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Agonian Alumnae Association - Letter from the President

Hi friends!

It is hard to believe that we are already sending emails and reconnecting with friends and making plans to make that trip back to IIP for the summer reunion. As I type this letter, I always find myself getting very nostalgic, singing Ago songs in my head, stuff like that.....

This past year the Task Force worked very hard once again, with the help of the Mentor Committee to help the remaining 3 affiliates to begin to pave the way for a 'future Ago.' This road has been filled with bumps and potholes (like my neighborhood) for sure, but I ask you to consider this thought as you plan your magical voyage to Potsdam.....

What does Ago mean to you? I have heard this question asked of so many over the past few years - and it really is a good one to ask yourself.....

Greek Life everywhere is struggling friends - not just in Potsdam. It is a sad reality that hits so close to our hearts, and our beloved home away from home at IIP.

Over the next few months, I ask you to think about your fondest memories of Ago - bring your photographs, and memories, and get ready to share. What Ago means to you is going to help as we restructure our NEW Ago - one that will hopefully live on for many years to come.....

So.... get ready to run... run.... run..... and hold on to your (sailor) hats as you prepare to come to this years 'Summah (cause the Red Sox won the World Series) Alumni Weekend. Changes are coming ladies, and remember, change is good!!!

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

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Agonian 2014 Alumnae Weekend - Join your sisters in Potsdam July 11th - 13th

Reunion Weekend 2014 will be July 11th – 13th. Registration and event listing can be found on the school website — www.potsdam.edu. 11 Pierreport will be open the entire weekend so stop by for a trip down memory lane or for one of our events listed below. Keep an eye on our new website for any updates!

Friday, July 11th

- Wine and cheese cocktail reception on the porch – 6pm, 11 Pierreport (Please bring a beverage or snack to share!)

Saturday, July 12th

- Agonian Alumnae Association Annual Meeting at 10am, SUNY Potsdam Campus – Room 204, Barrington Student Union
- Agonian Board of Director’s Meeting – immediately following the AAA meeting
- Informal Greek Luncheon and Update – 12pm, Kellas 106, SUNY Potsdam (\$10, register on the SUNY Potsdam Website)
- Barbecue – 3pm, 11 Pierreport

Sunday, July 13th

- Farewell breakfast – 10am, 11 Pierreport

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

AGO TASK FORCE UPDATE

Last year, we announced the unfortunate temporary loss of recognition of the Agonian Sorority. The Ago Crisis Team developed a Strategic Plan for rebuilding the Agonian Sorority as the best in class Greek on campus that was approved by SUNY Potsdam. The Agonian Task Force was assembled to implement that plan. The Ago Task Force is being led by **Susan Young '89** and includes **Lynne Boles '74**, **Susan Cancilla Witkowski '79**, **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88**, **Shelley Ives '84**, and **Denise Bennett Haines '81**. Shelley and Denise are on the Ago Board of Directors ensuring that the Board has full oversight and awareness of the program. Ago Board Chair, **Jane Morale '80**, is unofficially on the team and kept apprised of all programs and very involved with the team. The Task Force has strived to maintain transparency with both our own Board and the College. It is through this constant communication with the College that the Task Force has been able to rebuild Ago's credibility and reputation. **The College is pleased with our progress and with the very active participation from so many Ago Alumnae. So thank YOU!** *(The Strategic Plan for Rebuilding can be found on the Ago Website in the members-only News-letters Section: http://agopotsdam.com/?page_id=298. If you haven't already, please register today!)*

The Task Force is only implementing 3 of the initiatives from our rebuilding plan at the moment: Alumnae Advisory Committee, Ago Mentor Program, and Community Service Program. As a reminder, because of Ago's agreement with the College, participation in the Ago Affiliate Program by current Agonian students is not optional. The Task Force is required to update the College each semester as to the progress of each Affiliate and we are under a great deal of scrutiny. Any missteps could cause Ago to be permanently banned from the College so we cannot afford any deviation from the plan. This includes the actions of Ago Alumnae.

We started the Fall 2013 with 11 Ago Affiliates. *(An "Affiliate" is a new classification of member as requested by the SUNY Potsdam Dean of Students to designate student Agonians who are no longer "Actives" but not yet graduated.)* Two of our Affiliates, **Elise Christensen '13** and **Evangalina Mastoras '13**, graduated in December 2013 and are now official Ago Alumnae after successful completion of the Fall 2013 Affiliate Program. These two students also completed a fall 2013 internship with Annette Robbins, Director of Student Conduct, and she still raves about how wonderful they have turned out. In Spring 2014, **Carrie Hagan '14** and **Lindsay Burress '14** are doing an internship and student teaching, respectively, outside of Potsdam and are not currently in the program. Carrie is working with **Jennifer Sinclair '90** at the American Red Cross in Syracuse and is doing well under her guidance and Lindsay Burress is a music education major and keeps in contact with her mentor, **Mindy Mospaw Poupre '79** who is a retired music teacher.

For Spring 2014, we currently have 3 Ago Affiliates:

Theresa Pitera '15 - hometown Stittville, mentor is **Juliet Wawro DeLillo '05**

Cassie Smith '15 – hometown Endwell, mentor is **Edie Sohigian '99**

Clare Reilly '15 – hometown Rochester, mentor is **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88**

We had two Ago Affiliates permanently resign from Ago in the Fall and three Ago Affiliates permanently resign from Ago this Spring after choosing not to participate in the program any longer. Resigning from Ago means these individuals chose to leave the sisterhood and the privileges of being a Sister including the wearing of our Greek letters. We can, of course, remain friends with these individuals outside of Ago. Continued...

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Alumnae Advisory Committee:

Julie Radde Reagan '80 is the leader of the Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC). She has been fantastic at keeping the Affiliate Program on track. Joining her on the team for Fall 2013 were **Susan Rice '77** and **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88**. Julie met with the Affiliates generally every other week on campus. These meetings were focused on helping the Affiliates to understand the Affiliate Program, encourage them to meet with their Ago Mentor, and track progress on their Community Service. In general, the AAC Committee meetings are providing the Affiliates the opportunity to meet and interact with alumnae who can help the Affiliates gain an understanding of and appreciation for the true values of the Agonian Sisterhood. For Spring 2014, the AAC and the Affiliates jointly agreed upon a meeting schedule for the entire semester in advance. The AAC was joined by **Tracey Diamond '91** who has been meeting with the Affiliates on her monthly visits to Potsdam for work. Our leaders of the Mentor Program and Community Service Program also attend AAC meetings as a forum for discussion any activities for their programs. The AAC is also our on the ground support for addressing any Affiliates who do not comply with the Program. Julie has personally worked with each of the Affiliates who chose to resign from Ago rather than participate in the Program to ensure they fully understood their choice. The Advisory Committee could use more local participation! If you are in the area and can meet with our Affiliates 1-2x per year, please send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

Alumnae Mentor Program:

Our full Mentor team included: **Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74, Mindy Mospaw Poupre '79, Kim Krzyzan Yantz '85, Lisa Lucitti Doerner '85, Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88, Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, Sarah Funseth Baran '88, Valerie D'Ambrosio '96, Edie Sohigian '99, Laurie Reagan '99, and Juliet Wawro DeLillo '05.** Juliet has stepped up as the Mentor Program leader which has been very helpful in managing communications. By far, the Mentor Program has been the most successful aspect of the Affiliate Program. The purpose of the Mentor Program is to give the Affiliates the chance to work one on one with an Agonian Alumnae. The benefits of mentorship are well known and can help a mentee in many ways including improved confidence, better achievement, support, leadership development, etc. We hope it will be a foundation for a lasting personal relationship and professional network. One of our mentor/mentee teams says it feels like they have a new big/little sister. Our mentors are making great connections using texting, Facebook, SKYPE, Facetime, etc. to reach out to this new generation of Agos and it's working. Connections are being made, walls are coming down, bonds and friendships are being formed. Our Affiliates are seeing the true side of Ago through their interactions with their mentors. Some of the mentors have visited Potsdam to get to know their Affiliate including Elaine Pauly who had an approved pizza party at the house, Juliet Wawro who visited her mentee (Theresa) and ran one of the AAC meetings, and Kathy Briggs who lives nearby and popped over to visit her mentee. Lindsay has left for student teaching but is still keeping in touch with her mentor who is a music teacher as well and Elise Christensen moved to Colorado and now lives near her mentor, Valerie D'Ambrosio. We are certain that the Mentor Program is having positive impact on the Affiliates confirming our belief that when we restart Ago, all new members will now have BOTH a Big Sister and an Alumnae Mentor. When Ago is permitted to restart, we will need more help!

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Community Service Program

Becky Volans Akins '87 is leading the Alumnae Community Service Team with help from **Jennifer Sinclair '90**. Each semester, the Ago Affiliates are required to perform 10 hours of Community Service. This can be done either individually or in pairs in Potsdam or as an entire team at least 20 miles outside of Potsdam. Becky lives nearby in Lisbon and is able to meet with the Affiliates to encourage them to complete their work. For the Fall 2013, Ago Affiliates completed their community service individually:

Affiliate Name	Community Service Project
Lindsay Burress	Lindsay completed 10 hours of Community Service with St. Joseph's in Campell NY where she cooked and served Thanksgiving dinner for those
Elise Christiansen	Elise completed her 10 hours of Community Service over the holiday season working in Vivs Resale shop in Redbank, NJ distributing extra clothing and household goods to the needy.
Carrie Hagan	Carrie completed her 10 hours of Community Service over October break volunteering at the community park in her hometown where she did general clean-up and yard work. She also volunteered the weekend before Christmas at a rescue center in Syracuse where families who are less fortunate come to pick up clothes, toys for their children, and a meal for their family to have on Christmas day.
Evangelina Mastoras	Eva completed her 10 hours of Community Service by volunteering at the soup kitchen at her church over Thanksgiving.
Theresa Pitera	Theresa completed her 10 hours of Community Service by volunteering at the Potsdam Library creating crafts for displays, assisting with organizing the books, and putting together display cases.
Cassie Smith	Cassie completed 27 hours of Community Service. Her volunteer work included participating in the Up Til Dawn Fundraiser (event), Doctors Without Borders – Making Christmas Cards for Soldiers, and St. Michael's Church – preparing and packing Halupki.

For the future, we hope that our Affiliates will complete programs in a joint effort with Ago Alumnae, further completing the bonds between these Affiliates and our Agonian Sisterhood. We believe that by having Affiliates engage with alumnae across generations, we can consistently show them the true values of the Agonian Sisterhood. If you would like to help coordinate a Fall 2014 or Spring 2015 joint alumnae-affiliate Community Service project, please send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com! We could use the help for this important part of the program. We hope that someday, when we restart, that this type of event will be a regular part of our new member program.



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Looking Forward:

For Spring 2014, Ago now has 3 remaining Affiliates: Cassie Smith Clarkson '15, Theresa Pitera State '15, and Clare Reilly State '15. Clare and Cassie have already completed their Community Service. Clare did her hours at the Potsdam Library and Cassie volunteered over Spring Break at her church. Theresa continues to volunteer at the library and animal shelter and has only 4 hours left. Since January, we have asked our Mentors to be heavily involved with their Affiliates so they know that despite the actions of others, the Ago Alumnae are here to support them and welcome them into our Sisterhood. Following is a report from each mentor for the remaining Affiliates:

Cassie Smith

From Edie Sohegian '99: Cassie is great. She is still working and maintaining her grades. She volunteered during a lot of her spring break. She is getting excited about her Doctors Without Borders trip to Guatemala this summer. She is going to live in the house next year and has a lot of pride and feels responsible for its upkeep while she is living there. She is getting ready for finals coming up in a couple of weeks and can't believe she is a senior already. She is actually checking out graduate schools with her friends.

Theresa Pitera

From Juliet Wawro DeLillo '07: Theresa has put all of her focus on her grades this year. She has made a schedule that she can handle and is very focused on bringing her grades up. She is in study groups and works with tutors so that her goals are met. She completed her Fall community service at the library with Clare Reilly. She worked all through her spring break and was very excited to tell me that she is receiving a promotion when she comes back! Her manager has seen her hard work and appreciates that she is responsible and can be counted on. It is refreshing to talk to someone in college that has their head in the right place and their priorities in order. Theresa has continued to enjoy when alumni have reached out and visited for the meetings. Even though she has never met these women, when they come, she feels more connected to the real traditions of Ago and what sisterhood really is.

Clare Reilly

From Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88: Clare completed her community service for this semester by volunteering at the library with Theresa. She is very interested in community service and is open to participating more planned activities. She has enjoyed meeting and keeping in touch with my little sister, Tracey Diamond, who seems to have become an extra mentor to her. Clare's been focusing on school. She tried unsuccessfully to find a job this semester, but has a full load of 18 credit hours. She's still a bio/psych major (for now anyway) and hopes to graduate Dec. 2015. She reports that classes are going well. While Clare enjoys the time she spends with Cassie and Theresa, she also spends time with friends who do not live in the house and are not affiliated with Ago. She celebrated St. Patrick's day with her family and also went home for spring break! She has a very supportive family and enjoys her time with them. We communicate frequently. She seems to be happy and well-adjusted.

We hope you are encouraged by our report. We believe that we are well on the path to rebuild the Agonian Sorority to the Best in Class Greek on campus! Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

AGO AFFILIATE PROGRAM

By Theresa Pitera '15

This year has been a rough one for all of us. With the loss of recognition it has been difficult for Affiliates to get together and hang out as a sisterhood. This was very frustrating. But, with changes, there is always a positive side. One positive, was a new 'Mentor Program' for Affiliates.

We were assigned a mentor, alumnae of Ago in the beginning of Fall 2013. Our task was to just simply talk to them, once or twice a week; not only about Ago and our situation but just about almost anything we wanted. I found out my mentor is in my family line! I felt even more of a close connection because of that reasoning. I know the other girls feel just as comfortable with their mentors as well. A big thank you to Juliet Wawro DeLillo '05; my mentor, Edie Sohigian '99; Cassie Smith's mentor, Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88; Clare Reilly's mentor, Mindy Poupore '79; Lindsay Burress' mentor, and Kathy Catlin Briggs '88; Carrie Hagan's mentor as well as Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74, Lisa Lucitti Doerner '86, and Kim Kryrzan Yantz '85 who helped with the mentor program.

We have meetings about every other week with Alumnae of Ago. The first few of Fall 2013 semester we met with Julie Radde Reagan '80. She was very open and welcoming to our views and opinions on the whole situation, with it being relatively new and confusing. This past semester (Spring 2014) we have had a couple new Alumnae leading our meetings. This is helpful because it gives us the opportunity to meet new Alumnae and hear how they feel about everything that happened and be able to express our feelings and get their input on it. The new Alumnae devoting there time to meet with us has been Juliet DeLillo, and Tracey Diamond '92.

Community service work was also assigned to us for the fall and spring semesters totaling to 10 hours each semester. We were able to work together on this but we could not participate in the community of Potsdam while wearing letters. The majority of us just decided to complete community service on our own, or with just one more person. For example, Clare Reilly and I went to the town of Potsdam public library and did promotion work during the week of the Winter Olympic games. We worked closely with the librarian, Sarah Sachs, and completed posters, and picked out books that related to the Winter Olympics and displayed them in the showcase. Clare and I made the "North Country Now" (an online newspaper) showing our work at the library. It was a great feeling doing something for the town and being acknowledged for it, even if it wasn't something huge.

The Affiliate meetings every other week help us to see each other, and then make plans to have dinner nights, or something along those lines. When Tracey

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Clare Reilly and Theresa Pitera
volunteering at the library.



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Diamond came up one weekend to visit, she went to the house and brought pizza for everyone. This was another chance for everyone to have a set time and come together, even with busy schedules. All of us still are coming together, working together, on this Affiliate Program. We want Ago recognition back and are going to stick it out until the day of graduation, when we officially become Alumnae of Alpha Kappa Phi Sorority.

NEW TENANTS FOR 11 PIERREPONT

The Board is pleased to announce that the house at 11P has been successfully rented to the Clarkson Field Hockey Club for the school year 2014/15. This organization is recognized by both Clarkson University and SUNY Potsdam which means that Ago's zoning variance with the Village of Potsdam will be maintained during our loss of recognition. This is great news! Even better, two of our Ago Affiliates, Cassie Smith (Clarkson '15) and Clare Reilly (Potsdam '15) are members of the club and will be living in the house with 6 other members of the field hockey club so somewhat keeping it in the family. We are hopeful that if needed, the Field Hockey Club will rent the house again for 2015/16 preserving the variance for our beautiful sorority house for when we return.

AGO LIFETIME EMAILS

All Agonian Sisters who have an email on file with the Alumnae Association now have a free lifetime email! We hope this will help you find your lost sisters and keep connected. Each email is in a standard format of 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. Example: janemorale@agopotsdam.com. If you have a name like Stephanie/Steph, Susan/Sue, etc. we generally chooses the longer name... but try both!

Our Lifetime Emails are actually an email forwarding which means you keep your "real" email and your Ago email will forward to that one. For example, if you send an email to janemorale@agopotsdam.com, it will forward to her AOL account.

There is an option to switch your account to a full Webmail so you can use it to send and receive emails and use it to send emails from your smartphone. If you would like your email switched to this format, please send an email to info@agopotsdam.com with your desired initial password and we will get it switched over for you.

If you have not been receiving emails from the Alumnae Association's gmail account over the past year, please send us your email to: alumnae@agopotsdam.com You can also use this account to update your address and phone number.

If you do not have an email at all and would like a new Ago email as your first, just send a letter to the Alumnae Association and request one! (Use the same address as for dues.)

AGO AFFILIATES LEAD CIVILITY PROGRAM AT SUNY POTSDAM

By Elise Christensen '13

The bonds that the Agonian sorority has given me through my undergrad years have been so beneficial to my career as a student, as well as my career now out of college. Our beloved sorority has been through very trying times these past couple of years. Having been present for many of those occurrences I felt it necessary to try to move forward in the most dignified and positive way possible. While going through the trial process with Annette Robbins, myself and my sister, Evangelia Mastoras, found a great solution to mend the ties severed with SUNY Potsdam, by creating the first ever Civility Internship with the Office of Student Conduct.

Through our internship with Annette we were able to establish a clean slate with SUNY Potsdam through encouraging our student body, peers in the Greek community, sports community, and faculty members to become more aware of how civility can change the community in a positive way. We led weekly discussions on how to lead a more kind and positive life within the college and surrounding community. We established our own event called SEEKINDBEKIND where we collected Cheerios for the Potsdam Food Pantry, raised money for the Potsdam Holiday fund, and handed out encouraging and positive actions for the campus to try and incorporate into their daily lives.

With this amazing opportunity and experience Evangelia and I were able to take part in the Agonian Affiliate Program, which was the perfect compliment to our last semester in Potsdam. We were sure of the fact that we did not want to leave Potsdam in a negative standing, so we were adamant about forging through whatever negativity was left and overcame with the help of the caring and patient alumnae who were so willing to help.

The Affiliate Program was a complete success for many of the ladies in Potsdam this past year. My mentor, **Valerie D'Ambrosio '94**, has given me so much guidance through my last semester at college, as well as helped with my big move across the country. I feel it was fate we found each other, and it was all because of the Affiliate Program. I am so thankful for the women who met with us every week to help guide us through the Affiliate and Mentor programs. One of the highlights of the program was having a wonderful pizza dinner with **Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74** who gave us such great advice and a new positive Agonian connection.

The Affiliate Program gave us the opportunity to have a fresh start and create new bonds with the amazing women of Ago. We were able to show our true colors with the community service we completed. The ladies showed the causes they care about being able to have the freedom to choose their own service.

The Agonian Sorority is a strong band of women who are devoted to success of their sisters, to me this broadcast itself through the Affiliate and Mentor Programs. Although the sisters in Potsdam during this time were Affiliates, our success through the program was always a top priority. I was successful through the fall semester because of the motivation I had to make Ago what I knew it to be, a group of strong, smart leaders who spread that positive message to all those around them. I am happy I got to go through the experiences I did, and I am extremely glad I had the opportunity to be an Affiliate member, and now because of the hard work I can call myself an Agonian Alumnae.

LETTER FROM THE AGO BOARD CHAIR

Dearest Sisters:

I write this letter with high hopes for a bright future for our beloved Agonian Sorority. When I think back to last year, I mostly remember feelings of fear and dread, but what a difference a year makes! Now I have much hope. There are many people who have helped craft a program that put our Sorority back on the right track, and you will be able to read their articles in this newsletter. Here are some of the highlights:

- We have successfully put two aspects of our re-build program in place. For more details, be sure to read Susan Young's report.
- Important repair projects at 11 Pierrepont Avenue have been completed. See Licia Urtis Murrell's report for more information.
- Our beautiful website (www.agopotsdam.com) is up and running.
- For years we have owned a parcel of land at the corner of Main Street and College Park Road in Potsdam, and we've been paying all this time for property taxes, mowing, and clearing fallen limbs and trees. We've worked hard over the years trying to sell the property with no success. Now our luck has changed and we have a potential buyer. If we successfully negotiate the price and finalize the sale, we can invest those precious resources on 11 Pierrepont.
- We have secured tenants for the 2014-2015 school year. Our beloved house will be rented by the Clarkson field hockey club, which includes two Agonian Affiliates.
- We have raised 50% of our projected fundraising goal, with most donations being made right on our secure website. With all of this momentum, we hope that many more Alumnae will be generous and contribute to the upkeep of our 100 + year-old home. By the way, we are still looking for someone to lead this campaign. If you are willing to take the lead, please contact me directly.
- The Constitution Committee has completed the revisions of our constitution and by-laws and will send the documents to the Board of Directors and the Agonian Alumnae Association officers in early May. Once they approve the proposed changes, we will post next steps on the Ago website, so stay tuned! Our goal is to have the documents ratified by the broader membership this summer.
- Speaking of July, the Agonian Alumnae Association is hard at work planning a weekend to remember for our Reunion July 11-13. Call your classmates, Big Sister, Little Sister, and pledge Sisters and meet us on the porch!

The most important success of the year is that now we have a new plan which emphasizes working with the college and having alumnae connections with the Affiliates. We are beginning to see that our plan is working. Not only do we see the success, but the college also sees that what we have done is truly exciting and making a difference. During the 2013-14 school year we have had open communication with the Dean of Students and the Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Both have acknowledged the positive outcomes of the new program carried out by the Agonian Task Force and the Agonian Advisory Committee. Both have praised the Affiliates for doing the hard work to bring Ago back to BEST IN CLASS!

The next few years will not be easy, but if we are diligent and use our capable Alumnae to help, we can guide these remaining Affiliates into the true Sisterhood of the Alumnae Association and re-colonize with a brand new bunch of wonderful young women! I strongly believe that my Agonian experience was the most significant and beneficial in my college career. I have reaped the rewards long beyond my graduation over (yikes) 34 years ago. There is GOOD in this Sisterhood!

We were all shaped by the values and beliefs of Ago. Our Alumnae serve as examples of the sustaining, positive influence that the Sisterhood can have when it is functioning properly. Together, let's strive to continue our wonderful tradition of encouraging and promoting high scholastic attainment, developing leadership abilities and individual talents, emphasizing the value of poise and personal dignity, providing an atmosphere in which friendship and social contacts may be developed, and working with other organizations and agencies to provide community service.

Hail to Agonian!

Jane Morale, Board Chair
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Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship Award

During the current period of activity, there will be no scholarship given. We hope to continue the tradition of supporting our Actives in the future when Ago is active. Thanks are given to Debbie Diefendorf Hind, 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, the most recent

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dearest Agonian sisters,

This summer I will accept the position of Agonian Alumnae Association President. I am looking forward to continuing the process to become the "best in class" sorority in Potsdam once again, both in the eyes of the school and with our own alumnae. With the affiliate program moving along nicely and our task force heading up the front lines, we can expect that we should have our house back in just a few short years.

I look forward to a whole Ago once again, singing songs on the porch and linking arms to march down Pierrepont Avenue. I look forward to seeing a new class of Agonian active members laughing, dancing and supporting each other as sisters at 11 Pierrepont. I look forward to sharing our memories with the fresh faced newest sisters, and explaining what our traditions meant to us. I look forward to instilling the values of **TRUTH and TRUST and LOVE and JOY** in the youngest members of our sisterhood. I look forward to sharing the hallowed halls of Ago with each new generation of women passing through. Most of all, I continue to look forward to the bright future that each Agonian alumnae has envisioned.

Until that day, please keep the faith that we will see it again. We will meet each summer to make sure that our plans are on track and that our resolve has not weakened. We will enjoy remembering the reasons we joined this sorority and graduated as Agonians, whether 5, 20 or 65 years ago.

Please join me in thanking the Alumnae who continue to work for our future, because of our memories.

So on July 11th, let's meet at our beloved 11 Pierrepont Avenue, wear the **bluest** and **briestest** 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!

In the Spring of 2013, we kicked off a major fundraiser with a goal of **\$50,000!** We are currently just past the halfway mark at **\$25,483!**

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 remaining 2-3 years of loss of recognition. The current Ago Alumnae Association dues do NOT cover any costs for the House. They barely cover the costs of the Ago Anchor mailings. With the Clarkson Field Hockey Club renting the house in 2014/15, we will be able to cover the \$28,000 annual operating costs for the house for at least next year (and we hope until we re-start!)

Elsewhere in the newsletter, the Board has identified how they used a great majority of the first half of the funding to make much needed repairs to our dear house at 11P (and take care of emergency repairs such as a frozen water main this winter!). We hope to use the rest of the money to continue to make repairs and have enough left to help with the relaunch efforts.

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.

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

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- **Check:** Make your check out to "Agonian Sorority", fill out the form on the next page and mail to:

Colleen Filiak
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Ago Fundraiser Donation Form

Name					
Pledge Class		Graduation Class			
Street Address					
City		State		Zip	
Email (<i>this will be the one your new lifetime email forwards to</i>)					
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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
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other – enter amount (up to \$49 is Doughboy, above \$5000 Commander in Chief, otherwise; level determined on tiers above)				
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Fundraiser Heroes*:**Commander in Chief Club**

Mary Carr Melkonian	1959
Kim Neff Barrett	1981

Commander

Barb Putman Cregg	1975
Cheryl Johnson Welles	1984
Penny Zonneville	1986

Ensign

Winifred Toelke Peer	1951
Robin Landrigan Smith	1981

Chief Warrant Officer

Barbara McMahan Newcomb	1957
Alethea Carbone Pratt	1972
Bonnie Hill Sollazzo	1973
Debbie LoBello Burhans	1979
Barb Cox Walczak	1981
Denise Bennett Haines	1981
Karen Lorenz Walker	1982
Erika Baker DeGeorge	1995

Petty Officer

Sylvia Decker Quackenbush	1950
Donna Secor Guiher	1958
Dorothy Runkel Dronkers	1958
Judith Bennett Mayo	1960

Petty Officer (continued)

Fran Sardina Bliet	1962
Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman	1962
Susan Johnson Aceto	1962
Ruth Hammel Gove	1963
Marie DuPell Caschera	1972
Elaine Whitehead Pauly	1974
Lynne Boles	1974
Jan Whitfield Doolittle	1975
Karen Kittelsen Stefanski	1977
Patti Short Wilkins	1977
Cindy Darrow Kohl	1978
Nadine Gager Compisi	1978
Susan "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee	1978
Sharon Keating Heiligman	1979
Susan Cancilla Witkowski	1979
Becki Minoli	1980
Jane Morale	1980
Martie Hulslander Dixon	1980
Cheryl Machina Mackey	1981
Debbie Hanlon Reilly	1981
Patrice DeLaus Scully	1981
Jane Judson Mistur	1984
Sue Compton Dixon	1984
Kim Krzyzan Yantz	1985
Mary O'Neill Horigan	1985
Linda Dolanch Longhouse	1987
Michelle Ray Hogan	1987
Colleen Palmer Beaudoin	1988
Heather Williams Biche	1988
Patty Troutman Squier	1988
Cherri LeGro Paluch	1989
Laura Boyd	1989
Patty Lavigne	1989
Renee Hallinan Reagan	1990
Tracey Diamond	1992
Alice Warden Ehmann	1993
Lisa (Coco) Hirschey Olsen	1993
Sandra Van Pelt	2001
Lindsay Mermell	2009

* your extra \$25 Gold Dues count toward the fundraiser

Fundraiser Heroes* (Continued):**Sailor**

Shirley Secor Bush	1950
Julie Eisenstein Hirsch	1957
Suzanne Conant Young	1958
May Simpson Kemp	1962
Patricia Clerkin Swanson	1962
Bev G. Smith	1963
Susan Tinknell Rossi	1963
Kate Belgard Finney	1967
Karen Simons Johns	1971
Bonnie Betters Reed	1973
Marilyn Matzke Stephens	1973
Sandy Linsky Simpson	1973
Kathy White Finnerty	1975
Shelley Killian Hatzfeld	1975
Cathy O'Connor	1976
Eileen Goss Whelley	1976
Liz O'Connor Utzig	1977
Melinde (Mindy) Mospaw Poupore	1979
Donna Solms Gagliardo	1981
Margaret Farrell Benedetto	1981
Licia Urtis Murrell	1982
Kathy Degni Shepherd	1983
Lisa Lucitti Doerner	1985
Sue Boulter Jackson	1987
Dana Smith Darrow	1988
Kelly Underwood Case	1988
Wendy Schmitt Kowalczyk	1988
Andrea Newhouse Frascatore	1989
Jenssie Flores McClintock	1989
Kelly O'Donnell Corman	1989
Susan Young	1989
Pam Muraco Simons	1990
Lisa Riboldazzi Crawford	1992
Scarlett Larsen McDermott	1993
Jessica Hunt McAllister	1994
Edie Sohigian	1999
Kara Korkus Klink	2000
Lauren Bisio DuBois	2010

Doughboy

Mary Ann Youker Halpin	1954
Mary Davie Mero	1956
Marilyn Gaggin	1958
Norma Jean Luce	1958
Rosemary Falbo Quadrini	1962
Marti Tallman Scott	1963
Nancy Weber Richardson	1963
Sandy Jenner Kolb	1963
Barbara Szymanski Thurheimer	1971
Deborah Diefendorf Hind	1975
Jane Murray Wolff	1975
Lori Misicka	1975
Patty Abernethy Sohl	1977
Kathy Lynch Eddy	1978
Becky Monckton King	1979
Mary (Cookie) Scalise Balme	1979
Sue Hein Bailey	1980
Linda Aylward Robey	1981
Ellen Bartis Gambee	1982
Erica Pendleton Davis	1983
Paula Douglas Miller	1983
Shelley Ives	1983
Cheryl Williamson Fisher	1984
Becky Volans Akins	1987
Patty Carroll Wilson	1987
Rima Hartvigas Hampson	1987
Kathy Catlin Briggs	1988
Kim Peverly Lenta	1988
Lisa O'Brien George	1988
Missy Steinberg Bernier	1988
Laryssa Wilson Callan	1990
Sharon Seiffert Cooper	1990
Wendy Deisseroth Constantine	1991
Nancy Pitaniello Hyde	1993
Keira McPherson Clark	1994
Jeannie Heinsohn	1996
Jaime Conroy Kaufer	2000
Marci Berman Blaszk	2001
Marie Quimby-Flores	2001
Andrea Stellato	2003
Emily White Eckstrum	2003
Sarah Bayer	2005
Katie Campagnone Dion	2007
Liz Henderson	2007
Heather Taylor	2009
Kristin Lozo	2010
Ashley Cheney	2011

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Our Hallowed Halls



First, I would like to thank everyone for all the generous donations made to keep the house in good shape. We were able to move forward with many necessary repairs for the safety and security of those living there.

- During the past year the following repair were made:
- Bedrooms on second floor were painted
- New doors were installed on all second floor bedrooms
- A new floor was installed in the Racks
- The Dutton Room was remodeled with new walls, floor and window
- Gutters were installed to help keep the porch columns in tact and water out of the basement.
- A new sump pump was installed in the basement
- With the intense winter came frozen pipes and all the work needed to unfreeze them twice.

The front steps and back steps will be rebuilt soon.

Again, thanks for keep our ship afloat! See you all at Alumni Weekend for a tour of the House!!!

Licia Urtis Murrell '82
House Repair Manager

A True Story...



I took these pictures myself with my little "Brownie" camera on Monday, June 13, 1949 on the lawn surrounding the Ago house. It was an unbelievable, beautiful early June day with clear blue skies, bright sunshine and Spring flowers. It was something very **SPECIAL!!** Just the day before we had attended our Graduation ceremony on a **Sunday** and received our degrees. That had also been something **special** because we were the **first class** to ever graduate on a **Sunday** and that happened only after our class petitioned the change. Graduation cards had already been printed so more little cards to go along with them were quickly made announcing the one-day earlier date. The change benefited many people for different reasons including the graduates and their parents, relatives etc. who did not have to miss a day of work. But **today** was different because many of our **AGO** girls were still here and before long other people started to arrive. **TODAY THERE WAS GOING TO BE A WEDDING!** How more **SPECIAL** could this day be? **DODIE ZOLLER** and **ED LEVINS** were going to exchange their wedding vows in the garden of the **AGO house at 11 Pierrepont**. The Bride had graduated from Crane the day before and she had served as the President of the Agonian Sorority during the past year. The groom was a Clarkson graduate and affiliated with the National Reserve. Dodie chose to share her wedding with her Sorority Sisters in the house that had been her "home" for four years for all of us even before we had our own rooms to sleep there. Several people helped with the outside duties i.e. the white fence for the garden, plant dishes, finding and moving enough chairs to provide for the guests, etc. Many of the girls living in the house had stayed for the wedding and were a great help with the refreshments and cake that was served to the guests on the porch and lawn after the ceremony. Dodie and Ed had done all the planning themselves. The time of the wedding was around mid-day so by mid-afternoon most of the cleaning up was done, Dodie and Ed had changed into camping clothes, loaded camping equipment, which included a tent, into the car and with the well wishes from those of us still there, they headed for "somewhere up in the mountains" on their honeymoon. The "**specialness**" which I have attempted to describe with words must really be **felt** and the actual sense of what I had felt back **then** came back to me **now**. I was so thankful that I was able to find those original pictures I had taken during the ceremony itself. They had been packed away with other albums for the same 65 years that brought us to our 65 year anniversary this year. I, personally, had the opportunity to experience the bond of togetherness and belief in the promises **I** made when we pledged our loyalty to all those things which **AGO** stands for.

Love in AKPhi,

Bev

Bev Savage Castiglione

Class of 1949 "Rep"

Step back in time to 1949...



Zoller/Levins
Wedding
June 1949



Halloween, October 1948—
AGO's parade costume theme of "Life Saver".

Mary Lou C, Dodie Z., Lil P.



AGO's "Sun Beauties"
May 1949

“TAKE OUT YOUR OLD CHINA BEER MUG WITH YOUR AKΦ UPON IT...”

Do you still have your china mug?

On April 24, Ago alumna Sharon Keating Heiligman '79 hosted a wine and appetizers get together in her lovely Webster home. Many Agonians from classes 1974 through 1994 attended, one former President of Ago in 74, Kathy "Ed" Ames Kieta, came from OH and afterwards made the trek up 81 to her hometown of Watertown. Now that's dedication! Coveted china mugs from downtown days were raised, 2 original white blazers were adorned stylishly, every possible piece of clothing with anchors on them were worn and even extras sold as a mini fundraiser to help with 11P expenses. Our precious wake-up board came out of storage, only to discover that Sue Rhow Todd '75's creativity way back when still shines brightly in its decorating and wording, another Rochester contribution. And the title of this blurb and often-sung ballad was the talent of Tami Maloney Whitbeck '74, a Rochester alumna.



The wines went down pretty slowly as age has caught up with us, but the delicacies by such chefs as Pam Pandleton '78, Barb Cregg '75 and Cookie Scalise Balme '79 could win any contest. Hugs and laughs dominated the evening with a few photos and selfies. We were honored to have Agonian Board Chair Jane Morale '80 among our motley crew. Plans were made for the journey "home" to Potsdam and 11P this July, with guaranteed more memories to make.

“Many of us still have our AKPhi china beer mugs, now used for buttons, flowers, keys, pencils. They hold so much liquid, we'd be peeing all night!”
- Sue Wajda '74

Mid-70s Agos at another get-together with their China Mugs

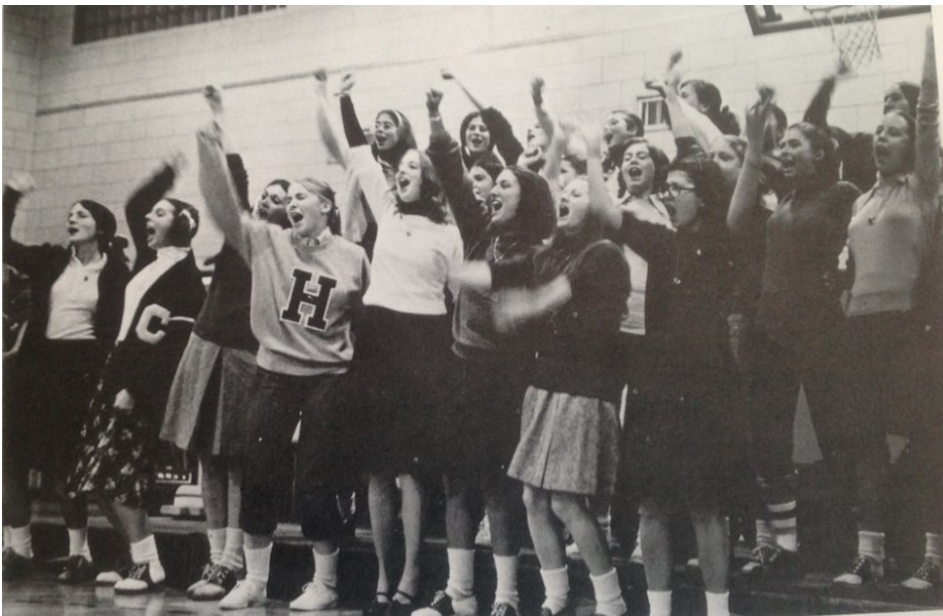


Organizational Sing 1974

One of my favorite AGO memories happened in the fall of 1974. The house was busy preparing for Homecoming. Our Homecoming theme was Teen Angel. Sororities, fraternities, and dorms participated in a part of Homecoming called Organizational Sing. It was held in Merritt Hall which was the old gym.

Our song was a medley of music from the 50s including The Lion Sleeps Tonight, Duke of Earl and Rock Around the Clock. It was arranged by Carolyn Odell Durnin '76 in 5 part harmony.

Parts were assigned and the practicing began with Carolyn accompanying us on guitar. We rehearsed many evenings and weekends in the house and across the street in a large room in one of Clarkson's buildings. Student teachers Jane Murray Wolfe, Lori Misicka, and Sally Loe Aubrey had private lessons from Carolyn on the weekends when they were back in Potsdam.



Can you spot yourself?

Barb Cregg is the one
with the H on
her sweater.

When the night of the competition arrived, we were ready and dressed in 50s clothing with our queen candidate, Jane Murray Wolfe '75, front and center. When it was our turn, we sang our beautiful medley complete with dance moves. We were awesome and blew them all away!

Because of the high number of Cranies in their house, Phi K always won. Could we beat them? We waited with great anticipation for the announcement of the winners. Imagine how excited we were when it was announced that the sisters of AGO had won Organizational Sing!

Barb Cregg '75

A Little Business....

Agonian Alumnae Association

Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of 4/26/14:

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

2014 Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Agonian Hymn

Reports

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

Old Business

- Future of Ago

New Business

- 2014 Annual Meeting Date

Officers - 2013/2014

President—Stephanie Allen Manuel '90

Vice President—Lindsay Mermell '09

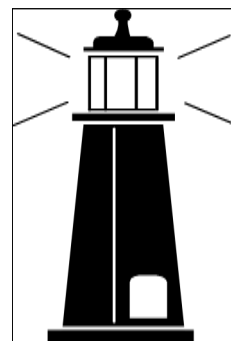
Treasurer—Vera Thurston Gibbs '78

Corresponding Secretary—Rima Hartvigas Hampson '87

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

See page 11 for details on
 the 11 Pierrepont fundraiser
 and page 15 to read about
 much needed 11P repairs!

In Memoriam...

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

Samantha Naples—Class of 2004

Elizabeth Jepson —Class of 1940

Jane Vanderhoof (she passed away in 2009 but it wasn't reported)—Class of 1961

Lianne Gibson (she passed away in 1978 but it wasn't reported)

Nancy Gaffney Adams (she passed away in 2011 but it wasn't reported)—Class of 1961

Class News

If your news didn't reach us in time for the publication of the 2014 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. Please feel free to write us by email or through our website with your valuable ideas, comments and suggestions.

Class of 1949—Greetings from the Golden Girls of the Agonian '49-ers!

Shirley Valentine Backus has an address for you so you can send her a card or a note. She would be so glad to know that you are thinking about her. Her address is: *Country Manor Nursing Home, Box 214, 1045 West Street Road, Carthage, NY 13619*. I'm sure you remember me telling you that Shirley was able to continue to live in her own home after the last stroke she had because she had a son who lived there with her and with the help of caregivers they were able to care for her there. Mike, her son, was such a kind and caring person in spite of his own diabetic condition which required hospital treatment 3 times a week. He did find it possible to perform the duties of Organist and Vocalist in a larger church on weekends. Shirley also has another son (Corey) who has his own house and responsibilities. In late Fall '13, Mike passed away from his illness and now there is no way that Shirley will be able to live in her own home again. What a sad situation! Shirley lost her son at this early age and is unable to live alone without a full-time caregiver. I think it would be a good thing to give her some support with Thinking of You or Sympathy cards. It is not too late. I hope each of you will show support for her in some way. This is a time to be a true Agonian.

Lorraine Brown Bogardus and husband are still snuggled up in their large stone, pre-Civil War house in Morristown, NY on the bank of the St. Lawrence River. It is the house which Lorraine inherited through her grandfather many years ago. Lorraine insists that she should be considered a "Camerican" since one of her parents was born in the US and the other one across the River in Brockville, Canada. Lorraine actually had her choice of citizenship and chose American (legally). However, this explains why she considers herself a Camerican. As the author of two books, "River Reflections" and "River Reflections Revisited", Lorraine donates a portion of the profits to The Gateway Museum in Morristown, NY where Lorraine is on the Board of Directors. Twenty years passed between the writing of the two books and the many changes and events that had occurred during that time period in the surrounding area of Morristown and the River. This made Lorraine feel compelled to "revisit" her first book and update the many changes. Lorraine is also a serious and avid reader of historical times, places and people. She recently has become very interested in the Amish people and for a good reason. In recent years there has been a movement of Amish families into northern New York all through the St. Lawrence River Valley. She is very complimentary as she speaks about them as families and the contributions they make to the preservation of the soil and the land, the crops which they produce (all manual labor) and then take to the villages and roadsides for the people to buy fresh AND the husbands are an important part of their lives as a FAMILY. If anyone is interested in more information about Lorraine's two books which are published, write to Lorraine at *518 River Road East, Ogdensburg, NY 13669*. I did and enjoy them immensely.

Jeanne Carol Johnston-Brown is calling "Hello from SC – 60 degrees and sunny today. I'm still here and sooo thankful for daughter Beth and her TLC to me. Sons Stephen and Daniel nearby to help with upkeep both inside and out. 6 precious grandchildren – ages 22 mos. to 14 yrs. old. My good health, wonderful church and Bible study friends give me hope, purpose and thankfulness. Love to all in AKPhi."

Lila Dean Hamilton sent me a FRANTIC message! "*Does anyone know anything about my big sister "Stretch" (Jean) Goldwaite (Swanson)? She used to be in Zepher Hill, FL. I lost her!*" I promised Lila I would send out her message to one and all. I believe it has been the last two years that she has missed her. If anyone can help her, this is her address: 241 Vine Street, Batavia, NY 14020 and I know she would be most appreciative for any information. Now to Lila and her husband, "Ham" who sold their home in Florida in Spring of 2013 and moved back to their home in Batavia for year round. They sold their home at the request of their daughters because none of them were within a distance where they could have reached Lila and Ham within 24 hours. They really missed being in Florida this winter – they nice weather, getting out of the house, grabbing the golf cart to go to the movies while Ham watched many movies on TV. "Here in Batavia we just stayed inside. I'm still unhappy with cooking some kind of dinner every night! At least we're safe and warm ('but bored). Church is the highlight of my week!" Lila said that she is 85 and Ham is 94 and they do not appreciate driving up here either, in Florida they did not drive that much. Ham at 94 yrs. Still plays 9 holes of golf on good days. One of their daughters and their grandson live in Batavia, also. Their family consists of 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and "2 more in the oven"! Lila's "big sister" was in the Class of '48. If anyone from that class might be able to give her any help, please do. "Love to all the Agonians"

Donna Newton Johnson and husband, Dick, live in Williamsburg, Virginia and they have a son on the West Coast and a son in the East who lives not too far from their vicinity. Donna reports that the "East Coast son recently purchased a house which is made completely from stone and was built in the 1940's." Unfortunately, she ran out of time to further describe it so I will have to remain curious until our next conversation. Their son in the West lives in Seattle, Washington, and their grandson does also. They will be coming to Dick and Donna's for a visit in April. Donna and Dick have been long time patrons of the Elderhostel experiences and have enjoyed *many* of their vacations in various locations. In the Fall of 2013 over Labor Day weekend they enjoyed a week at Racquette Lake in the Adirondacks and visited Old Vanderbuilt Estate in Sagamore where the buildings are still all the originals. They had a most enjoyable Elderhostel week. The social life in the retirement community where they live offers informal "get togethers" as well as planned programs from outside. They are comfortable and happy with their cozy "cottage" home and living in their favorite Williamsburg surroundings where they have enjoyed most years together.

Nan Rankin Harris writes great notes and I am always ready to laugh even before I can read anything. That is what happened when I received her recent reply in response to my reminding her it was time for her "News" so she could be counted as "present" at "roll call". I was really half laughing as I opened the envelope but when I started to read her first words I just laughed out loud, here, alone and all by myself with no one else to hear me. I decided the best way for me to share her "News" with you is to just repeat the words to you exactly as written. Please note the quotation marks: "Great Balls of Fire" as my Aunt used to say. In other words, get a wiggle on, snap to..., hurry up! "My News" I am well, busy, doing more, accomplishing less and so very grateful for being able to keep in touch." "Hi Gals and Love in AKPhi". Do you think I was fast enough? Thank you, Nan. I think you broke the record. You really have told us a lot and I, too, am grateful. I would have liked your Aunt too.

Jane Moore and husband Jack keep in touch from their assisted living cottage apartment in Port Charlotte, Florida. One or both of them have been busy counting as they write they have just finished their 832nd day in their place called South Port Square. They tell their sons not to attempt to extricate them for they really do enjoy the loving care and the many various activities that keep them busy all day every day. At Christmastime, both Jane and Jack sang in the chorus for the annual Christmas concert and they are now practicing for the Spring Concert. Both of them continue to enjoy good health "and we smile and laugh frequently". I just need to send my Ago house roommate a special "Hi, Janie, I look at your picture often." Loving you in AKPhi, Bev. Jane and Jack send their love to all.

Ruthie Rose Many thinks her life is much the same as last year, much too busy. Among other commitments she is playing in church on Sundays, reads to the Pre-Kindergarten and plays keyboard for their graduation and other programs. She also works with a 6th grade youth choir. They are very lucky people to have you in Hobart, Ruthie. She enjoys all this BUT she is waiting impatiently to GET OUTDOORS and start digging and planting! Give Ruthie the tools and she will have a world of all kinds of flowers around her! She has a vacation coming up over Easter. She will spend one week with each of her two daughters and grandchildren. She will be going to VA and then to KY. She says she feels extremely well! That is so terrific! Thank you for having your "news" so well organized, Ruthie, and for the beautiful notecard. Love in AKPhi, Bev

Win Stoker Pusey wrote such a nice folksy note and I really enjoyed it because for me it had the ambiance of someone living in Maine. I wanted to be able to smell the basalm. I'm sure that since I grew up in very northern NY State that would be very possible. Win was commenting on what her age will be on her next Birthday and how she can't believe it. I told her I have the exact same reaction. There has to be 10 years packed away in there that we never knew. Anyway, they still live in Maine where they have been for several years and that were spending much more time with their sail boat. She commented that she and Brad (her husband) still haul wood from their woodpile to the "porch" on a "jetsled". They heat with wood and backup electric. She said they had seriously discussed the possibility of hiring it hauled next year but it's really "admitting defeat". "Not only that but we like to spend a little time in Florida each winter and that's really packing it in." She is still directing the church choir and playing her little gem of a tracker organ but she spends more time quilting than she does practicing. She has tried to estimate the number of quilts she has made and it's about 75+ including some small ones for babies and pre-schoolers. Win wrote, "Crane and Potsdam and AGO are still dear to my heart as they are to all of us. I'm grateful beyond words for *those that WE had as sisters.*" *Personally I often wonder if any of the 10 AGOs who answer to the name '49er and continue to correspond and be counted stop to realize that our AGO pledge and membership days were 65 years ago. Sixty five years is a long time but time is elusive. Stay in touch, Win, I always enjoy "swapping tales". Love in AKPhi, Bev*

Bev Savage Castiglione is the class "rep" for the Class of 1949. I need to let you know that one of our '49ers passed away on June 30, 2012. **Betty Winchester Kirwan** was in a Utica hospital for several weeks before she lost her ability to fight cancer any longer. Betty's son and family live in Florida but her son spent considerable time with her and contacted me by email frequently. Actually, I spoke with Betty by phone two different times when she wanted to talk. You should have known this sooner but somehow it was missed. I think because it happened in the summer. Betty was one sweet girl, so pleasant and caring about others. I have a picture of her from our 50th, eating under the tent outside in the courtyard. Please remember her in your way. I also feel that we should recognize our loss of Bob Washburn. Bob was not an AGO, no, but he was a member of OUR class of 1949 and deserves the respect and appreciation for his contribution to our school and the students of our class. It is only right that his memory becomes synonymous with Crane – and our class. Truly he cared and was *one of us.* *Thank you all for your contributions (news) for the Anchor and for you because you are the Love that makes AKPhi what it is. Have a safe and caring summer. Love, Bev*

Class of 1957

Betty Foster Dunn writes: "I have FINALLY retired from teaching gifted and elementary education and am busier than ever. I have been widowed for 3 and 1/2 years now but am actively volunteering in the schools, in civic affairs and traveling. I have great places to visit... a daughter in Spain, a son in Brazil, and another daughter in California. Ohio is emerging slowly from a loooooong winter hibernation and 40 degrees feels like summer. Have great memories of military life and lived in Spain, Japan, and the Philippines....including surviving the big volcano explosion there, as well as most of the US. I need to write a book."

Frederica Sideman Levinson (Bunny Beck) shared the sad news that **Jan Mandell Davies'** husband, Niles (Kiki) passed away in early March. The Davies family and Dr. Davies' Farm have been mainstays within Rockland County for generations and Jan and Kiki have been wonderfully active in and generous to charitable causes. Some years ago Jan hosted a terrific luncheon get-together at their historic 19th century farmhouse for several Agos in our class. Jan has the support of her three children and their families, her sister Judy, as well as a multitude of friends. Jan's address is Dr. Davies' Farm, Box 146, Congers, NY 10920.

Re Bunny herself: "Hope you're each well and that your families are healthy and flourishing! At the end of last August I was diagnosed with anal cancer (which is a rare cancer) and thanks to the superb treatment and care from my physicians--all women--at Memorial Sloan Kettering, I am now cancer free. Feb. 20 PET scan showed tumor is GONE! No surgery was required - only chemo and radiation. Luckily my treatment was during the autumn, so I didn't have to contend with wintry weather as I traipsed back and forth to Sloan for 5 1/2 weeks of treatment.

On another note (so to speak!) as Bunny Beck, my new CD album "From the Spirit" will be released in May. There are 8 tracks, 7 of which are my original compositions. The album is produced by PARMA Recordings which produced my first CD in 2010. The tunes are performed by the Bunny Beck Jazz Ensemble - great musicians - check 'em out! Matt Blostein on sax, Ed MacEachen on guitar, Tom Hubbard on bass, Vinnie Sperrazza on drums, and me on piano." Bunny is looking forward to hearing the latest news from everyone.

Julie Eisenstein Hirsch has been keeping busy as always, most recently taking her daughter and granddaughter college shopping in the northern states and attending relatives' weddings. To break up the winter, she and her husband took an 11 day cruise out of Tahiti in February.

Mary Lou Trask Scott says she's moved to an independent living facility and will have her other knee replaced in March. She's retired from teaching at the New England Music Camp in Maine (38 summers!), but remains on their Board of Trustees. Mary Lou taught at Gouverneur Central Schools (28 years), Indian River (9), and as Crane Student Teacher Supervisor (9). It's good to learn that her musical talents are continuing to impact others through her daughter (Crane graduate) and granddaughter (Fredonia graduate). Mary Lou wishes that all her sisters can be happy in this New Year.

Susan Smykla Udell is grateful to have spent two and a half months in Marco Island, FL while very cold and snowy weather raged over Wisconsin and most of the rest of the nation this winter. She and her husband, Jon, took a cruise through Belgium and Holland last spring and then spent much of the summer at their "farm" that is 40 miles from their home in Madison. If any of you are coming to our area, be sure to email ahead and we'll be glad to get reacquainted! And--please continue to send your news to usandj@hotmail.com

Class of 1961

It was sad to read in the Potsdam newsletter of the passing of **Jane Vanderhoof LeBlanc** Le Blanc of Avon, N.Y. Her obituary states that she succumbed to colon cancer after a seven year battle. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Arthur LeBlanc, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Jane had an active career in music for 30 years as a music teacher, then choir director at the First Presbyterian Church of Avon, and as song leader for the Rotary Club.

Nancy Gaffney Adams' husband passed on her obituary. She passed away on Dec. 28, 2011, leaving John, her husband of 45 years, three children, Elizabeth, Michael, and Douglas, and three grandchildren. She taught in Rochester for 5 years then Norwood-Norfolk schools for 2 years.

Mary Lee Alles Caggiano spent the past ten years teaching 3 year olds at her church's preschool in Downingtown, PA and this year is a volunteer there. She and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary with all their family in Cape May. In Sept. they went to Hawaii with friends (her husband's best man). This year two granddaughters will be graduating, one from college, and the other from high school. Time flies!

Gail Dennis Marineau is enjoying living in The Villages, Florida. She took a transatlantic cruise to Rome, Italy and in Sept. traveled the entire length of the Alaskan Highway on their way through the Canadian Rockies and Alaska.

Carolew Rinfret Broadhurst writes from Suffern, NY that now that she is retired from 35 years of nursing she is volunteering every week at nearby nursing facilities and playing piano for the residents in the assisted living area. She belongs to two senior groups in Rockland County and tries to stay active. Her son Kenneth was married in Feb. and lives in N.J. and son David lives in Pearl River, N.Y. with his family. Her husband, Don, and son Craig both passed away after being in the same Veterans' Hospital together. She will always remember her days at Potsdam.

Pat Scheu Blackwell of Skaneateles, NY keeps busy with volunteer activities and grandchildren who range from high school senior to a kindergartener, enjoying email photos shared by the out-of-state families.

Gloria Gonda Grocock of Cutchogue, LI, NY, has spent a year of adjustment after the passing of her husband, Chris, on Jan. 15, 2013 from a massive stroke after a few months of being ill with kidney disease. They had spent almost 3 months in Africa in 2012, which included a ten day camping safari to Tanzania where she revisited the school where she had been a Peace Corps Volunteer teacher, the church where they had been married, and all the game parks that Chris had been responsible for when he was working there back in the '60's. All four of her children came for a week and spoke so well of their father at his memorial. In Feb. her 8th grandchild was born---the "circle of life" continues. Daughter Gwendolen is now divorced and living with her with her two children, so the house is not empty! Daughter Julia lives in Kenya and is a drama teacher, with two children, 18 & 16. Son Geoffrey and his wife Doreen are both veterinarians in the Buffalo area, with their one year old son. Son Jonathan is in England with wife and three children. Gloria visited them last August before and after she went on a Northern European cruise with her sister. While there, she had a reunion with her Peace Corps roommate and another Peace Corps volunteer. She's returning to England for a visit (and to babysit!) in April.

Arlene Lindstrom Dahm said that she and her husband had a grand time visiting Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Nat'l Park, Wyoming last Sept. and are looking forward to an Alaskan cruise with her sister in May.

Nancy Shults Kear is still living in Potsdam after all these years! She retired from teaching music at Canton Central School and is still active in music as a private violin/viola teacher and as a member of the Orchestra of Northern New York. She's in a trio with two other Crane alumni playing for weddings and events in the North Country, Lake Placid & the 1000 Islands. She also sings with her church choir. Her family is well: three children, 5 young adult grandchildren and two adorable great-granddaughters. They are all looking forward to a family reunion at the wedding of her granddaughter in Potsdam.

Sandy Clark Samuels and husband Dick are doing well in retirement, spending winters in Venice, FL and summers in Exeter, NH. They enjoy cruising and have taken a couple of trips with **Marian Couch Cooper** and husband. Their family is well with their two boys and one girl having two children each, all of whom are pursuing more education. She and Dick have fond memories of their Potsdam days.

Kate Merrill Karshick writes that she and her husband celebrated 49 years of marriage by boarding a clipper ship in Lisbon, Portugal and sailing to the eastern end of the Mediterranean. She's busy cheering on 6 grandchildren, ages 8-16 who are active in sports. She couldn't ski this past winter due to a broken foot but caught up on reading and is BFF with her computer! Yoga has helped her getting ready to return to walking, swimming, gardening & hopefully, pickle ball. She says "Our bucket list isn't finished yet!"

Class of 1962

Susan Aceto and Tom '59 are blessed to live in two of the best places in the world, Tucson, AZ and the tiny town of Roque Bluffs way down-east on the coast of Maine. "What wonderful memories I have of our big reunion in July '12. The Agonians are in great shape, literally and figuratively. What a fine bunch of women! I loved every moment of our time together, especially boating on the Racquette River with John and Judy O'Reilly. What a special treat. Sending love to all in AKPhi."

From Susan's deck, Roque Bluffs, Maine.
Yes, that is a lobster fisherman collecting his traps.
Can't get lobster fresher than that!



Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell and John celebrated the birth of their first granddaughter, Olivia Grace Blaisdell last January. They also have 2 grandsons. Both Betsy and John continue to work full time and like feeling they make a difference. Trips to Florida, Wyoming, South Carolina and Minnesota were very much enjoyed.

Fran Sardina Bliiek is spending more time in Florida this year. She and Dave are now residents of the Sunshine State. They arrived the end of September and won't be heading back to Seneca Lake until June this year. A trip to Italy is planned for 3 weeks in May with Fran's sister Mary Ann and her husband who was born in Italy and knows the language. That will help in their travels to Tuscany and then to Gaeta which is on the coast south of Rome. Fran continues to teach art in Florida and NY while Dave continues as a flight instructor. Lunch with **Elaine Boyrer** and **Bev Levy** is highlight of time in Florida.

Elaine Fallon Boyrer and Jerry spent a week at Lake George again this summer with family including 5 grandchildren. Elaine is a caregiver to Jerry who through his illness has maintained his endearing smile and easygoing nature making her efforts so much easier. They continue to spend winter months in Florida where Elaine plays a great deal of golf. One of the highlights of her Florida time is having lunch with **Fran** and **Bev**.

Kate Sheldon Cox has gone back up to Lyons Falls to check on her house and hopes to put it on the market sooner rather than later! Kate had hoped to hold on to it for family to vacation, to ski, etc. but the grandchildren are all getting older and "have things to do" that does not include visiting. She recently visited her son's family in Boston spending time with her busy grandsons. Daughter Julie is newly married and lives a short distance from Kate's Jersey shore apartment as does daughter Susie. Kate tells us that "spring is late coming to the ocean. Too cold, but things are finally getting back to normal after the throes of Sandy. The boardwalk is calling me... Come down and join me. Didn't we have so much fun at Potsdam in 2012? Again, I say that it seems like yesterday, but when I look at myself in the mirror, the reality tells me another story!"

Shirley Wolf Crane and Irv celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a backyard party in August. Family from California, Arizona and Florida were able to join them along with Agonians **Bev Eccles Levy**, **May Simpson Kemp** and **Fran Sardina Bliet**. Their 3 children and 8 grandchildren helped with the wonderful festivities and joined them for a week in the Adirondacks where they enjoyed boating, hiking, swimming, games and fishing for the "great Muskie". Shirley and Irv love spending time outdoors and continue with their involvement in Habitat for Humanity.

Jean Urbas Dearstyne and John celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on vacation with their family of ten on an agriturismo in Fiesole, just outside of Florence, Italy. Side trips to Paris & Venice made wonderful rocking chair memories for all. Sounds wonderful, Jean!

May Simpson Kemp and Terry took a fantastic trip to Florida in February 2013 where they visited with old friends from early Air Force and college days and never stopped talking and reminiscing. Another highlight was a week-long trip with friends to Duck, NC on the Outer Banks. Their California family joined them and their Pennsylvania family for a wonderful visit last summer. May continues to enjoy the church quilting group, taking cooking classes, two book clubs, visits with old friends, and best of all being a grandmother. May was sad to lose her beloved Aunt Adeline this past year before she could get back to visit her again in Ireland. Aunt Adeline gave May the family she knew so little about with a wonderful book that she wrote about them for May. She and Santa Terry traveled again in December to son Kevin's house and ARC school in upstate NY. "It is so joyful to see the 'kids' reactions and we are so blessed to be able to share the season with those who truly believe."

Kathie Canapary Kiernan and Bill took an Erie Canal Barge boat up the canal starting at Macedon and ending up in Rochester, home of my brother. They captained the boat themselves along with Kathie's sister and brother-in-law and stopped along the way in various towns to sight see and bike along the canal. They were most fortunate to meet up for lunch with Joyce Coleman and her husband, Roger in the town of Pittsford. It was a delightful time chatting with them and catching up with Joyce after all these years. Kathie's only regret is not contacting Shirley Wolf Crane and Irv as they were in Fairport and didn't put two and two together until she received her Christmas update. They did the trip at the end of September and it was a perfect time as the summer tourists were all back home. They enjoyed watching the crew teams practice up and down the canal in the early mornings and late afternoons. "It is beautiful country along the canal and far to imagine how it was ever built in the early 1800's."

Kathie Canapary Kiernan and Joyce Moulton Mc-Ammond Coleman and their hubbies enjoy an afternoon along the Erie Canal in Pittsford, NY. What fun!



Rosemary Falbo Quadrini had an especially wonderful Christmas this year with all her family home for the holidays even the California bunch. In the true Italian family tradition, Rosemary and Dave entertain their Texas children and grandchildren on Friday nights for pizza night at their house.

Bev Eccles Levy and Gail had a great week with their NY kids. Did the airboat rides through the Mangroves (the kids kept saying "faster, faster!" After that there was a wonderful boardwalk tour where they were able to observe huge alligators, birds, etc. At the end of that there was a guy who shared information about alligators and the kids were able to hold real live alligators (their jaws were bound). Another day they went to a beach on a lagoon where they could drive huge big wheel bikes in the water and kayak type motorized boats where they could squirt each other). Great kid stuff! There were other beach and pool days, miniature golf etc. There are burrowing owls all over Marco Island one across the street from where the Levy's are staying. Granddaughter Sarah (a nature lover) was thrilled when it actually came out twice and she got pictures. Bev and Gail enjoyed many things in Florida this winter. Besides the usual sun stuff, there are numerous Arts and Crafts Shows, and a wonderful farm market every Wednesday. They participated in an informational meeting with stations and tour regarding all the creatures that make Tigertail Beach their home.

Linda Rowland Tuffey and husband are still in NC. Their children are scattered... Chicago, Atlanta, and Colorado Springs. They have wonderful grand kids, including 2 sets of fraternal twins...ages 15 and 9, plus three in between. Life has been good to them as they begin to enjoy nearly 52 years of marriage, 11 moves, and countless adventures. "This is a long way from Potsdam! Who would of thought? So we have elected to 'go with the flow' and enjoy each day and each other. The South is a wonderful place to be and for this we are blessed."

Class of 1963

Ellen Thiem Horn is a 5 year survivor of breast cancer. Her husband, David, is challenged by osteoporosis related problems. In spite of their "aches and pains" they are enjoying three months in the Florida sunshine in Dade City. This August 8th, they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Sandy Jenner Kolb and her husband Bill still live in Gainesville Florida and are still be Gator fans!! Four of their grandchildren (ages 6-12) live in Gainesville....fun!

Nancy Hoffer is still enjoying a wonderful life in the Boston area. She keeps in close touch with Bev Smith, Jane Hannan Corrou, Susan Howard Penharlow, and Ruth Hammel Gove. She has great memories of the Ago years. Her future travel plans include a trip to Hilton Head, Sarasota, and in September a trip to a chalet in Salzburg, Austria.

Susan Howard Penharlow is still in northern VT living in the home her husband and she built in 1976. Yikes, that was a while ago, says Susan. This past summer it was great to meet with Nancy Hoffer, Bev Smith, and Ruth Hammel Gove in Marlborough, MA for a mini-reunion. Each memory sparked another one until we had to break to take a breath. What a wonderful time spent together. Her daughter Megan and her husband and 2 daughters live in Hooksett, NH and her other daughter, Kimberly, lives in Brooklyn. They manage to spend time together for holidays and family vacations.

Marti Tallman Scott cannot believe that she has been in AZ for 10 years. If you come south in the winter, please give her a call (480 895-4176). She and Scotty stay busy with dancing, church, and flying to Kansas City or St. Louis to see grandchildren. She is still teaching water aerobics 5 days a week with some time off for a new hip. Her heart hurts to think of all the problems with AGO! She has such fond memories of our time together as AGOS and the strong friendships we made that have lasted 50 years. (scottml@shaklee.net)

Ruth Hammel Gove continues to keep busy, volunteering in kindergarten, by helping out and singing and playing the uke (same one as in college). She also does yoga, Pilates, plays tennis and golf (when and if the snow ever melts). She still sings with Sweet Adelines (next year it will be 50 years) and also her church choir. The most exciting thing this year was the marriage of her niece, Katie (her brother's daughter), in Tucson, AZ in February. Yes, they left 2 feet of snow for a week in sunny, warm Arizona.

Bev Smith is still doing all the usual activities: golf, tai chi, watercolor classes, volunteer work in the class for the visually impaired who make baskets, and daily walking. She is now brushing up on her bridge since she has a neighbor who is interested in playing. She first learned when she was at Potsdam! *Thanks to all of you who sent your news for the newsletter.*

Class of 1972

Mary Jane Felber Cottier is keeping busy in Brighton volunteering in a KDG class, staying involved in church activities, and has recently joined the Women's Club of Rochester. Husband, Bud, is still working but has unlimited vacation. Travels in 2013 have been to Hawaii for two weeks with close friends, Marco Island, FL in March, Las Vegas in October for Bud's Wendy's Convention, and an 80th birthday trip to Denver for Bud's stepmother in November. They recently returned from a trip to the Turks and Caicos and are looking forward to a Spain and Portugal river cruise with friends in the fall. They are looking forward to another summer at their place on Owasco Lake in the Finger Lakes region. Their 3 children and 2 grandchildren are all great. Scott and his wife, Chrissy, have 2 children, 11 and 13. Brad owns a medical supply company in Penfield, and their daughter, Jane, recently finished her MSW and is looking for a position in her field. Mary Jane and Bud are very fortunate to have them all in Rochester!

Paula Thompson Moore and Roy still love living in E. Tennessee and have enjoyed family and friend's visits. Family members have made the trip every year – 8 years already. They also LOVE traveling via motorcycle – Paula even got a new bike that allows her to reach the ground on both sides at once! Their big trip last year was to Patagonia (southern Chile/Argentina), 2550 miles (half of it on dirt and in extreme wind). This year's big trips have already taken them to Maui as part of our "conquer all 50 states" campaign, and will include Peru (Machu Picchu et al), and the Midwest Maritimes around the Great Lakes into Canada and back.

Marie DuPell Caschera and Tony are both still working and spending lots of time with family. All 3 of their children live within 10 miles and they see them almost every weekend for Sunday dinners at their home. They moved into a new ranch home almost two years ago and are enjoying "maintenance free" living - no more lawn mowing OR shoveling snow! They keep busy in spring and summer with flower gardening and trimming the shrubbery. That leaves Tony plenty of time for golf on weekends and at least once during the week. Marie's mom and sisters and families are also nearby so there are always family activities going on throughout the year. Their 2 grandchildren are their major source of entertainment. Ayva, Todd's daughter, is 5 and loves Kindergarten, art projects, and Legos. Ryker, Emily's son, is 10 months old, getting ready to walk and smiling all the time. We also attend many of Emily's team's games (H.S. basketball) during the winter months. Our travels in 2013 included Fort Myers, FL (golf for Tony with fraternity brothers, Richie and "Chat"), a long summer weekend in York, ME, and a trip in October with friends to Seneca Lake for wine tasting/purchasing. We just returned from our "winter break" – a cruise from NYC to Florida and the Bahamas. Marie also notes how much fun it is to keep up with Ago sisters on Facebook these days: Donna Connelly Godfrey, Karen Wirges Meeker, Judy Spencer Gyger, Charlotte Stone Aiken, Kathy Newell Saccone, Sandy Linsky Simpson and more. Join them!

Class of 1973

Bonita "Bonnie" Betters-Reed retired this past year from Simmons and was pleased to receive Emerita status and a special service award from Simmons College. Gary retired a couple years ago and they are slowly transitioning to a life with more flexibility... they hope. Their son Adam graduates this June from Chapel Haven School - a post-secondary program for young adults with Asperger's Syndrome. Ally is a senior at St. Lawrence U. - Spanish major, art minor. They are lucky and proud parents. Bonnie continues as a Trustee for Potsdam and loves seeing all our AGO sisters through this network - three of them from my pledge classes - Lynne Boles, Chair of the Board, Debbie "Dief" Hind, and Eileen Goss Whelley and Jane Murray Wolff. Elaine Whitehead Pauley (Bonnie's little sister) joins them when she can - it has been great to reconnect and they all do their best to represent AGO with a positive voice. Gary and Bonnie now reside in Wilmot, NH and Bonita Springs, FL - please look them up.

Class of 1974

For **Lynne Boles**, it has been another year of "semi-retirement" which included visits with friends and family, volunteering, travel and consulting work to pay for that travel. She is still President of the SUNY Potsdam Foundation Board and helped to work on the capital campaign. She worked on the Ago Task Force with many dedicated Agonians all year to ensure that Ago will be recognized again on campus. Lynne's 60th birthday was celebrated over a long weekend with 14 others, including several Potsdam/Ago alums (Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74 and Lori Misicka '75). Bonnie Betters Reed ('73) and Jan Whitfield ('75) and their hubbies visited Lynne's Skaneateles place last summer. She and her husband took an amazing cruise around New Zealand after a few days of vacation in Australia. There was also a fun trip to Geneva, Switzerland with a brief stop off in Paris and a nice vacation in Portugal. Finally, they had a great time in October during an all-day wine tasting & barbeque hosted by Sue Wajda '74 and including many Agonians from '74 and '75. Speaking of which, 2014 is the 40th anniversary of our graduation from Potsdam. Come on up and join the fun this July!

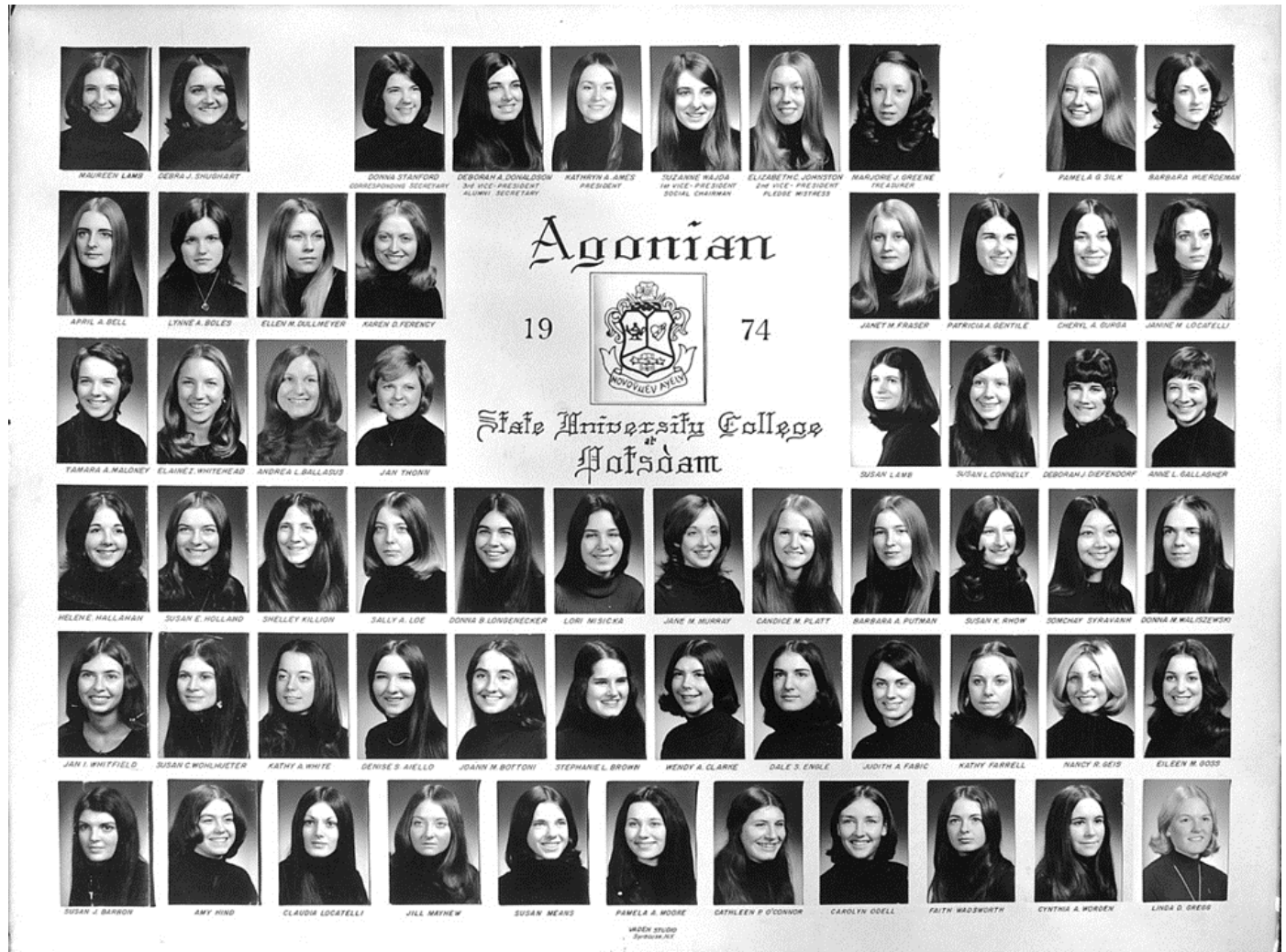
Donna Stanford wants to thank Lynne and Wajda for encouraging the Agos from '74 to share their "news." As she writes this, just a few months remain before she retires from a 40-year teaching career, which ends as a high school librarian in a suburban CT school system. Her son John, a special agent for Homeland Security, and his wife Laura have moved back East after several years in Seattle and are now settled in the Philly area. Her sweet twins and best buddies, Kate and Jane, are in Portsmouth, NH - Donna says that she guesses staying in CT for now puts her smack dab in between those locales for easy access! She had every intention of attending our 40th reunion this summer only to find out that her first grandchild is due on the Fourth of July (John is so patriotic!) and her annual romp on Martha's Vineyard begins on the 16th. Can she squeeze in a trip to I I Pierrepoint? She'll sure try!

Elaine Pauly writes that the Pauly family is on the move: Dana, now 25, landed a new job in New York with Publicis, Kaplan & Thaler, a global advertising agency. All happened quickly and she is now living in NY and apartment hunting in Manhattan. She is working as a recruiter and independent distributor for Nu Skin Enterprises (with a focus on health, nutrition, weight mgmt, skin rejuvenation). She has also started a business as a health coach and spent the year in a course through the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, a specialized training program out of NYC. She now works with people to help them heal through nutrition, weight management, and other health-related areas. She is also mentoring at Potsdam and life is good all around. All is consistent with Greg -- growing his engineering & manufacturing business, loving his boat and fast cars! They are still living in Western NY. If anyone is ever in the area, come for a visit. Home is always open!

Kathy Kieta's son Andrew announced his engagement in June and then proceeded to plan his wedding for July 12, 2014. Before she had a chance to say "Nooooo, that's my 40th reunion", it was too late. The venue and band were booked. Thus the reunion blues. What a bummer. Beyond that, she is still working as a private tutor 4 days a week and assisting a friend and former colleague who has recently opened a preschool. Dennis continues to think about retiring, especially with his work in Russia and Ukraine currently in limbo. Kathy is really disappointed that she will miss the reunion and is grateful to all who have worked so hard to keep Ago afloat. Ring the gong for her on the 12th! Love in Alpha Kappa Phi... Ed Ames.

Patti Gentile Ludwiczak says a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to restore Ago's good name and future. It was discouraging to follow the news but so many of you really came through for everyone. Thank you, again. This is her second year of retirement after 38 years of teaching K through 3rd grade. She absolutely loved teaching and still misses it. To keep working with kids, she volunteers at the Book Nook at Buffalo Children's Hospital and get to reads great stories to patients. It's been fun and rewarding. Her spare time is spent taking care of 2 "super senior" moms, quilting and gardening. Husband Mark plans to retire soon and they are looking forward to travel time. Both their sons returned home for short times - Mark is a sportswriter for the Buffalo Bills and Sabres, Brian is finishing grad school. Patti and Mark love having them home but are looking forward to the next stage!

Sue "Josette" Wajda spends mega time in her antler-and-nose laden vehicle, always filled to the brim with food, laundry, chuck wagon provisions for her Mom (nearly 93) near Utica and hubby Tim with puppy Carebear living/working an hour south near Hornell. When not elder-caring and maintaining 3 residences, Sue subs in Webster and then "telecoaches" downsized souls facing career transitions in a tough economy. Tim is in his 12th year as a contractor, pursued by out-of-state cottage owners so nestles in our self-built cabin on Loon Lake. They enjoy Friday fish fries together at Lafalot, a quaint local dive. His daughter married in June and he has 2 grandsons in Toronto that they visit. Great events included Alumni Weekend '13 in Potsdam with lots of tears but lots of hope for Ago's future. Sue is thankful for the incredible rebuilding by such marvels as Sue Young, Cancilla, Jane, Licia, Dedi, Shelley, Colleen and our very own Boles. And then there are the amazing Alumnae Officers, holding us together in the most challenging of times, and dozens of new alums pitching in their expertise. Prepare for a whole new, wholesome Agonian. Always memorable gatherings of sisters included New Year's Eve, the Hinds gala in Albany, Axel in Syracuse, Derby fundraiser with Creggs, Timpanos and Nealons, special birthday sharing, visiting lil sis Donna and houseboy Rocky in NH, Rochester gathering at Keating's, wining and dining in the Finger Lakes with Donna, Whitfield, Wuerd, April, Lynne and hubbies. Sue welcomes the 74's back to Potsdam for their 40th this July; look for the gaudy girl on the porch! (Sue also provided the following composite picture for your entertainment and in the spirit of your 40th reunion!)



Class of 1975

Barb Putman Cregg and Michael did a lot of traveling in 2013! They spent 3 weeks of February in Maui. Then in March they went to the Big East Tournament in New York City to watch Syracuse basketball. At the end of April they traveled with friends to the Napa Valley, San Francisco and Yosemite National Park. Their most exciting trip was in May when they spent 2 weeks in Switzerland and Italy. Switzerland was Barb's dream vacation, so she's glad to have it off her bucket list. Barb sends greetings and love to her Ago sisters!

Donna Waliszewski Fallon is officially retired, but still tutors high school math and subs for Queensbury's math dept. Rick is the East Coast sales manager for GLP, a moving light company from Germany that sells lights to the entertainment industry, universities, etc. Donna gets to travel with him to many major cities, and they even returned to Verona New Year's Eve to go to the Turning Stone to check out the lights for Frankie Valli. Tiffany lives in Scotia and works at EpiMed in Johnstown as a process engineer. Rich and Meaghan moved to Chelmsford, MA, where he is an engineer at Instrumentation Laboratories and she works in HR at Smith and Nephew. Maura will be 3 in August and will welcome a little brother mid-August. Patrick lives in Camillus, works as a structural engineer in Auburn, and just purchased his second rental property in Tipperary Hill.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary welcomed their second grandson in June. Henry joined Amanda, Brian, 2-yr-old Benjamin, and boxer Abbie. Amanda teaches 6th grade and Brian now works for Prodigy Surgical. Allison transferred to Ayco's Tax Dept. and adopted puggle Jerry to entertain Jupiter. Gary and Dief spent lots of time in Sarasota and Skaneateles and welcomed lots of friends! Allison joined them for a great trip to Italy with Patty, Bill, and Melissa Sohl.

Donna Longenecker Neubauer's family had an amazing year, with all of her kids moving and finding new and improved jobs! New grandson Cody joined Kelly and Tom's family in April, and they moved to Salem, MA, where Kelly opened her own Family Law practice. Spence and Stefanie moved first to Silver Pines, CO, and then to Vail, where Stef works for Vail Valley Medical and Surgical Center. Declan continues to grow and loves the snow! Ryan, Kristina, Rivka (3), and Abigail (20 mos.) moved to the Albany area where Ryan now works for AP Logic as a Network Engineer. Rocky continues at MIG, and Donna's volunteer work took her on a life changing trip to a Habitat project in Guatemala. Whit and Craig cruised the southern Caribbean with them in Jan.

Carol Baitup Sweet enjoyed Mike and Kathy Farrell Kane's hospitality when she was in the Albany area for the last O'Neal daughter's wedding. They took a daytrip to VT and took lots of photos. Carol and some ATL friends made their annual trip to Nashville in Dec. for their "ho" weekend. She continues work at church and Hallmark and hikes, reads, paints and makes jewelry when she can. Meghan is in Scottsville, AZ, where she coaches and competes in Cross Fit, placing 8th in the Southwest region and hoping to go to Nationals. Jon moved back to Atlanta from HI, works in retail, and has signed with Atlanta Models and Talent. Kevin graduated from Central Michigan and lives in Dayton where he has a position as a customer service rep with Synthes, a maker of orthopedic and neurological devices/implants.

Anne Gallagher Timpano and John became grandparents in 2013! The highlight of their year was the birth of their first grandchild Caitlin, who was born on August 22 to Bridget and AJ. It is so much fun to watch her grow! Anne is teaching one class of IB Latin and John is still at Harris, but retirement is in sight.

Jane Murray Wolff and Bill took a fabulous trip to Vietnam and Cambodia! They were celebrating Jane's 60th and the completion of her Master's degree in Environmental Management from Harvard! They also went on a magical safari with Ellen Dullmeyer Fox and Jerry. Now Jane may just have to get a part-time job - Mondays and Fridays only, with summers off, to match Bill's perfect job schedule. The Winter Olympics featured their son-in-law Herbie playing in his 3rd Olympics for Latvia's hockey team. He scored! Their grandsons' schools let their classes watch the games.

Class of 1977

Karen "Kittle" Stefanski enjoyed catching up with class of '77: Laurie Wood Cooper, Sue Spencer Maloney and Liz O'Conner Utzig at the Pizza & Mug night in February 2014 at DeMarco's in Colonie. She was happy to get rehired back at her job at General Dynamics. She started on April 1, 2013 after a "sabbatical" of 20 months of collecting unemployment. It appears the job market is finally picking up... it was tough as she interviewed several places where they were interested in hiring her but then the upper management decided they didn't want to fund a position at that time. She traveled out west last May to see Las Vegas where they saw David Copperfield and Cirque du Soleil "O" an amazing water show... with a pool built into the stage. They toured the Hoover Dam and Red Rocks State Park as well. Then it was on to Zion for a quick pass through 6 hours hiking several small trails. They continued on to Bryce Canyon where they enjoyed a delicious dinner at the lodge and got up early for a guided tour of the main sights in the park. They then drove to the Grand Canyon South Rim entrance stopping to climb the Watch Tower before going to their lodge on site. They enjoyed a meal near the Bright Angel Trail and watched the sunset. The next morning, they went on a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon... what a view! They returned to watch Navajo teenagers perform different dances in costumes. The following day they drove out to see Wupatki National Park with several different Pueblo buildings, and then on to see Sunset Crater National Park where the area is covered in Black ash from when the volcano erupted between 1040 & 1100 AD. The next morning, they got up at 4:00 AM to watch the sun rise on the Grand Canyon... it was quite the sight! Our National Parks are all amazing each in their own way ... Karen recommends that you check them out when you have the chance!

Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco says that TJ graduated from ASU with a degree in EE, magna sum laude in 3.5 yrs (definitely did not take after his parents). He has a job but is looking to move to Austria (he has found love, but unfortunately she doesn't live in the US!) until Bibi finishes school. She is a wonderful girl and Mary Ellen looks forward to a trip to Europe! Bernadette has not decided exactly what she wants to do (she sounds more like her mom!) but has a new job with a mobile apps company with full benefits (they are better than Mary Ellen's!). Mary Ellen is sure as time goes she will be driven back to school but for now this is a great opportunity for her and she is learning new things every day. John would love to retire but since Mary Ellen isn't ready, she told him he has to continue to work! Mary Ellen loves her work and can't imagine retiring but time will tell.

Patty Abernathy Sohl says that she doesn't have much news, but they will be grandparents for the second time in May! They went to Italy with Gary and Debbie "Dief" Hind in Sept. and had a wonderful time! Other than that, life is good and if anyone is passing through PA and needs a place to stay let her know – they love company!

Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey says that all is well in CT. She is busy as always with work and she still says her summer job would be a great place for an Ago reunion - a weekend on the tall ship, Mystic Whaler! Wouldn't it be fun to get a group of Ago crew and head to Block Island?! Daughter Beth, Potsdam (2011) got engaged over Christmas in Paris – September 2015 wedding plans. Abby has returned from the past few years in Oregon and now resides in Cohoes and is Macy's district rep for Lancome with territory from Boston to Rochester. You never know, you might see her in one of her 8 stores! Meg is doing well except for a broken shoulder from the combo of her big dog and this terrible icy winter! Glad to see the end of it! And Kathleen and Chris are great and very busy with the apple of Georgie's eye, grandson Rocco. She hopes to make an Albany get together soon. In closing, Georgie was overwhelmed by the cards, love and support she received from her Ago sisters when her brother Stephen passed away and when she walked in the Relay for Life last June in his honor. The continued strength of this sisterhood is a rare and wonderful gift. She says, "thank you and I love you all!"

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Donna Passarella Bonomo says "any year is a great year if I get the chance to spend some time with my Agonian Sisters... and I did. I was able to celebrate a family wedding with Nadine Gager, Jeannie Quattrocchi and Vera Thurston. My niece married the son of our good Potsdam friends, Dan and Doreen Spoor. I personally am responsible for introducing their son Dan to my niece Kara and the couple married in November in Binghampton, NY. So needless to say we all enjoyed seeing each other at the wedding even though they did not play "Still the One" as we requested! We did get to do some dancing though! It was extra special for me to share my family, including my parents with my dearest college roommates!" Donna and Bob moved into their new home in Southport, NC in July, 2013. She started playing tennis again and is hoping to improve her game... it's been a long time! She having fun being outside and meeting some great ladies! Bob is still working and having fun in between trips. He is playing a lot of golf and like Donna, trying to improve his game! They are currently up in Vermont for the month of February skiing at Stratton Mountain. Donna has managed to ski more days this year than the past 5 put together. She is loving the outdoors and the conditions but she thinks she prefers flip-flops over ski boots! Just saying... "All my Best to my Agonian Sisters..."

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim writes that Brandon is now a junior at Clarkson. It is hard to believe that he will be graduating next year and will be turning 21 this summer. It seems like yesterday he was trying to decide where he was going to go to college! Tom and Lori went to Tennessee in July to visit her dad and brother. They had a great time seeing everyone. Dad is doing well. They are planning to visit again this summer. Work is still keeping Tom and Lori busy as are the grandchildren. They are now 6 and almost 5. They are so much fun and enjoy sleeping over at Tom and Lori's house. In the summer, it is difficult to get them out of the pool. It was great to see everyone in the Rochester area as well of those from out of town who were able to make it to Sharon Keating Heiligman's house in June. It is a small world. Sharon's husband and Lori went to high school together and her daughter-in-law works at Paychex. Thanks again to Sharon and Pam Pendleton for planning the get together. It was so much fun to walk down memory lane, catch up with everyone and sing songs! "I hope we can plan another one soon."

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan wants to share that after 39 years... this evening... she is actually parting with my big AGO anchor. She is donating it to the Potsdam College Archives. Dief is bringing it up. Jeannie says "It is Pizza and Mug night in Albany for our sisters, so broken ankle and all... I am going... anchor and all. Have to limit the beers, as I am not so good on the crutches. I think there will be 10 of us, plus my niece, Lindsay, my chauffeur! I just found out that our AGO mugs were actually mugs for guys. The mugs for gals were much smaller. Boy, did we make the right choice. hahahaha. Want to add... Lisa Gratton Niles daughter, Stephanie, got married on a beautiful Oct. day in VT. Sure felt Lisa's presence." Jeannie had a great time at the Spoor wedding with Donna, Nadine, Vera and Doreen Spoor. She writes, "As I type this, I am sitting with a broken ankle on one leg and torn ligaments in the other leg. Did the damage on a steep hill, cross country skiing in the back country. Got caught in a snowmobile rut. Had to cancel mine and Barry's trip to Panama this month. Finally talked him into going out of the country and bam. C'est le vie! Hoping to climb Mt. Whitney in CA in July (highest in the lower 48 states) the Dolomites in Italy in September. Let's go rehab! :)"

Sue Hoffman Ospelt says that Sam is happy in her adult life! She is still the "events" coordinator for her group of friends and is such a positive influence on so many. Many of her patients are Sue's students, and they all love her. Emma is in her freshman year at the University of Georgia. Sue thinks the campus is about as big as Potsdam and Clarkson combined, and then some. Emma loves it. She pledged a sorority and loves having sisters. It's a bit different than Ago, but the love and commitment are the same! (Easier as they decorated paddles, not bulky anchors!) "To date, she has had more snow days than we have!" She is suffering through Chemistry, and that hasn't changed at all! She will be spending 6 weeks in Florence this summer taking Art History. She will then travel to Lichtenstein and wait for Art and Sue to join her in July for a family wedding. Sue is finishing her 30th year and has submitted her retirement letter. It's bittersweet, but she thinks the time is right. Part of her future plans are to visit her friends and sisters in Rochester as she will finally have time to do so! And then the world is open which makes this next stage so exciting!

Vera Thurston Gibbs and Steve had a great year; the highlight was their oldest son Dave tying the knot Labor Day weekend on the NY Botanical Gardens in the Bronx. The summer was filled with wedding plans, shower and lots of family time. They welcomed their newest daughter in law Jenny into the family. They also got a chance to see Nadine, Jeannie, Donna and Doreen (aka the suitemates) at a wedding over the summer that was wonderful. Steve and Vera will celebrate their 35 year anniversary on March 10th for many of you in the class of '78 you may remember it. It was defiantly a "college wedding" with Ago and Prometheus serenading us. Vera is feeling truly blessed and hopes to see many of you this summer up in Potsdam for the reunion.

Bonnie Johnson See loves to hear the fun news from everyone! She says "Jeanne... welcome to NC... now that you're here don't you wonder what took you so long! Defo and I figured it out quite a while ago and with Nadine coming to Hilton's Head... maybe it's time for a Southern AGO reunion! As for my news... We started the year with a trip to South Africa with our kids for two reasons... one was to attend family wedding... my daughter Jennie's husband Rob... his family runs a travel safari business in Capetown... Ker & Downey... in case you want to go... so his sister was getting married there and we went two weeks before to go on a safari. It's true what they say... trip of a lifetime. We went to Shamwari and saw all the Big Five...plus so many more! Back in Capetown for a week and son Billy bought a substantial diamond to propose with. Such a beautiful area... but looong way to go! So he brings it back to NYC and finds out it's not exactly what he paid for... so the best solution was for me to bring it back to the jeweler in Capetown so he could get his money back. So 10 days later, I'm back on the plane, 21+ hours, to bring it back. Good news - he got his money back. I got to spend a few more days in Capetown...then London with Jennie on the way home. They gave me a 5 day layover! Another ring was bought in NYC and proposal made that summer when we were all together at our lake house in the Adirondacks to celebrate and tell Rachel the story of her ring! Wedding will be this Sept. in Charleston area! So that was the highlight of my year! Otherwise all is well." Both Gary and Bonnie work out of their home which gives them lots of flexibility to do the things they enjoy: tennis, golf, exercise, hiking with dogs and traveling to NYC now that both kids are there. As opposed to the sunny warmth of South Africa last winter, they spent two weeks in NYC's frigid winter getting Jennie, Rob and two bulldogs settled. Luckily it's a big apt on the Upper West Side, half a block from the park on 68th. Billy and Rachel are on the Upper East Side on 70th, so we meet in the middle! They have their health and they have each other... life is good for The See family!

Kathy Lynch Eddy and Bob live by a small airport in central CT. The state decided to buy out all the homes in their neighborhood (72). They said it's because of noise increase but Kathy and Bob think they have other ideas in mind. They bought theirs in October and they've been able to stay in the house while they build a new one in the town next to theirs. Hopefully it will be done sometime in March. They're planning a trip to Ireland with friends and family in July. So overall the Eddy's are all doing well - healthy and working. David (28) and Greg (27) both live about an hour away so they see them as much as they can. "Hello to all my AGO sisters - enjoy keeping up with your news on Facebook."

Nadine Gager Compisi certainly enjoyed an adventurous year. She spent 2 weeks in Europe in July. She and Tony visited with their son-in-law and daughter-in-law Chris and Julie and kids in Sweden. They are there on a 3 year work gig so they decided to take advantage of the free accommodations and see the sights of Stockholm. Very beautiful. From there, Nadine traveled over to Paris with her sister Paula and visited her niece Adrian who was there getting her Masters. A few things have changed since Nadine's last visit in 1992. Then it was on to Poland where she met up with Tony. They spent an overnight in Warsaw and then 4 days in Krakow. They did a little family roots-exploring and enjoyed all things Polish: the people, the food & the culture. They totally loved the Spoor wedding in November. Seeing Nadine's college roommate Doreen's son marry Donna's niece was such a happy day. Life is good here in Fairport although a bit hectic since Christmas. Nadine's parents are both 86 and their health has been on a decline. On a brighter note, they have lots to look forward to in 2014: 2 weddings and a baby. They like more babies!!! They are a joy.

Jean Lennon Schuhle just finished a long weekend in Lake George with Janet Polsinelli and Donna Salvitti O'Hara. They try to have their mini reunions once a year! It was beautiful to watch Stephanie Niles get married this past October. She and Danielle do Lisa proud! Jean's boys are both living and working in Colorado. More and more she believes that this state is heaven and she just never knew! They love it and having an aunt and her family only an hour away is helpful! Tom is working hard as always, as mergers never seem to stop. Such is life in the new world in which we live! Kelsey is now in her third year at the Irish World Academy at the Univ. of Limerick. She loves living abroad and may stay the summer working in a dance show. Last year, Jean took about 6 weeks and traveled all over Ireland without any time constraints. It was fantastic. Finally tracked down family, hung out with them, met the "smallies" and saw the family farm where her grandmother and others were born and lived for years. It is still an active cattle/sheep farm run by two "cousins." Do check FLIKR - account mmkjt - for albums of her travels! Kelsey was able to join her on some of this as she had one week off while Jean was there. Jean is headed to London in a few weeks to meet up with Kelsey for the World Championships of Irish Dance. They'll see how it goes as this has been a rough year for her with a broken patella on one knee and a torn ACL on the other. Rehab is not fun. (Jeannie!!!) When home, Jean spends a good deal of her time traveling to Lanseborough, MA caring for/assisting her mother in law who is 92. Bless her as she still insists on living alone in her home even after a fall, hospital stay and lengthy rehab last Nov - Feb! Jean is supposed to be headed to Chicago tomorrow but it appears another major storm may severely hinder my flight plans! Ahhhh 2014!

Amy Whalen Sadlik says "all is well here!" Kyle and Christine have been married 18 months (hard to believe) and are living in the Ithaca area. Corey graduated from Alfred University last May. He is working in the Rochester area as a Mechanical Engineer. Cortney is a junior at Fredonia majoring in Accounting and Business Finance. Craig is still working at RPO and I am still teaching at the Penfield United Methodist Preschool. We are so looking forward to retirement!

Sue Difulgentiz Defo says the "Defo" clan celebrated parents' 60th anniversary at Atlantis, Bahamas. Her parents are 82 years old and going strong. Other trips were to NY City to visit oldest daughter Deirdre. Sue continues to teach biology and environmental science. She loved seeing Nadine and Toni in Hilton Head last March! Life is good.

Cindy Darrow Kohl says "Life with 'Grandma and Poppa Kohl' has been lots of fun this year." They now have 3 ½ grandchildren. Kristin and Luke added Anna to their family in September, who joins brother Jack who turned 2 in January. Kevin and Jen will add a new baby in July to join Bradley who will be 2 in June. They really crack Cindy up and she loves seeing them as much as possible, which is good that they live so close! Cindy's son Eric is still living in East Village in Manhattan. He really enjoys the city and they try to get down to see him several times a year. They still have a big family vacation with Joe's sister and family every year at the Jersey Shore. This year they outgrew a single house and had to move to two! Cindy is still teaching math at East Syracuse and still enjoying the students (seniors and honors sophomores). What she does not enjoy is all the 'extras' that are now part of teaching (evaluations, new curriculum - again!, etc.). She is starting to think about her next career change. Joe is doing well and still working for Marsh and McLennan. Cindy 'rediscovered' golf this past year and they joined a local course. It was nice for them to get out and do something they both enjoy. Their winters are spent at the Carrier Dome following SU basketball. She enjoyed connecting with so many friends via Facebook. It's great to see pictures and keep in touch with everyone!

Class of 1979

Susan Cancilla Witkowski and Jim are looking forward to traveling to Potsdam for their 35th reunion in July. What a winter! It has certainly been reminiscent of Potsdam in the 70's. Susan is hoping to see NC/SC Agonians at a mini reunion before the summer. Participating on the Ago Task Force has reconnected her with many sisters and forged new friendships. Her work keeps her busy creating a healthcare model that helps uninsured residents in her community, which also gives her a voice at the state and national level. She hopes to see many pledge sisters in July on the front porch at 1 IP. "I have been practicing the Happy Dance Ricey so we can clap down Hamilton Street to the park."

Becky Monckton King enjoyed a wonderful trip with Kenny to California last fall. They are heading to Ireland in April for a wedding and to see some of Ireland. Their kids are all doing well. She is still working full time and singing still with Sweet Adelines.

Missy Porter Richardson says that 2014 marks 20 yrs in Syracuse after moving from Saratoga Springs - hard to believe. Kevin has retired from National Grid after 34 years due to health issues and is enjoying the down time it brings. Missy is still at Welch Allyn in the Global Commercial Operations Dept. Their oldest son Christopher and Daughter in Law Danni have been married for 3 yrs and were able to move back to the Syracuse area after 9 yrs in Portland Maine. Their first grandchild, Luca will turn 2 in May. Middle son Matthew is living in Buffalo and is a QA Analyst for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York and Patrick is in his 3rd year as a full time Hockey Referee in the ECHL and AHL based in Cincinnati this season. Travel to see him work keeps Missy and Kevin busy and they see some pretty good Hockey too!

Terry Lane McSweeney has been working at NYSUT in Albany for the past 6 and a half years. She is a grandmother of three, David 8, Kate 6 and Hannah 2. Her children live in Webster, NY (Jennifer), Seattle, WA (Patrick) and Boston, MA (Conor), so lots of places to visit. She loves to travel. She has traveled to Italy, Ireland and South Korea for her son Patrick's wedding, as well as many places in the USA. She sees Denise Rich at least twice a year. She also occasionally sees Cindy Kohl who used to be her neighbor and Mary (Cookie Scalise) Balme before she retired, at meetings in Albany. She enjoyed seeing quite a few AGO sisters at the Turning Stone a few years ago for a Double Axel/ Tod Hobin concert. It is also fun to have reconnected with many on Facebook.

Debra LoBello Burhans is spending "Spring Break" 2014 in Naples, Florida with her favorite cousin/ AGO sister Linda Connelly... looking forward to walking the beach, eating stone crab claws and just relaxing on her lanai! Also planning to get together with big sister, Nancy Ball Kuhl, who has recently moved to FL and lives close to Linda. Can't wait! Youngest daughter, Lauren, graduates from the University of New Hampshire in May... and Debbie is happy to report that after 11 straight years of having one or more children in college/grad school/ law school, she is not going to miss those college tuition bills... and she is finally hoping to slow down a little in her law practice. Debbie is also looking forward to the Class of 1979's 35th reunion this summer and is hoping for a good turnout. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Shanon Fowler Schneider is still managing North Atlanta OB/GYN and has her art studio / gallery in Roswell. She is working on ramping up her art ventures in 2014. She is branching out to having her art in several more galleries in Atlanta. Jim is still working for Kimberly Clark as an energy manager in their Global Sustainability Group. He travels quite a bit to South America with KC's ventures there. Dane and Amy - Dane works for the Department of Defense in Fort Meade, Maryland. Amy is an investigative reporter for WMAR in Baltimore. They are enjoying married life and are house shopping. Brett is due to graduate from Auburn this spring with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Trey is due to graduate from GA Tech this spring with a degree in Chemical Engineering. Jim and Shanon are both very active in tennis here in GA and enjoy the year round weather that usually allows it... except for the last few weeks!

Cookie Scalise Balme says "Hi All! It has been so wonderful to connect with many of you via Facebook! What a wonderful vehicle to keep our friendships alive and lasting!" She tries to get to see Linda Connelly when they get down to Naples, FL and has met Sharon Keating Heligman for coffee, but next time they are going to do wine tasting instead! Maybe some of the other area AGO's would like to join them! Cookie's mom has even connected with some of you via FB!! How cool is that! She is enjoying retirement and keeps busy with working for an Ed Tech company out of Boston... marketing Educational Software to school districts around the country from the convenience of my own home. She is also subbing as a Principal in the Rochester area. Chip is still working hard and Lisa and Rob are continuing their education, as well as working! Cookie and Chip are moving back to Fairport, NY in April and really looking forward to it!

Linda Connelly is still living and loving Naples, FL. She is definitely attending the reunion in July. She can't wait to see everyone and especially the class of 1979 for our 35th!

Mindy Mospaw Poupore just retired last June from teaching music for 34 years at Malone Central up in the North Country! She and Kevin purchased a vacation home in Scottsdale, Arizona and they try to get there as much as possible. She is teaching one morning a week at a local Catholic school (still had to get her fix working with little ones) and she is helping with the musical at the High School along with working in her husband's dental office. So - retirement isn't quiet - just busy in a different way! She has enjoyed participating with the mentor program for AGO and loves to hear what shanigans my AGO sisters are up to on Facebook, etc. Life is good!

Sharon Keating Heiligman loves being a Grammy! She watches Jack one day a week at her house – he certainly keeps her moving! Her daughter, Kim, loves her job at Rochester Eye and Laser as an optometrist. Sharon had an AGO get-together at her house last June. 17 AGO's attended spanning about 30 years. The years melted away as they all had so much fun reminiscing (and eating and drinking)! Sharon is looking forward to the Class of 1979's 35th reunion in July.

Class of 1980

Patty Coogan Huntington and Jim are looking forward to their eldest son, Matt's wedding in July in Saratoga Springs. Spending lots of time traveling to watch youngest son play lacrosse for Geneseo. Just returned from the North Country. Got to see the AGO house and the building of the new DU on the Clarkson campus. Nice! Looks like an Adirondack retreat house! Patty is still at Nazareth College working with teacher certification. Jim is still at Kodak! Celebrated their thirty year wedding anniversary this past year. Often see many AGO's in and around the Rochester area including Jane Crane, Marie, Sharon, Cookie, Denise. Keep in close contact with Sue Hein and some of the old Clarkson friends. Time stands still... especially if you work on a college campus!

Sue Hein Bailey's youngest graduates in May from Plattsburgh State and they may be planning a wedding soon. Sue's oldest moved back home for a while and has a job at the Albany Visitors Convention Center Bureau. Sharon Keating Heiligman had a nice mini reunion in June '13. Still see Patty Coogan Huntington and family. Still working for KeyCorp for the last 33 years in Albany. Sue would love to get together with any local Agos anytime.

Martie Hulslander Dixon travelled to Okinawa in August to be present for the birth of grand-daughter Paisley Rae. In March, the trip was to Syracuse, to be entertained by 2-year old Theo while Jessie gave birth to Beatrice Eleanor! Yep – that makes 3 grandchildren in 3 years and loving every minute of it! Still being the taxi-mom to Ali, now 12 and into dance, soccer and track. Still working at Erie Community College and trying to convince Jeff that it's time to retire and do something else! Enjoyed getting together with so many AGOs at Sharon Keating Heiligman's house last year, and with Dede Bennett Haines in Orlando this year. Hoping to be able to make the reunion this year!

Jane Morale Zagorski and Glen went from empty nesters to a full house! Not only is Jane's mom living with them, but also Jane's sister and Glen's son. They are still able to find time to make music, ski, and go boating.

Class of 1981

Patrice DeLaus Scully continues at 32+ year career at IBM. She is now working in IBM's Watson group - working with the Watson computer that beat the top 2 Jeopardy (!) players in February, 2011. It is a really cool and exciting job that reminds her why she majored in IT at SUNY Potsdam. Patrice recently went to see Rusalka at the Metropolitan Opera and got to meet fellow classmate and opera superstar Renee Fleming. Her daughter Jacquelin graduates from UCLA in June with a Master's Degree in Public Health. Her son Charles is in his third year at Northeastern University where he is studying business. She too love seeing everyone's news on Facebook.

Robin Landrigan Smith lives in two beautiful places - Lake George, NY and Marco Island, FL with her husband John DeRossi, and our adorable dog, Gracie. She still works in Healthcare IT currently for the Health Information Exchange of NY (HIXNY) as a Project Manager. Her stepdaughter, Laura, had twin girls last May so that has added an element of excitement to their lives!

Margret Farrell Benedetto continues to enjoy teaching elementary math in Fairport. Tom's MS progresses but his spirit is ever-strong. She is so thankful for the care he receives at Monroe Community Hospital. Caitlin has moved home from D.C. and Audrey moved to NYC. Elissa is a junior at UVM in Computer Science. Margaret echoes Stacy Nichols: It is so wonderful reconnecting with AGO friends through Facebook.

Stacy Smith Nichols's only news is that her son got married in Denver this past summer and he and his wife bought the house behind her. She also graduated from Bryant & Stratton College with a degree in Medical Administration. She is looking for a job now. It has been fun keeping up with everyone on Facebook.

Class of 1982

Cindy Tettamant Francisco just became a grandma for the second time. Her daughter, Michelle, had a little boy. Besides that, she has been busy with her granddaughter. She watches her every day and will be adding her new brother to her "daycare"!

Ellen Bartis Gambée spent her 30th wedding anniversary with a family trip to the Tuscany Region of Italy. Happiness is nine Gambées, three generations, in one villa creating a life time of memories

Judy Biviano Lloyd is raising money for the Institute of Advanced Technology at Cal-Poly and working with local officeholders. She is also the main blog writer at www.SafeinHome.com, a company her husband started that helps us monitor our parents so they can age in place. Check it out! Their son, Michael is a sophomore playing pitcher for his high school Division I baseball team. All is well in California!

Karen Lorenz Walker says, "On July 3rd we had a horrific house fire and lost the house, three cars and everything else we owned. We are in the process of rebuilding our home and have been brought to tears with all of the people who have come to our aid and who have sent good wishes to us. I am still busy playing lots of tennis and volunteering at a therapeutic riding stable in the area. Thank you to my AGO sisters for your cards, letters and support to our family during this trying time in our lives. It meant a lot to us."

Class of 1983

Paula Douglas Miller is still living in Penfield, and works as an independent SAP consultant. She and her husband are looking forward to being empty nesters for one month. That's all the time they'll have between her son finally moving into his first apartment, and her daughter returning from Drexel and transferring to RIT (and living with them). It will be a big adjustment for all of them! Paula was reminded the other night how much she misses her Ago sisters when she spent an evening with Agos she had never met before at Sharon Heiligman's house! She hopes to see the class of 1983 at reunion weekend this summer!

Brenda Reinhardt Henry opened Brenda's Natural Foods in 2010 in downtown Rome, NY. Brenda and husband Mike own Wood Creek Herb Farm, an organic vegetable farm and plant nursery, where they also produce eggs and pork, available for sale at the shop. Like Brenda's on Facebook or check out www.brendasnaturalfoods.com on the web.

Karen Dickenson Robb sold her insurance agency about six years ago and "retired". Her husband, Alex, suggested she wait to find something she had a passion for but kept herself so busy that she is still looking. They live in Gasport and have another home up on Lake Ontario so she am the resident grass mower and gardener and of course the maid and cook as well. Karen only has one child, Elizabeth, and she and her husband just had Karen's first grandchild... Cecilia Elizabeth. Alex owns a medical, coatings and manufacturing plant and works insane hours but he and Karen spend time golfing and relaxing at the lake when they can. He surprised her with her own golf cart for her birthday this month! Life is good.

Class of 1984

Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger says that life is very busy with 2 very active kids. 14 year old Jacqueline focuses most of her free time on competitive dance. 8 year old Gregory is busy with Karate & several other sports. Irene is working part time and Steve continues to work at Estée Lauder. She is so disappointed that she can't make her 30 year Ago reunion this summer. The reunions always fall when they travel for Jacqueline's national dance competition. She will miss seeing everyone.

Class of 1989

Several members of the Class of '89 met at Reunion Weekend 2013 to help the Class of '88 celebrate their 25th reunion. Consider it a warm-up! Attending the festivities from '89 were: **Kim Bingham Meusel, Laura Boyd, Kelly O'Donnell Corman, Julie Raymon Dennis, Debbie Sorge Siegel, and Susan Young**. It was an absolutely fantastic weekend! We all look forward to our own 25th Reunion!

Kim Bingham Meusel is loving working as a teaching assistant in the 3rd grade. She loves watching her kids in their sports and can't believe she is looking at colleges with her daughter. The family had a fantastic season of skiing in upstate NY but look forward to summer. Last year they did a fantastic trip to Europe and met some of Thomas's family. She also had a BLAST going back to Potsdam with her AGO sisters. This year summer vacation will be more low key and revolve around college visits.

Julie Clark March and hubby, Andy (TDK '89), are living in Syracuse with their two children, Ethan and Abbey. Julie is teaching at OCC. Julie is really looking forward to the Class of '89 25th reunion! See you all there!

Penny Buckman lives in CT with her adorable pups, Reese and Pinot. She enjoys her annual get-togethers with Patti Reuther, Jenn Sinclair, Laryssa Callan, Sue Guardino, and Missy Jones.



Laura Boyd writes that 2013 was a year of change. After living in Somerville for 16 years, she decided to sell her townhouse and move to a larger place. After much searching and packing, she and Tim found a great place and moved to Woburn, MA in November. Additionally, she decided that she needed a little more challenge at work. So two weeks after they moved she started a new job at Brightcove in downtown Boston. It's a lot more fun and challenging. Last summer, she enjoyed a great visit in Potsdam with many Ago graduates from 1988. It's so hard to believe 24 years has passed. She is looking forward to the 25th reunion this summer. She hopes we have a great crew to catch up with.

Nancy Culpo Stathopoulos is still teaching special education at the high school level. This year she has been asked to teach specialized reading and has enjoyed the experience. Jim is an operations manager at GE. They are both starting to think about retirement! Sara made Dean's list for her first semester at college and Lauren is doing well in high school and going abroad to Spain. Scout, the family dog, keeps everyone young and laughing. As a family, they enjoy traveling to the Cape and Aruba each year.

Daphne D'Agostino Valentine and husband, Steve (AXP '89) are still living in Syracuse with their 3 beautiful kids: Owen, Ryan, and Olivia.

Barbara Ferguson Wallace and husband Jamie have two beautiful children, Heather and Ian and live in CT.

Monica Fisher Kussmann and Gregg are living in sunny AZ with their two boys, Benjamin and Marcus. They own their own business as real estate appraisers.

Terrie Gentile Wehse is really looking forward to reconnecting at the reunion this summer!! She has spent the last dozen years, as a volunteer, organizing bigger and bigger projects. From book fairs, to a lacrosse club and a lacrosse tournament, and the latest was Junior Nationals XC Ski Championships at Trapp Family Lodge (the hills were alive!). She is still living in Stowe, VT with hubby, Jon, and two high school sons. Looking at colleges... "weren't we just here ourselves?" Life is good!!

Stephanie Jupin Darwak and hubby Frank are living in the Albany area with their three kids, Samantha, Valerie, and Frankie.

Andrea Newhouse Frascatore writes that 2013 was a long year as a teacher. Too many state changes at once. This year is a little smoother but still a lot of work. They took their annual Frascatore-Melveney (**Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87**) summer vacation by heading back to Cedar Point, OH for more thrilling rides. Roller coasters never get old! She also sees **Linda (Dolanch) Longhouse '87** a few times a year and keeps in touch with her big sister (**Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '87**). She continues to enjoy spin class and loves it when the young-ins can't keep up. Her two girls are still competing and traveling for gymnastics. Both moved up levels this year. Even after all of the years watching, she is still in awe in what they can do! She is looking forward to the 25th reunion this summer. Her visit to Potsdam is past due and she can't wait to see everyone!

Sonya Petrie is living in Las Vegas and enjoying all the thrills of being a new homeowner... including keeping ducks out of her pool!

Julie Raymon Dennis and her family live in Camillus, NY. Both Julie and her husband, Greg, teach for the Westhill School District. They have two beautiful daughters (14 and 16) that keep them busy driving to dance classes, soccer, volleyball, skiing and track meets. This past year the Dennis' got a Black Lab puppy named "Mac" who has lots of energy!! Life is good.

Susan Young is enjoying year 2 in LA as CFO of MarVista Entertainment – perhaps you've seen a Christmas movie or Thriller? She continues to enjoy her annual birthday adventure with the 2013 trip to Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. On her actual birthday, she was riding elephants on a safari and then was able to play in the river with the elephant afterward. The highlight of the trip was hands-down the visit to the Tiger Temple where she pet and posed with several full grown tigers and then actually spent 45 minutes with 2-month old tigers cuddling and feeding them with a bottle. Pure joy! Susan looks forward to the 25th reunion this summer and already has her tickets from LA booked! Hope to see many of you there to sing "Only the Good Die Young"! ba, da, da, da, da, da, da!

Cherri LeGro Paluch and husband, Bill, are enjoying life in Texas with their two girls, Amy and Jackie. They just spent the week skiing in Taos and Copper Mountain. Her oldest is a Junior in High School, so they did a campus tour of Colorado School of Mines. She is teaching 6th Grade Science at an 82% Economically Disadvantaged school in Cypress, Texas. It is going to be a big travel year. Cherri does not think Potsdam will make the list, unless she convinces her daughter to visit Clarkson again. Raise your glass to AKPhi and I hope you all have a wonderful time!

Patti Reuther is currently teaching nursing at Binghamton University. She is in charge of the simulation lab. She has 2 kids - Andrew is 16 and loves bowling and computer animation, Jenna is 15 and loves dance and her phone. She enjoys catching up every year with **Sue Guardino '88**, **Penny Buckman '89**, and **Missy Jones '87** in CT. She also enjoyed seeing **Laryssa Wilson Callan '90**, **Jenn Sinclair '90**, and **Steph Allen Manuel '90** during these trips!

Debbie Sorge Siegel owns her own CPA firm on Long Island. She and Michael enjoy skiing every weekend with the boys, Sam and Jacob, who are active in all sorts of ski competitions! She had a great time at reunion 2013 – great to see everyone.

Desiree Moody Franciamone and Frank live in Syracuse and have three kids, Zoe, Mia, and Alisa.

Jill Kaplowitz Lyons and hubby Jim live outside Boston with their three growing kids, Jake, Jaimie, and Jase. Jill is looking forward to reunion 2014!

Patty Lavigne reports that she still makes anchor and boat shaped cookies – gold, white, and blue runs deep!

Kathy Meyer Pyne and Eric are living in Buffalo with their 3 kids, Benjamin, Abby, and Andi. Kathy looks forward to celebrating the Class of '89 reunion in Potsdam this summer.

Kelly O'Donnell Corman and Dan live in CT with their two kids Sean and Colleen. Kelly had a great time celebrating the Class of '88s reunion in Potsdam in summer 2013. It was great to see everyone!

Class of 1993

Karen Smith Davis and Bill have been married for 13 years and are still living in Oak Harbor, WA with their two daughters, Maggie (7) and Meghan (4). Bill is flying for Alaska Airlines and The Navy. Karen volunteers at the school and is planning to go back to work substitute teaching. Karen enjoys all the crazy, busy days of driving kids to soccer, swim, and girl scouts! Life is still good and getting better!

After 13 years at MapInfo, **Laura Sweet** switched jobs and now work for a Big Data Analysis Software company out of Irvine California - Alteryx Inc. She hasn't moved out of Albany – she just works from home and travels a ton. She has been putting all those frequent flyer miles to good use and visited London, England and Edinburgh, Scotland last year and Hawaii this year. She tries to volunteer a week each summer at Double H Hole in the woods Ranch for critically ill kids but couldn't last summer as she had to have major foot surgery. Hopefully will be back at it this summer. Would love to see any of the Ago girls this year!!!

Class of 1996

Over the past almost 20 years, **Valerie D'Ambrosio** dove into the conscious/spiritual realm and has been loving the natural evolution of what has transpired with her career and her life! As an Intuitive Life and Alternative Business Coach, Storyteller, Certified Yoga Teacher, and Fiery Spirit, she is exhilarated to guide people to remember and live from their Spirit. Every day she feels blessed with the opportunity to hold space and cheerlead clients on, offering tools to meet all parts of themselves with love and compassion. Living in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, she gets to connect with nature regularly and has created a lifestyle that truly fuels her; with friends, a great love, soul inspiring activities, and her dog Charlie.

Class of 2001

Marci Berman Blaszka moved to NJ with her husband last June. She is pursuing a Master's Degree in nursing and has one year left.

Lisandra Adorno Mendez lives in the Bronx with her husband and two children, Leila (4) and Jacob (1 1/2). She recently started a new job as a practice office supervisor at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Class of 2003

Sara Landry DiLandro and her husband welcomed their second child, Ellie Kate, on February 4th. Ellie joins big brother Will who is 3. She is looking forward to taking the rest of the school year off as a kindergarten teacher in Saratoga to be with her growing family.

Jasmin Phillips continues to work for Hudson River HealthCare and will be celebrating her 8 year anniversary in June. She has a new addition to her family, her Shorkie Jax and recently became engaged to Michael Stelluti. She has been very busy planning the upcoming wedding in Garrison NY for November 2014.

Juliet Nelson Baaklini welcomed her second child, Iskander Angelo, on March 12th. He joins big sister Gia who is almost 4.

Class of 2004

Suzanne Carpenter-Frank, is married with two young boys, Matthew and Johnny living in Saratoga Springs, NY. She is the Shelter Administrator at Captain Youth Shelter, a shelter for homeless and runaway youths. Suzanne is a current member of Leadership Saratoga, a program where participants receive exposure to critical issues affecting life in Saratoga County as well as hands-on involvement in leadership development. She recently joined the board of the NYS Military Museum and has become actively involved in her community. She is looking forward to spending time with her family this summer at their new camp on Galway Lake.

Class of 2006

Lyndi Cobbett is enjoying her busy life at home in Geneva with her boyfriend Dan and their two pet dogs. She is doing well at Isabella Spa and Salon as the lead massage therapist. She is keeping busy training new hires and keeping everything in order. When they are not busy with work, they enjoy taking weekends to ADK, hanging out at the lake, and celebrating all of their friends' weddings and babies!

Allison Autry is recently engaged and will be getting married to her fiancé Steve in January 2015. Steve and Allison just bought a house in the North Winton Village in Rochester. She's working at the University of Rochester Medical Center Gastroenterology and Hepatology Department doing administrative work. She started working on her Masters in June of 2013 and was recently accepted into the Accelerated Masters in Business Administration part time program at the Simon Business School at the University of Rochester. She is still active as a board member for Eight 4 World Hope which is a non-profit that raises funds to build schools in Jamaica. She recently went on a mission trip to Mexico in October and will be going on another trip to Jamaica in May. Allison keeps in touch with her Ago sisters and misses them all very much.

Lindsay Buchta says hi to everyone! Life is busy with a 9 year old, but she wouldn't change it for the world. Currently, she works for the New York State Department of Labor in the unemployment office. She bartends part time to pay for the drinking habit she's developed from working at the unemployment office. (Just kidding!) She is looking forward to warm weather and Rachel Cajigas's wedding this summer where she will be maid of honor. (Note from Rachel: there will be NO traditional wedding, so this will only be in Lindsay's eyes.)

Rachel Cajigas is completing her second year in the Geology PhD program at the University of Arizona. Her comprehensive exams are this semester, so hopefully by the time you all read this, she will have advanced to candidacy! This year she was fortunate enough to conduct fieldwork and research in Hawaii, the British Virgin Islands, Mexico, and Germany. Her fiancé was able to join her in Europe over the summer and they got engaged in Munich. They spent the holidays traveling in Asia and are excited to see where life will take them next.

Maria Potenza is in her 6th year of teaching, and currently teaches Kindergarten at Klem North Elementary in Webster, NY. She LOVES her little ones to pieces! She and her husband Kyle Jackson got married on August 10, 2013 and they live in their house in Webster, NY. In her free time you can find her spending time with her hubby and family, exercising, and just RELAXING!

Liz Wegner is currently attending graduate school fulltime at Canisius College and pursuing a degree in Mental Health Counseling, with an expected graduation date of May 2015. She hopes to work in Disaster Relief. She also continues to work full time. Along with school and work, Liz is also teaching at Dance Spectrum and taking adult classes in her spare time. She recently ran her first full Marathon and is doing another half Marathon in June. She is looking forward to seeing many of her sisters in the upcoming months.

Class of 2007

Liz Henderson is currently living and working in Virginia with her boyfriend. They will be moving to the Washington D.C. area in May and live in the same area as **Jenna Novak** and **Julie Quinn**, excited to recreate the memories from ten years ago when they all first became close friends. She is so grateful every day to AGO for bringing such meaningful friendships, incredible girls, and continued, unforgettable memories into her life. Love in AKPhi.

Serena Krauz lives in Watertown with her two cats, Khaleesi and Keiko. She works as a certified pharmacy technician at Fort Drum and recently got Technician of the Quarter award. Meow.

Michelle Clark is still living and working in the Albany area as a mental health social worker. She says hello to everyone!

Lindsey Gonzalez got engaged in the fall on a romantic camping trip with her fiancé Joe and daughter Jayden. Jayden is 5 and will be starting kindergarten in the fall (eek!). Lindsey and Jayden love hanging out at the Jones (**Nicole Brust Jones '03**) house on the Sacandaga Lake. Gracie and Jayden are adorable best friends. Lindsey started her dream job last summer working as a community development and grant specialist at Community Development Resources LLC, a small female owned firm in Burnt Hill, NY. Lindsey is still loving her decision to move to the Saratoga region 3 years ago and likes to spend her (limited) free time at live music with Joe or on the trails with her family.

Nicole Brust Jones and her husband (ATO alumni) Matt live on the Sacandaga Lake with their 3 year old daughter Grace and dog Lucy. They are expecting baby number two on September 12. Nicole is a special education teacher at Saratoga Springs High School. She teaches in a self-contained classroom as well as collaborative US History, and is a faculty advisor for the Best Buddies club which is an international organization that pairs regular education students with special education students and plans events throughout the year. Matt also teaches at Saratoga High school so they get to ride to work together (except during lacrosse season when Matt is coaching). Nicole loves getting together for girls weekends with Ago's and keeping in touch with her sisters. Nicole went to Texas in December to visit pledge sister **Jessie (DeMatteo) Githens** and had a blast.

Katie Campagnone Dion says that this past year has been a crazy one! They have moved twice, and yes, this one is permanent! They moved out of NY and now reside in Lancaster, PA due to her husband's new position. Any AGO's around this area?? They are finally getting settled and doing some house projects and continuing to watch our babies grow! ---it goes so fast. Mikayla is already 4 and going to pre-school and Kendra will be 2 in August. (They are so fun!!). She is enjoying her time home with them for now and will be obtaining her real estate license in the near future. She hopes everyone is doing well and hopes to reunite with my AGO's soooooon!

Brianne Blackburn says that 2013 was an exciting year. She got engaged in June and is enjoying spending time planning the wedding with her fiancé. Bri will be married in September of this year.

Tanya Kszystyniak is living in Ithica with Jamie and her puppy Luka. She is still teaching and hoping to buy a house in the very near future!

Jenna Novak moved to the Washington, DC area last August with her good friend from Potsdam. She is still working at the same organization working against human trafficking. She gets to see **Julia Quinn** all of the time and is pumped for **Liz Henderson** to move to the area in May.

Julia Quinn Burge's dreams came true when Jenna moved down to DC and heard that Liz is moving down as well. She wants to know when others are moving down to the area to brunch with us.

Class of 2008

Gabrielle Petit Martini and husband Paul (AXP, Spring '06), live in Marcellus, NY (just outside of Syracuse). She teaches 1st Grade in the Liverpool Central School District.

Class of 2009

Rachel Gebhardt is still living in Lake Placid and working at North Country Community College. She had an ACL reconstruction last year and made it back on skis within 6 months. She is going to Hawaii in March with her sister and very excited!! She spent a lot of time with family celebrating the life of her grandfather, Ed Herman, who passed away in July.

Cheryl Halsey is living in Northern California for the past 3 years working for Bechtel as a Project Controls Engineer.

Maureen McCullough is living in Australia with her boyfriend. She is working as an executive assistant to the principal at a pre K - 12th grade school. She loves Australia but misses friends and family at home!

Nicole Wilson is in her 4th year teaching elementary special education in Lexington, SC. She is staying busy coaching Girls On The Run, teaching dance and playing kickball and soccer. Her big accomplishments this year were running 2 half marathons and buying a house! She is looking forward to reuniting with her pledge sisters for Amy Rich's wedding this fall!

Amy Rich will finish her Master's in Occupational Therapy in May. She will be getting married to her Clarkson sweetheart (OPiO) in late August of this year with two lovely Agonians by her side in her wedding party! Her fiancé is an Officer in the Army and they will be traveling to a new base early next year. She is currently finishing a 3 month clinical in Kansas and she has already been offered a job there upon graduation.

Heather Taylor is living in Rochester, NY, passionately following a career in massage therapy and music. She sings on a regular basis with The Crawdiddies, a blues/Americana band and Hijacking Heather, a 90's cover band. She practices massage therapy and energy therapy on local musicians and artists. Heather started Healing Touch Art in 2013, making customized copper wire and gemstone wall art along with a line of "I love you" American sign language jewelry and ornaments.

Jenna Naylor is finishing up her 3rd year teaching Kindergarten in Saratoga Springs and received her tenure in March. She is also still living in Saratoga which means she gets to see lots of Agos when they visit town. Her friends are on the fast track for more weddings and babies and while that is GREAT, she is just missing the porch party days.

Erin Wilkinson graduated with her Master's in physician assistant studies in December 2013. She will start her first job in April. She is still living in Rochester and "is just a foxy lady all around."

Christina Rawady writes "Same as last time, just add a year".

Lauren Zona Hearne "HAD A BABY WOOOO! Stella is a ham and we just want to squeeze her."

Sarah Paparella – Jenna Naylor writes: Sarah didn't respond after multiple attempts, which is just offensive because she is the social media queen and is just blatantly ignoring me. Rude. Sarah Paps is just busy living it up in Manhattan and being the world's best ginger.

Lindsay Mermell is moving to East Windsor, CT in June with her boyfriend, Tom, for his anesthesiology residency. She has spent the last 5 years in New York City so she is nervous to leave her friends and family but is excited to have a car again and get a fresh start! She continues to work in finance – now focusing on wealth management and studying for the Certified Financial Planner exam. She will be taking on the Presidency of the Alumnae Association this July. She hopes to see some of her classmates return for their 5th Year Reunion already!

Class of 2010

Kristin Lozo is currently working as a project engineer for The Pike Company out of Rochester, NY. She is involved with construction management and has just wrapped up her most recent project, an Army Reserve Center in Schenectady, NY. Aside from work, she has been traveling as much as possible, including recent trips to the USVI, the Netherlands, and Italy, with more adventures to come.

Tiffany Lambertson is currently living in Rochester, NY. After obtaining her Master's Degree, she landed a job at St. John Fisher College as the Residence Director.

Seneca Kazda is currently living in Fort Myers, FL. She is a full time kindergarten teacher and loves every second of it. This summer she is looking forward to closing on a house in the SWFL region. Seneca is very grateful for technology that allows her to keep in touch with Agonians all over the nation.

Kelly Coleman is currently living in Scranton, PA and is attending Marywood University. She recently received her Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology and is completing her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Eating Disorders. She is currently working at a psychiatric hospital in Binghamton, NY, a college counseling center, and an outpatient clinic.

Lauren Bisio DuBois is currently living in Amsterdam, NY with her husband, RJ, and dog, Jackson. She continues to work as the Administrator at an adult care facility, providing assisted living services to 19 seniors of Fulton County.

Class of 2013

Carrie Hagan is spending the spring semester with an internship at the American Red Cross and is graduating in May.

Katherine Debease and **Jillian Mathosian** moved to Fort Collins, Colorado after graduation. Katherine is volunteering on the side in gardens growing food for the hungry of Colorado.

Eva Mastoras and **Elise Christiansen** moved to Vail, Colorado after Graduating in December. They are now looking to find jobs in the Denver area.

Kourtney Myers is subbing and looking for a full time teaching job.

Morgan Mcgrath is subbing and looking for a full time teaching job. She just bought a house with her boyfriend.

Laura Nicoletti is living in New York City and working as an event coordinator for the New York Yankees.

Kayla Truax is currently in nursing school.

Jocelyn Zorn is working as a Recruiter at Core Consulting and Staffing and is looking to move to Denver Colorado by the summer time.

Agonian Summer 2013 Reunion



Classes of '88 and '89



“Sisters, Sisters...”



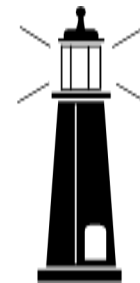
Agonian Informal 50th Reunion

The **Class of 1964** met informally this year to celebrate their 50th on May 27-29, at the Clarkson Inn in downtown Potsdam.

Stay tuned for pictures on the website and the Facebook page.



Opportunities to Help the Alumnae Association



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
- Website/Database Maintenance
- Class Representative
- Board of Directors
- Let me know where I can be of help: _____

Help keep our database up to date:

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Annual Dues Structure:

_____ \$50.00 Gold Level (includes \$25 Alumnae Association Dues, with additional \$25 toward House Repairs)

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A new benefit to paying your dues (other than getting a vote at the summer meeting) is a new @agopotsdam.com email address through our new Website! Contact us for more information at alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

_____ Additional amounts can be designated to:

- _____ Newsletter
- _____ Reunion Weekend
- _____ Scholarship Fund (currently on hold)
- _____ 11P basic upkeep during the period of inactivity
- _____ 11P house repairs
- _____ Website Development Fund

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Here is my latest news:

(News can also be sent by email or mail to your class representative. Please contact the AAA officers if you have any questions!)

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