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Agonian Alumnae Association - Letter from the President

My name is Stephanie Allen-Manuel. I have the pleasure to serve as your President of the Alumnae Association. This is my first term following in the footsteps of Laurie Wood Cooper. I am a Crane graduate of 1991. One of my fondest college memories is Ago. As I prepare to write this letter, I keep coming back to this phrase: 'HANDS to work, HEARTS to hold'.

Over the past few months, many issues have been addressed within the Potsdam Community, Greek Life at SUNY, and within the Agonian Sorority that have threatened our existence. Some of you will be reading the information in this newsletter for the first time. I am using my HEART to summarize what has been going on.

Culture has changed in the college world, and traditions also have changed. It is unfortunate that our sorority has been involved in meetings with the College and actives regarding hazing and harassment charges. Many Agonian HEARTS and HANDS have gathered, via phone and internet, to work together to save Ago. You will read more about these details in other articles.

I ask you now to look into your HEART, and remember what brought you to the porch of IIP? Whose HAND did you hold while running down the sidewalk to meet your new future pledge sisters, your new 'family members?'

I want to assure you from the bottom of my HEART that Ago will live on. A lot of hard work, sweat and tears have gone into these last few months, and I look forward to leading the discussion of our path forward as we begin to bring Ago back as best in class. I encourage you to attend Alumnae Weekend where I will welcome you with outstretched HANDS.

As we look forward to Alumnae Weekend, we need to remember our HANDS will be used to communicate - not to finger point, or cross our arms in disagreement as our heads are shaking in disbelief. We have the richest history in Potsdam, so join HANDS with me along with other members of the Alumnae Association, and Board of Directors to steer the Ago ship into the future, and keep the waters calm. **Your involvement is key. Compassion is imperative.** HANDS and HEARTS must be open wide.

Love in AKPhi,
Stephanie Allen Manuel, Agonian Alumnae Association President

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Agonian 2013 Alumnae Weekend - Join your sisters in Potsdam July 12th - 14th

Reunion Weekend 2013 will be July 12th – 14th. Registration and event listing can be found on the school website — www.potsdam.edu. 11 Pierrepont will be open the entire weekend. Stop by for a trip down memory lane or stop by for one of our events listed below. Keep an eye on our new website for any updates!

Friday, July 12th

- Wine and cheese cocktail reception on the porch - 6pm, 11 Pierrepont

Saturday, July 13th

- Agonian Alumnae Association Annual Meeting at 9am, SUNY Potsdam Campus – Kellas 103
- Agonian Board of Director's Meeting: immediately following the AAA meeting
- Informal Greek Luncheon (including a special discussion of Potsdam Greek Life) 12pm at Becky's Place, SUNY Potsdam (\$10, register on the SUNY Potsdam Website!)
- Silent Auction and Fundraiser, 4pm: donated items and goods made by alumni to benefit 11 Pierrepont, at 11P

Sunday, July 14th

- Farewell brunch - 10am, 11 Pierrepont

Email Lindsay.Mermell@agopotsdam.com if you'd like to help plan, work on or make a donation to our Reunion Weekend!

AGO CRISIS OVERVIEW

In December 2012, Ago was charged with hazing, sexual harassment and underage drinking. Our sorority was facing a permanent ban because our Active members were charged and found guilty of repeated hazing violations over the past several years. The last violation was in 2010/11. Our Board was told it was nothing "serious" and the school gave Ago a new pledge program to follow. Our Board believed the Actives were indeed following the college approved pledge program and was shocked when it was discovered they were not. Ago was very fortunate to have an excellent alumnae reputation, strong leadership, and alumnae in key roles at SUNY Potsdam and was given the opportunity for an "administrative agreement in lieu of a hearing".

Today, only the seniors (and some juniors) are of legal drinking age so underage drinking is a problem across all students - Greeks as well as non-Greeks. It is not unique to Ago and while we do our best to prohibit drinking during pledging (Ago has a dry program), the rules seem to get broken. Regarding the hazing - NY State has put a law in place where hazing is now against the law. Anything which can be considered "demeaning" is now considered hazing. A few years ago, Ago had to remove the wearing of sailor hats, addressing, and even pledge pins in more recent years. There is heightened sensitivity to any sort of activity that a member asks a pledge to do. Even if the pledge is "willing" to do an activity, if it sounds like hazing, the member can get in trouble. Because there is a law on hazing, we can't go into details of the specific allegations. But, you should know that in the last 5-7 years, hazing and alcohol abuse have become rampant across campus and across all Greeks. Many colleges (like Clarkson) have banned off campus Greek housing. Several Potsdam Greek organizations have already been permanently banned and many more are in big trouble today. SUNY Potsdam even created a Greek Life Task Force to determine whether Greeks have a place at Potsdam in the future. Their recent report says that Greeks HAVE contributed a great deal to Potsdam BUT the culture needs to change if Greeks are to exist on Potsdam campus. We will have the chance to meet and collaborate with other Greeks at the All-Greek picnic during Alumni Weekend. Please DO sign up and DO wear your letters!

Ago formed a Crisis Team to develop the solution for saving Ago and the house at 11 Pierrepont. The Team carried forth one theme: returning Ago back to the Best in Class sorority that it was when we were on campus. We believe that Ago did get off track and without "adult supervision", lost its way. There are no house mothers or even cooks anymore. When Ago re-launches, it will only open the house with a "Resident Director" - a modern version of a house mother. We believe that by having an Advisory Council work directly with the girls stay on track and the mentor program will provide 1-1 guidance. We put together a compelling argument that was approved by SUNY Potsdam Administration which we believe will provide a framework for success. The Administration agreed and granted our request and instead of a permanent ban, we will receive a loss of recognition that will last approximately 3-5 years and then recolonize in about 5 years. The work will be continued by the Ago Task Force.

Regarding the house at 11 Pierrepont, Ago holds a special zoning variance which allows us to be a sorority house. The Village has agreed that so long as ANY recognized organization lives there, we can keep our variance which is excellent because our house will be waiting for us when we are ready to re-launch. In the meantime, our Fundraiser will be key! During the period of loss of recognition, we will rent the house but aren't certain we can get enough to cover the annual operating costs and keep the house in shape for our future Agonians. Additionally, the house will need some modifications to accommodate the Resident Director. So please do what you can to help the fundraiser!

We hope this helps and know that we are all working toward the same solution. Please do take the time to read the Anchor articles on the issue and the outcome. It took fantastic collaboration from so many Agonians – both alumnae and actives as well as the administration at SUNY Potsdam to get where we are today. We all need to reflect and heal. *We cannot cast blame* but put this behind us and move forward, together, and be the strong sisterhood that will be the Best in Class Sorority once again. We realize this entire situation is a surprise to many of you. We encourage you to visit the Google Site. A lot of the questions have been answered there and you can find key documents as well:

<https://sites.google.com/site/agonianpotsdamrebuild/>

Love in AKPhi,
The Crisis Team

AGO HAS OVERCOME HAZING AND HARASSMENT CHARGES

Submitted by the Communications Team

Apologies if you are hearing this for the first time, but this matter required swift attention and ongoing communication, which a mailed newsletter does not provide. This summary does not speak to the hours that have been devoted to this task nor how truly complicated this was, as there was no road map to follow. What is harder to grasp is the capacity for tolerance from the College and the Village as they dealt with other ongoing hazing issues, while they were also addressing Ago's proposal for our future. The trust that was broken needs to be rebuilt between the Actives, the Alumnae and even within the Alumnae organization. We also learned that our existing bylaws, rules, and regulations did not address many issues we had to deal with regarding accountability with the College's student code of conduct. Since December, the Agonian Board has been busy addressing charges of hazing and harassment with the College. It was necessary to communicate immediately with Alumnae so email was the first option, used to update as many as possible. We relied on the class reps to inform those that only had a mailing address for their contact. After the initial communication, it became clear that this would be a longer process so the Communications Team continued to gather email contacts through all means possible. This has been a four month process and emails have already been sent regarding the decision (which you will read about below) and many of us have already come to terms with this news. Your reaction may be similar to most and evoke a range of emotions. At this time, the decision has been made and our focus is NOW on moving forward with long term goals. Here is a summary of the events.

On February 1st, our Board Chair, Jane Morale, sent a letter to inform the Alumnae that Ago was in danger of being permanently banned by SUNY Potsdam. In the fall semester, a pledge came forth with accusations of hazing and harassment against Ago. During the course of the investigation by the College, all twenty two Actives were charged with conducting hazing activities. These charges were with the College, not the town, and not criminal. Unfortunately, this was Ago's second offense of hazing charges in recent years. In 2011, the College's investigation resulted in suspension and the House was unable to take pledges for two semesters. Ago Actives worked with the College to develop a new pledge program devoid of hazing. Unfortunately, they did not follow through with their new program. In December 2012, the College, seeing no apparent change of behavior over the last two years, and regarding hazing as a serious offense, recommended that Ago lose recognition and be permanently banned from SUNY Potsdam.

Concerned Alumnae requested a meeting with Annette Robbins, Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards. The purpose of the meeting was to present a rebuilding plan (which you can read about on our new website—see website article for details) for the Sorority that will involve four to five years of inactivity, and it would have to be Alumnae sponsored in order to be deemed credible. To gain a better understanding of what the College has been facing, it was pointed out by Chip Morris, Dean of Student Affairs, that hazing on College campuses has changed over time and is different from what many of us remember. Hazing is now a criminal offense in New York State.

The Ago meeting with the College was favorable. The Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards and the Dean of Student Affairs were willing to work with the Alumnae to seek a solution other than a permanent ban. Each active member proceeded with her individual case following the College judicial process. The Ago Board of Directors moved rapidly to assemble a Crisis Team with many capable Ago Alumnae that were tasked to address the most immediate need: to prepare a proposal to save Ago and communicate information to the entire membership.

Fortunately, the leadership of the Board and the Association's decision to ask for help of the Alumnae was the right path. This was one of the first times Alumnae were ever involved at this level of the College's decision. There was little to no precedent for it. In the situation with other Greek houses over the past few years, the violations were repeated and far more severe. Therefore, the College reluctantly imposed a permanent ban on these organizations and their Houses were eventually closed. The Alumnae Crisis Team pooled all resources available to take advantage of the opportunity presented to Ago by the College to avoid the same fate.

Other Greek organizations were also facing charges at the same time as Ago. At least four organizations were charged in the fall of 2012. Shortly after our meeting with the College, President Schwaller issued a letter to the students and alumni announcing Greek Life Task Force, to be formed to discuss the future of Greek Life at SUNY Potsdam.

As the Crisis Team prepared the proposal for the College, it became apparent that the voices of the Alumnae needed
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to be heard and a letter campaign was launched. Chip Morris received many letters that spoke to our resolve to implement changes that would exemplify our strong traditions of integrity and truth that did not condone hazing. The College and Ago Alumnae Crisis Team had ongoing dialogue and worked diligently to assure due process and by-laws were adhered to. During discussions on housing, it was discovered that the Sorority House at 11 Pierrepont is in a residential zone with a variance for group housing (group housing is more than five unrelated people living together). This grandfathered variance is good only so long as a recognized organization is living there. If a period longer than one year (less a day) passes without a recognized organization living there, the variance will be withdrawn. As discussions revolved around the length of punishment, it became evident that the loss of recognition greater than twelve months would mean Ago could no longer use 11 Pierrepont as our Sorority House during this period of sanctions. The Village now views Greek life with a more critical eye because of the current culture of underage drinking and hazing. Many houses have lost their grandfathered zoning use.

Chip Morris discussed our circumstances with the Village and is currently working on an agreement where we will be able to keep our grandfathered zoning use by renting to another recognized organization *after* our first 12 months (in which our student Affiliate Alumnae can live in the House). We will work to get a two to three year lease signed with a recognized organization that would allow Ago to use the house during Alumnae Weekend in the summer. However, we do not yet have this agreement in writing from the Village.

A final agreement between SUNY Potsdam and Ago has been negotiated, which will require a loss of recognition until the last Ago either graduates from SUNY Potsdam with an undergraduate degree or transfers, plus one additional year. This will most likely be when the current sophomores graduates in 2015 but this is yet to be determined. During the period of loss of recognition, Ago will not be allowed to engage in any activity. There can be no Ago activities on campus or in the Village and there will be no new pledges/members during this time. No banners will be allowed to be hung at the 11 Pierrepont house for any purpose (active or alumnae) and the Greek letters will be removed from the house by July 1, 2013. Once the last Ago graduates, Ago will be permitted to begin promoting itself on campus again the next semester and within another year, take new members. The Ago Alumnae will work with the Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards during the year after the last Agonian graduates to coordinate a program or series of programs that would help get the Ago name back on campus.

Regarding the current Actives, they have all been made Alumnae in a new classification of "Affiliate" which is a probationary class. Until they graduate, they will participate in a new program approved by the Board and implemented under the guidance of the new Alumnae Advisory Committee. More about this program is described in the Task Force section of the newsletter. Under the zoning, the women are allowed to live in the House during the school year 2013/14, and several Affiliate Alums have already signed up to live in the House next year. It is important for everyone to understand that our House will be under severe scrutiny with zero tolerance for mistakes. The Ago House will be a 'dry' house during the school year and all Alumnae need to respect this or risk Ago being banned forever.

EVERY Agonian must understand that *ANY* violation of college or Greek policies and/or the law by Ago affiliates and/or alumnae *that an observer would associate with the sorority* during both the time of loss of recognition and once the sorority regains recognition for the first 4 years (probationary status), would result in an immediate permanent ban/loss of recognition.

What will be accomplished? Ago is not banned forever. We are keeping 11 Pierrepont as our Sorority House.

What has changed? New committees. New website. New structure.

The process of saving Ago requires dedication, commitment, and patience. Now is the true test. We have reconnected many sisters; seven hundred (700) strong with email addresses and four hundred (400) Facebook accounts. Now we have reconnected you with the Anchor mailing. We have fifteen hundred (1500) alumnae. It will take all of us to get through the next five years to bring Ago back to best in class sorority at SUNY Potsdam (and Clarkson!) and set an example for other Greeks to follow.

Hopefully you will be inspired to lend your talents as you read the additional articles in the Anchor. We encourage those who have access to the internet to go to the website <https://sites.google.com/site/agonianpotsdamrebuild/>, request access to the confidential, Agonian-only site, and read the documents in their entirety.

We have work ahead of us. Speculation and finger pointing will not be productive. Positive ideas are necessary and we need to come together for the love of AKPhi.

LETTER FROM THE AGO BOARD CHAIR

Dear Agonian Sisters:

In the summer of 1980, I was honored and excited to be part of the future and past of our sorority, so I got involved with the Agonian Alumnae Association. Decades later, when Sue Wajda told me she was tired from working on both the AAA and the board for over 30 years, I decided to try to help and joined the Ago Board and eventually took on the role of Chair.

I have been blessed with meeting some amazing women over the years. I am proud to call so many of you my Sisters and friends. At the same time, I have also been worn down by financial and physical upkeep worries. It is not easy to run a sorority house when the board members are 200, 500, 800, or even 1000+ miles away; however, I am fortunate to work with dedicated women who love Ago and are willing to devote many hours for our sorority.

Like you, I was devastated when I received the news that our beloved Ago quite possibly had no future. But when I reached out for help, I was blessed with the team of Lynne Boles, Steph Allen Manuel, Susan Cancilla Witkowski, and Susan Young. You will be able to see for yourselves the work that this group has accomplished in the past few months, many articles in this newsletter describe the tasks they have taken on. The number one mission was saving Ago from permanent banishment and number two was saving 11 Pierrepont Avenue. These missions have been accomplished! Our sorority has also had the constant behind the scenes workers of our Board members: Erica Pendleton Davis, Colleen Costello Filiak, Vera Thurston Gibbs, Denise Bennett Haines, Shelley Ives, and Licia Urtis Murrell. I am forever grateful for their hard work. I also learned an important lesson... if you don't give up and you truly believe a solution can be found, hard work and commitment will deliver you the answer. Together, we can and will achieve anything.

Now is our chance to continue the sisterhood. Let's remain diligent in our goal to bring the Agonian Sorority back to BEST IN CLASS and the model Greek for others to follow! We can do this together if everyone gives a bit of time. Please read through the various initiatives and see where you and your talents can help Ago. We truly need everyone from all generations to come together and help to rebuild Ago. What makes Ago truly special is each and every one of you. As we sail forward and look to bring on a new class of Agonians in 3-5 years, it will be the Alumnae who are their Big Sisters, their guiding light, their True North, their compass for the values and principles that DO make Ago the Best in Class sorority. Please do what you can to support the Fundraiser. Your donation will allow us to keep the house at 11 P and have it ready for the next generation of Agonians so they, like you, can truly feel the blessing of being a proud Agonian and build the eternal bonds of sisterhood. Let us commit to make Ago the sorority of which our founding Sisters and Eunice "Brownie" Badger would be proud!

"Gold in the yellow rose
Blue in the sky
White in the mountain top
Sublime and high
So shall our lives
Be shaped ever to be
Leaders in honor
Truth and loyalty."



Love in AKPhi,
Jane Morale, Agonian Board of Directors Chair

Formation of Ago Task Force

To continue the work of the “Crisis Team”, the Agonian Sorority has formed the Ago Task Force which will report directly to the Ago Board of Directors. The key members of the Crisis Team, Lynne Boles '74, Susan Cancilla Witkowski '79, and Susan Young '89, will continue on this new team along with Ago Board member, Shelley Ives '83, alumnae Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88 and Sandy Jenner Kolb '63. This team will continue to assess the situation and work with other Ago Alumnae to understand the best Ago traditions and reshape the culture from what it is today, to the glory of the past; a sorority that can turn out leaders and good, wholesome individuals that we are all proud to call Agonians.

The Task Force is charged with fully implementing the programs as outlined in the document “Proposal for Returning Ago to Best in Class Sorority at SUNY Potsdam” presented to SUNY Potsdam on March 19. (It can be found on the new website in the alumnae only section). They will continue to investigate best practices among Greek organizations across the nation and bring those concepts back to Ago. The Goal is to bring Ago back to the best in class Sorority in Potsdam and a model for Greek Life at SUNY Potsdam.

- Define Vision & Mission for Ago
- Overhaul Constitution & Governance
- Transform “Pledging” into New Member Program
- Set Goals & Objectives for Members
- Develop Community Service Program
- Establish Seminar Program to be Delivered by Members
- Establish Alumnae Speaker Series
- Establish Alumnae Advisory Committee
- Establish Alumnae Mentor Program
- Institute an “Adult” living at the Sorority House – hire a Residence Director for when the sorority is re-launched

The following are the starting initiatives for the Task Force. Most of these require volunteers for committees, mentors, and/or speakers. You may sign up on the new website if you would like to participate or find out more during Alumnae Weekend.

Volunteers helping the Crisis Team have already completed first drafts of much of the work. Ago now has a brand new draft Vision and Mission Statement. Additionally, a team reviewed the Ago constitution and governance and proposed a complete overhaul of the Ago Constitution which clarifies roles and responsibilities, procedures, and acceptable behavior. During the “crisis” we found that our documents were sorely out of date and incomplete. These new documents will be voted on during the Alumnae Weekend AAA meeting. The team also clearly defined the Code of Conduct, developed a Risk Management Policy, and issued a Values Statement. All members were asked to sign a “Read & Understood” document confirming agreement and intent to comply with all new policies with repercussions of non-compliance identified.

When Ago is allowed to receive new members, it will be done by an entirely new process. Traditional pledging at the Agonian Sorority will be a thing of the past with Ago opting for a New Member Program which will provide full transparency of the program to the Ago Board and College. There will be zero tolerance toward hazing or any form of harassment from either student Agonians or Alumnae. The Goal is to develop New Members into Agonian members through a positive, respectful, and friendly approach.

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The program will focus on learning Ago history, values, members, community service, and leadership. (Length and structure of the program will be dependent upon College policies at the time of re-launch).

The Alumnae Advisory Committee, Mentor Program, and Community Service Development Committee will be detailed in separate articles as we are looking for volunteers – both to further develop the charter and goals for each initiative as well as volunteers to implement or partake in the activities. The Seminar Development, Alumnae Speaker Series, and Resident Director program are all on hold until Ago comes out of the period of loss of recognition.

The Task Force will be meeting during Alumnae Weekend. Questions can be sent to: taskforce@agopotsdam.com.

The Crisis Core Team, Ago Board, and Alumnae Association, we would like to thank our volunteers who helped us turn around a great deal of work in a short period of time: Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88, JESSIE Flores McClintock '88, Megan Fallon '05, Julie Radde Reagan '80, Krystal Catapano Harrington '05, Bonnie Betters Reed '73, Eileen Goss Whelley '76, Laurie Wood Cooper '77, Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75, Debbie LoBello Burhans '79, Stephanie LaRock Britt '01, Marci Berman Blaszkka '01, Becky Volans '87, Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, Scarlett Larsen McDermott '93, Julia Quinn Barge '07, and Allison Autry '06. Your contributions have been invaluable to the work completed thus far. You have shown a true inspiration of Agonian spirit across many generations coming together for the cause.

THANK YOU!

Alumnae Advisory Committee

The Alumnae Advisory Committee will be created as part of our action to save Ago. They will report directly to the Board. They will conduct regular and impromptu visits to the Sorority House during the semester and attend all Sorority Meetings. They will ensure compliance with all guidelines and sanctions and liaise with SUNY Potsdam Administration in open communications on progress toward objectives. Any issues or problems will be quickly addressed.

During the period of loss of recognition, the Advisory Committee will work with the student members on the transformation of Ago into the best in class organization. They will attend regular meetings with a goal to develop the student members into strong alumnae. They will work with the girls to teach them key skills in developing and implementing plans. They will discuss the community service program and the experiences and feelings resulting thereof. They will teach the girls simple things like how to run a meeting, take minutes, develop and implement project plans, and write effective communications. In short, the Alumnae Advisory Committee will teach the student Agos how to be better people, better students, and better Agonians as well as be leaders after graduation.

Volunteers for this committee should be able to visit Potsdam at least 1-2 times per semester. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please send an email to:

AdvisoryCommittee@agopotsdam.com

Alumnae Mentor Program

Each student member of Ago (now called Affiliate Alumnae) will choose an Alumnae Mentor from a Board approved pool of mentors—beginning with our new Affiliate Alumnae members this summer and continuing until they graduate from college. The Mentors will meet, at a minimum, on a monthly basis (virtually – via phone, Skype, etc.) with their Mentee and be available through regular correspondence. The Mentor will provide coaching and guidance on life goals, academics, career advice, etc., and is her personal Ago advisor to teach the students the values and culture of Ago as it should be. We believe this will benefit both Ago and the students and provide a foundation for lasting personal and professional networking.

The benefits of mentorship are well known. It provides improved confidence and offers challenges to set higher goals and achieve more, recognition, psychosocial support, leadership development, career advice, exposure to diverse perspectives and experience, and help on networking. It also sets a foundation for a lasting personal and professional network.

Once Ago is allowed to take new members again, every new member (formerly “pledge”) will receive an Alumnae Mentor in addition to a big sister. This will ensure that we have the proper checks and balances in place for the future.

Volunteers are needed **NOW** to develop this program further.

Anyone interested in becoming an Alumnae Mentor should send a note to mentor@agopotsdam.com. You will be sent application to complete which would detail your background and what you hope to give and get out of the mentor program. You do not need to live local to Potsdam to be a mentor. You just have to have the time and commitment to work with your student member through their graduation (if possible!).

2013 Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship Award

Ago's '12-'13 Scholarship applications were sent to the Actives during the Fall 2012 semester, with the deadline for receiving the applications set for early in the Spring 2013 semester. Working with Ago's Alumnae Secretary, the committee planned to present the scholarship during Ago's Parents' Weekend in March. In January, however, we learned of the charges the Actives were facing. The Scholarship Committee put their work on hold, pending the results of the investigation being done on campus and by Ago's Board of Directors and its Alumnae Association. By March, the charges against Ago had not been resolved, but neither had any applications been received from the Actives. Therefore, having no applications, there was no scholarship to present this year. We hope to continue the tradition of supporting our Actives in the future.

Thanks are given to Lynne Boles, Laurie Wood Cooper, Rachel Gebhardt, Amy Hind Henry, Serena Krauz, Stephanie Allen Manuel, Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey, Lindsay Mermell, Licia Urtis Murrell, Jenna Naylor, Cathy O'Connor, Amy Rich, Patty Abernethy Sohl, and Liz O'Connor Utzig for volunteering to serve on the Scholarship Committee this year.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75

Scholarship Committee

* During the current period of activity, there will be no scholarship given. We hope to begin again when Ago is active.

Community Service Program

Each Ago student member (now called Affiliate Alumnae) will be required to complete 10 hours of Community Service each semester. Community Service will also be an integral part of the New Member Program.

The Task Force has recommended the formation of the Alumnae Community Service Program Development Committee which will work directly with the student members to develop a community service program that is both rewarding for the members as well as providing valuable returns to the Community. During the period of loss of recognition, Ago has been asked to conduct the community service programs outside of Potsdam.

The purpose of the Community Service Program is to provide opportunity for members to work together in a fellowship dedicated to local community service and national/international community service.

The goals of the Community Service Program are:

- To encourage and practice thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others
- To create an awareness of the importance of service-based activities
- To develop leadership qualities and personal integrity thru volunteering
- To emphasize individual responsibility and open avenues of personal growth through goodwill toward others

Community Service activities or projects will encourage and foster the idea of goodwill locally. Ideas include, but are not limited to, volunteering at a local SPCA, volunteering at a local Food Bank, volunteering at a facility for the elderly or facility for people with disabilities, organizing a highway cleanup project, working at a women's shelter. On the national and international level, ideas include, but are not limited to, organizing a fundraiser for the "Make a Wish Foundation" or "Special Olympics", fundraising and participating in the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life", organizing a blood drive for the American Red Cross, participating in building a "Habitat for Humanity" home.

Because the Sorority will have a loss of recognition for 5+ years, the College can ONLY support this program if the community service takes place outside of the Potsdam area (at least 15 miles) and under the auspices of official Ago Alumnae groups in the Syracuse, Albany, Rochester, etc. areas. Otherwise, their concern is that this will appear to be an organized Sorority function—which we are not allowed to have during our loss of recognition period. Of course, individual Ago Affiliate Alumnae are encouraged to take part in local Potsdam community service program BUT only as individuals and not as a group.

We need volunteers to lead and participate on this committee. Your job will be to develop programs that are reasonable in size and that develop skills and instill key values in our student members. The first programs should target to run in Fall 2013. If you are interested in volunteering to be on the Alumnae Community Service Program Development Committee, please send an email to

CommunityService@agopotsdam.com.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR**Re: What YOU can do to help!**

To my fellow Agonian sisters,

After reading this newsletter, there may still be questions you have, concerns you cannot ignore and suggestions that haven't been heard. The Agonian Alumnae leadership understands that some of you may be hurt, angry or confused. We are open and compassionate to your opinions, your questions, and your voices. **Please reach out to us.** We welcome your thoughts and you can contact us by email, by phone, or by Facebook! The one thing that I would like to reiterate is that **we need your help.** There are many ways that you can support the Agonian sorority and I would like to highlight a few:

1. Come to Reunion Weekend 2013. I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone who can to attend this summer's Reunion Weekend. We need to hear your voices at our meetings and we need to see your Agonian spirit at the porch party on Friday night. Also, we need to show Potsdam, the school, and the rest of the Greek community that we stand together. We are still *bonded* and *loyal* and *true* sisters. I have not known a time when it is more important for every generation of Ago to come out and show what we are made of. Please save your calendars for July 12th - 14th. Your leadership needs your support. Alpha Kappa Phi needs your support!

Come to the porch party on Friday night, and our meetings on Saturday morning. It is also important to sign up for the informal All-Greek picnic which is being held at SUNY Potsdam on Saturday, July 13th at noon. Both Potsdam and Clarkson graduates are invited. It is being run by Ago Alumnae, and is a great way to support your sisters! There will be a discussion on Greek Life at Potsdam with an opportunity for us to voice our opinions. The cost is \$10 and you should register by June 28: <http://www.potsdam.edu/alumni/reunion/index.cfm>. Just follow the instructions for online registration, scroll down to Saturday at noon and sign up!

2. Did you know that as an Alumna of Ago, you are given the privilege of voting at the annual meeting when you have paid your dues? Many alumnae do not know that. Your \$25 dues goes towards the production of the Annual newsletter, the Anchor. If you are planning on voting in this year's elections, make sure to see page 43 on how to pay your dues. There is a second tier of dues, the Gold Level, for \$50 which includes an additional \$25 donation towards house repairs. (For a complete list of repairs that the house is in need of, please see page 13.)
3. Finally, we need your support online! In this edition of the Anchor, we have featured articles describing the many online ways that you can stay connected via LinkedIn, Facebook, or our new Website, launching June 1st, www.agopotsdam.com.

I cannot wait to meet so many of you and show how blue, gold and white our blood truly runs. My college experience **was** Ago. And I'm sure that most of you feel the same way. So on July 12th, let's meet at our beloved 11 Pierrepont Avenue, wear the **bluest** and **brightest** letters you have, and bring a bottle of wine to share!

Love in AKPhi,

Lindsay R. Mermell, Agonian Alumnae Association Vice President

PROTECT AGO'S FUTURE. CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUNDRAISER!

The Board decided it was a priority to conduct a major fundraiser now to provide the necessary monies needed for the ongoing costs and maintenance of the House on 11 Pierrepont during the three to five year loss of recognition period. (The current Ago Alumnae Association dues do NOT cover any costs for the House. They barely cover the costs of the Ago Anchor mailings.) It requires a minimum of eight leases to pay the annual \$28,000 needed to take care of the House expenses. Unfortunately, there will only be five to seven women living in the house in 2013/14, which means we won't even break even next year. Future tenant arrangements for the following two to three years are uncertain.

Our target is \$50,000 in this first fundraiser—a little less than what it costs to operate the House for two years. You may be aware that the House Repair Fund was virtually depleted last year when we re-modeled the two upstairs bath rooms and installed a new water heater. Just like any older home, 11 P needs money to fix other issues, such as the porch, the downstairs bath, and painting. There could also be unexpected expenses such as providing the appropriate security if the House is empty. (For a complete list of repairs that the house is in need of, see page 9.)

All donations are welcomed. To make it fun, we have created some sailor donation levels. Visit the website and check out the "Anchor Barometer" to watch our progress! So let's have our first NO BAKE BAKE SALE! No brownies, no cookies, just a contribution to keep our House.

Additionally, with the creation of the new website, which will help alumnae keep in contact, stay organized and informed, and help get the sorority back up and running after the period of inactivity, there are some associated costs. The fundraiser will help support the website as well.

As always, if you would rather your donation help toward a specific area or repair, please just note so and we will accommodate your request. Thank you for your consideration!

up to \$49 - Doughboy	\$750 – Lieutenant
\$50 - Sailor	\$1000 – Commander
\$100 - Petty Officer	\$1500 – Captain
\$250 – Chief Warrant Officer	\$2500 – Admiral
\$500 – Ensign	\$5000+ Commander in Chief Club

You can make your donation in several ways:

Check: Make it out to "Agonian Sorority" to Colleen Costello Filiak, Please tear out this page and fill out the form on the back. You can mail this, along with your check to:

Colleen Costello Filiak
711 Cascade Road
Pittsburgh PA 15221-4605

Credit Card: Beginning June 1, 2013, visit our new website at www.agopotsdam.com and go to the "Giving" page and follow the instructions

Paypal: Send money directly via Paypal to: donations@agopotsdam.com

Ago Fundraiser Donation Form

Name					
Pledge Class		Graduation Class			
Street Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email (this will be the one your new lifetime email forwards to)					
Home Phone		Cell Phone			

Donation Amount (Please check appropriate box to the left of amount)

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 - Sailor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500 – Ensign	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,500 Captain
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 – Petty Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$750 – Lieutenant	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,500 – Admiral
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 - Chief Warrant Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,000 - Commander	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$5,000 – Commander in Chief Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – enter amount (up to \$49 is Doughboy, above \$5000 Commander in Chief, otherwise; level determined on tiers above)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please keep my donation confidential (ONLY check this if you do NOT want to be listed on the new Ago website)				

Your donation is greatly appreciated!!!

Please return form to Colleen Filiak:

Colleen Costello Filiak

711 Cascade Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4605

(no need to return form if you donate via website)

Checks should be made out to Agonian Sorority



This Old House...

Interested in Repairing IIP?

Do you love 11 Pierrepont Avenue? So many of us think of it as our “home away from home.” But like any home, it requires regular repairs to keep it looking great and up to safety standards.

These are some of the repairs that the house really needs. If you would like your donation to go toward or cover a specific repair, please note on your check or on the website when you donate. Thank you for your support of 11 Pierrepont!

The repairs that 11 Pierrepont currently needs are as follows:

1. The floor in the racks needs to be replaced.
2. The railing in the racks needs to be replaced (mainly for safety).
3. The electrical connection outside of the house needs to be checked.
4. The front porch has had some repairs done and but some structural work still has to be finished.
5. The dining room and upstairs bedrooms need to be repainted.
6. The dining room needs new window treatments and the floor secured properly.
7. The foyer floor tiles need repair.
8. The Dutton Room floor needs to be redone, counters possibly taken down or replaced, a new window, and walls painted.
9. The carpets will need to be replaced again in a few years.
10. The kitchen cabinets need repair.
11. The bedroom doors need to be replaced.
12. Some siding on the house needs to be replaced.

Your contribution will be the only way we can fund the house to keep it going! *Let's keep the boat afloat* and make sure our house is at its best while we work to regain our recognition!

Agonian—We strive to lead!

Congratulations go out to:

Melinde Mospaw Poupore '78 for receiving the 2013 Helen Hosmer Excellence in Music Teaching Award.

Susan Rice '77 who was mentioned in the Potsdam People as being named to the SUNY Potsdam Greek Alumni Council.

SUNY Potsdam has named **Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75** as the recipient of its 2013 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award, the highest award given by the College. The annual recognition is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated steadfast support for SUNY Potsdam and the region through their leadership, advocacy, stewardship and service. Debbie was bestowed with the honor at the College's annual Commencement ceremony in May.

This fall, the Potsdam College Foundation Board of Trustees selected **Lynne Boles '74** as their new President. Lynne graduated with her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Journalism. In 1975, she received her Master of Science degree in TV and radio from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. While at Potsdam, Lynne was the president and secretary of the Student Government Association, and also served as managing editor of The Racquette student newspaper. Lynne retired from Procter & Gamble as vice president of global advertising after a very successful 34-year career at P&G in marketing, advertising and communications. She was recognized as the Corporate Advertising Executive of the Year in 2009 by the Delaney Report and played a major role in P&G being named the Cannes-Lions Advertiser of the Year in 2008 and Ad Age Marketer of the Year in 2006. Lynne's additional involvement includes serving as chair of SUNY Potsdam's Marketing Committee. In 2006, Lynne was the keynote speaker at the College's 172nd Bachelor's Commencement Ceremony, and in 2011 she was the keynote speaker for SUNY Potsdam's Student Leader Conference. Lynne was the recipient of the 2012 Minerva Award from the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association. She has shared her professional expertise with her alma mater, assisting in the development of a marketing and branding strategy for the campus. Lynne also serves as a lead volunteer on the steering committee for Take the Lead: The Campaign for Potsdam. She served as a lead donor on the Mary English Commons Project. She has been a faithful yearly donor since graduating, and has recently made a generous multi-year pledge to the Annual Fund for Potsdam, which provides support for the College's greatest needs and opportunities. In addition to her service to SUNY Potsdam, Lynne serves as vice chair of the marketing committee for the Wellness Community/Cancer Care Board of Trustees, and is involved with the Breast Cancer Alliance of Cincinnati. Since her retirement, Lynne has worked as an independent consultant in brand building and communications and this winter and spring, Lynne has played an integral role on our Crisis Team fighting to keep Ago active.



***SUNY POTSDAM COUPLE ENDOWS FUND
FOR GREEK LIFE INTERNSHIP***

A SUNY Potsdam alumni couple with a strong commitment to the College's Greek Life community has established the first endowed fund in support of a Greek Life internship.

Jane Morale, a 1980 Music Education graduate, and her husband Glen Zagorski, a 1987 Computer Science graduate, are endowing the Morale-Zagorski Greek Life Internship Scholarship at SUNY Potsdam. To be hosted by the Campus Life Department, the Morale-Zagorski Intern will work to promote a positive Greek experience for students at SUNY Potsdam.

"We feel a strong connection to both SUNY Potsdam and the Potsdam Greek community, and we can't imagine one without the other," Glen said. "By funding this scholarship," Jane added, "we can help to ensure that others get as much out of the Greek college experience as we did. We're grateful for this unique opportunity to give back."

Celina Furman of Norwich, NY, who will be a senior next year at SUNY Potsdam, has been selected as the first Morale-Zagorski Greek Life Intern. Celina is a Psychology major and a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa sorority. In the past year, she served as vice president and academic chair of her chapter and service chair of the College's All Greek Council. Celina's main goals during her internship will be to help the Greek community meet its academic goals and to provide peer-to-peer education on risk management.

Julie Dold, Assistant Director of Campus Life and Coordinator of Greek Life at SUNY Potsdam, expressed the excitement and gratitude of the Campus Life staff. "Every day, we see students who are pushing forward and doing amazing peer-to-peer education," she said. "To be able to reward a student for doing such incredibly important work is more than we could have ever hoped to do without the generous fund established by Jane and Glen. We are thrilled that they have made this a reality."

According to SUNY Potsdam President John F. Schwaller, "We are so grateful to Jane and Glen for their remarkable gift. They have shown wonderful leadership through the years as dedicated volunteers, and their generous endowment is further evidence of their passion and commitment to enhancing our students' experience as members of our Greek Life community. I am confident that their gift will inspire students and alumni alike."

As undergraduate students at SUNY Potsdam, Jane and Glen were both actively involved in Greek Life. Jane was a member of the Agonian Sorority (AKΦ) and Glen was a member of the Psi Phi Delta Fraternity.

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Morale-Zagorski article (cont.)

The couple has remained very active as alumni volunteers. Jane served for many years as Vice President of the Ago Alumnae Association, and is currently the chairperson of the Ago Alumnae Board of Directors. Glen was President of the Psi Phi Delta Alumni Association for several years, and he was also an active member of the Psi Phi Delta Housing Board. Both are now members of the college-wide Greek Alumni Council. Glen also returned to campus in January 2006 to present at the Student Leadership Conference, sharing his personal experiences as a student leader and how those experiences impacted his life both personally and professionally.

Jane is the orchestra director and string instrument instructor at Spry Middle School in Webster, NY. In 2010, she was chosen to receive the RPO Musicians' Award for Outstanding Music Educator, Instrumental Strings. Jane is also a member of the violin section of the Penfield Symphony Orchestra and the Greater Rochester Women's Philharmonic, and serves as the youth choir director at her church.

Glen is an IT manager at Johnson & Johnson in Rochester, supporting the technology needs of sales and marketing professionals. In his spare time, Glen plays in the trombone section of the Penfield Pops Concert Band, which gives concerts primarily at senior living communities around Rochester. He also plays guitar and sings in a Rochester area rock band.

Jane and Glen live in Penfield, New York and have two grown sons, Zack and Justin.



Ago in the World of Internet and Social Media

Out of every difficult situation comes some good. With the “crisis” we just endured, Ago was thrust into the world of the internet and social media out of necessity. In order to communicate fast and effectively with our alumnae, we created a temporary Google Share website, an alumnae email account, an Alumnae Facebook account, and used our Ago Facebook secret group.

At this point, we already have valid email addresses for over half of our alumnae. If we don't have yours already, please drop us an email to our email account: alumnae@agopotsdam.com. You can use this account for any communications with the Alumnae Association.

We have an account on Facebook with 400 Ago friends already. So, if you have a Facebook account, please “friend” us: <http://www.facebook.com/AgoPotsdam>. This is like a “person” account and functions exactly the same as your account. You can write on our wall, post pictures, create events, and our Ago friends will see what you have to say. Once you are “friends” with this account, you can try to find some of your classmates. We have tried to “suggest friends” where possible to help you. Nothing feels better than reuniting lost sisters! At some point, we hope to build a Facebook Page for Ago. The difference between the Page and the Account is that a Page is for promotion of a group, business, event, etc. and you have people “subscribe” to follow you. SO, friends and family would “like” our page and hear the latest and greatest. It will be a key tool in the re-launch of Ago in a few years. **If you are a social media guru, we need your help!** Additionally, there is a “secret group” in Facebook called Ago which we can add you to.

Our Google Share site has been dedicated to the work of the Crisis Team and the rebuilding of Ago. If you haven't already joined, please request access: <https://sites.google.com/site/agonianpotsdamrebuild/>. This is a confidential website where we can share various documents. All communications thus far have been posted on the site under “breaking news” and this is the best place to get all the background information on the hazing incident and eventual outcome. We urge you to read the Powerpoint entitled “Agonian Sorority – Proposal for Rebuilding” which is the compelling document outlining our initiatives and proposals which we reviewed with the College to convince them Ago was determined to change and become Best in Class.

We have a LinkedIn group which is called Agonian Sorority (Alpha Kappa Phi) and is open to Agos from all chapters. The web address is: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Agonian-Sorority-Alpha-Kappa-Phi-132602/about>. We currently have over 150 members representing Potsdam, Geneseo, Oneonta, and New Paltz. Members can post jobs, internships, and network with other Agos.

We also have a new website: www.agopotsdam.com. Please see the separate article for more information!

NEW AGO WEBSITE

Ago will be launching its brand new website by June 1, 2013: www.agopotsdam.com

The past few months have been a revelation in how many of our Ago sisters are on the internet and how important it is to be able to communicate quickly and effectively. The Communications Team has been busy collecting data on all of our Alumnae including email addresses and connecting on Facebook. We have been so thrilled to be able to reconnect our Agonian sisters with each other.

The purpose of the Ago website initially will be to provide communication and information for the Alumnae of Ago. Like every website, it will have the standard "About Us" and "Contact Us" so hopefully our missing Alumnae can find us and reconnect. We will have an Alumnae only section, requiring a login, which will have the annual Anchor newsletter (go green!) and the family trees. (Please note, family trees will be in Phase 2.) Please take a moment to go to the website and register!

An important page will be the "Giving" page. On this page, you will be able to pay your dues electronically! Yes, Ago can now accept your credit card payments for your annual dues. We will also be running the Fundraiser (described in a separate article) through the website. You'll be able to monitor our Fundraiser progress through the "Ago Anchor Barometer". Questions on dues can be sent to: dues@agopotsdam.com and donations to donations@agopotsdam.com

The "Blog" will be reports from the Alumnae Association or Board as well as any updates that our Alumnae would like to send in. The Task Force will use the "Blog" to provide updates on their activities as well. If you have an article for the blog, you can send it to: info@agopotsdam.com

We will have a Calendar and listing of Upcoming Events. In addition to the summer Alumnae Weekend, those of you hosting "local" events will be able to list them for others to see. For example, if someone wants to have a mini-reunion in Rochester, you'll be able to send a note to events@agopotsdam.com for inclusion on the list.

What website is complete without photos... Yes, we will have a Photo Gallery. The photos will be uploaded by our webmistress. If you have photos to upload, you can email them to photos@agopotsdam.com with the name of the event and a description of each photo and they will be posted to one of the galleries.

There will be a "Lost Alumnae" section which will list, by class, those Alumnae for whom we have no contact information – maybe you can help us find a lost Agonian! There will also be a "guestbook" so you can visit us and drop a quick note! Visitors will see your comments and can reply if they so choose.

Saving the best news for last... With our new website comes **free lifetime email forwarding!** Each Alumna will be given an @agopotsdam.com email address which you can have forwarded to any regular email address. To keep with the intent of improving communication among Alumnae, we will have all email addresses in a standard format of your first and maiden name. So, if you want to find a classmate, you can just send an email to them using first and maiden name convention. For example: janemorale@agopotsdam.com. Because it takes time to set up your email addresses, we will be giving them to Alumnae who pay their 2013 dues or donate to the Ago Fundraiser first. Please be patient! This is all volunteers doing the work! We will initially set your forwarding to the email address we have on file (if you are already on our distribution). If you have not been receiving emails from the Alumnae Association's gmail account over the past few months, please send us your email to: alumnae@agopotsdam.com. You can also use this account to update your address and phone number.

If anyone out there is a website expert, we could certainly use help down the road. We will need to develop an entire section devoted to Actives once we are allowed to take new members again. This will require both website and marketing experts!

We hope we'll see you online soon!

THE POWER OF BUSINESS NETWORKING – LinkedIn Ago Group

A year ago, I wrapped up my own job search in one of the toughest economies ever. I found LinkedIn to be an invaluable tool in my search, whether it was to track down a recruiter who wouldn't return a call or to tunnel into a company to find the hiring manager. In fact, I found my current job as CFO of MarVista Entertainment through a posting on LinkedIn.

In today's society where each job is getting thousands of applicants within seconds of being posted on the internet, you need an edge. It's amazing how many complete strangers were willing to help me out during this process. I would research the company in which I was interested and find the right level person in the company. If they were at least a 3rd connection, I could send them a well written and professional (but brief!) intro and request a connection. I'd say that well over 50% of the time, the person was willing to lend a hand. I connected to people who went to Clarkson, Syracuse or even my high school and they were willing to "connect" because I sent a crisp intro of who I was and why I wanted to connect.

Another consideration is that as a hiring manager I use LinkedIn *ALL* the time to research candidates. Before any interview, I check LinkedIn to see if any of my interviewees are on LinkedIn. If they are, I read their profiles and especially their recommendations. SO, get those recommendations - even if you aren't looking, get them. Have your trusted colleagues, mentors, employees, and customers write something about you. You can even ask them to focus on one aspect of your role if you want to highlight a skill, experience, or competency. But, keep this in mind, make sure the recommendations are valid and good – not just fluff.

Also, make sure your LinkedIn profile is just as good as your resume. Recruiters do "mine" LinkedIn for candidates and you don't want to miss out on an opportunity. My job at Explorica was a complete cold call from a recruiter who saw me on LinkedIn. I wasn't looking at the time and received an odd phone call "would you like to be CFO of a company that takes kids on trips around the world"... and thus a new, unexpected chapter began.

I am more than willing to go the extra mile for my Agonian sisters and assume you would as well. With LinkedIn, the more connections you have, the higher you appear in searches.

A few years ago, I created a Group on LinkedIn which is open to all Agos from any chapter. The purpose of the group is business networking and it allows us to cross-network and assist our Agos from not only Potsdam, but Geneseo, Oneonta, Plattsburgh, and New Paltz as well. It's still small, as connecting on LinkedIn isn't as easy as Facebook, but we already have about 150 members in the group. In fact, I "met" Stephanie Brown who is the President of Ago Geneseo's AAA and she has been so helpful in ideas for the crisis team. The Ago group is called: Agonian Sorority (Alpha Kappa Phi), it is a "private" group so you "request to join" and then I will add you. This keeps it to just Agos. The web address is:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Agonian-Sorority-Alpha-Kappa-Phi-132602/about>

Look forward to seeing you on LinkedIn and always here to help anyone who needs a little advice!

Love in AKPhi,
Susan Young '89

www.linkedin.com/in/susanyoung/

A Little Business....

Agonian Alumnae Association

Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of 3/29/13:

Certificate of Deposit \$1539.91
 Checking Account \$5649.54
 Savings Account \$7652.20

Annual Dues: \$50.00 - Gold Level (\$25 dues/\$25 house repairs)
 \$25.00 - Blue Level (\$25 dues)

Checks made payable to:
 Agonian Alumnae Association
 18 Pebble Hill Rd. South, Dewitt, NY 13214

2013 Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

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Reports

- Agonian Alumni Association Reports
- Agonian Board of Directors
- Affiliate Alumnae (students)
- Status of Ago

Old Business

- Alumni Association financial support

New Business

- 2014 Annual Meeting Date
- Future of Ago

Officers - 2012/2013

President—Stephanie Allen Manuel '90

Vice President—Lindsay Mermell '09

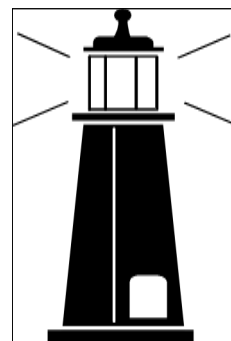
Treasurer—Vera Thurston Gibbs '78

Corresponding Secretary—Open

Want to be more involved?

We are always looking for
 volunteers for our committees!

Contact one of the officers
 above for more information!



Agonian Corporate Board of Directors

Chair/Active Liaison	Jane Morale '80
Treasurer	Colleen Costello Filiak '79
Asst. Treasurer	Shelley Ives '83
Collections	Erica Pendleton Davis '83
Repairs	Licia Urtis Murrell '82
Secretary	Vera Thurston Gibbs '78
Member-At-Large	Denise Bennett Haines '81

New Board members are welcome—for more information please contact Jane Morale at:
janemorale@agopotsdam.com

See page 7 for details on
 the 11 Pierrepont fundraiser
 and page 9 to read about
 much needed 11P repairs!

In Memoriam...

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

Charlotte Parker McKeefe—Class of 1934

Carla Packer Gilray—Class of 1973

Joan Kinyon Sandberg—Class of 1959

Class News

If your news didn't reach us in time for the publication of the 2013 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! **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** The Anchor welcomes news from our alumnae to share with our entire sisterhood. Suggestions, criticisms and opinions are always welcome, and will receive respectful attention and response. Space and cost constraints, along with the informational nature of this annual newsletter, make this position a difficult reality. However, Agonian leadership is working hard to establish other venues (including a new website) to accommodate your valuable ideas, comments and suggestions.

Class of 1949

Greetings from the Golden Girls of the '49-ers!

"Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina" in the Azalea springtime! **Jean Johnston Brown** says "Life is good to me and I'm so thankful to be here in SC with my daughter, Beth, Daniel and Stephen and our wonderful family. We flew up to Annapolis, MD in October 2012 for Beth's son, Andrew and Jennifer's wedding. It was a beautiful wedding created and orchestrated on Chesapeake Bay. My great-grandson, Caleb (age 2) was the "Ring Security" boy and a joy to all. The Bride made all the unique invitations, bouquets, and corsages of silk flowers for each of us, a loving gesture! It was an amazing reunion of all 15 "Browns" from NY, TN and SC. We sang all the old songs from our family "repertoire" and greatly enjoyed being together - and Hurricane Sandy blew us all safely home. I am praying for another year of blessings on "Ya' all" and on to our 65th in 2014."

Lila Dean Hamilton and her husband for many years have resided in their house in FL for almost six months of each year and returned to their family home in Batavia, NY in late Spring to enjoy the Summer and Fall. This year proved to be the year of "change". After the Christmas and Holiday activities had passed, their thoughts started turning to whether it was the time to consider a possible change. Lila and "Ham" always drove both ways from NY to FL each year which entailed packing and then unpacking. Their family was feeling concern about the distance between Lila and Ham's house in FL and the closest family being in VA. None of the family could have reached them in a short amount of time. As these thoughts were being shared, without even trying to sell the house, friends of a neighbor were looking for a house to buy in that area and, when it was mentioned that maybe the Hamiltons were thinking about the possibility of selling, the house just sold itself. So the packing and moving back to Batavia took place just as if it was meant to be. They arrived home in March to settle down in the old family homestead in Batavia with room for lots of children and grandchildren. Their address is: 241 Vine Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

Shirley Valentine Backus has a most caring son who by giving of himself and time has made it possible for Shirley to continue to live in her own home following multiple strokes and illnesses. Since Bev, the class rep, has remained in contact with Mike it has been possible to stay in contact with Shirley. As of April 2, Shirley has been a patient in: Country Manor Nursing Home, Room 214. 1045 West St. Rd., Carthage, NY 13619 for a few weeks. She is there for on-going rehab and physical therapy treatment. It is hoped she will regain enough physical strength to be able to go home with her son and her care-givers. She would enjoy your cards. Her home address is still 14150 Hotel Road, Harrisville, NY 13648 and mail would be received there also.

Nan Rankin Harris is still in Winter Park, FL where she has lived for several years. She is fortunate that since becoming a widow she has met several other ladies who have similar interests and the desire "to do things". They are all theatre lovers and attend every production within their reach, preferably during daylight hours. Their youngest member in the group is only 80 years old so she is the driver for the shows that are the furthest away like Cocoa Beach. Nan makes sure of that but Nan does drive often. They also are card players and take turns meeting in each other's homes in the afternoon. Quite often they finish by going out to dinner. Nan is an animal lover and she is delighted when her son and his wife plan a cruise for two weeks and they leave their two pet cats with Nan for tender, loving, care. She is excited. A new venture in her life is attempting the ability to do long-distance tutoring over the phone. She has another son who lives in CA. When he was growing up both Nan and her husband (both music teachers) recognized their son's innate music aptitude and tried very hard to encourage him to take piano lessons. Their attempt was in vain. Now at 56 years old he has enrolled in a class for piano instruction. He wants to be able to play, has reached the second level of the instruction and loving it. He calls Nan on the phone and plays for her so she can help him. He loves it (and so does Nan!)

Lorraine Brown Bogardus and her husband have remained in the pre-Civil War stone farm house which Lorraine inherited from her paternal Grandfather many years ago. It sits on the bank of the St. Lawrence River close to the village of Morristown, NY and across the river from the village of Brockville, Ontario, Canada. Lorraine, light-heartedly, refers to herself as being “Camerican” since her mother was born in Canada and her father in the U.S. In reality, since she derives her citizenship from her father, she is American. Lorraine is excited and looking forward to a special event in her life which will happen during this Spring-Summer. A very dear friend of Lorraine and Lorraine’s family, who currently lives in Potsdam and was affiliated as an RN with the Social Services in Potsdam, will drive Lorraine to Cambridge, Quebec, where they will visit a mutual special Canadian friend who is retired from the Bureau of External Affairs. This “reunion” is very special for Lorraine. It has been many years since they have met together and when her parents were living they, also were connected. The lady, Mary Alvery, from Canada had taken piano lessons from Lorraine’s father at one time!

After being relocated for two years back to Williamsburg, **Donna Newton Johnson** and her husband, Dick, can really call this home again. They are very comfortable in their cozy cottage with an additional sunroom in the Brookdale Retirement Community where they can enjoy many conveniences friendly to retirement living. One of their sons lives in Richmond and this year in March their other son from Spokane, WA and their grandson (23 years old) came to visit them in Williamsburg. Such a happy occasion when all can be together. Dick now has accepted a new responsibility as President of The Residents Council of the Community.

Win Stoker Pusey writes to all of us: “I think I have already told you about the only “new” activity in my life recently - leading a group of Hospice Singers. We call ourselves Evensong and are affiliated with our County Volunteer Hospice agency. We sing for patients requesting us, through the agency, in their homes, in hospitals, nursing homes, or wherever they want us. It is one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done. Other than that, we make the usual trips to family and Florida and thank Providence for good health and the state of Maine! (Note from Bev, class rep: “As Class ‘49 rep I thank you Win for sharing such an inspiring contribution to our Class News. Such a touching testimony to promote thinking and ideas for those who read it.”)

We have a note from **Jane Baumer Moore** and Jack to assure us that they miss us and that they are happy. They spent their 2nd year at South Port Charlotte, FL with a delightful group of friendly people enjoying the benefits of independent living, knowing that assisted living is available if and when needed. The “settlement” is located on forty acres with some sizeable ponds. The “friendly” village includes a bank, a beauty/barber shop, an ice cream parlor, woodcraft shop, large pool, library, Town hall and a bar that is open for a glass of wine before dinner! Jane and Jack both sing with the South Port Singers and did 3 Christmas concerts last year! They really do enjoy the warmth of Florida’s winter - and had a delicious tomato from Jack’s garden for lunch!

Ruthie Rose Many wrote an interesting description to tell about “her life”. She wrote: “Basketball games filled my four evenings a week this winter what with two grandchildren playing Varsity. They will be moving to KY this summer after daughter, Elaine finishes her year teaching (Junior High Math) and their daughter, Elissa graduates from High School. Greg is there in his new job with Kenergy. I will spend Easter and two weeks with our daughter, Rena and family in VA. Then in May, our eldest grandchild and first to be married, Daren, now working in WY, will marry Emily in Georgia. The whole family will attend including Janet (daughter) and Kevin and their Colleen from Hawaii. It will be a great reunion. My late husband, Floyd and I felt it important to keep in close touch with grandchildren as they are an “investment in our future.” This is time consuming and pleasant as the 12 of them are in many places of the world –i.e. Egypt, Morocco, Brazil, Guatemala, India, some on college work study programs, others because “he” wants to build a school from tires in Guatemala! Four are in public schools and three in colleges in the states. I am most fortunate to have perfect health and bemoan the fact that winter has prevented walking on slippery roads. I have told my sons not to shovel or plow as I need the exercise. I am very blessed in most ways. I am so looking forward to reading the News from Ago friends and do hope all is well.”

“Hello to all Agonians of Alpha Kappa Phi from **Bev Savage Castiglione**, Class Rep for the class of 1949. Do you remember... “Hail to Agonian, loyal and true. Hail to our banners, gold white and blue.” Please excuse the possible substitution for one or two of the original words. 65 years is a long time but never too long to remember who we were and what the values and significance of the Ago pledge meant to us in our lives. Today as I pondered the nature of my contribution to the Class of ‘49 news for the Ago Anchor, I realized that I cannot possibly sum up all the ways and means that guided and influences me during my four years in Potsdam. Even more significant is the realization of how they continued to be a beacon throughout my life I need to hear myself say I am so grateful for the friendships and sisterhood we still share – 65 years later. “Make new friends but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold!” I think we can rightfully refer to ourselves as “The Golden Girls of the ‘49er’s”. In many ways we were pioneers, too! Blessings to all. Love in AKPhi.”

Class of 1950

Sylvia Quackenbush and her husband, Clint, are enjoying their new home in Eastman Lake Community near Hanover, NH. They play golf, sail on the lake, play bridge, X-country ski and attend the many other functions there. They downhill ski at Mount Sunapee - not as fast or daring as years ago, but they still get out there. Clint and Sylvia have 9 children between them, so there are lots of graduations and other events to attend and they always enjoy visits from old friends.

Class of 1957

Barb McMahon Newcomb and husband Allan are living in a lovely Over 55 community that is within an hour and a half of all their family. There are 35 of them when they celebrate holidays together. Even though Barb transferred out of Crane for a degree in general education, she writes that her heart has always been at Crane and she avidly reads about music in the Alumni News. The music gene has been transmitted to many of Barb's descendants who either are studying instruments or playing professionally.

Jean Schauffler says "No special news here, though I got shingles on my neck a few weeks ago, despite getting the shot in October. It resulted in a so-called mild case, greatly aided by 'Happy Pills' which contained codeine. They make me happy and mellow. I love codeine!" (Note from Susan Smykla Udell: Can't you just hear Schauff saying this? You can't help but smile!)

Julie Eisenstein Hirsch and her family had a wonderful celebration of Norm's 80th birthday last April. They took their whole family to Jamaica for a week where they rented a villa that held all nine of them. Great fun was had and memories made. Julie says that any Ago driving down I95 to Florida is welcome to call and she'll show you lovely Savannah, Georgia! Other news from Julie concerns Jan Mandell Davies and her husband Niles who had a fantastic 50th anniversary celebration on the grounds of their 19th century farmhouse. Julie also reports that Betty Meehan Wind married Donald Ellwood, a family friend of many years, on December 27, 2012.

Mary Jane Flewellin Fisher writes that she and Arnie are not traveling this winter since arthritis in his toes prevents the walks they used to enjoy in Arizona and Florida. Mary Jane stays busy with Mahjong, garden club, church groups, and keeping up with their grandies and their daughter's gainful employment. She hopes that all is well with all of her Ago sisters.

Muriel Stoker Bodley retired from Fayetteville-Manlius schools after 44 years. She is now teaching 2 courses in the music education department at Syracuse University. She also teaches orchestra (grades 7-12) at Christian Brothers' Academy, a private school. AND, she conducts one of the "Greater Syracuse Youth-Orchestras" sponsored by Syracuse University.

Susan Smykla Udell and husband Jon continue to divide the seasons among their home in Madison, Wle, gardening at their farm outside of Madison (LOVE the peace and quiet of the countryside), and wintering in Marco Island, FL. This year, she's been able to connect with a couple of Agos in Southwest FL and it's been great fun reminiscing about the good old days at 11 Pierrepont! Please continue to send her news at usandj@hotmail.com. Blessings to you all for a healthy year ahead!

**Class of 1958**

This picture was taken in March when a group of the 1958 grads got together for a mini Potsdam/Ago reunion. From front of the line to the back those pictured are **Gail Roach Davi**, **Betty Duffy Charles**, **Sue Conant Young**, **Mary Carey Munhall**, **Sue Lester Ford** and **Dotty Runkel Dronkers**. All but Betty and the Fords live in FL and are in touch frequently. Betty flew down from Glens Falls, NY to join them for the occasion at the invitation of Sue and Tom Ford who were vacationing at a condo in Cocoa Beach where the photo was taken.

Class of 1959

After graduating, **Mary Carr Melkonian** taught school for 4.5 years. She then had a stint as a computer programmer, before she got married, had three children, and then three grandchildren. Mary was widowed six years ago after 41 years. She is now living at 6000' in a four season community in Southern California. At age 75, she is a fully recovered Catholic, a daily student of a course in Miracles, Rumi, Hafiz and is a practicing tantrika and vegan raw foodist, and Alkavorian. This spring, she took a three week retreat at the Optimum Health Institute near San Diego. She is fully Californicated!

Class of 1961

After almost a lifetime living in New York State, **Susan Robinson Parker** has recently moved to the Syracuse area. What fun! Theatre, music galore, SU sports, great shopping and gorgeous central NYS vistas. Her son and his family are also there. Life couldn't be any better.

Class of 1962

(See more pictures of their reunion on page 41.)

Sue Johnson Aceto wrote: "What a wonderful 50th reunion we had, and mostly because so many Ago sisters were there. The highlights were: So many of us staying together at the Northern Motel; Houseboat ride at O'Reilly's on Raquette River - SO special; Singing and reminiscing at their home; Video of old photos prepared by John O; The music performance by Lisa Vroman '79; How YOUNG all of us looked for our 50th reunion! Not so wonderful: Seeing the state of the Ago house; For me- trying to play the broken-down piano for Ago Hymn; Having only two men from our class show for the reunion. Let's go for our 55th in 2017!"

Elaine Fallon Boyrer enjoyed renewing old friendships at the 50th Reunion and the annual lunch in Fort Myers, FL with Bev Eccles Levy and Fran Sardina Bliet at Hemmingway's Island Restaurant. (See the photo of the trio included on the right.)

Kate Sheldon Cox had a "fabulous time at Reunion" and spending such quality time with all her Agonian sisters and other Class of '62 friends. "Wasn't it just so fun?" Kate just loved every minute of it. Maybe we need to have reunions more often. Safe to say it won't be 50 years. Kate is living here in an apartment at the edge of the Atlantic and walks the beach every day. "Come on down" this summer to visit Kate at her ocean side abode. Kate survived the throes of Hurricane Sandy and had to evacuate her apartment and spent time with daughter Susie and family. Kate's building was without power for over a month but fortunately she is now back in and hoping that the boardwalk she walks every day will be repaired by Memorial Day! She is thankful as so many other people fared much worse.

Jean Urbas Dearstynne expressed that "The Class of 1962 50th reunion was a very special trip back in time." She enjoyed reconnecting with many friends and was very glad that she and John were able to attend the weekend. She sent a photo that shows how well we all are aging! (See the photo to the right.)

Bev Eccles Levy and husband Gail and visited their grandchildren in Seattle. Grandson Shan is in the process of building a small sail boat and Gail (grandpa and ex sailor) has enjoyed being a mentor from afar. Both he and Dalia are in very competitive Soccer Leagues. On the home front they regularly see their other 2 grandchildren. Sarah started playing cello this year and according to her - Michael is a computer geek (he's only 8). Lots of fun to watch! Bev and Gail went to a family wedding last summer in Ann Arbor, MI and took a couple of side trips on our way back through Canada. Beautiful scenery. They also attended the 50th Class Reunion at Potsdam. It was a wonderful weekend! So many of our Sorority Sisters and class friends were able to attend. It was a "true reunion!" The Levy's spent February and March on Marco Island, FL again this year. It's so good to get a reprieve of the ice and snow for a while! Once again, they enjoyed Super Bowl with Potsdam and Clarkson friends in FL - Fran and Dave Bliet hosted this year. Fran and Bev also enjoyed what has become our annual reunion lunch with Elaine Fallon Boyer. It's a special time.



Elaine, Bev and Fran



Shirley Wolf Crane had a wonderful July 50th Reunion Weekend renewing friendships at both Potsdam and Clarkson! Many thanks to Judy and John O'Reilly for sharing an evening at their home on the Racquette River with all of us Agonians in the Class of '62. Irv and Shirley traveled through Celtic culture, history, and the coasts of Nova Scotia in August. Then visited Fran Sardina Blied and Bev Eccles Levy while in Florida in February. They continue to enjoy outdoor activities with family and our hiking group.

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell and John traveled to Florida, Wyoming and Hawaii this past year. Betsy and John celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Hawaii and three dinners with family and friends. Both Betsy and John continue working full time feeling like they continue to make a difference.

May Simpson Kemp and Terry had major milestones this past year, including their 50th college reunion and their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Health problems cancelled their trip to Ireland last summer but they were able to travel to Florida in the winter to visit with Dave and Fran Sardina Blied. This was their first visit to FL and they welcomed the sunshine and beautiful beaches.

Fran Sardina Blied and Dave thoroughly enjoyed the 50th Reunion celebrations at both Potsdam and Clarkson. She writes, "What a special time we all had renewing friendships and gathering together over morning coffee at the Northern Family Motel, attending Potsdam and Clarkson functions, and spending time with our sorority sisters and fraternity brothers. What a terrific time we all had at Judy and John O'Reilly's home in Hannawa Falls - one of the highlights of the whole weekend." Fran and Dave celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this summer as well and spent a wonderful week with their family at the Highland Lodge in Inlet in the Adirondacks where they renewed their vows and had many special times together hiking, swimming, and celebrating family.

Kathie Canapary Kiernan wrote upon receiving emails relative to the situation with the actives in Agonian Sorority. "It was with a saddened heart that I read your forwarded email and attached correspondence. It made me realize how very fortunate the Agonian Class of '62 was to have such a unique group of sisters. We are fortunate to have those cherished memories close to our heart."

Pat Clerkin Swanson said "Our 50th class reunion was a very special experience for both Bob and I. We had such fun and in many ways it seemed like only a few years had passed – certainly not 50! Both schools did a spectacular job of organizing a great variety of activities. However the key to the whole week-end was the people. The last 50 years seem to have treated us all well. It was just so good to share memories and to reconnect with so many of you." Bob and Pat are in a very comfortable stage of life and have been blessed with fairly good health. There is something interesting to do every day – lots of volunteer activities, classes to take and a trip to the gym most days of the week. Bob is still working on his Austin Healey restoration. They love to garden and working on their house keeps them busy. Their children and five grandchildren are out of state and they love their visits to New Hampshire and Colorado. Of course there is always Skype. (See the picture to the right from Reunion Weekend 2012.)



Class of 1963

We value and appreciate the outpouring of comments and opinions from the Class of 1963, and encourage your continued involvement in the ongoing dialogue regarding Ago's future. Your experienced voices are important!

Susan Tincknell Rossi has been married for fifty years to Dave Rossi (D.U. Clarkson '62). She has 3 children: Mark, Eric and Lora, and 2 grandsons: Will and Alan. Their daughter Lora followed in her father's footsteps (Clarkson '96). Their primary residence is in Skaneateles, NY, and winter in Naples, FL. She is looking forward to seeing Ago sisters for the 50th reunion in July. It was wonderful visiting with many (Agos '62) last year at their big gathering in Potsdam.

Nancy Hoffer had a lovely year with a trip to France, president of the Wellesley Woman's Club, volunteer work, and enjoying Boston. The best part is her friendships with Bev Smith, Jane Hannan Corrou, Ruth Hammel Gove and Susan Howard Penharlow. She was heartbroken to receive the sad news regarding Ago.

Sandy Jenner Kolb and her husband Bill still enjoy living in Gainesville Florida. Both are retired and are great Gator fans. They are very involved in the lives of their 4 grandchildren who also live in Gainesville. They also have had great experiences cruising and will be careful to stay away from Carnival.

Marti Tallman Scott is still enjoying their down sized home in an adult community, but finding it hard to believe that they have been there for 8 years. Marti still teaches water aerobics 5 days a week –that along with good doctors and Shaklee Vivix has kept her Parkinson symptoms under control for the last 7 years. Call if you are down this way. She is saddened to hear about the trouble in Potsdam with the sororities, etc. Ago was very important to her while in school and the friendships have been lifelong.

Susan Hayes Tillotson has taught public school music for many years and now has two church music jobs, quite a few piano and guitar students and does occasional workshops on specific topics like the "Eight intelligences", inter disciplinary teaching, etc. They spend summers at their summer home in Schroon Lake, NY, do some travel in their motor home, and in the summer teach tennis for the town and last year became certified to teach the NYS safe boating course.

Carol Gibbons writes of her pride to be an Ago in the 60's, and respect that they earned on campus. She and her class held these values dear and important, and treasure their traditions.

Ruth Hammel Gove says "As March draws to a close, here's hoping the snow is finished and shovels can be put away in exchange for rakes." Yoga, Pilates and tennis continue to keep her occupied. Soon the tennis racquet goes away and the golf clubs come out. She still does occasional substituting and volunteers in school 3 mornings a week. At the end of the morning, she plays the Uke and sings with the kids. She also sings with Sweet Adeline's and in the church choir. On Sundays, it is Religious Education class for Kindergartners.

Beverly Smith is currently doing the same activities: golf, watercolor classes, volunteer work in the class for the visually challenged in basketry (they do make such beautiful baskets), walking daily, Tai Chi, etc. Her weeks are very busy, full, and rewarding. She stresses, "My colleagues and I are so disappointed with the recent news about Ago."

Class of 1964

Lorraine Gringer Gluck says hello, and would like to see more faces for a 50th reunion. She and Paul spend time in Florida in the winter and at Chautauqua in the summer.

Karen Singer Miller is retired after 17 years as a music teacher. Her two sons are grown; one is a bachelor, and one is married with 3 children and lives in Canandaigua. She and Lew are busy with music, duplicate bridge and flying in Lew's plane.

Barbara Law is living in Fairport with her husband, Dave. She enjoys time with her two sons and their children. She is active in a group for those with hearing loss. She also just had major surgery, and is now mending.

Marilyn Davies Clary is living on Canandaigua Lake in a lovely home that her late husband, Leon, designed. She is very active in hiking and other activities, and in visiting her grandchildren, some in college and one still in elementary school.

Shirley Kincaid Egan is going to be selling her Ohop home and she and Tom will be moving to be near their two children and their families in the NY area. They will be going between Marco Island, FL, and their summer home on Skaneateles Lake.

JoAnn Haley Maguire is a realtor in Bucks Co, PA, and enjoys her post-teaching career. She spends lots of time babysitting for her 6 grandchildren who all live nearby.

Rayola Pederson says hello. She is shocked to hear about the current problems in Ago.

Class of 1972

June 2012 found **Paula Thompson Moore** in Vegas for her 40th anniversary to celebrate with family and friends. They put together a short DVD history (including meeting at the Theta Chi "Purple Jesus" party) to document how they made it this far, still married to each other, and renewed their vows. While out there, they did catch Celine fresh in her comeback show – (she is spectacular)! Back in TN, 2 of her 3 brothers and a niece were able to spend a week with them doing what they enjoy most, hanging out on the dock, on/in the water, or fishing. Paula's Mom joined them for a day from Knoxville and they spent some quality time with her making jewelry. Their British friends visited and brought reinforcements – son and his fiancé. They did it all – pistol shooting, Dollywood, white H2O rafting, zip lining, power parachuting, golf, motorcycle riding, and much more. Their "big" motorcycle trip was to Alaska – they flew into Anchorage and rented bikes from MotoQuest on a "Best of Alaska" tour. Fantastic sights every day! Also, they took some smaller trips in Helen, GA and Elkins, WV.

Susan Wood says "2012 was relaxing and busy for me." She has remained active in her church as an elder, competes in 2 golf leagues, plays Mahjongg with 3 different groups, takes Pilates and Tai Chi and loves being out hiking in the Smoky Mountains or kayaking on the Tennessee waterways. This past August was spent in the Adirondacks of New York visiting family and friends while this January and February were spent on the beach in Florida and in the red rocks of Sedona, Arizona. Her 90 year old mother is still active and living independently in Binghamton, New York - several visits are planned to see her. Retirement is treating her very well as she hopes it is for all Agonian sisters.

Charlotte Stone Aiken writes “This was a year of highs and lows for our family. On December 20th, I lost my dad. Five days later, on Christmas Day, our granddaughter Cecilia Noel was born. She shares her birthday with her Uncle Cory along with, of course, the obvious, Baby Jesus! She is, as every Grandmother says, the most beautiful girl in the world!”

Donna Connelly Godfrey says “It must be the time of life, but I have been thinking a lot about you wonderful ladies in the last year... and look forward to reconnecting. Getting married half way through college limited the time I spent with you and really getting to know you, but it is never too late, right? The marriage ended before graduation. I decided to keep the drama to myself, and regretfully, lost touch with almost all of you. I missed some weddings that I shouldn’t have and hope you will forgive me. I withdrew socially from the world for a while, taught 9th and 10th grade English in Pembroke NY ... healed... met my husband Don and have had a good life.” They have one son and two granddaughters. They lived in LA (3 years), Portland, OR (8 years), Seattle (19 years), and in 2002 moved to NC where they expect to stay as their son and grandkids are here. Don and Donna started in Chapel Hill, but moved to Hillsborough to downsize and be near their little family. She writes, “Please, please feel free to phone or write... 919-969-7665, 211 Hopesworth Court, Hillsborough, NC 27278.”

Marie DuPell Caschera moved to a new home (a 7 mile move from Ballston Lake to Mechanicville) and Tony started a new job in May 2012. They are happily settled into the new house and are still less than 10 miles from each of their three children and their grand-daughter, Ayva. Marie and Tony celebrated their 40th anniversary in September with a weekend getaway to Boston – one of their favorite cities on the East Coast. Their other recent travels include: Wells Beach, ME in August with the “kids” and a week in Fort Myers, FL in February 2013 with Rich Kalina and Mike Campbell (TDK). They keep busy with their jobs (both still working!) and lots of family time on weekends between their children, grand-daughter, Marie’s mom and sometimes her sisters. They are looking forward to the birth of our second grandchild (first grandson) in May 2013 as daughter, Emily, and her husband, Craig, are very excited to welcome their little one. Feel free to visit her Facebook page for a few family photos/albums!

Class of 1974

Kathy Ames Kieta and Dennis are still in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. They had the most unusual experience this fall when they attended a Buffalo Bills /Cleveland Browns football game and tailgate organized by Clarkson. They met a couple there, Barb and Ron Walczak, and through their conversation discovered not only that Barb and Kathy had attended SUNY Potsdam but that they were also Ago sisters! To make it all the more interesting, they are also living in the same neighborhood. What a small world! In other news, their nest is empty and Dennis is thinking about retiring. Kathy keeps busy tutoring elementary age students on afternoons throughout the week and helping look after Dennis’ 95 year old mother. She hopes the outcome for Ago is positive.

Lynne Boles and her husband had a great year, filled with lots of good times with family and friends in Cincinnati, at their lake house in Skaneateles and traveling. She thanks P&G every day for her early retirement package. In the past year, they visited Hong Kong, Singapore, Brussels, Holland, Australia and New Zealand as well as lots of trips within the USA. Lynne was honored to receive the Minerva Award (for professional achievement) from SUNY Potsdam at the 2012 Reunion Weekend and she is excited about her new 3 year position as President of the Potsdam College Foundation Board. She gets to see several Agonians at the biannual Board meetings — Debbie “Dief” Hind, Bonnie Betters Reed and Eileen Goss Whelley. She also visited with several Agos in the past year — Sue Wajda (’74), Lori Misicka (’75 —my college roommate and pledge sister) and Elaine Whitehead Pauly (’74). But the best part of the past year was getting to know so many new Agonian Alumnae Sisters who worked with the Board of Directors, the Ago Alumnae Association and the College to prevent our Sorority from receiving a permanent ban due to repeated hazing violations. Despite the sad circumstances, it was a shining example of Ago leadership and sisterhood.

Elaine Whitehead Pauly says “We had a beautiful year - travels to great places, Mexico, Skaneateles to see Lynne Boles, Jackson Hole, and a fabulous trip to Turkey and Greek islands aboard a Windstar sailing vessel. Businesses for both Greg and Elaine are thriving and growing. She is loving her new business. She has become a weight loss and nutrition coach to so many. This is exciting, challenging, at times disappointing when she loses someone to old destructive habits. She is learning so much, reading like a fiend in courses and all kinds of training. Who would have ever thought? It keeps her moving! Her daughter, Dana, is an account exec for an international ad agency in Columbus, Ohio. She’s happy with her work and moving up in responsibility. There is a lovely young man now in the picture - you would think they had known each other all their lives. Unfortunately, Elaine’s Mom has had her challenges and is not doing so well right now.

Patricia Gentile Ludwiczak retired last June after teaching for 38 years (grades K – 3), but most of those years were with her favorite second graders. She knew she would miss reading to kids, so she helped start a Book Nook program at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. Each time Patricia is there, she gets back more than she gives. She and husband Mark still live in Kenmore, NY. Son Mark writes for the Buffalo Bills and Sabres, and Brian works locally while waiting for his public policy job. Patricia enjoys retirement so much more than she expected; quilting, gardening and reconnecting with old friends. There may even be a visit to Potsdam this summer!

Pam Silk Culver says "Not too much new here except I will be retiring in July after 32 years as a high school principal – 16 of them here at my current school, Masconomet Regional High School in Boxford, MA. I think that is long enough for me!" She is looking forward to a nice, long rest and not working 16 hour days anymore. She will take long walks with her dog, Tucker, and maybe do some volunteer work and travel. No specific plans yet.

Ellen Dullmeyer Fox finally retired last June. About 6 weeks after retirement, the company called with a consulting assignment. The earnings from that are funding an African Safari (Tanzania) with Ago Jane (Murray) & Bill Wolff. Then this fall, Ellen and her husband also travel to Norway Fjords and she later goes to Umbria with yoga girlfriends. This winter they got a winter share from a local CSA farm and there are many funny stories about her learning to cook and store unusual (at least to them) produce. She has root cellars in the attic, basement and garage based on humidity and temperature since winter pick up at CSA is only once a month. Ellen's husband thinks and tells all that she has gone over to the Earth Mother side. Aging parents in Idaho and starting Qi Gong round out the rest of her time.

Sue Wajda gets her mail in Rochester but lives mainly between her cabin (rentable) at Loon Lake near Bath, her 92 year old Mom's near Utica (providing nearly full time eldercare) and Tim's family throughout Toronto. They enjoy get-togethers with Timpanos, Nealons, Creggs, Wuerd and April and have rekindled bonds with Boles. Only relaxation is in NH with little sis Donna and Rocky. With professional training workshops and job search counseling dried up, Sue now subs, including directing Jane Crane's string orchestra. She also perfects resumes when not assisting Tim with his home remodeling business (they travel!). They enjoyed the July reunion in Pdam with Koch and await future Axel workouts. Sue is finally passing on her stored 30 years of Ago documents with sobs and smiles.

Class of 1975

Sally Loe Aubrey and Jim moved in February to a new house in Sun City, AZ. They are the young ones in their 55+ neighborhood and have kept busy working on their landscaping. Their dogs love chasing the bunnies and the quail in their backyard! Sally was recently promoted to Compliance Manager, and her new responsibilities keep her 59-year-old brain working. Daughter Martha and her boyfriend Jim (both teachers) spent their spring break in AZ. Sally may attend a wedding in the Albany area in July and will look up her Ago friends!

Sue Wohlheuter Beadnell will retire in June after teaching 5th grade for 35 years in the Seneca Falls School District. Congratulations, Sue! Sue and John's son Jeff is a lawyer and son Matt is an accountant. They both work for KPMG. It's nice to have them off the payroll so Sue and John have more time for travel.

Sue Holland Brzowski continues to design for magazines. While it is fun having her work published, she is cutting back to have more free time. Vic retired last April, so they are enjoying retirement! It's been good for him, even though he misses some aspects of work. They still love to travel and go to Las Vegas and New York City multiple times each year. They also visited Kentucky and Tennessee last year and enjoyed all there was to do. They are planning the excursions now for their 12-day Mediterranean cruise in May and can't wait to go! Sue sends her best to everyone in AKPhi.

Helen Hallahan Byrnes and Phil are looking forward to the arrival of their youngest daughter Kate's first baby in May! This will be their fifth grandchild. Helen's family all lives in Cazenovia and has filled their lives with joy. Helen and Phil are still working, with Helen teaching second grade this year. They made a quick trip to NYC for SU's last appearance in the Big East Tournament. Disappointing, but fun!

Barb Putman Cregg and Michael welcomed their second grandchild Anna Leigh on May 28. She is the daughter of son Brian and Tara and joins big sister Eva, 3. They also live Pittsford, so Barb and Mike have the joy of being close to their grandchildren. The Rochester area is also home to daughter Amy (Penfield) and son Adam (Chili). Barb's mom died at 87 in August, and Barb and her five siblings took care of her all summer so that she could be in her own home. Michael needed something more to do in retirement, so in October he bought Shooters, a sports bar in Fairport. With the help of FB, Barb has located Aline Nachtigall, and she is most excited about getting together with her!

Jan Whitfield Doolittle and Craig moved in 2011 to a cottage on a private lake in NJ that has been in Craig's family for 100 years! This is their first step in preparation for retirement. Jan feels like she is always on vacation at Green Pond, even though she continues to work per diem as a pharmacist. Craig works for TRC Environmental, is active in industrial hygiene and safety associations, and coaches little kid hockey. Son Josh, who graduated from UMass Amherst with a degree in mechanical engineering and works in Boston, just got his professional engineer license last fall, making him fifth generation Doolittle and second generation Whitfield with a PE. Daughter Kaitlyn graduated from Norwich University (VT) with a degree in chemistry and just started a job with Dupont in Wilmington, DE. They are empty nesters!

Donna Waliszewski Fallon retired last June, but went right back to teach the early morning AP Calc BC class! With their block schedule, she has every 4th day off, and she has a fantastic class. Rick went to work for a German light company as their East Coast Sales Manager two years ago, and he loves his new job. Tiffany works at Epimed, a biomed company in Johnstown, and lives in Scotia with her boyfriend. Rich and Meaghan also work for biomed companies (Angio Dynamics and CR Bard), and they live in South Glens Falls with their 19-month-old daughter Maura. Since they live close by, Wali and Rick get to babysit! Patrick, a structural engineer, has a home in Camillus and a duplex in Tipperary Hill.

Shelley Killion Hatzfeld now works with the "Visiting Angels" as a caregiver for seniors, providing extra help to enable them to live in their own homes. She has traded tennis for golf after her knee replacement and is quite addicted. Hatz also plays, when he is not working at AKZO, and they say Hole 19 is always fun! Her daughter, Cassie, head of Volunteer Resources for the Cook County Forest Preserve, and Cal, who is working toward his PhD in Medicinal Chemistry at UIC, live near O'Hare. Her son, Keith, married Kristen at a destination wedding in Fort Myers in January, and Shelley and Hatz made a vacation out of it! The newly-weds live in New Albany, OH, where Keith is in commercial real estate and working on his MBA and Kristen works at corporate headquarters for Abercrombie and Fitch.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary split their time amongst Albany, Sarasota, and Skaneateles. Allison, Amanda, Brian, grandson Ben, pug Jupiter, and boxer Abbie are frequent visitors, as they love the pool, beach, and lake. Grandson #2 will be arriving in June! Gary and Debbie are still involved with Potsdam's boards and enjoy their trips back to campus. The Albany Ago crew has great fun when they get together!

Donna Longenecker Neubauer and Rocky had an amazing year! Each of their children gave them a grandchild and one more is on the way! Five grandchildren in 28 months, and their life revolves around them! After 3 years of living near Central Park, they have sold their NYC apartment. They loved taking advantage of all the city had to offer, but Rocky's job brought them back home to Salem, NH. Daughter Kelly is a lawyer who lives right down the road. Son Spence, father of Declan, works the ski patrol in Denver. Son Ryan, father to Rivka, 2, and Abigail, 1, is a systems network consultant in the Albany area. Donna and Rocky cruised to Bermuda with Whit and Craig...Fun! Big Sister Wajda and Tim love relaxing at their lake and laughing about their time in Ago.

Carol Baitup Sweet is having fun getting back to what she loves: hiking, painting, and being involved with church and local missions. A family wedding took her to Clearwater Beach, FL, in May with her kids, and in June she stayed with Kathy and Mike Kane while attending another O'Neal daughter wedding. She even got to go kayaking with Mike! She had a girls' weekend in Nashville in Dec. Meghan is a Crossfit trainer/competitor in Scottsdale, AZ, and Carol visited her at Christmas. Jon lives in Hawaii, working on an organic farm. Kevin is finishing up school in Michigan and thinking about grad school there. It has been a good year!

Anne Gallagher Timpano had an eventful 2012. Anne, John, Bridget, AJ, Scott and Amy spent one gorgeous week in July on Paradise Island in the Bahamas with Cathy Lennon Nealon's family. The eleven of them had the trip of a lifetime! In September Anne was asked to teach one IB Latin class at her former school, and she is really enjoying being back on a small scale. November was a hard month because Anne's mother passed away, but December was joyful because Bridget announced she is expecting their first grandchild in August!

Jane Murray Wolff and Bill's big news is that they are going on a safari in Tanzania with Jerry and Ellen Dullmeyer Fox. They can't wait! Their kids and grandkids are all good and will be in the US for the balance of the spring and summer, now that hockey season is ending. Their little guys, 8 and 10, are the cutest kids in the world! Jane and Bill enjoy seeing other Potsdam people, including Guy and Amy Henry, Debbie and Gary Hind, and Georgie McGlinchey, during the year. Life is good!

Class of 1976

"Cookie" Dash Robinson says hi from NC. Their eldest daughter is teaching in SC. Their other two daughters are both at UNC Chapel Hill. The middle one is a third year nursing student and the youngest is studying environmental science and math. The college girls both are traveling abroad and still play a ton of sports. Robby and Cookie are still working their fulltime jobs to finance all of that... But doing some pre-retirement house shopping - hope to head to the beach and have some fun! Cookie has been in touch with some long lost Ago/Pdam friends recently and would love to have some type of reunion!

Judy Fabic Verbanic and John are still in Pittsburgh. They became grandparents on Thanksgiving Day -11/22/12. Their older daughter, Julie (and Kevin) had twin girls two months early - Molly & Paige. "They are doing great now and are the cutest little ones!" Their other daughter Jamie and her husband will soon be leaving the Pittsburgh area, for Atlanta and new jobs. Judy says that "grandchildren make everything else pretty trivial!"

Nancy Geis Wilcox and Doug moved to the Rochester area four years ago. Nancy travels to see their children: she was in Florida in February, visited her daughter and her husband in Washington D.C. in March, and will be going to Asheville, NC in two weeks to visit their oldest son (who just received tenure at UNCA), and two granddaughters, ages 6 and 3. Next stop - East Tawas, MI to visit their youngest son who bought a Dairy Queen last year right across the street from Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. Nancy is looking forward to having a Blizzard every day!

Cindy Heinbockle Ogulnick sends greetings to all. Their two sons will be graduating this spring from college. David with a Master's in Cello Performance from the Boston Conservatory and Michael with an undergraduate degree in Graphic Design from Northeastern University. Herm and Cindy are continuing to work. No retirement yet!

Laurie Kaylor Lorenzetti and husband Joe, a family physician, live in Seneca Falls, NY. They have 6 children; three girls and three boys. They have 3 grandsons and one on the way. Their youngest daughter got married to her high-school sweetheart last June and their oldest son is getting married this October. Laurie is a watercolor artist and enjoys going to painting classes and workshops. Her life lately is all about wedding showers and baby showers. Wedding plans, bridesmaids' dresses, and trying to move kids in and out of apartments!

Cathy Lennon Nealon and husband, Bob, are still in Rochester, NY. They had an amazing vacation in July 2012 in Atlantis with Anne (Gallagher) and John Timpano and all of their collective kids and spouses. They had a great time at Turning Stone for the Double Axel/Todd Hobin gig in September. "It was great seeing so many AGOs and their families there: Bird, TT, Claud, Dief, Melinda Piper Perry, Kittleson, & Vera, to name just a few. The traveling bug was still biting us, so we went to the Mayan Riviera for a long weekend in October with Anne and John - and missed the hurricane." It is great that we get to see Wajda & Tim and Barb (Putman) & Mike Cregg at different times throughout the year.

Claudia Locatelli May and husband Jim are still in the Albany area. She's looking forward to warmer weather and spending time at Sacandaga Lake this summer. Claudia sees Bird and TT often.

Jill Mayhew Ryan still enjoys her job in the K-5 computer lab in Penfield (Rochester, NY) and works a few shifts at the YMCA, which entitles her to a free membership and little time to work out.

Cathy O'Connor is still enjoying retired life. This past year, Cath had opportunities to travel and visit family and friends in Florida, Maine, Myrtle Beach and the Finger Lakes. Life is good.

Betsy Osterhout Washam and her husband Roy still live in Clinton, SC. Betsy is teaching high school math at a local public school. Last year she earned her National Board teaching certificate! Their youngest son is studying civil engineering at USC and middle son is in a graduate atmosphere-sea interaction program at FIU in Miami. Their daughter Grace earned a degree in Historical preservation and continues to seek employment in this field. "I am thankful to God for his immeasurable blessings in my life."

Cyndi Worden Lee and George send greetings from Paris! "Daughter Chrissy is in LA, son Greg finishing up a Master's in industrial psychology... Performance.net is doing well! Love in Ago, hope all are well!"

Class of 1977

Georgie McGlinchey graduated from the University of Connecticut last May. She was thrilled to finally finish what began so long ago! She had a great summer working for the Mystic Whaler, (imagine an Agonian working for the captain of a tall ship - would be very fun to go on a cruise with Ago sisters!) On July 7th, her first grandchild, Rocco, was born to daughter Kathleen and husband Chris. He is the apple of her eye! Georgie just came back from a photo trip with her brother Andy to the southern California desert. That was wonderful. Her brother Stephen has been very ill, so she has spent quite a bit of time with his family in Colden. She CAN'T wait for SPRING! She is also really looking forward to an April party the Hinds are having as she knows she will see many Ago sisters and other Potsdam friends who she misses!

Roxanne Holland says "Life at the Holland House is nothing short of busy!" Roxanne purchased a short sale in Aliso Viejo, CA and moved in November. It was a LONG process (don't know why they call it "short" sale) as they put the offer in February 2012 and closed in October! They literally had the entire inside redone and are really happy with how it turned out. (If anyone needs a reputable contractor in So Cal, let her know because this guy is phenomenal.). The location is great and the neighbors are fantastic. The only downfall is her running has decreased dramatically because "these old knees just can't handle the endless hills." Roxanne and Jack are still running their consulting company although they have completely different accounts these days. Kids are great and Chelsea (our youngest) is pregnant with a baby boy! Needless to say they are very excited and count their blessings.

Liz "T.T." Utzig says "Nothing new here. Just enjoying retirement. Life is good!"

This past year **Karen "Kittle" Stefanski** and Tom went to Ireland for 13 days in September. They had a wonderful time there... even managed to go to Westport, Ireland to see the homestead of Tom's grandfather on his mother's side! Nick graduated from the University of Buffalo in May 2012 and has been working at EMC as a contractor since November. They're hoping he gets a permanent job sometime soon. Tim is working at General Dynamics as a software engineer while pursuing his M.A. in Computer Science at Harvard in the evening. Meanwhile, Karen has been job hunting-the market seems to have improved slowly but surely.

Class of 1978

Susan Scholterer Luff has been recruiting physicians for the past eight years. She was remarried in 2006 to Brad Luff, from Patchogue, Long Island. He's in sales too and is also a painter and musician. She has a step-daughter, Mary Kate, who lives in Brooklyn and works in NYC. Anyone who remembers her from Potsdam, likely remembers her little sister, Karen. Karen's children, Sarah (16) and Ryan (9) are Susan's sweethearts and live five minutes away! Susan is addicted to Ancestry.com, and still loves sailing and chilling at the beach! XO

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim and Tom spent last summer doing things around the house instead of taking their annual trip to Tennessee. The biggest undertaking was having their kitchen gutted and redone. It turned out great and was worth all the chaos! Lori and Tom also tackled cleaning out the many gardens around their house in order to make them more manageable. They did take a quick trip down to see her Dad and brother in September. Lori's Dad, his wife, her brother and his son came up for Thanksgiving. It was so great to have them there and made Thanksgiving very special. They had a houseful with 21 people for dinner! They have been enjoying spending time with their grandsons who are now 5 and almost 4. They enjoy coming over and spending the night. They are so much fun! Brandon is almost done with his sophomore year at Clarkson. He is not rowing on the crew team but is now an assistant coach. After working as an assistant coach for Learn to Scull at Pittsford Crew over the summer, he decided that he really enjoyed coaching so he got his certification. He has a single scull and is now rowing in it at regattas that Clarkson attends when possible. Lori is still at Paychex and enjoying what she does. At this time, she doesn't have a retirement date. For those of you who have retired or are retiring soon, congratulations!

Pam Pendleton is retired... REALLY retired! She has been going to the gym 4X's a week, volunteering at a local nursing home - taking her dog in for visits (the residents love her! One lady told me "just give me a dog to pet and a pound of chocolates... that's all I need to be happy"! Pam is organizing her teacher's union's community project (again) which was a spaghetti dinner for the Honor Flight Program (they fly WWII vets to DC -all expenses paid- to see the WWII memorial,) and they raised over \$2,100 last year. She even got interviewed on TV at the Welcome Home ceremony at the Roch airport last Oct. They hope to raise even more this year! Pam is traveling to FL for 2 weeks to go to spring training (Baseball) and then at the end of March, out to Las Vegas for a week. Then, this summer, she is taking a cruise up the New England/Canadian coast for a week. She will see Bar Harbor, ME - she has never been there so she is excited! Pam still goes to the Rochester American's hockey games and is getting a lot of "home projects" accomplished! She LOVES being at home, NOT waking up to an alarm clock, and just having the time to do what she wants. She gives her love to everyone!

Sue Defulgentiz Defo is living in Bluffton, SC on the outskirts of Hilton Head Island. She teaches 9th grade biology so you can appreciate how busy she is! Her daughter, Deirdre, is teaching in NYC—technically Harlem. Alyssa is working closer to home in SC. The rent is much cheaper!

Donna Passarella Bonomo says "Rumor has it - it's our 35th Reunion! Too hard to believe! I am anxious to hear how everyone is doing and hoping to catch up with many of you this year!" Her family is doing well. They officially moved from their home in NJ last July. They have been homeless ever since... but in a good way! They are currently building their home in Southport, NC. As some of you might know, they do things really SLOW in the South. So they are hoping to be in their new home in June! In the meantime, Donna has been renting in NC, and spending the winter months in their home in Wardsboro, VT. They have been enjoying the winter months in Vermont but Donna is so ready to go South! She enjoyed visiting her parents in Florida after the holidays, and had some nice visits with her siblings and friends in the NY/NJ area, but it's getting old living out of a suitcase! Bob is still flying for United-Continental. He took off lots of time this winter and did some home projects at the cabin and he also got in a lot of skiing. It was a really good winter for snow in VT. Donna hit the slopes again also— she hadn't skied for two years. She's not sure if it was because of the great ski conditions or that she had cabin fever and needed to get out! Donna's youngest, Amy, came home to VT for her Spring Break so she was another reason that she hit the slopes again. Amy is almost through her freshman year at UNC Charlotte and started to talk about joining a sorority! Of course, Donna told her she had to have her grades up before she got "distracted" with sorority life, but deep inside she is encouraging her. Donna thinks that the best decision she made in college was to join Ago! Donna's oldest, Lisa, is working as an Asst. Buyer for Toys R'Us in Wayne, NJ. She is loving it and doing well. They miss her being so far away - but Bob gets to check up on her since he commutes to/from Newark Airport. Of course, both of their families are in the NJ/NY area, so they will always stay connected and be visiting often. She says "If we do a reunion, I will try my best to be there. In the meantime, come on down and see us! Donnabonomo12@gmail.com"

Bonnie Johnson See just got back from 3 weeks in South Africa with the kids. They went on safari and saw all the animals they were hoping to see. Bonnie loved the little warthogs running through the bush with their tails up. There were lots of animals with babies and Bonnie rode an elephant! She got the bigger one called Clyde because women can spread their legs wider than men... "Enough said on that!" They did a shark cage dive with 16 ft great white sharks! Bonnie could reach out and touch them but decided not to. Also on the trip were sunset catamaran cruises, incredible vineyards and wine/champagne tastings in Franchok. Lastly, they enjoyed a family wedding in Capetown. "Riding an elephant was at the top of my bucket list, and so was surviving the shark cage dive!"

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan retired in June 2011 and Barry retired that November. The time has flown. She has been doing a lot of traveling including climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro last September and back country skiing in Yellowstone in January. She saw wolves in the wild for the first time and it was very special. Jeannie says "If you have never been to Yellowstone, it is well worth the trip. The animals and geological features are wonderful." Jeannie and Barry spend a good deal of time in Ventura, CA, where Barry's 97 year old Aunt Mildred lives. Jeannie believes Barry is a "California guy" at heart. She has been having fun with Stephanie Niles (Lisa Gratton Niles' '78 oldest daughter) as she plans for a fall wedding. Lisa's other daughter, Danielle, is in Americorp and has been working in New Jersey, in the area affected by Hurricane Sandy. If you are ever in the Albany area, please give a shout her way.

Sue Hoffman Ospelt's daughter Emma applied to and was accepted at Potsdam. They have called the house as Emma is eligible for a freshman scholar's award. Funny they never called Sue! She is having very good responses to her applications and many scholarships awarded. Life has been very busy with aging parents and the untimely death of both of Art's parents within a short span of time in late December and early January. Sue is still teaching in the Binghamton School district. Can you say retirement pretty soon???

Nadine Gager Compisi says "once again, life has been good and it has been busy." They welcomed grandchild #7 in Feb.'12: Tessa Grace. She is a joy all around. They motored down to NC to visit Nadine's youngest brother and his family in April then continued their vacation to Hilton Head. They always enjoy the golf, sun and food. They returned to Charlotte, NC in October for her nephew's wedding. Nadine's big adventure last year was a 2 week trip to Italy in September. The first week they were situated on the Amalfi coastline between Sorrento & Naples. They had a view of both Mt. Vesuvius & the Isle of Capri from their hotel. The 2nd week, they met up with Tony's brother and his wife in Sicily. They rented a car and navigated the whole island. They took a day to explore the Compisi family roots and that was one wild, fun and memorable experience. All she can say is it truly is a small world. And it is filled with wonderful people. And food. And wine!!! Nadine also says "Okay, I have to say it: 35 years. REALLY??? I think I could still get up on the railing at 11 Pierrepont Ave. and sing "Friends". Okay maybe not. But I can still sing it... on the bottom step. Miss you all and love you all."

Jean Lennon Schuhle wrote this from Bodyke, Ireland. She has been there since Feb 27 but will return home April 4. It is a fab trip. She FINALLY found, met and hung out with cousins from County Meath, saw the home where her Grammie was born, and family lived till 5 years ago! She has driven from the top to the bottom and everywhere in between. This week Kels is off from school so she is traveling with Jean. Here is her recap of 2012: Tom assumed the title of CFO of St. Peter's Health Partners. Much deserved, much work! He continues to ski the powder in Utah for 10 days each winter. Matt is living in Colorado and loving it. Mark is working like a fiend to stash funds to move to Colorado in May 2013. His entrepreneurial spirit works well for him as he looks to patent a couple of his creations! Kelsey is finishing her 2nd year at University of Limerick. She is happier than ever. It's been a rough year health wise for many of the extended Schuhle family. Jean is still praying that God willing all will be ok. Margaret, MIL, came through a 4 month ordeal with flying colors and is back living in her home! Jean never thought it could happen!!! Jean is loving life and appreciating what she has. Very, very fortunate!!!

Vera Thurston Gibbs says: "All in all, the theme for this year was change!" Vera had to move children 5 times over the summer. Her oldest daughter sold her house and moved in with them for the summer along with her husband, two daughters and two pugs. At the end of the summer, they moved them into their new house. Vera's youngest daughter moved twice during the year, and her son got married last summer in July and moved to Brooklyn. Her oldest son Dave announced his engagement a few weeks before Matt's wedding and he will be getting married this summer on Labor Day weekend down in NY Botanical Gardens. Job wise, they are all still working, Vera at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse and Steve for Roth USA. Their lives are filled with Church activities and, of course, SU games. The highlight of their Spring was going down to Madison Square Garden to watch the Big East Tournament, which was something that Vera had always wanted to do. The outcome was great with SU winning all but one of its games. She loved the excitement of MSG. Vera, unfortunately, will not make it to Potsdam this July as that weekend was chosen as the bridal shower for her soon-to-be daughter-in-law. She hopes maybe at least her class can find a time to regroup as she would love to see you all.

Class of 1979

Susan Cancilla Witkowski is reconnecting with both high school and college friends. In December saw Cookie Balme, Sharon Heiligman and Jane Morale in Rochester. She also had a wonderful time seeing Kathy Lynch Eddy and her husband, Bob, in March in Myrtle Beach. Susan is envious of Jim's "free" time to look for antiques without her. Planning for the future healthcare changes for the Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County (clinic serving the uninsured) is keeping her busy. Looking forward to seeing many sisters at the reunion in July.

Mindy Mospaw Poupore will be completing her 34th year of teaching at Malone Central and looks forward to retiring in June. Her High School Band (Franklin Academy Wind Ensemble) was invited to play at the New York State Band Directors Symposium this past March in Syracuse. They were well received and Mindy was given the Distinguished Service Award. She will also be receiving the Helen Hosmer Excellence in Teaching Award this coming July at Alumni Weekend! She says "I guess when you're old and have been at this long enough - one starts to get these kinds of things!" Her husband, Kevin is never planning on retiring from his Dental practice and her girls are both thriving. Her oldest, Kelly, is in her second year of law school at Seton Hall in New Jersey and her youngest, Haley, will be moving to a new job in Rochester as a sales manager for Cutco and then heading to Arizona. They purchased a vacation home in Scottsdale, Arizona and are looking forward to hanging out there during the harsh winters up there in Malone.

Shanon Fowler Schneider still manages North Atlanta OB/GYN and has an art studio and gallery in Historic Roswell. Painting keeps moving forward in her life so she hopes at some point to be a full time artist. Not quite time yet though with two still in college. Jim is still at Kimberly Clark as an Energy manager. Dane married Amy Aubert in June. He works for UPS in marketing and Amy is a reporter for ABC. They live in Richmond. It is a very nice town for them to start out in. Brett is a senior Electrical engineer major at Auburn and Trey is a junior Chemical Engineer at Georgia Tech. Shanon is ready to downsize out of their big house and relocate somewhere with a bit slower pace. Atlanta is a big busy glitzy city and she is ready to be out of the 10 lane traffic and the skyscrapers. They will see where the kids land and then go from there. Looking forward to a smaller town where they can walk and not drive!

Debbie LoBello Burhans had a GREAT time at the 2012 Potsdam/Ago reunion last summer! She and Sharon Keating Heiligman survived staying in the dorms (despite the brutal heat) and had fun hanging out on the Ago porch with many old and new friends! It was especially great to re-connect with Big Sister Nancy Ball Kuhl! She is hoping to make it up there again this summer, if possible! She and Mark celebrated their 30 year anniversary in September with a trip to Martha's Vineyard with their daughters. In the meantime, Debbie and daughters, Karen (27) and Gretchen (24), are getting excited about their upcoming trip to Italy this Spring. Youngest daughter, Lauren (20), is in Italy for a semester study abroad program and they are planning to visit her in Rome in April/May, with side trips planned to Florence and the Amalfi Coast. Can't wait!!! Also looking forward to a Rochester area Ago get together in June... love in AKPhi to all!!!

Cookie (Mary) Scalise Balme says "Hi All! Still in Rochester for these LOVELY Winters..." but the good news is she retired from Education after 33 years in August 2012! She retired from Monroe #1 BOCES as Assistant Superintendent. She is working a few P/T jobs and loving every minute. She can schedule when and where she wants to work now! It is awesome and she highly recommends it to everyone to do it when you can! Lisa (26) is a Math Assistant Teacher at Webster Central School attending St. John Fisher for her Masters and Rob (24) is a psychiatric Tech at Strong Memorial Hospital and attending University of Rochester for his Masters as well. Chip and Cookie bought a villa in Naples, Florida for vacations and future retirement living. They do rent out to Snow Birds and the like if anyone is interested let her know. They still spend our summers on Lake Ontario boating and enjoy that very much! She and Chip got up to Potsdam for the Summer reunion and had a great time seeing everyone! She had a few get-togethers with some Agos this past year and it was so fun to do so! She hopes to do more of that!

Becky Monckton King is working full time as a Controller at a northeast generator service company. Her oldest receives her masters in Special education this May from Simmons College in Boston. Her second one receives MBA with concentration in Supply Chain in May from Quinnipiac University. Her youngest one finishing junior year at U of Central Florida in Orlando. She and Kenny spent 10 days out west last fall - her dream trip. Saw the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Glen Canyon, Hoover Dam, Antelope Slot Canyon, Las Vegas and everything in between. Family is all well. She had a skiing incident this year and severed her ACL and tore the MCL... She is trying to avoid surgery for now. Hopefully will not curtail activities. She loves reading about other Agos on Facebook. She would love to see sisters at a reunion!

Linda Connelly is still living and loving Naples, FL. She hopes to come up for the reunion this summer!

Sharon Keating Heiligman is thrilled to announce she is now a Grandma! AJ and his wife Anne had a baby boy, Jack, at the end of February. The new family only lives 5 miles away so she will be able to babysit often. Kim graduated from Optometry school last June and was glad to land a job back in the Rochester area - she is practicing at Lenscrafters in Eastview Mall. Sharon and Debbie LoBello Burhans drove up to Potsdam last summer for the Ago reunion. So much fun was had with old and new friends on the Ago porch! The years melted away. An Ago get-together at her house is in the planning stages for early June. All are welcome!

Barbara Lanzano Combs writes, "All is well here at the Combs' household." She and DB are still enjoying the "empty nest" with their puggle, Fergie. The boys, Wills (WVU) and Andrew (BAMA) are both doing very well at school and happily, soon to be home for the summer. Once again, if anyone is in the DC/Northern VA area, please look them up!

Class of 1980

2012 was a year of Agos for **Rosie Javarone Brown** and Steve. They visited Potsdam for Alumni Weekend and had an awesome time. It was the 1st ever for her since graduating and living in Missouri! What a treat it was to see everyone again! Then later in the year while vacationing in the Cayman Islands, Rosie met a fellow Ago, Sue Thomas, from the class of '66. What a small world!

Patty Coogan Huntington works at Nazareth College in Rochester in the School of Education. She enjoyed a trip to Potsdam in March to watch her youngest son, a freshman at Geneseo, play Clarkson in lacrosse. Things are a little different in town... she stayed at the Clarkson Inn and dined at Sergi's. It was a very quiet Friday night. No Frank's, Whiskey One, the Depot or the Rusty Nail. How things change! Patty keeps in touch with Sue Hein Bailey, Colleen McVeigh, Jane Morale, Marie Barret Mahaney, and often runs into Agos around town.

Martie Hulslander Dixon is the Assistant Academic Dean for Distance Learning and Alternate Programs at Erie Community College in Buffalo. She is proud to be on the Board of Directors for NYSCATE (NYS Association for Technology in Education) and ITC (Instructional Technology Council) and the Chair of SUNY Director of Distance Learning Environments. She and husband Jeff ('81) had a great time with several Potsdam friends at the Double Axle/Todd Hobin Concert at the Turning Stone. They are enjoying being grandparents to Theo (daughter Jessica) and are anxiously expecting their first grand-daughter in August to son Joe, a Marine now stationed in Japan! Youngest daughter, Ali now 11, keeps us busy with lots of activities.

Jane Morale is living in Penfield, NY with her husband Glen Zagorski. Along with full time jobs, they spend their free time taking care of Jane's mother (who has dementia), skiing, and playing lots of music.

Sue Hein Bailey down sized into a townhouse January 2012 to simplify her life. Her oldest daughter graduated Dec 2011 from Plattsburgh State and her youngest is a junior at Plattsburgh State and is in a sorority. She is still in touch with Patty Coogan Huntington. She is still working at KeyCorp (32 years!). Alive and well in the Albany area and would love to see any alumni!

Class of 1981

Denise Bennett Haines has been married 30 years to her wonderful husband, Tom with no children. She taught mostly 8th grade math for 15 years. She was team leader, math league sponsor, worked in the after-school program and ran the school store. She enjoyed it immensely before taking a one-year leave. She then "fell" into the antiques/vintage business during her leave, loved it, and decided to do it for a bit longer... and is now going on 14 years! She is the proprietress of The Rusty Gate Antiques and Vintage Chic. She and Tom currently live in Clermont, Florida, but will be returning to Tampa in the next year, due to Tom's new job, General Manager of Epicurean Hotel, due to open December 2013.

Class of 1982

The class of 1982 so enjoyed their 30th reunion that they all promised to get together again before the next 30 years flies by. The Sisters joined other alumni on the porch Friday and Saturday to reconnect and reminisce. They looked at the composite pictures from long ago, retold stories from the past and laughed. They shared stories about their current lives, their children, their husbands, their work experiences and laughed. They went to dinner; sat at one very long table and laughed. All of them missed the ones that were not able to make the trip. They wished they too could have shared their stories. They of course thought of Connie Walker Bush, remembering how much she loved Ago and her fellow sisters. Being together again felt good, felt right. It made 30 years seem like not so long ago. They'll do it again... soon.

Judy Biviano Lloyd has created a newsletter for women at www.ThoughtfulWomen.org. It discusses women's independence from government and has earned 1.5 million readers in its first nine months. Judy was a delegate to the Republican National Convention for Mitt Romney in 2012, and continues to be involved in business advocacy issues. Her husband Tim started a new company at www.SafeInHome.com which helps caregivers monitor their loved ones so they can stay in their homes longer. Their son Michael is now a freshman at Monte Vista H.S. and continues to love baseball.

Class of 1984

After getting their younger son, Kevin, settled at Northeastern University in Boston, **Susan Dixon** and Mark made the decision to downsize, simplify their lives, and move out to sunny San Diego. They have a small condo (with room for visitors) near San Diego Bay and they are learning how to sail. With their newfound time, they have been spending more time hiking, biking and hanging out together. Mark is still working in the turbine industry, and Susan is teaching math and computers at a small K-8 academy. In October, their older son, Mike, is getting married at Disney World to a girl they adore. They have started their own company in the field of animation and digital media. Susan and Mark will be in Potsdam this summer for Mark's 30th year reunion. Hope to see some of you there.

Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger says "Life has been hectic but good this past year." She weathered 10 days in the dark during Hurricane Sandy, but at least she and Steve still have their house. She followed that up with a huge blizzard of 32 inches at one time. It was definitely the year of weather in the NY metro area. 13 year old Jacqueline & 7 year old Gregory keep Irene busy. Jacqueline is a competitive dancer and Irene attends quite a few competitions. Gregory is into baseball, soccer & martial arts. They took family vacations to the Jersey Shore & Williamsburg, VA. Irene wishes she could attend the Potsdam reunion. If any Agos are visiting the Long Island/NYC area, please contact her at lsrauch@optonline.net, would love to see everyone.

Class of 1988

Colleen Palmer Beaudoin is still living in Florida. Please look her up if you are in the Tampa area. She continues to teach Mathematics at the University of Tampa - a job that she absolutely loves! Next year, two of her sons will be students there - Connor will be a junior and Devin will be a freshman. Bryce is finishing up 4th grade. She is looking forward to seeing so many sisters this summer at the reunion!

Class of 1989

Laura Boyd continues to enjoy living near the city of Boston, in Somerville, MA. During the winter she spends most weekends skiing in Sunday River, Maine or whatever mountain they can get to when the snow flies. In the summers they spend a lot of time on the beach in York, Maine. Basically they're big fans of the state of Maine. Laura started a new job as a Sr. Project Manager at PerkinElmer in October. It's been a big switch from online gaming software to Chemistry software. She doesn't think her high school lessons have stuck with her long enough. She looks forward to attending the Alumni weekend reunion this summer and catching up with everyone.

Nancy Culpo Stathopoulos and Jim (Clarkson '89) will be celebrating 22 years of marriage! Sara will be heading off to college to study accounting in the fall. Lauren is busy with soccer and lacrosse. Nancy is teaching high school special education and Jim is in management at GE. They enjoyed a wonderful family trip to Hawaii this past year and are taking the girls to Aruba before sending Sara off to college. Nancy is blessed with a beautiful loving family and some very special friends. If only she could stop buying shoes that she doesn't need.

Terrie Gentile Wehse moved to Stowe, Vermont six years ago and loves it. Great place for she and Jon to raise two boys. Please do not hesitate to call if you are in the neighborhood... we have much good beer to share in this town!

Andrea Newhouse Frascatore is teaching 7th grade math; a nice change from 8th grade. The kids are awesome! It has been the busiest year, ever, with curriculum changes, APPR, and everything else NYS has thrown our way. Her two girls still love gymnastics, and younger daughter, Marisa (9), has started to compete like her big sister, Miranda (14). Both girls have had a great competition year, racking up several medals and trophies. It's a sport that requires much dedication, and Andrea and Marc are so proud. They continue to take annual vacations with sister, Lisa Newhouse Melveney, '87, and her family. It is always a good time, with lots of laughs and fun memories!

Susan Young moved to West LA last March to take a new role as CFO of MarVista Entertainment and is enjoying her new job and the weather immensely! Being back in the "movie biz" has been fun and it was great to take Julie March Clark '89 and her family to visit a few sets during their visit. Sue continues to travel the world and finished her States Quest (visit all 50 states) with a trip to Alaska in June with her parents and 20 other people. She went to Hawaii last May for her annual birthday trip with Monica Fisher Kussmann '89 where they climbed a volcano and swam with wild dolphins. Sue is looking forward to seeing so many people at the reunion in July and meeting new "crisis team" friends in person! Visitors are always welcome at Chez Susan!

Class of 1990

The Manuel household has continued to have amazing adventures! **Stephanie Allen Manuel** is happy to report that she has a job teaching vocal music, to 7-12th graders! She is very happy that they get all of her jokes, and make sure she is keeping up appearances by letting her know when her hair looks bad, or makes a bad fashion choice... good times teachin' the big kids! Steph is always happy when she can see her friends and sisters in the Albany area! Lunches and dinners are good ways to play catch up! She was super happy to see her friend Patty Reuther and they had a wonderful time drinking wine and catching up with Penny, Missy and Sue G, and their 'Mikes' are now bff's... awwwww... She wishes everyone health and happiness and will be the first one at the bar for Alumnae Weekend this year! Woot Woot!

The Reagan family relocated to the beautiful Pittsford, NY area a little over two years ago and absolutely love it! **Ren Hallinan Reagan** still owns Snip-its back in Syracuse and is proud to report being in business for 8 years now. The kids have grown quickly. Caleigh, now 13, does track and Irish dances, Declan (11) is still playing hockey, Mac (9) dabbles in all sports but especially loves being out on the water, and Casey (5) looks forward to hitting the ice in the fall with hockey as well. Ren and Drew frequently get together with the Kelly Wright O'Brien in Binghamton and Sue Nims Bell here in Rochester. Ren is looking forward to seeing everyone this summer at alumni weekend and is always ready for any summer visitors to the pool!

The Boston area has been home for **Jennifer Douglas Steinberg** and Scott for the past 12 years. They take full advantage of the ocean, mountains, and everything in between for their active family. Emily is a sophomore and varsity cross country runner for her high school. Sean likes to ski and patiently waits for Jennifer at the bottom of the black diamond trails. Liz is a multi-sport player excelling at soccer and basketball, and attempting lacrosse for the first time. Jennifer loves her job as a math curriculum specialist for the tiny town of Topsfield. Missy Steinberg keeps them up to date with Agonian news, and Jennifer is looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!

Kelly Wright O'Brien and family still live in Binghamton where she is actively involved in their local civic. She continues to create pottery and sells at several local locations. Outside of a busy family life, Kelly is always constantly improving her and Jim's beautiful home. Last summer was the pool, this summer the façade!

Class of 1991

Errin Musengo Klein is living the dream teaching fitness and personal training in Dewitt for Spin, TRX and Pilates Matwork and Reformer. She is trying to catch Lisa P ('92) in tri training. Her daughters Sarah (11) and Samantha (8) are busy in sports and music. Rich is a physical therapist/site manager with Fitness Forum in Baldwinsville.

Class of 1993

Karen Smith Davis and Bill are still living in Oak Harbor, WA. They have two beautiful daughters, Maggie (6) and Meghan (3). Bill flies for the US Navy and will be returning to Alaska Airlines in September which means they will be moving to Seattle in the fall. Karen is enjoying staying home with the kids, volunteering in her daughter's Kindergarten, working out at the gym, and being a part of their local MOPS group. Life is good!

Scarlett Larsen McDermott and Sean are living outside Philly with Aidan (10), Daphne (8) and Chelsea (5), who keep them really busy with the usual kid activities. It's a lot of fun, but she would love just one day that she didn't have to drive someone somewhere in their loser cruiser mini-van. They still love to travel and get away as much as possible every summer. Last summer they took a backpacking, kayaking, hiking trip in New Hampshire. Plans for this summer are up in the air, but they are thinking it may be time for the obligatory Disney trip. Sean will have to hang out in the Swiss Family Robinson tree house and imagine he's in the mountains someplace.

Debbie Rose Urban is still living in South Jersey. Her kids Jude (8) and Alexandra (5) keep her very busy with sports and other activities. Last summer, she and Scott celebrated 10 years of marriage with a trip to Rome and the Amalfi Coast. She misses her Ago days, but life is good!

Class of 2003

Jasmin Phillips has worked at Hudson River Health Care, a nonprofit organization for the past seven years. She coordinates a federally funded grant that helps children receive health insurance benefits. Jasmin purchased a home in Garrison, NY three years ago and is eagerly planning the details for her vacation to Costa Rica this summer!

Sara Landry DiLandro is still teaching kindergarten in Saratoga Springs. Her son, Will, just turned 2 and enjoys play dates with Johnny Franck (Suzanne Carpenter Franck's son) and Giavianna Baaklini (Juliet Nelson Baaklini's daughter).

Samantha Naples is currently living on Cape Cod, MA with her fiancé and yellow lab named Hudson. They have recently purchased their first home and are underway in redoing basically everything! Between work, taking down wallpaper and painting, they are pretty busy. Things have been good overall. Samantha is currently trying to get into Nursing school. It's been tough; she's been trying for a while now. Her fiancé is doing great, his first cookbook will be released by the end of the summer called, Best American Chef's and will also be in the nationally published magazine Food Arts. Samantha also has tried to learn to crochet, and she is hoping to make a blanket for her first niece, Olivia Anne. We'll see how that goes :) To everyone else, she really hopes you're happy and healthy and congrats to all of those who have had children; let her know if you want a blanket!

Class of 2004

René Mulhern Capron has been busy these last couple of years. In May 2011, after six years of marriage, she had her first daughter with husband Chris Capron (Phi Kap alum). Then only 20 months later, René had her second daughter in December 2012. With two little ones under the age of two the Capron family is busy going to zoo, loading the babies in baby backpacks and front carriers to go for hikes, and pulling a baby chariot behind her during bike rides. This past summer, René moved back to Denver, from Grand Junction, Colorado, near the Utah/Colorado border. Rene has recently joined the law firm of Pearl Schneider LLC in downtown Denver as an associate attorney and is actively litigating cases throughout Colorado in commercial litigation and insurance defense work. René also has plans of completing her first mini-triathlon this summer.

Jamie Sico is in her 8th year of teaching music at Eastport Elementary School on eastern Long Island where she directs the 5th Grade Band and is helping to establish her district's new elementary strings program. She is experiencing the joys of owning a brand new home where she lives with her adorable German Shepherd, Harvey. Jamie spends most of her free time in Brooklyn visiting her boyfriend, Casey and is currently helping him develop a sitcom for a television network - though it may never make it to syndication she is enjoying the process all the same! Jamie has enjoyed catching up with many of her pledge sisters and cannot wait to celebrate with them at Juliet Wawro's wedding this summer!

Class of 2005

Leta Luguri and her husband moved to the Capital Region this winter when she accepted a position with St Peter's Health Partners as the Director of Behavioral Health for the 4 SPHP hospitals. They just bought a house in Saratoga and are very excited to take advantage of all that the area has to offer, especially new kayaking adventures. She also loves having so many Agos close by!

Juliet Wawro is getting married on June 15th! The couple met at Andrea (Polisi) Boneillo's wedding when Steve walked Juliet down the aisle for the first time. After dating for 6 weeks, he got down on one knee and asked her to spend the rest of her life with him. "I guess when you know, you just know!" Juliet lives in NYC, two blocks away from pledge sister, Sarah Bayer. She opened her private practice as a Massage Therapist and Bodyworker in September and is devoted to healing each client that she works with.

Class of 2006

Allison Autry is currently working at URM Medical Center as a Secretary and also working at Heritage Christian Services with individuals with Developmental Disabilities. She has been at Heritage Christian for 6.5 years. She is also on the Foundation Board of Directors for a nonprofit called Eight 4 World Hope, which helps build and improve schools in Jamaica. She is also the volunteer coordinator, planning and running benefits for this organization. Eight 4 World Hope has been around for 3.5 years and we has built 2 schools and installed a new sanitation system in another school. Allison is living in the city of Rochester and she loves to travel and go see live music. She is currently helping with Reunion Weekend and the fundraiser for Ago. She is missing her Agos a lot.

Lindsay Buchta has been keeping busy with her beautiful 8 year old daughter who is in gymnastics and softball and trying all of the extreme adventures out there. She is now employed with the New York State department of labor in the unemployment office. Also, Lindsay recently started her own business with It Works! It's amazing- if anyone wants to take a look at her website: www.wrapswithlindsay.myitworks.com

After working as an archaeologist for five years at the American Museum of Natural History, **Rachel Cajigas** moved to Arizona this fall to start her PhD in geology. The program is ranked #1 in the country and she's getting paid to go to school. She says, "Life is good and I'm grateful for my health, family, and boyfriend of three years". She is spending April in Hawaii for research and she'll be in Germany all summer studying archaeological soils with the world's leading experts. Being on a college campus again makes her miss Potsdam, especially Ago. Let her know if any of you have plans to visit the wild, wild west; she'd love to see you!

Liz Wegner is currently living in West Seneca, New York with her boyfriend Jason, and their pets, Sylvester and Minx. She works at Hodgson Russ LLP in General/International Tax and Estates and Trusts. She is on a new running kick and training for the Buffalo Half Marathon in May. She has also picked up dancing again and will be performing in the June recital. She is looking forward to summer and attending a couple of Agonian weddings!

Class of 2007

Michelle Clark continues to live and work in Albany for a mental health treatment program. She is working towards her LCSW and looking forward to a trip to Vegas in May.

Lindsey Gonzalez has been happily living in Saratoga County with her 4 year old daughter, Jayden, since January of 2012. She is working as a Paralegal for a large firm in Albany, and enjoys hiking, snoeshowing, or canoeing with Jayden and her boyfriend, Joe, on weekends. They have plans for a big garden this summer and a spot at the Saratoga Farmer's Market that the whole family is really excited about.

Jenna Novak is still living in Baltimore and working in DC. She got a promotion and is now responsible for building relationships and training law enforcement, government agencies and service providers who work on anti-human trafficking in the Western States in order to build a better response for trafficking victims.

Katie Campagnone Dion writes, "This past year has been a roller coaster of a year! But a fun one!" It all started with Katie and her husband, Andrew, welcoming their second daughter, Kendra Dion, into the world this past August. They found themselves having to sell their home and move to Rockland County due to Andrew's job when Kendra was only 6 weeks old! As they are now settling down in their new home, they received more news that Andrew got a wonderful promotion and they are now moving to Pennsylvania this summer! Needless to say, they are done moving! Katie's 3 year old, Mikayla, is in preschool - wow time flies! Katie currently stays at home with her children and it is so much fun seeing her girls grow. She loves and misses everyone so much and hopes to reunite soon, Ago style!

Class of 2008

Erika Brown is living in Queens and currently working in a senior position for a property management company, AvalonBay Communities.

Class of 2009

Christina Rawady is in her second year in the Hornell city school district teaching instrumental music grades 4-8. She has recently received an international talent grant to pursue a second masters degree in bass clarinet performance at the Rotterdam conservatory in Rotterdam, Netherlands in the fall of 2014.

Heather Taylor owns a small massage therapy practice in Rochester, NY. She is also the lead singer of The Crawdiddies, an Americana blues quartet. She is having fun with her community while building each of these passions into long lasting careers. www.MassageandMusic.com

Erin Wilkinson is in PA school at D'Youville College she graduates this year. She lives in Rochester, NY.

Rachel Gebhardt is in her 4th year working in Enrollment & Financial Aid at North Country Community College in Saranac Lake and living in Lake Placid. She is currently enrolled in her last two graduate classes at SUNY Plattsburgh and plans to have her Master of Science completed by August 2013.

Lindsay Mermell lives in Astoria, NY with her boyfriend, Tom. She is working in Manhattan at Bernstein Global Wealth Management in the Private Client Group, and she is planning her next career move. Lindsay loves seeing her Agos often, whether in NYC, or on a road trip (with Sarah, of course) to Albany or Rochester! She is excited to go to Israel this August on the Birth-right program with her sister, Samantha, and is also currently trying something new: training for her first 5K!

Amy Rich is halfway done with her Masters in Occupational Therapy at Utica College. She is an active member of her State's Professional organization NYSOTA and is on the leadership board as the College Relations Representative. She will be doing her second clinical rotation on a U.S. Military base in Kansas this summer working in the traumatic brain injury unit for three months. She currently works as an Executive Assistant in a private law office as well as in the Mayor's office of Saratoga Springs City Hall as the Administrative Assistant to legal counsel. She volunteers each week at the Senior Center and plays Mexican Train Dominoes, bonding with many of her new elderly friends!

Maureen McCullough is a Case Planner with Preventive Services at The Salvation Army in Syracuse. She has been very busy planning her upcoming move to Canberra, Australia with her boyfriend. They are expecting to leave at the end of April 2013!

Nicole Wilson is in her 3rd year teaching Special Education to students in Kindergarten – 5th grade in Lexington, SC. She is also in her 3rd season of coaching Girls on the Run, a girls' confidence building and health program that incorporates running, at her school. Nicole also took her running a step further this year and did her first half-marathon in April. She also is part of a kickball team in the area.

Jenna Naylor is living and teaching Kindergarten in Saratoga Springs. She looks forward to welcoming the first baby into the world from her pledge class. Congratulations, Zona!

Lauren Zona Hearne is currently living in Carthage, NY and is in her second year of teaching K-12 instrumental and general music at Clifton-Fine CSD in Star Lake. She and her husband Kenny, are expecting their first baby (a girl!) in mid-July.

Class of 2010

Rachael Thompson will be graduating in May 2013 with her Masters degree in Social Work from SUNY Albany, School of Social Welfare. She will be residing in Albany and hopefully obtaining employment in her current internship. Rachael looks forward to moving into an apartment next month with fellow Agonian, Kathleen Hoyt ('11) and is excited to begin her journey as a social worker in the aging field.

Lauren Bisio DuBois recently got married to her college sweetheart and Sigma Delta alum RJ DuBois. She currently resides in Amsterdam NY with her husband and precious dog, Jackson. Lauren works as an Administrator of the Getman Memorial Home, providing assisted living services to 19 seniors in Fulton County. She is working on obtaining her New York State license in nursing home administration.

Tiffany Lambertson lives in Rochester, NY. She works at St. John Fisher College as a Residence Director for first year students. She will be job searching next year and hopes to move closer to home. Tiffany is excited to have two months off in the summer when the students go home for break!

Jessalyn Blackburn lives in Syracuse NY. She is in her last year of nursing school and will be applying to a Masters program in the fall. On top of nursing school, Jessalyn enjoys working at a local hospital and spending quality time with her main man, Huey (the cutest Dachshund puppy alive).

Kelly Coleman is currently living in Scranton, PA. She is working to obtain her doctorate in Clinical Psychology at Marywood University. For fun, Kelly enjoys spending time with her boyfriend, Tom, and hanging out with her new puppy, Abby!

Hilary Zaparzynski is currently living in Binghamton, NY. She was working as an administrative assistant at North Country Community College in Lake Placid, NY. She lived with fellow Agonians, Angela Kelly ('08) and Rachel Gebhardt ('09). Hilary is currently in a job search for administrative assistant positions at colleges in bigger cities and closer to home.

Kaylee White is living in Rochester and going to school for dental hygiene.

Class of 2011

Kathleen Hoyt is working in Sales for Verizon Wireless. She lives in Albany with Rachael Thompson ('10) in their new apartment.

Sarah Mackey is currently living in Manassas, VA, 45 minutes outside DC, where she is finishing up her first year teaching K-5 General Music in the Prince William County School Division. She currently works at two schools, commuting between the two, but recently her position was increased to full-time at one school for the 2013-2014 school year where...(if you are a music/art teacher specifically you will appreciate this) she will have her OWN classroom! Her spare time recently has been spent starting a 3-5th grade choral program from the ground up and she finally visited DC and visited all of the sights for the first time!

Brooke Morse has become a full time preschool teacher and a part time art teacher in Newburyport, MA. She is having an amazing time with her son Brayden, who is 3 years old now!

After living in Virginia Beach as a photographer with pledge sisters Sarah Mackey and Kathleen Hoyt this previous summer, **Meghan Stewart** is now working for a furniture business in College Park, MD. She is currently living in an apartment with her boyfriend and planning an adventure to see Jenna Novak ('07) soon.

Jamie Turcios is currently going to school and working for a PR company called Wall Street VIPs. After her graduation this December she will be going to Europe with her boyfriend for 6 months!

Tina Vullo is living in Albany, NY and spending lots of time with her pledge sister, Kathleen Hoyt, and Rachael Thompson ('10). She is currently working in the Sales and Marketing department for Time Warner Cable. Tina is planning a few trips this summer and fall including visiting the west coast for the first time.

Following graduation from Clarkson in 2011, **Emily Biron** accepted a position with General Dynamics as a Systems Engineer, and is currently pursuing her Masters Degree in Project Management part time through Penn State's world campus. She has recently purchased a home in Pittsfield, MA, where she resides with her two Australian cattle dogs, Mia and Archer. In her spare time, Emily works with a local catering business, which will be featured on the Cooking Channel's series Man Fire Food airing later this year. Keeping with Ago's values, Emily exemplifies philanthropy through involvement within her new community, volunteering regularly with the Berkshire United Way and refereeing youth soccer.

Adrienne Mitchell is living in Maui, HI and is working as the Regional Office Manager for Republic Parking Northwest. She is spending her free time scuba diving with white tip sharks and Hawaiian green sea turtles.

Michelle Pagano is currently teaching on Long Island as a replacement teacher and looking for her next great opportunity. She is applying to masters programs for her TESOL and is looking forward to her Spring 2009 pledge class reunion coming up.

Seneca Kazda lives in Fort Myers, FL. She currently works on Sanibel Island at Casa Ybel catering weddings and events. She is looking forward to finding her first full-time teaching position in the Bonita Springs area for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year!

Class of 2012

Katie Beck is currently living outside of Rochester, working a part time job at Alex and Ani jewelry, while also subbing in local elementary schools. She will be attending St. John Fisher College in the fall to pursue a Master's degree in Special Education.

Laura Pole is currently living outside of Syracuse, where she works as an Environmental/Sustainability Engineer for a global manufacturing company. Recently, she has been asked to join an Engineer Leadership Program through the company that entails global travel for the next two years. Next stop, Brazil!

Kelly Snyder is currently living in Potsdam and will be graduating in December with her masters in Literacy. She is interning at Lisbon Central School as a reading teacher. She is looking forward to graduating and starting her teaching career. This summer you will most likely find her spending time with her family camping and hiking in the Adirondack's!

Audrianna Vahue is living in Rochester, where she works at Catholic Charities and is a substitute teacher in the local school districts. In the fall, she will be attending the University at Buffalo for the Literacy Specialist program. If all goes as planned, she will be receiving her Master's degree in December of 2015!

Chelsea Whiteman is currently living in Albany, NY. She works for First Investors Corporation as an advisor in financial planning.

Gwen Legendy is currently living in Manhattan working as the executive assistant at Merchant Cash and Capital, a financial company.

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*Agonian Class of 1962
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Saturday Luncheon



Sue at the Ago Piano.
May & Kate sing along.



Judy, May, Kate, Kathie, Shirley & Jean



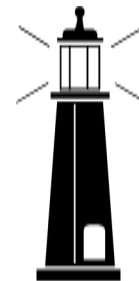
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Kathie, Elaine, Sue & Joyce



Marabeth & Shirley



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The Agonian Alumnae Association only 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 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/Make phone calls
- Help with *The Anchor* or Reunion Weekend
- Fundraising
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 - _____ Website Development Fund
 - _____ 11P house repairs

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