's girlfriend set her up on a blind date with a guy from CA (friend of her family). They went to dinner, just for fun, and totally hit it off! They've been back and forth visiting each other for the past 6 months. He is wonderful!

Kerri Boffa Bianchi and family are settled into their new house and enjoying their new neighborhood. She finished her Administration Degree but is very content teaching 1st grade and doesn't plan to use her new degree for a long time. At this point, Nicholas 5 and Andrew 3 keep her busy. They are anxiously awaiting baby number 3 in May. Keep in touch!

Class of 1996

Michelle Williams Boyle has been teaching 5th grade for the last 7 years. Michelle and Matt welcomed a baby girl, Emma Elizabeth, into their family in Feb. '05. It has been quite an adjustment but they love being parents. Michelle misses all her Ago sisters and would love to hear from them.

Amy Alexander Siewart writes that Morgan started Kindergarten this

year and is loving it. They love living in the Capital District. Amy asks that you let them know if you are in town for track season!

Jeannie Heinsohn is still teaching, coaching, and playing soccer. Last year she began playing Gaelic (Irish) Football and was recently named to the NYGAA's 2005 All Star team. Jeannie misses you all. E-mail: [oasisjeannie@hotmail.com](mailto: oasisjeannie@hotmail.com).

Melissa Dennis Fasse writes that things are going well in PA. Andrew 7 and Emme 2 keep them very busy and happy. She can't believe it has been 10 years since graduation!

Kimberly Costello Rose and Eric keep busy and entertained with Liam who turned 1 in Nov. Kim went to visit her big sister, **Jessica Hunt McAllister**, in Atlanta, GA in April '05 and Jessica visited Kim in July. Kim is the Senior Business Analyst at Empire Vision Centers and loves the continual challenge.

Nija Branca is living and working in Rochester, NY. She teaches 8th grade English at the School of the Arts. Last May, Nija bought a house in the city and lives there with her sister.

Kelly McKenna Gennoy just built a new home in Saratoga Springs and the whole family enjoys living in a neighborhood where Madison, age 4, has lots of playmates. They are also awaiting the arrival of baby number two in April.

Class of 1999

Mindy Carlin Cervoni is the vice president of Administration for a non-profit in Buffalo. She and Jon are living in Hamburg and expecting their first child in early September! The new baby will be joining the family dog, Zoe.

Alli Moretta Noonan and Mark recently had a new addition to the family, a baby boy named Matthew. He was a great Christmas present. Alli is still teaching music and was recently named the department chair for her school district. She is enjoying being a new mother in

Canton, MA.

Kelly Reardon is still single and living in Liverpool. She is in her 6th year teaching Social Studies at Tully High School. She managed to survive her first year in ski club without any broken bones! She would love to hear from you: kreardon@twcny.rr.com

Edie Sohigian is still educating small children in Kissimmee, FL as an elementary teacher.

Stephanie Gellar Arnell was married to Mathew Arnell in July 2004 and honeymooned for 2 weeks in Hawaii. She teaches music to pre-K and K kids in Freeport, NY. and bought a house last year in N. Bellmore NY.

Laurie Reagan-Drakensjo is an engineer manager for Tyco Healthcare Systems in Watertown, NY. She and Carl bought a beautiful home in Wesley Island near Alexandria Bay.

Jessica Radloff Lanifero and Ken were married in May '04. They recently moved to Jacksonville, FL. Jessica is looking forward to continuing to practice law in Florida.

Class of 2000

Kelly Doane moved to SC about a year ago to build a home by the beach and be closer to her family. Since then, she has started working for an Oceanfront Development company, traveled all over to see friends and new places, and is in a serious relationship with someone!

Tara Fiocco Toomajian works at SEFCU as a Commercial Credit Analyst. Tara and her husband Casey recently purchased their first home in the Albany area. She is training for the NY City marathon with Jennifer and Kara.

Jaime Conroy is currently working for Einstein Medical as a Senior Account Executive in the San Diego area.

Kara Korkus is working for the Nine West Group in White Plains as an Account Executive for the AK

Anne Klein footwear division. She is training for the NY City marathon with Jennifer and Tara.

Jennifer Gibbs Rozell is working as a Recruiter for one of the largest Staffing Firms in the Atlanta area. She is training for the NY City marathon with Kara and Tara.

Class of 2001

Marci Berman graduated from nursing school and is working on an Oncology unit in Syracuse.

Class of 2002

Adrienne Buckley lives in Carthage, NY and works for The ARC (for developmentally disabled people) as a supervisor at a workshop. Adrienne enjoyed the summer at her cottage.

Class of 2004

Rene Mulhern married Chris Capron of the Potsdam Chapter of Phi Kappa Sigma in Las Vegas March '05 and began law school at the University of Denver College of Law in Denver, Colorado in August '05. She is busily working through her first year and is excited for a study abroad this summer in Rome, Italy. While in Rome she will be studying corporate law for the first half of her summer and hopefully getting a law related job in Denver when she moves back at the end of July, preferably something related to the corporate environmental field.

Class of 2005

Sarah Bayer moved to Rochester, NY with her boyfriend Keith Widrig, also a recent Potsdam graduate and a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. Sarah is currently working as a teacher.

Linda Berti graduated in December and moved to Niagara Falls, NY. She is currently looking for job opportunities in archeology. Linda has been traveling the country in order to find her ideal position.

Krystal Catapano moved to Boston, MA in August. She is currently attending New England School of Law. Krystal intends to focus her studies on International Human Rights. She is hoping to volunteer for a legal aid service this summer.

Shelissa Cook-Schiaf is living in Red Hook with her boyfriend James Warren. She is currently waitressing and bartending at a BBQ restaurant.

Morgen Essig-Thomas recently graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a degree in Women's Studies. She is living in New Paltz with her boyfriend Josh Parker and their dog Kadynn and three cats, Annekin, Natasha, and Sneak. Currently,

Morgen is attending the National Personal Training Institute to become certified in personal training and nutrition.

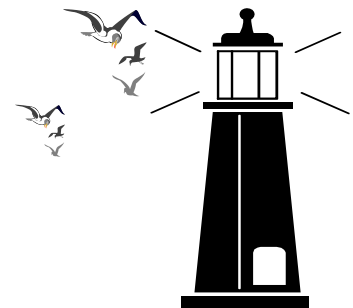
Megan "Pheebz" Fallon moved to Lebanon, NH with Greg Gorman, a recent Clarkson graduate and member of Delta Upsilon. Megan works for a local crisis agency that helps victims of domestic and sexual violence. Recently, she was promoted to the agency's Direct Service Coordinator, which was a wonderful accomplishment. Megan misses all of her Ago sisters and hopes they are all doing well.

Leta Luguri graduated in December. She and her boyfriend Zachary Atkinson, a recent Clarkson graduate and member of Sigma Chi, have moved to Glens Falls, NY. Leta is working as a chemical dependency counselor. She is hoping to begin her studies for a PhD program in clinical

psychology in the fall.

Andrea Polisi recently graduated from Old Westbury this December with a BS in Finance. Andrea is currently working at North Fork Financial Advisors and her job title is Licensing/Compliance Coordinator.

Juliet Wawro moved to Rochester, NY and works for Performance Marketing Inc. Office as a Human Resources Administrator. Juliet is dating Ian Keefe of Sigma Pi. Juliet is hoping to move to Boston next year with **Krystal Catapano**.



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of Donor Relations at SUNY Potsdam. Ago alumnae are among the College's most generous donors and dedicated volunteers. We are very fortunate that so many of you have given generously and loyally, whether to establish a scholarship, endow a fund for special programs, contribute to your department or school, or donate to the College's unrestricted fund. You are also generous with your time, talent and expertise as members of our various alumni boards such as the Potsdam College Foundation, the SUNY Alumni Association, The Crane Alumni Board, The School of Education Alumni Board, the Sheard Literacy Center Advisory Board and the Greek Council, to name a few. You are also very willing to help out when we call you to help with special projects, such as advising us on marketing materials for the College, or organizing alumni events in your region, or attending a reception for perspective students in your area

I would also like to mention how much we neighbors appreciate the fact that you are working so hard to keep up the appearance of your house at 11 Pierrepont. Aside from the obvious property-value factor, it is important to a community that residents take pride in their homes because it inspires neighbors to keep their homes attractive as well. As owners of a 125 year old home in the Village, Michael and I understand very well the challenges you face in maintaining your house. We are pleased to see that you are investing so much in your house to keep it both safe and attractive.

As you can see, Ago continues to have a tremendous impact on our Potsdam community. I am very proud to be an Agonian Honorary, and I treasure your friendship and support. Congratulations on your upcoming 125th anniversary, and best wishes for continued success and happiness together.

With gratitude,
Nancy Griffin
Honorary '05

Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt '65 Establishes Endowment



Dr. Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt '65 and her husband Tom have established The Thomas J. and Patricia Ruggiano Schmidt Endowment Fund in support of the Rebecca Sheard Literacy Center in Satterlee Hall. To promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples, half of their gift will be used to purchase books that have received the Coretta Scott King Book Award for outstanding children's literature by African American authors. Their goal is to eventually obtain the entire collection for the Literacy Center. Given Patty's passion for teaching and commitment to diversity, their gift is particularly appropriate.

Patty is a professor of literacy at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY. She is also an accomplished scholar and author; an active volunteer for her campus, community and alma mater; and a generous contributor to a number of organizations, including SUNY Potsdam. Her books include: *"50 Literacy Strategies for Culturally Responsive Teaching, K-8"* and *"Preparing Educators to Communicate and Connect with Families and Communities"*.

Patty has received numerous awards for her work, including the Matteo Ricci, S.J. Award for achievement in promoting diversity at LeMoyne College. In 1993, she was a finalist for the International Reading Association Dissertation of the Year Award. In addition, she was named Developmental Studies Institute Fellow with the University of California, Berkeley and has served as the William Sheldon Fellow in the Reading and Language Arts Center at Syracuse University. In 2000, Patty received the Minerva Award from the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association, the organization's highest award for professional achievement.

Although she worked hard at Potsdam, Patty is quick to point out that she "played hard" too. A major influence on her was, and still is, her membership in the Agonian Sorority, where she began many friendships that have lasted throughout her life.

We are honored to have Patty as our sister, our board member, and friend.

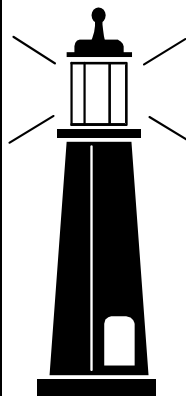
Did you know?



On March 6, 1961 Agonian Sorority initiated sixteen guys from Clarkson and Potsdam State as Brother Agonians: Jerry Gibbons, Terry Kemp, Dave Blied, Ken Woytek, Jerry Salamak, Danny Caruso, Ed Podrebarac, Greg Henning, Harvey Williams, Dick Samuels, Barry Weinman, Bob Swanson, Harry Stein, R. J. Potter, Ron Miller and Rick Norton. Many of them had helped with repairs and maintenance around the Ago House and also dated Ago Girls.

Attention Agos!

Come to the
Board of Directors meeting!
Sunday, July 9
8:00-10:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Meeting
 All returning Agonians please plan to attend



Agonian Alumnae Association Meeting
Date: Saturday, July 8
Time: 10:00 am
Place: 11 Pierrepont Avenue
 Breakfast available 8-10 am at minimal cost.
Great things happen: decisions on scholarships, awards/recognitions, gifts, elections, newsletter, etc.

Calling All Alumnae!



Please **NOMINATE** an Agonian Alumna who you feel has made an outstanding contribution to the Agonian Alumnae Association. Each year Agonians are requested to nominate an Agonian Alumna for the annual **Outstanding Alumnae Awards** that are announced at the annual Agonian Alumnae Association meeting in July. Nominations are requested and may be submitted along with news and other information using the form below. You may know of an Agonian who has given of time and talent in ways that should be acknowledged by our association. Be sure to tell us why you have nominated this individual. This is an award from ALL of the Alumnae Association and should reflect input from as many Agos as possible. Do it NOW while it is fresh in your mind. We want to hear from you!

My News - Continued:

***H**ow can the Agonian Alumnae Association Serve You - Our Members!*

In the space provided below, send us your thoughts, your concerns, your ideas for better serving our Agonian Sisterhood.

I nominate _____
 for Outstanding Alumnae.

Why? _____

AGONIAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Jane Morale
296 Farmview Drive
Macedon, NY 14502

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Alumnae Response Form

Help us represent your needs and talents!

Please complete & return to:

Jane Morale, 296 Farmview Dr., Macedon, NY 14502

Name: _____ **Class:** _____
(first) (maiden) (last)

Address: _____ **City/State/Zip** _____

Phone No. _____ **e-mail:** _____

July 7-9 Alumnae Weekend:

Attending? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Fri. Cocktail Party _____ Sat. Breakfast _____

Alum.Assoc. Mtg. _____ Barbecue _____ State Class Dinner _____

Sun. Breakfast: _____ Board Meeting _____

AGONIAN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION (January-December)

Annual Membership Dues (**\$20**) and additional contributions for:

_____ Rush _____ Newsletter _____ Scholarship
_____ Repairs/Renovations _____ Emergency Fund _____ Where needed

Amount Enclosed: _____

Ago Address Changes: _____

Here's my news:
(more room for news on back)

Complete Reverse Side of This Form.
How can Agonian Alumnae Association
Serve You?