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## Agonian Alumnae Association

Letter from the President

Dear Sisters,

Well, another year has passed us by—why is it that they seem to speed up as we age—and our memories of time shared stand still? We are thankful for the latter, and our hope is that *The Anchor* provides information and a means to channel further communication between sisters. Enjoy its contents and continue to forward your suggestions for even better editions!

Your alumnae association now provides you with a number of options to stay connected, including class reps, alumnae association email address, Facebook Page and a Post Office Box dedicated to alumnae association business. It's encouraging to see all of these avenues used, and reinforces the effort to continually explore ways to stay in touch. Please cut out the "staying connected" section and post it on your refrigerator, or add to your address book or Blackberry!

If you are able, please join us in Potsdam on Reunion Weekend (July 14-17) when we gather to reminisce about the past, catch up on news and hairstyles, and conduct the Agonian Alumnae Association business. The Alpha Kappa Phi Board of Directors will open the sorority house for the weekend but sleeping accommodations will not be available.

This summer we have moved the annual meeting to Saturday, July 16th at 1:30pm at the sorority house. This is an effort to make the meeting available to our 50th reunion sisters, carve out some beauty sleep for those in a celebratory mood, and leave time for you to prepare for that evening's festivities. (The 2011 meeting agenda is included in this newsletter for your review.) A generous alumnae is offering a special gift to the first 30 in attendance at the meeting!!

We urge you to attend the Greek Alumni Informal Lunch at 12:00pm noon, held at Becky's Place in Pratt Commons on campus. This will precede the annual meeting.

Whether together in July or joined throughout the year by our ongoing desire to remain a sisterhood, we embrace what brought us together in Potsdam, and look forward to strengthened ties in Alpha Kappa Phi! Love in AKPhi, Laurie

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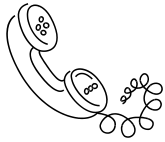


## 2011 Alumnae Weekend

Join your sisters in Potsdam July 14-17th

- Reunion Weekend will celebrate the 125h Anniversary of the Crane School of Music. Registration and event listing can be found on the school website—[www.potsdam.edu](http://www.potsdam.edu)
- Alpha Kappa Phi (11 Pierrepont) will be open the entire weekend. Stop by for a trip down memory lane!
- Greek Alumni Informal Lunch, Saturday, July 16th at 12:00pm (Becky's Place—On Campus)
- Agonian Alumnae Association Annual Meeting: Saturday, July 16th at 1:30pm (11 Pierrepont Avenue)
- Alpha Kappa Phi Board of Director's Meeting: Saturday, July 16th at 3:30pm (11 Pierrepont Avenue)

## Staying Connected....



How do you get in touch with your alumnae association? Employ one of these options, or help us to develop new ways to maintain links to each other. Can you help us to facilitate an online meeting or make use of other technological helps? Can you add your name to the list of class reps? Please contact us with any suggestions and new ideas!

**The Anchor:** Our annual newsletter, which strives to keep you informed of your sisters' updates and a variety of other news.

**Class Reps:** Volunteers who help to gather graduating class year information for inclusion in *The Anchor*, also serve as a means to reach out to the alumnae with emergency news or requests.

**Post Office Box:** Send any alumnae association news, dues or other business to P.O. Box 144, Burnt Hills, New York 12027

**Facebook:** Link with friends you never knew you had! <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=56795331416>

**Email:** Alumnae Association President and Vice President are available at [AGOAlum@gmail.com](mailto:AGOAlum@gmail.com). Please contact them with any questions or concerns!

## Brownie and the Pledges



Circa 1982:

Brownie enjoys a special moment with pledges on the porch. This photo came to *The Anchor* courtesy of Facebook. Do you have photos from your time in Potsdam? Consider sharing them with your sisters—we all love a nostalgic look back in time!

## Class of 1961

Remembrances from Gloria Grocock

After leaving Potsdam I visited it in '62 and '63 for special occasions and to meet up with old friends still there. At the time, it felt as if I had never left. Years passed by until summer, 1974 when on a drive home from Canada we passed through Potsdam and I showed the Ago House and the Campus to my husband and daughters. I mainly remember remarking how much the ivy had grown.

More years and then 2001, our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. We stayed at my sister's cabin in the Adirondacks and then I drove up to Potsdam for the occasion. I walked around the campus and into the buildings and remembered certain times and places as if they had happened yesterday. I stayed in my old study room in the Ago House, a room full of memories. I suppose I had shocked everyone with my red, white and black color scheme! The two years spent living in the Ago House were full of joys and sorrows but mainly I remember the camaraderie of the sorority and the special closeness of dear friends, some of whom I've been in Christmas card contact all these years. Of course, how could I forget sleeping in the attic dorm next to the window and waking with snow on my blankets! A memorable event for me personally was watching TV with everyone crowded into Mrs. Dexter's room and seeing John F. Kennedy as he gave his famous speech encouraging young people to work as a force for peace in the world. It literally changed my life.

At the dinner that evening I saw people from our class I hadn't seen in years, mostly not since 1961. It came as a surprise to me that not many recognized me----but back then I was very blonde and very thin. Forty years and forty pounds do change a person's looks! I was especially happy to see Agos Mary Lee Alles Caggiano and Claire Peters Buhr there as well as our other classmates. It was interesting to hear of the different directions all our lives have taken and how everyone agreed that our education at Potsdam had prepared us very well for our futures.

Now I'm looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and hope that many more Agos will attend.

Gloria

## 2011 Distinguished Alumni Speaker

Eileen Goss Whelley '76

"Making It In Today's Job Market — Is It Still A Man's World?" was the topic as Eileen Goss Whelley took the stage as the featured Distinguished Alumni Speaker on campus in April. Sponsored by the Office of Campus Life, it included an informal discussion on women in leadership. Eileen is currently the Executive Vice President for Human Resources for The Hartford Financial Services Group and has held positions in human resources at General Electric, NBC Universal, Citicorp and Standard Oil, and served on the Corporate Council for The White House Project, a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization working to advance women in business, politics, and media. We understand the Ago actives attended in full force!



"Goose" was not only a member of Ago, but while in Potsdam she served on Student Senate and as Administrative Vice President with the Student Government Association, was an R.A. and cheerleader.

## Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship Program

When you pledge Ago, you join a long tradition, dating back to our founding as the Calliopean Literary Society in 1882, of excellence in academics, service, and leadership. Our ideals help us to succeed as students and prepare us for successful professional lives, in which we continue to lead and be of service to our community. Recognizing this excellence, Potsdam College's Alumni Association has presented three Agonian Alumnae with the esteemed Minerva Award for demonstrating outstanding life-time professional achievement. Six Agonian Alumnae have been honored with the Distinguished Service Award for exceptional contributions to the College. Potsdam College also calls its alumni into service on its boards. We are proud that Ardra Cavanaugh Rogers, Class of 1929, who served as Ago's first president, went on to become the first president of Potsdam's Alumni Association, as well as its first Distinguished Service recipient. Continuing her legacy, two Agonian Alumnae currently serve on the Foundation Board and two serve as Alumni Trustees. We encourage you to carry these ideals with you after college as well.

Presenting scholarships to our undergraduate Sisters at Potsdam and Clarkson, an Agonian Alumnae Association tradition of more than thirty years, supports these ideals. In May of 1978, we recognized our Honorary, Laurena Ramsdell, a long-standing member of our Board of Directors who served as our financial advisor and auditor, by creating our first named \$100 scholarship in her honor. Laurena's scholarship is awarded to an Agonian who makes "outstanding contributions to her Sorority while showing academic excellence."

Upon the death of Eunice "Brownie" Badger, our spunky advisor who worked tirelessly with us from 1921-1983, we created a new scholarship in her memory. Brownie challenged us to maintain high standards and energetically guarded both the membership and the House (even showing up for breakfast at 5 AM!). She coordinated our newsletter, keeping our alumnae data base on little file cards that we assisted her in updating as we attended work sessions at her home each Saturday. In 1991, we awarded Brownie's scholarship to recognize an Agonian who "exemplifies service to our Sorority as well as to the Potsdam community."

In 2004, we added a third scholarship to recognize the leadership of the Agonian Alumnae Association founder Suzanne Wajda, Class of 1974 at Potsdam and recipient of her MBA from Clarkson in 1976. Sue served as President of the Agonian Alumnae Association from 1976-2001, working with the College to preserve and uphold our Greek traditions. Sue's scholarship recognizes a sister who "exemplifies the Agonian sisterhood while demonstrating excellence in leadership."

Over the years, the generosity and commitment of our Alumnae enabled us to increase our three scholarships to \$1000. As exciting as this was to both the Alumnae and the Actives, we found that annual donations would not fund all three scholarships. While we wish we could continue awarding all three, we instead now offer one \$1000 scholarship, inviting the Actives to apply for any of the three named scholarships. We hope this financial support is appreciated and that, as our Sisters transition to the ranks of Alumnae, they, too, will support our scholarship fund. We invite the Class of 2011 to volunteer for next year's Scholarship Committee, and we encourage all of our Ago Sisters to apply for next year's scholarship.

As our Scholarship Committee reads through the applications and accompanying letters of recommendation from faculty, we marvel each year at the GPA's, service projects, and leadership endeavors of our Ago Sisters. They are committed to their studies, yet make time to impact their college community in so many ways. We know they are on their way to becoming successful leaders and responsible members of society, and we are so proud to call all of them our Sisters.

## 2011 Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship Award

This year we were honored to present the Eunice "Brownie" Badger Scholarship for Excellence in Service to Katie Beck, a junior from Macedon majoring in Early Childhood and Childhood Education. Dr. Marta Albert of the School of Education sponsored Katie's application. This year's scholarship winner has internalized the service goals of both Ago and Potsdam College and supports their programs with much energy. We asked Katie how service to others impacts her life, and she mentioned Ago's involvement with the Cecile Garden Project. Helping to plant and harvest vegetables for those in need shows her how much a few hours of volunteering can mean to those who struggle to buy food for their families. Her mother encourages her to make a difference in the lives of others, and this project enables her to put that philosophy into action. She also personally connects to Ago's fundraising for Hospice, as her grandfather was supported by this wonderful organization, and she sees firsthand how much their work is needed in the community. Inspired by her mother, Katie finds motivation in this quote: "So many people are expecting a miracle, instead of being a miracle." Participating in Ago's Service Projects challenges her to "become this "miracle" in someone else's life." After pledging Ago, she better understands herself, and her sorority involvement strengthens her desire to be of service to others.

This year we also asked our applicants to propose a Service Project for Ago. Katie suggests connecting with child cancer patients. Beyond financial support, she would like to see her Sisters travel to a children's hospital to interact with the patients, providing friendship and giving them the opportunity to play or do crafts like healthy children would do. She expects that her Sisters would also learn from these children, as their strength as they fight this disease would be most inspirational. We challenge Katie to put this plan into action!

Katie hopes to participate in the Jamaica Fields Service Project. While on this ten-day trip, she will help young children with literacy, create lesson plans, and donate school supplies. In recommending her for this scholarship, Dr. Marta Albert, of the Literacy Education Department, stated, "It is clear from her interest in the study abroad project that she is making connections between local service projects, her major academic interests, and the need to develop global awareness as a young person in an increasingly globalized world. Her interests reflect her compassionate nature; further, they show she is a problem-solver, someone who jumps in to be part of improvement projects and not someone who merely talks about the need for them."

Serving on Ago's Scholarship Committee this year were: Laurie Wood Cooper '77, Rachel Gebhardt '09, Amy Hind Henry '76, Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75, Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey '77, Licia Urtis Murrell '82, Jenna Naylor '09, Cathy O'Connor '76, Patty Abernathy Sohl '77, and Liz O'Connor Utzig '77. Thanks to them for their service to this project! Alumnae who would like to serve on this committee this fall should contact Debbie Hind: [gary103055@aol.com](mailto:gary103055@aol.com). We hope to receive many outstanding applications from our Active Sisters!



*Katie poses with her parents following the scholarship award presentation.*

## Connie Walker Bush

In memoriam

Constance Ann Walker Bush ('82) passed away on January 26, 2011 at home in Va. after a one year battle with cancer. On this sad day the Class of '82 lost a very special friend. This is written in loving memory of our dear friend, Connie.

Connie came to Potsdam in the Fall '78. Fall '79 she pledged Ago and became a very active Ago sister immediately upon returning to Potsdam in January '80. In one of the first meetings that we attended as new members, the President was asking for volunteers and Connie's hand shot into the air. A nudge and a hint – "Hey, remember we just finished pledging? We were going to focus on our school work this semester!?" She gave a very stern look and that was that. She was off and running. Many committees and volunteering opportunities later we knew that we had a true leader. Spring '81 she wondered about running for President. Undoubtedly she would make a great President but did she want to take on all that responsibility? Another stern look and she was headlong into the process before we could blink an eye. And what a President! Every group has ups and downs but Connie was steadfast and true to the Agonian sisterhood. She loved everything about the sisterhood-our traditions, songs, blazers, blues! And did that girl know Parliamentary procedure! All meetings were conducted by the book but with the sense of fun that was Connie's unique way.

Connie didn't let a day pass without fitting in some laughter. She loved to be silly at times, but she was always witty! Living at the house was an outstanding experience our senior year and once again she was a leader among the members living at the house. There were 21 of us living in the house that year and Connie was like a mom to us all. We often called her "Mother Ago".

Connie was a very spiritual person. She attended church regularly throughout college. She would often ask others if they wanted to attend with her – not to try to convert anybody, but she knew when it might do you good – whether as a needed break from studies or a moment to reflect.

After graduation, Connie went on to Paralegal Studies and a couple years after graduation from her studies, she met and married her husband Bart. Bart and Connie had 5 children – all boys. She was a devoted wife and mother. She continued her volunteering after college - Syracuse Opera, Junior League, and at her various churches and children's schools. Once again, Connie's hand was in the air!

As Connie's struggle with this disease neared its end, the sisters gathered on email and Facebook to remember the happy times we shared in that house on Pierrepont Avenue. As we all commented on how sad we were, we reflected on the renewed communication between us. As one lovely sister put it so well -"Connie is working her magic again."

We were all so blessed to have known this beautiful, generous, and loving person. The Class of '82 will forever miss our beloved friend, Connie; our "Mother Ago".

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with a heavy heart that we report the passing of:

Gwen Jones Pond—Class of 1937

Genevieve Smith Parker—Class of 1940

Veronica Ptak Dievendorf—Class of 1942

Alice Tomkiewicz Bellucci—Class of 1948

Charlotte “Char” McCurdy Ellis—Class of 1949

Pat Casey Dopsloff—Class of 1964

Connie Walker Bush—Class of 1982

Lori Principe Guarino—Class of 1983

*If your news didn't reach us in time for the publication of the 2011 Anchor—please be sure to send along your latest updates for our next edition! A response form is available on the last page, and can be forwarded at any time of the year. Your sisters want to hear from you!*

**CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

Thank you for all your help in collecting and forwarding class news. If your class year is not represented, please consider volunteering as a class rep!

1948	Beryl Schuttler Marshall	1984	Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger
1949	Bev Savage Castiglione	1986	Kathleen Sheridan Brewer
1955	Lois Smith Harold	1987	Becky Volans Akins
1956	Jo DiCroce Farra	1988	Heather Williams Biche
1957	Susan Smykla Udell	1989	Laura Boyd
1960	Wendy Carter Paton	1990	Ren Hallinan Reagan
1961	Gloria Gonda Grocock	1991	Erin Musengo Klein
1962	Fran Sardina Blik	1992	Lisa Pettinelli MacKenzie
1963	Bev Smith	1993	Debbie Rose Urban
1967	Kate Belgard Finney	1994	Sue Grant
1968	Nancy Chicken Merchant	1995	Eva Dechario McGee
1972	Marie DuPell Cashera	1996	Melissa Dennis Fasse
1974	Lynne Boles	1999	Kelly Reardon
1975	Deb Diefendorf Hind	2000	Kara Korkus
1976	Cathy Lennon Nealon	2002	Nicole Minnick
1977	Karen Kittleson Stefanski	2003	Sara Landry DiLandro
1978	Nadine Gager Compisi	2004	Rene Mulhern Capron
1979	Sharon Keating Heiligman	2005	Krystal Catapano
1980	Becki Minoli	2006	Rachel Cajigas
1981	Robin Landrigan Smith	2007	Jenna Novak
1982	Ellen Bartis Gambee	2009	Jenna Naylor

**CLASS OF 1948**

**Donna Kingsley Chase** sends news of her life after Potsdam “in a nutshell.” After graduation she accepted a job in Hammond, NY teaching music. She has lived at the same address for over 60 years, taught in the same school for 29 years, and was married to the same man for 54 years! (Her husband passed away in 2004). They have three daughters, one a Special Ed teacher in Alpharetta, GA, one a music teacher in Charlotte, NC, and a nurse/massage therapist in Hammond, also two grandsons, Allen, 24, and Chase, 15. (“Both brilliant and talented of course!”) Church and community activities manage to keep her busy along with keeping up a way too big 120 year old home, with time out for some traveling to far away places. “There you are Beryl. I’ve written this just for you! Thank you for adding the job of Class of ’48 news reporter to your busy life.”

**Elsie Putnam Sinkeldam** and husband Neal have moved to University Village in Thousand Oaks, CA to be near their daughter. They are looking forward to new friends and activities.

**Rita Pangborn Osborn** sent news from graduation to the present! Two month’s after graduation from Potsdam State, she found herself living and working at the graduate dorm at Smith College in Northampton, Mass. She was already working on an M.A. in Music Fellowship engineered by Helen Hosmer and William Scotchood, the Music Ed Chair at Smith. The fellowship paid for a M.A. in Music of two year’s tuition at Smith, room and board and \$12.50 spending money. For that she had to teach all the music classes at Smith College Day School, Grades 1-8, and did accompanying for the Smith Glee Club. Rita even had Albert Einstein for Mozart and Schubert history – and notes that he was a wonderful person as was Werner Joston, her music comp. teacher who also directed the Smith-Amherst Orchestra. He talked her into playing percussion in the orchestra. Playing there she met Don Osborn, violinist, who was also an “aged” student of 22 (just out of the service). They would marry in 1950 in Cazenovia, NY, her hometown. After teaching music in Dobbs Ferry, NY they moved to St. Pete, FL, so Don could help his father and brother build and run a large mobile home park of 270 spaces. For the first 12 years Rita stayed home and raised five daughters, all college grads – one a music professor at Eckerd College, then took on a music-humanities job at St. Pete Jr. College for 26 years. She loved the job but got very sick from moldy, closed classrooms and developed MCS (Multiple Chemical Sensitivities). After retiring, she started several support groups for MCS and finally forced the school to bring up to code 12 buildings on campus. The administration fought it for years. In 2009 she wrote and published two books called “Toxic Teacher”. Her granddaughter, Ariel Epstein Dickson, plays French horn in the Schenectady Symphony and lives in Victory Mills, NY. Her husband, Matt Dickson, teaches instrumental education in Warrensburg, NY.

**Beryl L. Marshall (Class Rep)** writes that she doesn’t expect to get to Potsdam until 2013, but does keep in touch with Donna Kingsley Chase, Elaine Bismarch Dwight, Rita Pangborn Osborn, and Shirley McConnell Atchens. She plays with the Island Symphony Orchestra with 5 or 6 other Crane alums. Other activities include singing in choir, attending local concerts, playing in coached string weekends and at an annual week of quartets, plus jigsaw and pencil puzzles as well as reading. She and husband Lysle enjoyed a trip to mid New York State and the Erie Canal and other trips to visit friends and relatives. In January 2011 they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! They enjoy having their son Peter and daughter Nancy close by and invite anyone who is visiting the east end of Long Island to give them a call!

**CLASS OF 1949**

**Shirley Valentine Backus** wrote a nice card from her own home where she still lives in Lake Bonaparte with two ladies who care for her. She has had four strokes. Her son, Michael, who has been with her through her illness still lives with her and has just acquired a defibrillator to protect his own congenital heart problem. Shirley sends her best wishes to her friends in Ago and I ‘m sure she would be very pleased to know that we are thinking about her. You can write to Shirley at 14150 Hotel Road, Harrisville, NY 13648



**Win Stoker Pusey** wrote from New Mexico where she and her husband are visiting a daughter. She says "We're healthy and I'm still able to play the organ". She will play a small recital in May and her church choir just presented "Seven Last Words of Christ" as a vesper service. She really wishes she could hear the Crane Chorus Concert this spring ----- Bach B Minor Mass. "Remember Robert Shaw and Herford? Who can forget experiences like that and weren't we lucky?"

**Betty Winchester Kirwin** has not made any trips to Florida lately. Her son comes to visit her in Utica instead. She does have a new great granddaughter in Florida. Last summer she went to an Elderhostel which included a trip to NYC and a Broadway Show --- the first in many years so a great treat!

**Donna Newton Johnson** and husband, Dick, sold their "retirement " home in Auburn, NY and last September made the move back to Williamsburg, VA to the location that they had called home in previous years. Younger son, Greg, still lives in Virginia and oldest son, Mark , with grandson, Mark, from Longview, Washington will come to visit Donna and Dick in early May. Unfortunately macular degeneration in Donna's eyes has severely reduced her ability to read, write, drive, watch TV and many other everyday things. Thankfully Dick is well and can help prevent many possible problems.

**Jean Johnston Brown** is still very happily living in Hilton Head, SC with her granddaughter where she is involved in several local activities. Her daughter and other family members live in the same area. Her new great grandson was born in October. Jean had cataract surgery in January and continues to play piano for the children's choir at church.

**Lorraine Brown Bogardus** wrote a sequel in 2009 to her book on the History of Morristown which was entitled "River Reflections". The title of the sequel is "River Reflections Revisited". She is also currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Gateway Museum in Morristown. Although Lorraine's address is Ogdensburg, NY she actually lives on the shore of the St. Lawrence River very close to the village of Morristown and surrounding area which was of incredible historical importance in the 1812 era. The home she and her husband live in is a pre-Civil War stone farm house in Morristown overlooking the St. Lawrence River. On the opposite shore is the Canadian town of Brockville, Ontario. Lorraine inherited this property from her paternal grandfather. She refers to her citizenship as Camerican because her father was born in Morristown, USA and her mother across the river in Brockville, Canada. However, Lorraine automatically was born a U.S citizen because legally the child will always be granted the citizenship of the father's country. Unfortunately in March Lorraine fell and fractured her ankle. After surgery she is now, (impatiently) healing while having to wear a "boot" which she can't wait to get rid of.

**Ruthie Rose Many** returned at the end of March from spending two weeks with her daughter and family in Virginia. She says her health is excellent (what a blessing)! She is living alone now in the farm house where her late husband, Floyd, grew up as a child and she and Floyd have lived since they were married. It also became home for Ruthie and Floyd's family. She feels so grateful for her warm, comfortable home and 3 of their 5 children and families living nearby. Ruthie is also grandmother to five grandchildren who are in college,

**Lila Dean Hamilton** and husband, Ham, spent the winter months in their Florida home in The Villages, Florida. The day after Christmas she accidentally fell inside her home, landing hard on her back. Although no broken bones, her injuries and bruises were extremely painful for considerable time. She says Ham was a good nurse and one of the churches delivered "great food" to them every day. She managed to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Potsdam reunion there in The Villages in March. Approximately 20 attended and she met the new President. Ham and Lila will be leaving to come north to Batavia the second week in May.

**Jane Baumer Moore** and husband, Jack, returned to their home in Franklin, NC after their three month winter in Punta Gorda, Florida where they reunite with friends they have known for 31 years. She and Jack are both well and active. Jane belongs to a Garden Club that helps to maintain the flowers planted in public places in Franklin and has her own flowers at home. Jack has an unforgettable vegetable garden raising any and all vegetables one could ever want. Jane is also a member of an all-women service group referred to as P.E.O.. Their purpose is to carry out projects that will support funds each year to be used to help high school students

**Nan Rankin Harris** wants to tell everyone she says “Hi” and suggests that everyone take a moment to remember something about our Ago days. For instance: Didn’t Marilyn Benedict own a sewing machine named “Althea?” (Does anyone remember?) This sounds like it would be a good idea for all of us, Nan. Write your “memory” question down where you won’t lose it and we’ll put everyone’s memory question in next year’s letter. This year Nan and her friends who share her enjoyment of the Theatre have attended five musicals and the stage play, “Arsenic and Old Lace”. They are looking forward to the Orlando Symphony performance of “A Symphonic Tribute to Paul McCartney”. Nan has three sons and the youngest who lives in California visited her for two weeks in February. They had “tons of fun” but she just doesn’t know how her son could possibly be 53 years old!!!!

**Bev Savage Castiglione (Class Rep)** is living at the same address in Liverpool, NY and still doing all the fun “things” one does not have time to do before one retires. She has even discovered all her ancestors in her genealogy - or most of them. She looks forward to trading the famous cold and lake-effect snow winters of central NY (and even her favorite SU basketball team) for the beauty and peacefulness of life with nature and nature’s creatures at her seasonal camp on the shore of the St. Lawrence River a short distance into Quebec, Canada. Their two daughters and husbands both live in NY State now, one of them only a few miles away. Their six grandchildren (in favor of the boys 5 to 1) are scattered among colleges and jobs. Her nine year old long-haired, calico companion, “Cassie-Patches” just follows her wherever she goes.

“In this issue of the ANCHOR I want to express my lasting memory of Charlotte (Char) McCurdy Ellis ’49 my classmate, Agonian Sister, and roommate in AGO House our Senior year. I am so thankful that she and I had been able to stay in touch regularly by mail and /or phone throughout her illness, even though the distance prevented travel. We had reconnected again shortly after her husband died and I was already a widow. Charlotte was a true example of Agonian values and purpose and will not be forgotten.”

#### CLASS OF 1953

**Eugenia Young Warner** writes that her husband, Bruce Warner, Bachelor of Architecture, Cornell University College of Architecture, Class '52, died on October 16th, 2010, in Charlotte, North Carolina, their home for 42 years. She was an Agonian from 1949 - 1952, and then married and transferred to Buffalo (SUNY). Bruce used to tell of his visits from Ithaca to Potsdam to see her. He frequently spent nights sleeping with ONE blanket in the attic of the DK frat house. COLD! After Bruce retired in 1992, he, their daughter Elaine and Eugenia spent every Friday singing at their favorite nursing center until her husband's health prevented them from continuing. Eugenia lived for two years in Elm Street Dorm and one year at the sorority house in the room at the head of the stairs and straight left. Mom Zoller was the house caregiver.

#### CLASS OF 1956

**Marlene King Town** and her husband Stan continue to fill the calendar with church and social commitments and grandchildren. They receive much joy from musical theater as their daughters and granddaughter perform, direct and costume design in theatre groups around the Capital District. Stan and Marlene are taking a trip to Norway this year celebrating 55 years of marriage. Wow! “Sometimes I feel like ‘same-old, same-old. Nothing really new, but we are healthy and happy. And who could ask for more? So that’s our news for what it’s worth.”

**Kathy Bury Busler** writes from Theresa, NY, “We are thinking warm weather and sunshine. Peter and I want to start polishing and cleaning our antique boat of 53-years, a gorgeous wooden Lyman. I guess it is worth all the effort to do the work as we always get the ‘thumbs-up’ when we cruise around the lake and especially around Boddt’s Castle.” They spent the winter getting acquainted with their son’s new move to Buffalo, NY and are now looking forward to enjoying Canada from two views, the St. Lawrence River and Lake Erie.

**Marg Best McDivitt** is grateful for spring at last. “Syracuse had almost 15 feet of snow (177 inches) this winter and we found it very challenging.” She and John did manage to get away in February for a ten-day respite on Holland American Cruise Line to the southern Caribbean which was perfect in every way. Marg added, “I treasure my AGO memories and friends. I would love to see you all. Please come for a visit.”

**Janice Rowland Johnson** wrote from California, "My life doesn't change much, just more aches and pains though I am spoiled with such beautiful weather. I'm still singing and taking lessons. I'm told it's good for my brain." She still keeps busy with the Pacific Symphony and the Pacific Chorale. She went with the new dean of the Crane Chorus to hear world renowned soprano, Rene Fleming. "She's a Potsdam graduate and was fabulous." She took a cruise in October to Egypt, Israel and along Italy's Amalfi coast. At Christmastime, she and her daughter had a difficult time keeping up with her 15 year old grandson on a trip to London. They saw everything, heard the Evensong in Westminster Cathedral and the "War Horse," an extraordinary play to be performed later at Lincoln Center. "Wishing everyone good health and lots of fun. If you are near Laguna Beach, Please come by."

**Mary Mero** is in Oneida, NY where she has lived the past 37 years. Her husband died two years ago, and she is staying in their home, at least for now. Except for a daily journal, she hasn't written lately but always has a lot to do and keeps in touch with grandchildren, children, relatives and friends. "To encourage and share is part of it." She gets together with a group of friends at least once a month for lunch, and she transports and looks in on a couple of elderly ladies nearby. She also stays active in her church, keeps fit and maintains her home, all helping the days to fly by. Says Mary, "I am abundantly blessed."

**Johanna DiCroce Farra (Class Rep)** continues to enjoy both cross-country and downhill skiing in winter with her husband Ron (1957) and a variety of outdoor sports in the off-season. Their five children and ten grandkids also join in the fun activities. They are all particularly fond of the new court game called Pickleball and play it often. They visited their grown children in Utah, Virginia and Massachusetts this year and spent a few weeks in sunny Florida. Saratoga continues to be a special place for year around events. Jo says "Come join us sometime."

#### CLASS OF 1957

**Pat Adams Sundell** and Bob are still doing a lot of birding. They continue to live in Jamestown, NY in the same house they've lived in for 45 years. Three of their five grandchildren are now in college.

**Julie Eisenstein Hirsch** was cantorial soloist/keyboardist in Maryland and Georgia for the bar and bat mitzvah services of two of her grandchildren, a boy and a girl. In June, the two 13 year old cousins accompanied Julie and her husband to London, Paris and Amsterdam as a special present. Jan sent sad news about **Jan Scott Burwell's** husband, Bill, a Clarkson grad, who passed away in February while they were at their winter home in Florida. He had been on dialysis for some time. Our sympathy goes to you and your family, Jan.

**Mary Jane Flewellin Fisher** spends time in Florida to escape the winter cold. One daughter works for QSR, an Australian company, and has twin girls, 19, who are graduating from college. Another is an architect in L.A. and has an 11 year old boy.

**Joan Opicka Denton** is still enjoying life but at a slower pace. She lives in The Villages, FL, and would love to know if there are other Agonians there since the population is now up to 80,000!

**Susan Smykla Udell (Class Rep)** resumed seriously practicing the piano (after many years of neglect due to other musical responsibilities) and played classical music one night a week for a restaurant while in Marco Island, FL this winter. Great fun! "Please continue to send your news to me or to the Alumnae Association; friendships grow even more precious as time passes by and we'd like to hear from you."

#### CLASS OF 1961

**Ann Johnsen** says "What fond memories I carry with me of all of you from our days at Potsdam. Our education was the basis for my years of teaching, playing, choral work, university involvement, and all else in my work life. The stars of my life however turned out to be my daughter, son, and granddaughter. The trickiness of connecting routes to Potsdam either by car or plane from Evansville, IN prevents me from being with you for our big event. Instead, I'll eagerly await news of our reunion. I know it will be a good one. Go class of 1961!"

**Mary Ann Miller Whaley** notes that after Potsdam, she spent four years in Philadelphia, studying at Curtis Institute of Music, graduating in 1965. She married and spent many years living and performing in the Boston area teaching voice at Gordon and Bradford Colleges and Phillips Exeter Academy. She soloed with many choruses and orchestras throughout New England, and also sang in Russia, Japan and Scotland. She also sang professionally with the Handel Haydn Society (Boston) and the Opera Company of Boston. She has one daughter, Rachel, who is a Special Needs instructor, specializing in autism. She was widowed and later married Fred Whaley in 2001. While living in Buffalo, she was on the voice faculty of SUNY Fredonia, and also sang with the Buffalo Philharmonic. After Fred's retirement in 2004, they moved to Coastal Maine. Mary Ann has many wonderful memories of Ago and Potsdam and gives a big "Thank You!" for the encouragement and positive vibes she received from faculty and friends which gave her the motivation to pursue a professional career as a performer.

**Eleanor McKillop Russell** notes that being married as a senior was more unusual in 1961; after graduation she taught two years at Canton Grammar School while John completed his Divinity degree at St. Lawrence Theological School. Aside from years of subbing, she taught art (part-time) grades 1-6 for seven years. She felt that teaching English as a Second Language for two years was most rewarding. For over 20 years her business was the Christmas Corner—handcrafted Christmas décor and miniatures. Her children Amy and John D. are married and both have a girl and a boy. After 22 years at the Trumbull Congregational UCC Church John retired and they moved to their Shelburne, N.H. home (John had the Graham, N.H. church for nine years earlier in his ministry). 2010 marked their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and they welcomed Benjamin Russell into their family.

**Carolew Rinfret Bradhurst** has been retired from 35 years of Nursing and received the Rockland County Nurses' Recognition Day award in 2007. She lives in a senior complex and enjoys getting together with friends and family. She volunteers at a local nursing facility giving piano programs. Her former husband, Major Donald G. Broadhurst passed away in 2009 and their son, Craig Broadhurst passed away in 2006. They had a wonderful time during Don's military career traveling all over the U.S. She has two sons, David and Kenneth, who live nearby. David has three children and Amanda, her first granddaughter, was born in her unit at Good Samaritan Hospital. She's been a busy grandma. Her son Ken is a Culligan Man and plumber and they get together often. "My best regards to all the Agos and I will always remember my days at Potsdam. I'm still playing the piano!"

**Gail Dennis Marineau** "Wow! 50 years! It doesn't seem possible." Her teaching career was in elementary education and she taught in N.Y. and Florida, retiring in 2001. She has three children, two step-children and 11 grandchildren. Unfortunately they are in Texas and New York. They love to cruise so naturally had to go on the big new ships. This past August they moved to The Villages, Florida, a retirement community of 80,000. She wishes they had moved there sooner. The entertainment is 24/7 and there are hundreds of clubs." It is truly a place like no other. If there are graduates living here I hope they contact me. Hoping to see many of you at the 50<sup>th</sup>!"

**Mary Lee Alles Caggiano** reports that she and Gerry still live in Downingtown, PA. They have three married children and six granddaughters. The oldest granddaughter is in her first year of college and the youngest started kindergarten this year. She retired from teaching Title 1 reading and second grade in the public schools ten years ago. For the last nine years she's been an assistant teacher for three year olds in her church's preschool, which she helped to start. She also volunteers for a local food pantry. She and Gerry love to travel and last year went on a Rhine River cruise. This next Oct. they're going to a jazz event in New Orleans. "Hope to see lots of Agos in July!"

**Claire Peters Buhr** and Art are looking forward to seeing college friends at Potsdam's & Clarkson's 50th reunions this summer. They had a wonderful family vacation in St. Thomas in January with daughter Vicky, husband Scott & grandchildren Julia (8) & Will (5) and son Arthur, wife Ashley and granddaughter Madelyn (18 months). Then they enjoyed a busy two months in Florida with lots of golf and family visited while Art worked at the Palm Beach boat show. This August they'll be renting a condo again in Greenport on the North fork of L.I.

**Sandy Clark Samuels** and husband Dick retired in December of 2008 after almost 30 years in the recreation industry. They loved what they were doing and enjoyed all their staff and guests. They now winter in Florida and enjoy visits from their college friends. They've kept up with Marian Couch Cooper and John & Jean Dearstyne. "Thanks for keeping us in touch Gloria!"

**Gloria Gonda Groocock (Class Rep)** Gloria has been retired since June, 2000 and the time has flown by—so have 50 years! She spent 25 years of full-time teaching in NY, PA, Tanzania, Kenya, and Slovakia at all grade levels and particularly enjoyed her three year stint as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania. She met and married her husband there and their two daughters were born there in the 60's. They then lived in PA and NY where they added two sons to the family in the '70's. They returned to East Africa in 1981 and lived in Nairobi, Kenya for the next 12 years. After two years in Wash. DC they went to live in Vienna, Austria for six years and she taught at the International School of Bratislava (Slovakia) - a wonderful end to her teaching career. Their family is scattered: daughter Gwen lives nearby with her two children (5 & 3) so they see a lot of them, second daughter Julia is in Kenya and the two oldest grandchildren (15 & 13) are off to boarding school in England where they have both won scholarships. Their youngest son Jonathan lives near London and has two children (4 & 2) with another on its way soon. A big event last Labor Day weekend was the marriage of their son, Geoffrey, with all the family getting together in Buffalo. He and his wife live in Ithaca, both are veterinarians but he's teaching and working on his Ph.D at Cornell. They enjoy their new "old" home on the water in Cutchogue, N.Y. but still travel wherever and whenever they can, especially back to Kenya. " I'm looking forward to two 50<sup>th</sup> reunions this year—Potsdam's and the U.S. Peace Corps."

#### CLASS OF 1962

Let's plan ahead and save the dates for our 50th Reunion at SUNY Potsdam next year. The 2nd weekend in July of 2012 will be a time for us to gather in Potsdam to celebrate each other, our Alma Mater, and the wonderful Agonian Sorority that bonded us together. Judy Schorge & John O'Reilly have invited all of us to their summer house on the Friday night of the reunion. See her note in the news below. -Fran

**Susan Johnson Aceto** continues to feel blessed to be in good health and enjoying life with Tom ('59 Psi Phi) in Tucson, AZ (hiking and many cultural events) and Rogue Bluffs (lobsters drawn from our bay, "life the way it should be".) The O'Reilly's (Judy & John) visited them in Maine last summer. The sorority has brought life-long friends. Sue loves hearing news of Ago sisters.

**Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell** and John continue to work and enjoy feeling like they make a difference. John is a fellow engineer at Westinghouse and Betsy a school counselor for East Windsor Middle School. Daughter Carrie and her son Cooper currently reside with them but she and her husband bought a home in Simsbury, CT where she will move this year. Son Jonathan and his family recently moved from Seattle to Minnesota. They are all looking forward to week in Hilton Heat in April 2011 and a trip to Disneyland, CA in February 2012.

**Elaine Fallon Broyrer** and Jerry spend summers in Shoreham enjoying the company of family and friends. Twin Pines on Trout Lake in the Adirondacks was where family gathered for a wonderful family reunion. This year there were 40+ relatives present with ages ranging from 86-1. What fun! Elaine and Jerry spend the winter months in Florida. Being in Florida gives Elaine the opportunity to meet for lunch with Agonian sisters Fran Blied and Bev Levy. It's always fun and last year sparked the idea of a sorority reunion in NYC. Although it didn't come together last year perhaps it will in the near future. Elaine enjoyed reconnecting with so many of her Ago sisters trying to set up the NYC reunion. See you at our 50th in 2012 in Potsdam!

**Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman** and Roger stopped to visit Kate Cox at Thanksgiving time. She's doing great! By the time we receive this newsletter, Joyce will have been to South Africa to visit with their son who lives and works there. Travels there are to include visiting his hometown north of Johannesburg where he is Project Manager for the Umvoti Aids Center, time in the Drakensberg Mts., lazing on the beach of the Indian Ocean, and a rustic stay at a 'bush' house in Kruger National Park. Joyce is trying to locate many 'lost' cousins and playing with making prints from her digital camera, interspersed with lots of shoveling this past winter. Life continues to be an adventure!

**Kate Sheldon Cox** is "back in business"! Kate writes that she has four beautiful grandsons ages 13, 11, 7, and 5. Daughters Susie and Julie live in NJ and son Peter in Boston. Kate has relocated to New Jersey after all those years in Lyons Falls, and is now an apartment dweller...26 floors up overlooking the beach. Too high but with a great view! Kate hopes to make the reunion in 2012...quote: "Me and other old people...Ha." She enjoyed a wonderful weekend with Bev and Gail Levy in April.

**Shirley Wolf Crane** has enjoyed being an Ombudsman for the past two years and keeps learning from the experiences. She enjoys seeing Ago friends May Kemp, Bev Levy, and Fran Blik on a regular basis. She and Irv enjoy the family all visiting twice a year in their Fairport home and then visiting their daughter in Ashburn, VA and son in Sudbury, MA. It's a joy for her to have her youngest daughter and family nearby and gets to babysit often.

**Jean Urgas Dearstyne** had total knee replacement in November and made her and John housebound for the record breaking snowy northeast winter. She writes that it was a gift to slow down and appreciate their blessings. A poem by Constance Babcock Arthur "Point of View" reinforced the importance of how to look at life. "Keep the child within you!...Love to all - Jean."

**May Simpson Kemp** and Terry had many visits to NY to visit son Kevin. They visited with Shirley (Wolf) and Irv Crane and Fran (Sardina) and Dave Blik in Rochester when they took Kevin there for medical treatment. They also had a great visit with Kate Cox in NJ. The Kemps went to the scenic Canadian Rockies in June and met an Irish cousin that May hadn't seen since she was six years old in Ireland. Their other two sons and their children had a reunion at their PA home in August. Five little ones, WOW!!! They had a wonderful time in Portugal in February. May volunteers on the Board for Dollars for Scholars and is a member of two book clubs and a quilting group; she takes cooking lessons, and helps out with Terry's Lions Club activities. Life is a blessing every day!

**Kathie Canapary Kiernan** and Bill enjoy their close proximity to NYC and all the culture and great restaurants it has to offer. They love spending time with their three daughters and are fortunate to have their oldest living and working in Manhattan. Their middle daughter is completing her residency in Houston. Jean and John have found it interesting getting to know a little bit of Texas. Their youngest lives in Granada, Spain with husband and two year old son. Jean says Granada is a delightful city as you can walk to most everything. They especially liked the long hike up to the Alhambra. The Keirns are renovating a house in Sag Harbor, NY on the eastern end of Long Island. Kathie often thinks of her wonderful Agonian sisters and the time at the Ago house.

**Bev Eccles Levy** and Gail enjoyed seeing their daughter and family in Seattle. They never tire of the wonderful scenery and have lots of fun spoiling their grandchildren there and in Rochester. This past Christmas was the first time in a while that their entire family was together. Lots of fun...family pictures and all! They spent two months in Florida this winter; they visited Fran and Dave Blik in Naples, stayed on Marco Island for two weeks and Bradenton Beach for a month. Great weather this year! The Levys enjoyed visiting Kate Sheldon Cox on their return trip. Bev continues to take a very active part in the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester...both Advocacy and Fund Raising. Gail continues to volunteer at the Museum and Science Center.

**Judy Schorge O'Reilly** didn't have any new news to report but hopes the Agonian Class of '62 can all get together for their 50th Reunion at SUNY Potsdam. Judy and John invite all to a party at their house in Hannawa Falls on the Friday night of the Reunion Weekend in 2012. "Hope to see you all there!"

**Rosemary Falbo Quadrini** and Dave had a year filled with family activities. The summer of 2010 brought all seven grandchildren together in Dallas for their annual "Quadrini Camp". Bright yellow camp shirts designed by their California grandsons made them hard to miss wherever they went. In December 2010 they began a new tradition and had the First Annual Quad K Race. Family and friends of all ages gathered at their house, and ran a course through their neighborhood. In January 2011 David and Rosemary went to California to celebrate with their twin grandsons as they each were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Pat Clerkin Swanson** had a great year. This past winter Pat and Bob skied with four of their five grandchildren...what fun! They are both healthy and enjoying their work with The Seeing Eye, Battered Women, C.A.S.A., and teaching adult ESL. Pat and Bob are looking forward to the 50th Reunion. She can't believe how the years have flown.

**Fran Sardina Bliet (Class Rep)** and Dave have enjoyed their first year in their Webster townhouse. It has been great reconnecting with many friends, neighbors, and former St. Paul's Parish. Some of Fran's former tennis friends are now golfing and she has joined them on outings and their monthly lunch get-togethers. Fran fully retired from her executive director's position at the Yates County Arts Center last June and is now delving more time into actually painting. She and Dave enjoyed a couple of trips to northern California to visit their son and family. Daughter Kimberlee lives within walking distance in Webster and Sharon and family are in the beautiful Saratoga Springs area. Great time was had at annual Florida lunch with Elaine Fallon & Bev Levy. "See you at the 50th".

### CLASS OF 1963

**Marti Tallman Scott** says "We still love it here in Arizona. Mainly NO SNOW!!" They spend most of their time with church, Shrine and social/dance clubs, still have an active Shaklee Business and she teaches water aerobics five mornings a week. The highlight of 2010 was a trip to Florida to see Bev Smith and then meet their younger son and family in Tampa for a five day Christmas Cruise. "Feel free to visit if you are in our area."

**Cindy Thisse Lehmkuhl** is still doing lots of volunteer work and church activities. 2010 was a travel year – Aruba and Curacao, then Italy, Greece and Turkey, Adirondacks, Cape Cod and the mid-west. "Not sure what the next adventure will be. Best to all."

**Nancy Hoffer** sends greetings from the Boston area! Except for this winter...best place to live. So much to do and great friends. Her sister gave her a trip to Europe for her birthday. They chose a week in a delightful 14<sup>th</sup> century castle in Germany complete with a Baron and a moat! She had a cruise to Mexico with Bev Smith and keeps in very close touch with Jane Hannah Corrou and Ruth Hammer Gove. "Warmest wishes to all of my Ago sisters for a healthy and happy year."

**Nancy Weber Richardson** continues to be involved in their five granddaughters' activities. As often as possible, they travel from Florida to Colorado and New Jersey for concerts, soccer games, dance contests, swim meets, skiing, birthday parties – and their latest adventure LASER TAG! In March, they plan to attend the Lambda Reunion in Florida and enjoy some good times with Sue Tincknell Rossi, Dave Rossi and other Potsdam/Clarkson friends.

**Susan Tincknell Rossi** has been married to Dave Rossi (DU '62) since 1963. They have three children Mark, Eric, and Lora, and two grandsons, Will and Alan. They live eight months in Skaneateles, NY and four months in Naples, FL and enjoy travel! The past year found them in Wyoming, Vienna and Budapest. "It is wonderful to still feel connected to Potsdam and Ago through DU's annual reunions in Florida and less frequently, in New York. Thanks to all who make the Ago Anchor possible."

**Dawn Tyler Wright** writes that for 30 some years, she has worked as a musician. Professionally, she is a historical Balladeer and storyteller (website: [www.lamdawnsong.com](http://www.lamdawnsong.com)) – a folk singer who sings the stories! Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford CT was an agent for 25 years providing much work as a Creative artist in schools, but she performed from NH to NC, on the east coast. In between, she directed Youth Chorus and a Hand bell Choir at First Church, CT, for 20 years and has taught guitar to over 300 students over the years. Her husband Jim, who graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1962, and she have been married for 48 years and have two daughters, Lisa and Suzanne. Their two grandchildren, Logan 7 and Rory 4 are among the greatest blessings in their lives.

**Ruth Hammel Gove** says this year is much like past years. She volunteers mornings in three different Kindergartens in the same school from which she retired. She plays the ukulele and sings with each class. Occasionally, she is actually earning a living again, by substituting in one of the Kindergartens. In her spare time, she does yoga and Pilates. In the winter, she plays tennis and the warmer weather sees her working on her golf game.

**Susan Howard Penharlow** and her husband Ron continue to live in a small town in northern Vermont. They moved there in 1972 and bought a hardware store. She has taken an active part in the life of the community through village politics, church activities and currently the local library and hospital board occupy her time. They have been retired since 1992. Their daughter Megan is married and lives in Hooksett, NH with her husband and two daughters Deven age 7 and Melea age 5. Their daughter Kimberly lives in Manhattan, NY. They had a wonderful week last summer with a family vacation in NC, with the next one this year in Lake George. They hope to catch up with Jane (Hannah) and John Corrou and also meet Nancy Hoffer in NH on one of the trips.

**Beverly Smith (Class Rep)** says that in addition to getting the news together for our class, she is beginning her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as secretary of her homeowners' association. She continues with Delta Kappa Gamma and the rose society. Her volunteer work with the visually challenged continues on a weekly basis and she is having a great time taking watercolor classes, even managing to get a painting of her two grand nieces into a juried show! "And of course, golf continues to interest me while also frustrating me." Bev adds; "Thanks to all of you who responded to my request for news. Maybe we can pick up a few more classmates next year. Just a couple of sentences will do."

#### CLASS OF 1972

**Paula Thompson Moore (PT)** writes that she and Roy helped Sue Wood move AGAIN (that's 4x since moving to TN to establish ROOTS .). Woodie and she play golf 1x week when the weather allows and pool less often – in either case, the matches are usually close but the rivalry is definitely spirited. They have also enjoyed "girls-day" outings to nearby towns centered around window shopping, a good lunch, and a better glass of wine - including celebrating Sue's 60<sup>th</sup> in Oak Ridge, TN. Last summer Sue house-sat for them when she and Roy struck out trying to get to Alaska on their motorcycles – almost everything that could go wrong at the house did AND Roy's motorcycle broke down before they made it to AK. They had to re-configure the trip and skip AK but still covered over 6,000 miles in the US and Canada seeing some truly spectacular sites. Yes, Sue survived the house-sitting adventure but decided that becoming a homeowner is not going to be even on her bucket list.

**Sue Wood** is currently working 3 days a week as a chiropractic assistant. Still hiking the Smokies and golfing with PT. Enjoying life in Tennessee.

**Mary Jane Felber Cottier** and husband Bud celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 28<sup>th</sup> 2010! She has been retired since 2006 from Tobin & Associates, a software development co. as a Senior Sales Associate. Bud has been the CFO for Wendy's Restaurants of Rochester for 32 years. Bud talks of retirement but loves his job so who knows. They have 3 children: Scott 39 works for Oppenheimer Funds. Scott has been married for 12 years to Chrissy, they have 2 children...their fantastic grandchildren, Scotty 10 and Ally 8. They live nearby in Brighton which makes it so great to be able to attend all of their activities as well as babysit when Scott and Chrissy are out of town. Brad 31 also lives in Rochester. Brad works in sales for a local company, MPX, selling credit card processing services as well as running a property investment management co. with his brother Scott. Jane 25 is a social worker at Hillside Children's Center. Jane also waitresses and is working on her Master's full time!! They are very fortunate that the children all live so close by. She and Bud have been lucky to travel a few times a year. In the past few years they have been to Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong/China, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, several places in Mexico, many Caribbean Islands as well as Florida in March most years. Currently they are planning a trip to France in the fall. They also have a Lake House on Owasco Lake, which is one of the Finger Lakes, where they spend summers. The Lake House is such a haven for family and friends and she says so many wonderful memories have been made there. They feel very blessed to have such loving family and friends. Life is GOOD!



**Marie DuPell Cashera** says their greatest source of happiness these days is 2 ½ year old grand-daughter, Ayva. She is Todd's daughter and time with her is always fun and surprising. Their sons, Steve (34) and Todd (32), and our daughter Emily (29) live locally and work in the Albany/Troy area. Daughter, Emily, 29 teaches and coaches girls basketball and was recently engaged so they are busy planning her July 2011 wedding. Tony and Marie cruised to Bermuda last spring but no travel so far in 2011 since they have a wedding on the way!! Tony is currently recovering from hip replacement surgery and hoping to golf soon and then dance at Em's wedding this summer (in THAT order!). They both keep busy with jobs (Tony, Sales Engineer/Project Manager for Tougher Industries in Albany and Marie, secretary to Director of SpEd at Shenendehowa CSD in Clifton Park) – no plans to retire in the near future. They both have their moms to help care for – Tony's mom (89) is in a nursing home nearby and Marie's mom (85) lives with one of her sisters – they see both of them every weekend. They enjoy family activities and special times with good friends.

#### CLASS OF 1974

**Barb Wuerdeman Wood** retired last June after 32 years of teaching. "Hardly seems possible, but I'm loving it!!" She and Woodie took a 4 week cross country trip to celebrate in September - - 9400 miles and so many incredible sights! Great way to kick off this new phase of life! The first of their three kids is getting married in October of this year, so Barb is busy and having fun with wedding plans and prep. She is updating/remaking her grandma's dress from 1944 - - truly a labor of love...! Barb sends her best wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy 2011.

**April Bell Devaux** sends word that they are doing well. Both she and Bruno are still working, he as an IT Manager at Kodak and she as the Chair of the Computing Sciences Dept. at Finger Lakes Community College. They don't have any retirement date planned, but are certainly feeling the years, energy wise.

April and Bruno have 2 grandbabies, Allison and Noah, and 2 more on the way in 2011. They are crazy for them, now that they don't have the full time responsibilities that they come with. Their youngest daughter, Camareigh is still in Boston working for the Harvard Endowment Fund, while her boyfriend finishes his post-doc in Chemistry at Harvard. Funny thing, turns out Camie's boyfriend's mother is best friends with Helen Hallahan Byrnes, an AGO pledge sister of April's. Small world... Thanks to Barb Putman Cregg, they were able to enjoy a fun day with Agos, Sue Wajda Harrison, Anne Gallagher Timpano, Cathy Lennon Nealon, and Sue Rhow Todd at a Buffalo Bills game in Sept. Bruno and she spent 10 days in Rome last summer exploring the city. April has been taking some distance learning courses from UNC Chapel Hill and the University of Leicester, UK in archaeology and just about drives Bruno to distraction with "ruins" stories in Rome.

**Elaine Whitehead Pauly** sends word that they are all healthy – she is finished being thrown around by horses, and her back, which was fractured in 2009, is completely healed, so she is back on and riding again. As for their family high points: Dana is graduating in May from the Farmer School of Business at Miami University with a degree in communications and marketing. Four years have flown by and she is now actively looking for full-time work. Interviews are a regular occurrence and she also has it in her mind that this just might be the best time to travel the world and pick up jobs as she moves about . . . sounds exciting to Elaine. Greg still is at the helm of JD Cousins. His business is up significantly this year and that is good! Her business with the Worth Collection is once again growing after a harrowing period over the past couple years. She has added more helpers and continues to expand. Elaine has also started a new business in nutrition and anti-aging with NuSkin Enterprises that is developing very nicely. They have had some great travel: to Jackson Hole and Breckenridge to ski, to the Pacific Northwest to visit family, and trips to visit Dana in Ohio and attend various horse shows when she is riding. Her mother is living nearby in a continuing care community that she LOVES! It's a perfect situation as they can be there when she needs them, but she has so many friends and loves her life. "I send my best to all and look forward to seeing everyone again at our 40<sup>th</sup>?!?!"

**Lynne Boles** notes that “early” retirement from Procter & Gamble is a wonderful thing! The package they gave her allowed she and her husband to enjoy a year full of good trips, good friends and good family times. Lynne started her own consulting business, specializing in brand building and marketing. This leaves plenty of time for fun and relaxation but still keeps her busy and challenged. She still does marketing volunteer work for a cancer care center and a retirement home group, and is beginning her 7<sup>th</sup> year on the Potsdam Foundation Board of Trustees. One of the best parts of these meetings is that she gets to catch up with fellow Agonians, Bonnie Betters Reed (Class of 1973 and our beloved Pledge Mistress), Debbie “Dief” Hind (1975) and Amy Hind Henry (1976) and their husbands. This was also their first “summer season” at their lake home in Skaneateles, NY. They just love the place and are happy they made the decision to split time between Cincinnati and New York. They had fun at the Double Axel/ Dinosaur Alum event in Syracuse and hosted a few SUCP alums from the class of 1974 (Chris Haile & Mare Tartaglia Straube and their significant others). They enjoyed several trips, including Orlando and Naples in the winter months; Singapore and Malaysia in the spring; a special Civil War tour in Gettysburg, Pa.; a trip to Boston, where they had dinner with Bonnie Betters Reed and her husband, Gary. They went to South Korea for one of her consulting jobs and took a short side trip to see the sights there. In September, they celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a week in New York City-- wining, dining and seeing lots of great theater. “Wish you all a happy and fulfilled 2011.”

#### CLASS OF 1975

**Sally Loe Aubrey** and Jim will visit friends in England in July and plan to travel with them to Scotland and Amsterdam. Sally and Jim didn't have a honeymoon when they married in 2005, so they are calling this trip their honeymoon. Sally wants to come back to NY for Xmas this year but will have to work on Jim to get him anywhere near cold and snow. Sally still works for the health care system, and it does keep her busy. Jim's daughter and son-in-law had a baby boy last year and they visited them in Texas at Easter. Martha is still teaching Special Ed in Brighton. She moved into her dad's house after he passed away and has done marvels at redecorating the inside of the house and restoring the yard and patio. She has a steady beau who is a physician with very long hours. Sally hopes all her Ago family is doing well and has enjoyed touching base with many Agos through Facebook, especially the pictures!

**Sue Holland Brzowski** is busily planning their daughter's May 29<sup>th</sup> wedding at the Westin in Annapolis! It seems like the more they do, the more there is to do, and they've been planning this for a year now! Her fiance's family is having another reception in NYC for them the following weekend. Sue is still doing her artwork for the magazines and loves it. Vic is still with Northrop Grumman. Healthwise, he is still stable, for which Sue is so grateful. They have a Northern European cruise planned for August. Maybe they'll head to Las Vegas for a few days again. They were just there last October. They don't gamble much, but it's a lot of fun.

**Barb Putman Cregg** is thrilled that Brian, Tara, and Eva moved back to Pittsford last June and bought a house in September. They live about 5 minutes from Barb and Mike. Eva is 18 months and the love of their lives! Brian is working for Michael's company and will be in charge of it soon. Tara just went back to work part time in research at the University of Rochester. Amy has been in her present job as a physical therapist at the University of Rochester Medical Center for 5 years. She has her own house in Fairport. For fun she plays lots of volleyball and sings in a band once a month. Adam (25) has been working for their local Boy Scout council for almost 3 years. He has his own house in Chili with his cat, Baden, to keep him company. Michael is on his way to retirement now that Brian is working with him. Now he goes in later and comes home earlier! Barb has been spending more time now quilting and buying lots of fabric. She's getting a new sewing room this month. Barb loves being connected to so many Agos on Facebook. What a wonderful format for keeping in touch!

**Helen Hallahan Byrnes'** days are filled with third graders and grandchildren. She even gets morning kisses from two grandchildren as she walks down the hall at school. Her family is well and they have a new member as of Dec. 11. Kate, their youngest, got married to Brad Moses. They had the most perfect day, even though the week before was very snowy. Phil and Helen are both still working and keep busy with their family. They rented a house for the whole family on Holden Beach for April break. It was wonderful to walk the beach and enjoy being together with no place to be. Helen hopes that life is good for her Ago Sisters!

**Kathy White Finnerty** and Patrick enjoyed seeing Kathy's Ago sisters at the Potsdam reunion in Syracuse last fall. They danced to their favorite "oldies" and caught up on Ago gossip. Their one and only daughter graduates from Syracuse University this May. She will be returning to SU for grad school. Their family had a reunion in Italy last summer! Best vacation ever! This is Kathy's 32nd year working at Oswego County BOCES. Her duties have evolved over time, and she is currently a curriculum coordinator. She loves it! Every day is a new challenge!

**Donna Longenecker Neubauer** and Rory are now full-time in NYC, and they have had lots to celebrate! Ryan, their youngest, married Kristina last March, welcomed baby Rivka in Dec., moved to Westbury on LI, and started his new job this spring with a small computer systems consulting firm in Garden City. Spence, their middle child, asked Stefanie to marry him, and an August wedding is planned for Copper Mtn., CO, where they met. Spence works as a ski patrol and is awaiting a slot in Marine flight school. Kelly, their oldest, and Tom were married in their backyard on the lake in Aug. They live in the family house in NH, but hope to move to their own apartment this spring and begin their married life in their own place. Donna and **Jan Whitfield** continue to get together and laugh a lot about old times. Jan and Craig are moving to Newfoundland, NJ, where Jan has been looking for a job as a pharmacist. Donna also saw **Candy Platt** and Steve at the Clarkson reunion last summer. Candy's daughter got married in her back yard last summer. Candy has a fun job managing a company that manufactures motorcycle parts and they moved into a house in Piperton, TN a couple of years ago.

**Carol Baitup Sweet** sends greetings from Atlanta. She is still working 3 jobs until Kevin graduates from college. She enjoys book club, Liturgical Arts, and Bible study groups through Alpharetta Presbyterian Church, where she has been the Administrative Assistant for 10 years. She also works part time for Georgia State University and Hallmark. She got out of the corporate insurance rat race after 25 years and couldn't be happier. Kevin, a junior studying health sciences at Central Michigan, plays football for the Chippewas and received Defensive Scout Player of the Year award. Carol enjoyed traveling to MI to see Kevin last fall. Her daughter Meghan is still with McKesson and is also on the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta Youth Council. Son Jon graduated from Ole Miss and got his commercial driver's license to drive the 18 wheeler promotional vehicle for Under Armor to sporting events all over the country. He is also playing guitar and writing lots of songs. Carol stayed in Lake George with Barb and Keith O'Neal for what she hopes will be her annual summer vacation. She had the opportunity to see her cousin that she had not seen in 30+ years. Barb and Carol traveled to Potsdam for their 35th reunion, and Carol had fun seeing the Ago house, visiting with so many Ago sisters, and hearing Double Axel once again.

**Anne Gallagher Timpano** is enjoying retirement! Anne and John sold their home and moved to a carriage home in Pittsford. Scott and Amy had a beautiful wedding last summer! Bridget and AJ live in Rochester. John is still hard at work at Harris.

**Jane Murray Wolff** retired! Bill celebrated his 65th birthday! They had an amazing 2 week trip to Argentina! Life is good! Jane is half way through her Masters at Harvard and loves being a college student. On a sad note, Jane's mother passed away in November at age 88 after a short illness. Bill and Jane look forward to seeing some of the old college crowd in 2011.

**Donna Waliszewski Fallon** notes that all is well. Husband Rick changed jobs in October and is now the East Coast sales rep for a German lighting company GLP. He works out of the house and travels every 3 weeks. "Guess I need to retire so I can go with him." She is still at Queensbury and Tiff is still at Epimed as a process engineer. Rich and Meaghan have been married for 2 years now, have a house in South Glens Falls and are expecting a girl in August. Pat is working for a structural engineering firm in Jamesville. He owns a house in Camillus and is thinking of opening a bar in Syracuse. "Do they need another one?"

**Debbie Diefendorf Hind (Class Rep)** and Gary are enjoying retired life! They had a great summer at Skaneateles Lake and a fun stay in Sarasota this winter, both with lots of Ago and DK guests. Allison is now a seminar speaker at Ayco, and she plans to move to a townhome in Niskayuna, not far from Amanda and Brian. Amanda teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Brian is a manager at Best Fitness. They all eagerly await the arrival of Baby Meyers!

#### CLASS OF 1977

**Laurie Wood Cooper** and Bob have enjoyed a great year – they added kayaking to the warm weather months and finally had lots of the white stuff to coerce friends into snowshoeing with them. Golf season has arrived so everyone is happy! Enjoyed Thanksgiving near Atlanta with the family at son Tom's place. He is living his dream as a golf pro and just celebrated his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. Son Matt (22) graduates in May from Boston University and plans to stay in his favorite place – Boston - with work and friends. Our two labs literally live their dream....sleeping during the day and chasing tennis balls when we get home!

**Elizabeth "T.T." O'Connor Utzig**, in an exclusive interview from her estate near the banks of the Mohawk, confirms the rumors that prior to the recent wedding, she did indeed provide advice to the royal family regarding "cape protocol", being an avid cape wearer herself.

**Karen Kittleson Stefanski (Class Rep)** has had a busy year with a planned trip in the spring to visit son Nick, who is in Australia with school through June. Tim, living in nearby Brighton, is now gainfully employed and works an aisle away from Kittle. Proud mamma enjoys all the accolades her co-workers give to his work! Lots of home updates are in the works and you can find her in the gym three times a week. Kittle got in some cross country skiing this year and she and Tom also exercised regularly this past winter with their snowblower and shovels. See you in July!

#### CLASS OF 1978

**Sue Difulgentiz Dee** has no complaints and notes that the schools in her district rezoned and asked if she had ever taught 9<sup>th</sup> grade Biology. (Yes, in 1979-84 – over 30 years ago!) She felt a little old but this year finds herself teaching Biology and Environmental Studies on the Low Country. She continues to take continuing education, learning more each day about this beautiful Low Country environment. The last accomplishment was becoming a certified Master Naturalist through Clemson Extension. Alyssa graduates with a BA from Toccoa Falls College this May. Deirdre graduates from Fordham University with a Masters in Counseling. She prays the job market is kind to them!! The girls and she spent Easter vacation with her brother Defo and Joan skiing in Breckenridge. Last summer she visited Breck again and hiked and paddled the rivers- the room and board is extremely reasonable with a five star rating. She enjoys the mountains almost as much as the lowlands. "I pray 2011 is filled with good health and happiness for y'all. Friend me on facebook- Susan Dee"

**Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan** attempted to climb Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in the European Alps, in July. Wind was too strong. No one summited that day. Her sister Louise got married in Spain, so she went to the wedding there. They celebrated the Finnegan Christmas at their cottage on the lake. Twenty of Barry's family came. The ladies were once again victorious over the males in the semi-annual CRANIUM competition. After 26 years of teaching, she is retiring in June. VERY happy. Still love the kids and teaching, but is ready to have her own time. Enjoy attending the AGO get togethers in Albany, whenever she can.

**Pam Pendleton** traveled to Alaska in August and had a great time....cruised thru the inner passageway....saw tons of animals, mammals, bald eagles. She's continuing with her dog biscuit business....they're becoming very popular. She sells them in a local craft store. Her two Labs are still great. She brings them into school to help calm several children in the special classes in her building. The poor dogs are exhausted by the day's end! She's toying with retirement this coming June....TBA! Pam sees Lori Gremmels Wackenheim...."who is looking great and she & Tom keep very busy. We're planning a hockey game in Rochester after Christmas."

**Vera Thurston Gibbs** says not too much has changed over the year. The biggest news is Steve changed jobs and is now working for Roth USA as a product manager. They do a lot of the same stuff Steve did at his last job but they do more with solar energy as well. They were able to see Donna and Bob this summer and stopped in on their way to NYC where they spent a few days with Dave and Jenny, taking in a Yankee game. Other than that it was a pretty quiet summer. Christmas was wonderful. Everyone was able to be together for Christmas Day including her sister. Dave and Jenny even stayed up for the week. He was in a wedding on New Years' eve so they had some extra time with them. They all went over to Rochester the day after Christmas to celebrate with Steve's side of the family (with about 35 people there)

Erin left her job in June to be home with Madalyn and she is expecting again in May. Erin, Ryan and Madalyn are doing well despite the terrible two's. Matt is living locally and doing well. Sarah is still living home working at the dome during the events. She is also volunteering at "Helping Hounds" an animal rescue place nearby. Kate is a senior at Niagara so their last child will be finishing college in May. Erin and Kate went down to NYC in September to celebrate Dave's 30th birthday. "Boy do I feel old!!! Vera is still at the Carrier Dome doing hiring, scheduling, payroll and such, the schedule there has been pretty busy but she is still enjoying it. Kate bought her first car this past week so the days of "Mom can I borrow the car" days might be over.

**Sue Hoffman Ospelt** writes that things are pretty much the same, she is working on year 27 as a science teacher at Johnson City High School. It seems unreal that retirement is in sight now! They added a garage on to the house and have continued their backyard transformation! Their efforts to "save" their block in Binghamton continue, with Art taking an enthusiastic lead role! Samantha is doing great in her career and her patients just love her! Emma turned 16 in September and she is a sophomore at Seton Catholic Central. She played varsity soccer this fall and plays lacrosse in the spring. She likes to take the winter season off so she can actually do some homework (taking two AP classes) and go watch everyone else play basketball. She is having a great time in high school, and starting to think about her future. Sue's Mom and Dad are hanging in there. Her mother has slowed down a bit, but she is still the feisty woman you all remember her as! Her dad will be 92 and other than shingles which popped out this fall, he is doing fine. "I think about our AGO days and realize how lucky we all were to have each other. Hope everyone is happy and healthy. "

**Donna Passarella Bonomo** says all is well at their household. They had a year of celebrations....Amy's Sweet Sixteen (which means she is behind the wheel now. New Jersey drivers beware!) and Lisa graduated from Philadelphia University in May, 2010. She is employed and living at home. They are getting used to having a full nest again! Bob is hanging in there with United, and now that Continental has joined their team, she can fly again to see her parents in Florida. They are doing well too! Her job ended at Curves but she is soon to be a fulltime student at her community college and she is training to be a Senior Fitness instructor. She will be taking 12 credits and is really nervous about it! Donna actually had to get her high school transcripts and SAT scores and Potsdam transcripts. I am now realizing that I had a " really, really, good time "in school". Not so good on grades though!!! She is hoping this time around she stays focused.. Although Bob is teaching her how to play foosball again! Just in case she has to start making new study friends!!! "Happy Healthy New Year to my AGO sisters!!!"

**Bonnie Johnson See** and family had a wonderful year...her daughter Jennie got married May 1 down on Kiawah Island....she and her husband Rob have lived in London the past 4 years...they met at UNC Chapel Hill...he was a Morehead scholar from Wales. It was interesting trying to plan a "destination" wedding with Bonnie in NC...they in UK and wedding in SC...and then there was the volcano.... Jennie arrived here early in April to help finalize the planning and then the volcano hit and half the wedding party, guests, Rob's family and Rob were all stranded...bit of a panic...Jennie was actually on the news (she was the "Volcanic Bride") they did all eventually arrive and the whole event was just great! They invited Bonnie and Gary them to join them in Tuscany for a week in Sept...so they met in Florence, visited Tuscany for a few days traveling to Siena, Cortona, Matapunciana, wine tasting and glorious Italian feasts...then she and Gary headed to Rome together for a whirlwind romp in the Vatican, Coliseum and ruins and race up The Spanish Steps while they headed back to London. Their son Bill is working for a financial company in NYC based in Australia so he's headed there in Feb for some training. Bonnie is hoping to visit and they also have an office in London which may be a possibility! Gary and she continue to stay active through tennis, golf, skiing and workouts along with running their business...with this economy...and trips abroad a retirement plan may not be in the future. They've got two sweet new golden retrievers that help fill the empty nest and enjoy life in the NC mountains. They both feel very blessed and wish all the best for everyone! "Seems like just yesterday I was running down Pierpont Ave. on bid night! Lot of love."

**Lori Gremmels Wackenheim** spent most of summer at home enjoying the beautiful weather and their pool. They headed to Tennessee for a week in July to visit her Dad and brother and had a great time. Brandon and Tom got out on the golf course several times. Brandon is in the midst of his senior year and waiting to hear back from colleges. He is planning to major in chemical engineering. Lori says it is hard to believe that he will be graduating this year and heading to college in the fall. He is still involved in Pittsford Crew. He had a busy fall rowing season. He rowed in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston in October. It was an honor for him to be selected to go and a wonderful experience that he will never forget. They had a great time there and it is an awesome event to watch! They also went to Philadelphia for the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta. There were also a few local regattas capped off by Pittsford Crew's "Pull the Plug" regatta held the first weekend in November on a very cold weekend. She is glad to be working in the timing tent and not have one of the jobs that required her to be outside the entire time. She will miss watching him row and all the places they went and people they met. In December they were able to surprise her dad on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, "the look on his face when we showed up at the door was priceless and I wouldn't have missed it for anything." She and Tom have been enjoying the grandchildren. Tyler is now 3 ½ and Mason will be 2 in April. They love the pool and Tyler has become quite the little swimmer. "I hope that this finds everyone well. I am on Facebook so look me up and add me."

**Nadine Gager Compisi (Class Rep)** and Tony continue to do well. Last March they spent a week in Phoenix, played some golf, hooked up with some old friends and took a Red Baron sightseeing flight over Sedona and got that out of their system. Then they spent two weeks in Italy back in September and got to Rome and saw Pope Benedict (& 4,000 of his closest friends), Florence, and toured the Uffizi Palace. They did a quick Pisa stop (had to lean with the tower of course) and then continued the drive to Cinque Terra where they hiked four of the five mountain trails overlooking the Liguorian Sea—breathtaking. They shot down to Siena and spent a night in a very beautiful 16th century palazzo before heading up to Panzano in Chianti to visit and stay with a John Carroll friend/alumnus of Tony's who lives in a 10th century villa, owns an award winning vineyard (IL Molino di Grace) and treated them like royalty!! Life was very good in Italy and they plan a return tour in 2012. "I am hearing more of you retiring this year. Good for you! We all deserve it. Stay well my friends."

#### CLASS OF 1979

**Susan Cancilla Witcowski** is living in SC. She and Jim celebrated 30 years of marriage this year with a trip to NYC. They enjoyed the planetarium and minerals at the Museum of Natural History, took a train to the Botanical Gardens and ate way too much food. They still spend time stopping at antique shops and Jim loves yard sales. Emphasis on Jim loves yard sales. Her career path has taken her to the world of non-profits directing a Free Medical Clinic. Sue notes it has definitely become more challenging, but she believes God has a plan. She has enjoyed reconnecting with many AGO sisters, loves hearing from the actives and seeing the pictures of the house and Potsdam sites. Exchanging all the old photos in facebook has her missing her AGO hoody and is hoping to visit Potsdam this July for the reunion.

**Mindy Mospaw Poupore** is still teaching music at Malone Central (High School Band Director). She is also the Co-coordinator of Music for the district. She is very involved in the New York State Band Director's Association (current President). Mindy is married to Kevin (a general dentist in town) and they have two beautiful daughters - Kelly & Haley and a cute little Yorkie named Rudy!

**Barbara Lanzano Combs** and DB took Andrew on a "college road trip" this summer, visiting the Univ of Alabama (Crimson Tide) & the Univ of So Carolina (Gamecocks) plus he applied to WVU (Mountaineers). He was accepted to all 3 in their Business Schools - Sports Management Programs by December & has decided to attend Alabama - "Roll Tide!" Wills is in his second year at WVU (3rd generation on the Combs side of the family) and loves Morgantown. But makes mom laugh when he complains about the cold --- he has no idea what cold is really like until he's lived in Potsdam! They sadly lost DB's Dad the week before Thanksgiving, so the past few months have been hard. Looking forward to a better 2011 with their puggle, Fergie - who is really going to be spoiled with both the boys both away at college.

**Linda Connelly** is celebrating her 30th year of living in Naples, FL. She is still working in commercial banking, mostly real estate (UGH!!). She enjoys spending time with her "Ago Sister" sisters Donna Connelly Godfrey '72 & Susan Connelly Faulk '75 and our "Ago Sister" cousin Debbie LoBello Burhans '79.

**Cindy Natowitz Morguelan** – "WOW where does the time go?" She is still in Louisville, Kentucky and works as a Senior Meeting Planner for AEGON USA. Son Nathan is 24 and working in Marketing, and daughter Jackie is in her junior year at Western Kentucky University (joined a sorority with Raggedy Ann as their gift to little sisters) "Amy - your beautiful gift to me so many years ago lives on with my daughter!"

**Cookie Scalise Balme** is still at Monroe #1 BOCES (13th year) in Fairport NY as Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. Chip is a manager at Gleason Works in Rochester, NY and loves the company!! Lisa is almost 25 and she is at teaching at Mar Cariola Children's Center. Rob is 22 and a senior at Canisius College. They still have their place in Naples, FL and visit as much as they can. You can find them on Irondequoit Bay and Lake Ontario all summer long! What a very busy family! Chip and Cookie have been married for 30 years this August....thanks to Ago's Christmas Party in 1978!

**Debbie LoBello Burhans** sends news that 2010 was an exciting year for their family as they had 3 graduations to celebrate...Karen (25) graduated from Boston University School of Law in May, passed the Mass bar exam and is working for a law firm in Boston. Gretchen (22) graduated from the Univ of Connecticut also in May, finished her masters in Accounting in December and started working for Price/Waterhouse/Cooper in their Boston office in January. Lauren (18) graduated from Elba Central in June and is a freshman at the Whittemore School of Business at the Univ of New Hampshire. So...Mark and shel are officially "empty nesters" now! Needless to say, they are spending a lot of time in New England. She has also enjoyed re-connecting with many AGO friends on FB this year!

**Becky Monckton King** is grateful to say that all is well with she and her family. She continues to work full time for a small company in their town, it's a 3 mile commute. Allison graduated from Stonehill College last May and is back living with them while working as a Title 1 Specialist at a charter school in Boston. Greg is in his junior year at Quinnipiac University and Dan is a freshman at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Kenny and Becky celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a Caribbean cruise this fall. The family spent Christmas week in Punta Cana where they could all be together with no cell phones, texting or emails.

**Janet Polsinelli** and Steve are still acclimating after a year in Texas. They're enjoying themselves although haven't had a chance to see much of the state yet. She reports that the Dallas area is quite nice - especially at this time of the year. They haven't had much of a chance to get together with friends or family yet. They made it to the Adirondacks last summer to visit her mother and to enjoy a week with her husband's daughter, her husband and their 18 month old grandson from the UK. "It feels strange to be a grandmother without being a mother." Their second grandchild is due in June. Janet says she would love to get together with any Agos in the Dallas area.

**Sharon Keating Heiligman (Class Rep)** and husband, Dan, celebrated their 30th anniversary with a Western Caribbean cruise! AJ (27) was married last April and the wedding and planning was great fun! They gained a wonderful new daughter-in-law, Anne, and they live 2 miles away! Kim (24) will be starting her 4th year of Optometry School in NYC this June. She hopes to come back next year to the Rochester area to practice! Sharon's business, Ameriprint, is growing which is wonderful and she has really enjoyed catching up with high school and college friends on Facebook!

#### CLASS OF 1981

**Patrice DeLaus Scully** lives in Mahwah, NJ with her two children. Her daughter Jacquelin is a junior at Lehigh University. Her son Charles is a senior in high school and will be heading to Northeastern University in the fall to major in business. This fall Patrice will be an empty nester with her mini-poodle Nikki Tiffany! Patrice has been working for IBM since she graduated and July 1 will celebrate 30 years with them. How time flies! She hopes to make the reunion this summer.

**Linda Aylward Robey** visited with Robin Landrigan Smith and her husband in Bolton Landing last summer. They all had dinner at the Algonquin which brought back wonderful memories of summers working there! And, of course, that chocolate chip pie for dessert is out of this world! Linda is still working for John Hancock in Boston, enjoying her crafts including making her own cards and watercolor painting. Linda is also taking classes at Rhode Island Watercolor Society and is also busy with two teenage boys, Mitch and Chris, who are sophomores in high school.

**Liz Hartman Scraba** has been found, thanks to all those Facebook connections! Liz lives in Stuttgart, Germany now with her husband, Mark and two girls, Emily 14 and Elizabeth 9. Liz's husband is in the military and they will be in Germany for two more years. They love being there and travel every free minute they get. She keeps in touch with Cheryl Machina and Diane Durbak. Liz would love to hear from everyone.

**Stacy Smith Nichols** is planning on going to Potsdam for the reunion this summer. She and hers are all doing well. Her oldest son, Jason, graduated from RIT last May and her son, Andy, will graduate this May from RIT. Stacy's daughter will start college this fall (she hopes to go to RIT) leaving Stacy and Tim with an empty nest! Stacy says her days as a stay at home mom are almost over so she needs to figure out what job she would like to have. Her husband is busy running his family business which son Andy will take over and be the 5th generation!

**Robin Landrigan Smith (Class Rep)** lives on Lake George and spends a few winter months in Marco Island, FL with her husband, John, and dog Gracie. She continues to work as an independent consultant in the healthcare software business as well as working the marina that she owns on Lake George. It was great fun to see Linda Aylward Robey last summer – they reminisced about their crazy days in Potsdam and summers on Lake George with Mary Christner Haskell and Michele Doyle. Life is good!

#### CLASS OF 1982

The class of 1982 wishes to forego their 2011 class news in remembrance of Connie Walker Bush. A tribute to Connie is offered in this edition of *The Anchor*.

#### CLASS OF 1984

**Cheryl Johnson Welles** has been enjoying her job at Empower Federal Credit Union in Syracuse, NY. She is the Community Relations Director and is involved with community financial literacy presentations, donations and events. She recently received the 2010 Ellen Swallow Richards award from the New York State Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Educators for her outstanding contributions to students in Family & Consumer Science education by a person who is not in that field. For fun, Cheryl & her husband Ron just returned from a trip to Italy and are already planning next year's trip to Ireland, Scotland, and England. Cheryl sends a "hello" to all her Agonian sisters and hopes that they are enjoying life as much as she and husband Ron. Love in AKPhi!

**Lori Dietz** has had a busy year at work with the not-for-profit that merged last summer with another. She took on a number of new duties and now has the title of VP, Operations. She is still running and completed two marathons last year and will be running the Boston Marathon in April. She and Ron are preparing to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the end of 2011 and hope to take a celebratory cruise. They enjoyed their sailboat last summer on Cayuga Lake and are looking forward to getting back out on the water after a very long winter in Syracuse. For those who are unaware, Lori wanted to let you know that Lori Principe Guarino ('83) passed away during May 2010 after a nearly two year battle with a brain tumor

**Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger (Class Rep)** has had another busy year as a stay at home mom to Jacqueline, 11 & Gregory, 5. Steve is still enjoying work as an Exec. Director for Estee Lauder. Jacqueline is busy as a competitive dancer & Gregory keeps her busy as he enjoys Karate & Soccer. They enjoyed a family vacation last summer in Cape Cod. "If any AGO's visit Long Island or NYC please let me know. my Email is [israuch@optonline.net](mailto:israuch@optonline.net) or call or text me @631-988-9284. I'd love to get together."



**CLASS OF 1989**

**Andrea Newhouse Frascatore** sends news of her busy family. Daughter Miranda (11) competes in gymnastics and Marisa (6) participates in fun meets. The family trip last year was the Virginia Beach where the girls swam in the ocean for the first time. They also hit Busch Gardens and Water Country. They also vacationed with her sister's family (Linda Newhouse Melveney '87).

**Susan Young** is still living in Boston, MA and works for Explorica, Inc, a student travel company. She has become a bit of a travel freak with trips to the Arctic last summer to see the polar bears, the Galapagos for her birthday, and Belize on a teacher convention. Would love to hear from other Agos! Sueyoungster@gmail.com

**CLASS OF 1990**

**Stephanie Allen Manuel** reports that after an exciting move back to Charlotte, her family has decided that home is where the heart is – back in New York!! She is teaching Music, and hopes to find a permanent teaching job in the fall.....the kids are loving living back in New York, and as soon as the snow stops it will be exciting to actually see their backyard!! She is thoroughly enjoying her time visiting the Agonian mansion, becoming a mentor to the active Agoninan members – she is having a blast!!! Michel and she had the pleasure of visiting the girls this summer – he wishes he went to Potsdam now!!!

**Laurie Rinder DelBalzo** lives in Pawling, NY with her husband Mark (Clarkson 1988) and their four sons. Laurie works part-time for a manufacturing company in the HR dept while Mark is a self-employed civil engineer. In addition, Laurie is working with a friend to develop a web-based community calendar: PawlingEvents.com. Their sons keep them very busy. Mark Jr. is 14 and in 8th grade; Danny is 12 and is in 7th grade, Nicholas is 9 and is in 3rd grade; last but not least there is Joey D. He is 6 and is in kindergarten. For the first time in 14 years, Laurie is not paying any daycare bills. Two of the boys play hockey which occupies FAR TOO MUCH TIME. In fact, Laurie wept tears of joy at the last hockey game of the season. The DelBalzos are looking forward to the spring and the lazy days of summer.

**CLASS OF 1995**

**Jodi Meyer Eyer** is still living in the Saratoga area. Kristen (6) and Kelly (3) are keeping Andy and Jodi very busy. Jodi is teaching 4th grade in Glens Falls.

**Molly Moore Abrams** had many moves in 2010 and is now happily settled in Bogota, Columbia for the next 2-3 years. The cities are incredible and they are excited to explore the country side. Every Sunday the city closes 120 km's of roadway for biking, skating, dancing and great community. Their neighborhood is full of parks and restaurants and Molly has never seen so many dogs! Graham is 4, making new friends and learning Spanish. Grace's first birthday is this April Fools Day. Molly is thinking of everyone, dear friends and wishing good health and love!

**Gina Bernardo Michalski** has had an interesting past year. She decided to make a career change and is currently enrolled at Montclair State Univ. in their Preschool - 3rd Grade Teaching Certification program. She needed a career that she actually enjoyed doing and felt passionate about and that worked well with her girls' schedule. She thinks this will work well and is very excited about it! Andy and the girls are doing well and are very supportive! Gina has not seen her Ago friends in such a long time ... she misses you all!!

**Eva Dechario McGee (Class Rep)** has made some adjustments this year as her teaching position changed from Elementary Computers to 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts. Quite a change! She is still enjoying the Jersey Shore area and is currently training for her first Marathon this spring. Time is flying as Ryan is 8 and Laura is 5.

**CLASS OF 1999**

**Jessica Hull-Dambaugh** is now living in Charleston, SC and is working as the Principal Flutist of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra as well as an aerobics instructor around Charleston. She is married to Sean Dambaugh (former Sigma Delta). No kids yet, but they do have a black lab/boxer mix named Zoe who they're obsessed with. Miss everyone!

**Alli Moretta Noonan** is enjoying life in Massachusetts with her wonderful husband Mark and two amazing kids. Matthew is 5 and Ava is 2, so they certainly keep her on her toes. She has been home from teaching the past two years, and has kept busy by being the President of the local MOMS Club. She will return to teaching High School Music in the Fall of 2011.

**Mindy Carlin Cervoni** and Jon welcomed son #3 Luke to their family on November 30th. Noah and Cole think having another brother is the coolest thing.

**Kelly Reardon (Class Rep)** is upset that Bret Michaels canceled the next installment of *Rock of Love*, but is making it through by still teaching Social Studies at Tully High School. She would love to see any of her Ago sisters the next time they are in Syracuse!

**CLASS OF 2003**

**Juliet Nelson** gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl, Giavanna in May. She will be getting married in September in Saratoga Springs. Juliet is looking forward to the wedding of fellow Agonian, Jenna Rosati and the arrival of Agonians Sara Dilandro and Suzanna Carpenters baby boys!

**Jenna Rosati** has spent much of 2010 planning her upcoming wedding to Kevin Conklin, which will occur on April 30, 2011. Her wedding will be held in Rochester, NY, with many of her Ago sisters present. She is looking forward to spending the remainder of 2011 working on home improvements and enjoying her first year of marriage!

**Emily White Eckstrom** is living in Hauppauge, Long Island with her husband, and teaching English at Bayport-Blue Point High School. She enjoyed trips to Europe and time spent with family and dear AGO friends, Jasmin, Sara, Jenna, Juliet and Suzanne and all the upcoming baby showers and weddings with them!

**Suzanne Carpenter** is living with her fiancé in Saratoga Springs. After completing her Master's last May, she got a job as a case worker working with troubled teens. Suzanne is expecting her first baby, a boy, also due in April, five days before fellow Agonian and big sister, Sara Landry DiLandro.

**Sara Landry DiLandro (Class Rep)** is still teaching kindergarten in Saratoga Springs. She is eagerly anticipating the arrival of her first baby, a boy, due in April.

**CLASS OF 2005**

**Leta Luguri** was married to Eric, her boyfriend of 4 years, on the shores of Lake Champlain outside of Burlington, Vermont in September 2010. They honeymooned in Antigua and are currently living in Plattsburgh. Leta left her employment with the NYS Office of Mental Health to join the management team at CVPH Medical Center as the Director of Emergency Psychiatric Services shortly after the wedding. In March 2011 she went into private practice with a good friend and ex-coworker providing psych consultation and assessment services for the federal and state court systems. She continues to work at CVPH with the hopes of eventually committing to private practice full time. She and her husband Eric are planning a trip to Central/Western Europe in the fall of 2011 to celebrate their 1 year wedding anniversary.

**CLASS OF 2006**

**Allison Autry** is graduating in December with her BS in Health Science. She is a board member and a special events coordinator for a grassroots non-for profit, Eight 4 Third World Hope. She is currently working at Heritage Christian Services as a Direct Support Professional and has been there for four and a half years. She is living in Rochester, NY with friends.

**Lindsay Buchta** is still in Endicott with her wonderful six year old daughter, Mattea. She is currently working for Columbian Financial Group, and continuing her education in Finance. She and Mattea are traveling around for her competition gymnastics meets, and meeting up with some of her Ago sisters.

**Shawna Infantino** says hello to everyone. She is currently living in Rochester with her wonderful husband of a year and a half. They have a doberman named Troy and a house in Brighton. Shawna is working full time as a Patient Care Technician at a Dialysis unit while going to school part time to get her bachelors in nursing. She also teaches Pilates and Turbo kick part time at a local studio and has also gotten into mountain biking.

**Maria Potenza** is still living in Rochester, NY and is in her third year of teaching at Jefferson Road Elementary school in Pittsford. She is currently teaching 5th grade, tutors three students, teaches a body attack class at Gold's Gym twodays a week.

**Elizabeth Wegner** has returned to the Buffalo area after three years of living in South Florida. She is currently working for the Exigence Group doing legal work and doctor credentialing. She has had the opportunity to travel a lot in the recent months and has enjoyed being able to see a number of Agonian sisters. Her big travel plans include a destination wedding this summer in Mexico.

**Rachel Cajigas (Class Rep)** is working as an archaeologist at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. She is living in Manhattan and traveling a lot for work and pleasure. She returned from a European backpacking trip earlier this year and looks forward to participating in an archaeological excavation in Panama this summer.

**CLASS OF 2007**

**Nicole Brust Jones** married Saint Lawrence ATO alumni Matthew Jones in August 2008 with Ago bridesmaids Michelle Clark, Katie Dion, Maria Potenza, and Liz Henderson, and many Agos in attendance. She is finishing her masters in literacy at SUNY Albany and hoping to find a teaching job for the fall in the Glens Falls area. Matt and Nicole welcomed baby girl Grace on October 23, 2010.

**Jenna Novak (Class Rep)** is getting ready to return from living in West Africa for over a year. While there she was working with a number of organizations on human rights issues focusing on human trafficking, women's rights and empowerment. She is moving back to Baltimore and living with her boyfriend as well as a few Potsdam graduates including Agos!

## Agonian Alumnae Association Business

### Treasurer's Report:

#### Balances:

Certificate of Deposit \$7,643.25

Checking Account \$637.46

Savings Account \$8,090.98

Annual Dues: \$25.00 (Checks made payable to Agonian Alumnae Association and mailed to  
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### 2011 Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

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Reports

- Alumnae Association Officers
- Scholarship Committee
- Future Alumnae (Actives)
- Alpha Kappa Phi Board of Directors

Old Business

- Memorabilia—safe storage of composites
- Communication
- Sorority Rush Support
- Alumnae Association financial support

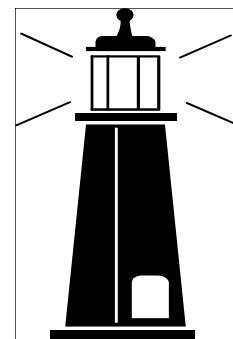
New Business

- Greek Alumni Council
- Elections
- 2012 Nominating Committee
- 2012 Annual Meeting Date

### Officers

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Corresponding Secretary	Vera Thurston Gibbs '78

## Alpha Kappa Phi



### Alpha Kappa Phi Corporate Board of Directors

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### Alpha Kappa Phi Sorority Executive Board (2011-2012)

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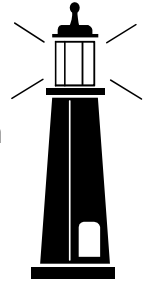
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**Opportunities to Help the Alumnae Association**



The Agonian Alumnae Association works because of people like you! If you are looking to stay involved and connected with the gold, white and blue and the friends and memories from your time in Potsdam, please consider helping out in small ways so that our organization can continue to maintain contacts, award scholarships and help support the Agonian Board of Directors

The AAA is looking to recruit individuals to help with *The Anchor*, and a number of projects. If you would like to consider becoming a class rep—we are always looking to include classes that are without representation in the newsletter. If you are interested, we would also like to hear from sisters who would like to take a turn as an officer of our organization. Check the activity or area of interest, or include a talent or gift you'd like to share with your sisters!

- Write notes/Phone calls                       Help with *The Anchor*                       Fundraising
- Web/Database Maintenance                       Class Representative                       Board of Directors
- Let me know where I can be of help: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name _____	Class Year _____
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