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Agonian Alumnae Association - Letter from the President

Dear Agonian sisters,

I am excited to serve as your President of the Alumnae Association this year.

Over the last few years, we, along with most of Greek Life around the country and at SUNY Potsdam, have been challenged to become better. Along the way, our sisterhood had gotten off track and we were suddenly awakened to the need for change to bring us back home. At the time of our suspension, I was your Vice President, and honestly, this has been one of the scariest and most challenging times of my life so far.

Your sisters, in leadership positions such as the Alumnae Association, the Board of Directors, the Task Force, the Mentorship Program, along with many more venues, have been working tirelessly with the school and our Affiliate members to make sure that we remain an important and relevant group in Potsdam and make the changes that were demanded of us.

I can assure you that Ago will return but not just that. We will thrive. The hard work, tears and efforts that have been given have been tremendous, and I know that Ago will be best in class once again.

I've met many of you through the years and I hope that we have impressed upon you our drive and our passion for the future of Ago. We need to be better at attracting and retaining young women who match our morals and values at the core of the Agonian Sorority: Honor, truth, and loyalty.

Lastly, I will leave you with a challenge. I ask if you do not know me, and if you do not know a majority of the 1200+ other smart, driven, beautiful, successful women that make up our alumnae base, please come to the 2015 Reunion Weekend. We have started to unify, but the only way that we can succeed is for all of us to connect. Come share stories, come laugh with us, and come cry with us. Isn't that why we are all here for the sisterhood?

Love in AKPhi,
Lindsay R. Mermell

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Agonian 2015 Alumnae Weekend - Join your sisters in Potsdam July 10th - 12th

Reunion Weekend 2015 will be July 10th – 12th. Registration and event listing can be found on the school website — www.potsdam.edu. 11 Pierrepont 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 10th

- Interest Party on the Porch—4:00pm (Bring a snack/Beverage to share) Ago Shuffle—10:00 pm at Maxwell's.

Saturday, July 11th

- "FINAL TEA" (with coffee provided)- 10:00am Agonian Alumnae Association Annual Meeting , SUNY Potsdam Campus – Room 204, Barrington Student Union.

- "BID NIGHT" events – 2:00pm, 11 Pierrepont - Return to the "SHIP AGONIAN" for a house full of fun events.

Sunday, July 12th

- Farewell breakfast – 10am, 11 Pierrepont

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

Message from the newly formed Agonian Historical Committee.....

We have established an Historical Committee within the Agonian Alumnae Association (AAA) to do a multitude of activities such as discovering, maintaining and restoring our past as a sorority. Something similar to what a Historian would do. We have a passionate love of our past and as we gather these treasures we want them to be honored and treated with the respect that they deserve. Of course, we welcome anyone interested in helping us dig up our Deep Dark Past.

Now, we are asking everyone to search their attic or basement for any composites, newsletters, song lyrics or any memorabilia that would be of historical significance or just fun to look at. If you would send it to us via email, snail mail or you can photograph and email it also. We are missing newsletters from '41 & earlier, 43, 45, 49, 84, 88, full 90, 91, 92, 2002 and would be so excited if anyone has these! We haven't determined the entire scope this committee would cover, but we would like to start with some obvious areas of interest as well as concerns including:

- gathering and putting online all alumnae newsletters
- photographing and putting online all remaining composites
- canvassing all alumnae for personal copies of missing composites
- securing and restoring those composites in need of repair, those w/loose photos, also ones w/broken or missing glass, broken or missing frames, others that are dirty or drying up
- working w/the Family tree committee on building our network of connections
- possibly securing safe storage for the few banners remaining
- review of all documents in existence from our deep, dark past including those from Brownie, and making them public.

We understand this is under the domain/jurisdiction of the AAA, not the Board of Directors which has more critical corporate issues to address. We have begun a couple of the above projects, such as scanning many newsletters and photographing composites.

Again we would appreciate any items of interest you would like to share! Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Love in AKPhi,

Sue Wajda '74

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Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75

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Alumnae Advisory Committee

Tracey Diamond '91 and Juliet Wawro Delillo '05 led the Alumnae Advisory Committee (AAC) this year. Tracey lives in Syracuse and has monthly trips to Potsdam for work and Juliet is in NYC but has made trips to Potsdam for AAC meetings. Joining them on the team again this year were Becky Volins Akins '87 who lives close by in Lisbon and Kathy Catlin Briggs '88 who lives in Wilmington. The AAC did a great job of laying out bi-weekly meetings at the beginning of each semester, working together with the Affiliates to set the schedule and agree upon topics. Some of the meetings were held in person and others were held via Skype. The fall semester meetings focused primarily on the Community Service Program. The Affiliates used the meetings to practice project management and each took turns in writing the meeting minutes for distribution to the Ago Task Force. This was a great practice in learning communication skills. For the spring semester, the meetings focused on topics such as planning and running a meeting, networking, resume writing, and setting and achieving goals, the Affiliates learned key skills which they can use upon graduation in any path they choose.

Agonian 2015 Reunion Weekend - Join your sisters in Potsdam July 9th - 12th

“A House full of Agonians is always endearing....and rarely quiet.”

Registration and event listing for the weekend can be found on the school website —www.potsdam.edu
The Ago house at 11 Pierrepont Avenue will be open the entire weekend so stop by for a trip down memory lane or for one of our events listed below. Check our website www.agopotsdam.com for any last minute updates!

Thursday, July 9

-Early Bird “RUSH PARTY” – 7:30pm at Mama Lucia's Italian Dining in the Historic Sandstone Depot at 1 Constitution Street - (315) 265-0475. If you are in town early and want a relaxing evening of making new friends and reconnecting with your Ago Sisters, contact alumnae@agopotsdam.com so we can have an accurate count.

Friday, July 10

-“ INTEREST PARTY” on the porch – 4:00pm, 11 Pierrepont (Please bring a beverage or snack to share!)
-Italian buffet (from Sergi’s) and beverages served. If your class would like to help “sponsor” this event, please contact agoalumniassociation@gmail.com . We especially welcome the classes celebrating their 5th, 10th...50th reunions. Bring memorabilia!
-Ago Shuffle – 10:00pm at Maxfield’s 5-7 Market Street. Super music and dancing to “Double Axel”.

Saturday, July 11th

-“FINAL TEA” (with coffee provided)- 10:00am Agonian Alumnae Association Annual Meeting , SUNY Potsdam Campus – Room 204, Barrington Student Union.
- Noon Greek Alumni Informal Lunch and Update noon
Join your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters for lunch and an update on Greek Life at the College. Pre-registration for lunch is required.

- “BID NIGHT” events – 2:00pm, 11 Pierrepont- Return to the “SHIP AGONIAN” for a house full of fun events: Photo booth, anchor cookie decorating, songfest, sailor hats, jewelry making, prizes, and singing!
You will NOT want to miss it!

Sunday, July 12th

- Farewell breakfast – 10am, 11 Pierrepont
Email alumnae@agopotsdam.com if you’d like to help plan, work on or make a donation to our Reunion.!

2014-15 Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship Award

During the current period of no Active Sisters, there will be no Alumnae Association scholarship given. However, during Reunion Weekend 2014, Susan Young, leader of the Ago Task Force proposed a motion to award one of our Affiliates a cash gift.

Cassie Smith is a true Agonian leader. She is a pre-med major at Clarkson and is involved with the field hockey club and is the president of the Doctors Without Borders club. She constructed a constitution for the field hockey club and secured the group to rent our house at 11 Pierrepont.

Lynne Boles met with the 3 Affiliates in Potsdam in early October along with 3 other Ago Alums. She presented Cassie a check and letter from the Alumnae. Cassie was absolutely thrilled and touched. Lynne was joined by Bonnie Betters-Reed '73, Donna Longenecker Newbauer '75 and Eileen Goss Whelley '76.

Community Service Update from Ago Advisory Committee member Becky Volans Akins '87

This year the Ago affiliates were given permission to work on their community service project in Potsdam, and were allowed to wear letters doing it (Permission was given by Annette Robbins, Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards)!

Theresa, Cassie, and Clare co-sponsored a blood drive with the sisters of AST both semesters. They manned tables in the Student Union recruiting blood donors, and worked the registration table at the blood drives. The girls completed their 10 hours of community service both semesters, and enjoyed working with Alpha Sigma Tau helping out the American Red Cross.



Agonian Affiliate Update

For school year 2014-15 we had 3 Affiliates in the program: Cassie Smith (Clarkson '15), Theresa Pitera (Potsdam '15), and Clare Reilly (Clarkson '15). Our focus for this year was to continue our work on the 3 core initiatives from the Ago Rebuilding Plan: Alumnae Advisory Committee, Alumnae Mentor Program, and the Community Service Program. The transformation of our Affiliates from skeptics to true believers has been fantastic. They really do understand the mistakes of the past and are on board with ensuring they never, ever happen again.

Clare Reilly graduated from Clarkson University and Theresa Pitera from SUNY Potsdam in May. They are now officially part of the Agonian Alumnae Association.

Message from Annette Robbins, Director of Student Conduct and Community Standards at SUNY Potsdam

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Hello Agonians,

I wanted to take a moment to share with you how much I have enjoyed working with the Task Force on the re-colonization of Ago at SUNY Potsdam. The leadership have been working diligently since day one of the loss of recognition to bring Ago back stronger than ever. Lynne Boles, Susan Young and I have spent hours on the phone, with other Task Force members, working through details and each document to be submitted to the college and laughing at the weather in Potsdam as Lynne and Susan enjoy the warm sunshine from their tropical chairs! The final drafts of all required documents have been submitted to Julie Dold and the college for final review. It appears Ago is right on task to return to SUNY Potsdam and we fully support the re-colonization.

Ago's strong Potsdam tradition brings with it women from all walks of life ready to embrace the newest of members this next generation brings to the Potsdam community. Friendship, Leadership, Scholarship and Community Service; that's what it is all about!

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 ALUMS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON A NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS BY THE END OF 2015.

We Urgently Need An Updated Agonian Constitution and By Laws Ago needs to make significant changes in our By laws/ Constitution as a first step to being recognized again as a Sorority at SUNY Potsdam. A revised set of governance documents will also help us meet today's tougher national standards for Greek organizations and meet our own goal to become a "best in class" Potsdam Sorority once again.

The current By laws/Constitution, originally written by Sue Wajda, was way ahead of the times when it was first introduced over 30 years ago. The Bylaws/Constitution have successfully guided us for many decades. Other Greek organizations even used our governance documents as a model for their own. But a LOT has changed since the documents were first introduced—simple things that we now take for granted. This includes: the importance of social media; a legal drinking age that is 21 versus 18; stricter rules/regulations for local, state and national Greek organizations and big differences in how New York State and the two Colleges in Potsdam view "hazing" today versus when many of us pledged the Sorority. (In fact, "hazing" is now against the law in New York State! Specific actions that most of us would view as harmless are now explicitly prohibited by law). These issues could not have been anticipated when the original By laws/Constitution was developed in the 1970s and revised in the 1990s.

But frankly, the key reason we need to update and improve our governance documents is that Chip Morris, the SUNY Potsdam State Dean of Students, specifically asked us to do so when he put Ago on a 5-7 year temporary suspension in 2013. (Recall that Ago was lucky! College guidelines called for us to be banned forever because of the repeated hazing violations. Due to the strong and immediate response by the Board and their appointment of the Ago Crisis Team, we were able to deal with the issues and concerns raised by the College. We signed an agreement with the College in May, 2013, which outlined very specific steps that must be followed by Ago in order to be eligible for full recognition again in a few more years. As noted above, one of those steps is to significantly strengthen our current By laws and Constitution).

Dean Morris told us that we needed to develop a better system of governance that would allow the Alumnae to take more control over such things as the 2013-14 challenging hazing situations. Under the current By laws/Constitution, we have no official process to deal with the repeated hazing charges of the Actives, no way to intervene with bad behavior of Actives (or Alums) and no way to hold people responsible for their actions. Therefore, before the College will even consider allowing Ago to be re recognized, they expect Ago to gain broad Alumnae approval to a new system of governance (to which the College must agree upon also).

That's the bad news. The good news is that the Ago Crisis Team has been working diligently over the past 18 months to update and improve our current By laws/Constitution. We have worked this with the College and a small group of Ago Alums that includes the officers of the Ago Alumnae Association/Board of Directors and members of the numerous committees that came together to help save Ago in January, 2013 when news of the hazing violations first surfaced. In addition to JESSIE FLORES McCLINTOCK '88, this By laws/Constitution Team includes: Jane Morale '80, Susan Witkowski '79, Lynne Boles '74, Dede Haines '81, Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88 and Susan Young '89. The Team should be ready to share the proposal with all Ago Alums later this year for input and review. We then hope to submit them for an approval vote to ALL Ago Alums in the near future.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE WILL BE PROPOSING IN THE NEW BY LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

The structure of the Agonian Corporation consists of three branches: the BoD, the AAA, and the Actives (currently referred to as Affiliate Alumnae during our period of inactivity). The BoD is the hub of our Ago family. The Board represents ALL of Ago. The AAA represents ALL of the alums. All members should be held to the same expectations and standards. Based on this, we will propose three separate (but related) Ago governance documents:

The Constitution: a short document with only the key long term items in it that are not likely to change in the next 5-10 years. This includes: our purpose; our governance and organizational structure and membership & classifications. It also spells out the qualifications, expectations and obligations of an Ago sister. This constitution governs ALL three arms of Ago--the Board (BoD), the Ago Alumnae Association (AAA) and the Actives.

The By laws: Detailed documents--one just for the AAA and one for the BoD and the Actives, who work closely together. The By laws will include the specifics that each organization needs to operate on a daily/monthly basis. We expect that the By laws WILL change every few years and we'll suggest processes to do that. By laws include specifics on: officer positions and duties; elections; new judicial procedures and sanctions; information on expulsions, suspensions and fines; requests for re instatement as a member and going "inactive"; a new Risk Management Policy (i.e.; drugs, alcohol, etc.); a new Agonian Sisterhood "values" statement that we hope all Actives and Alums will eventually sign and committees and teams.

These are the same types of sections/information that you will find today in the "best in class" Greek Constitutions and By laws. This is also what was suggested to be included in "best in class" governance documents by the recent SUNY Potsdam Greek Life Task Force.

Just to give you an idea of what process we followed to make the changes for the proposed new By laws and Constitution (and to provide some understanding on why it has taken 18 long months to do this), here are some of the steps we took: (1) studied Greek state and national best practices by reading By laws of several fraternities and sororities; (2) used FIPG (Fraternal Information and Programming Group) as a reference for our proposed changes. For perspective, FIPG is considered the national standard of excellence for all Greek organizations. It was highly recommended as a model to follow by Julie Dold, Assistant Director of Campus Life in the SUNY Potsdam's State Dean of Students Office, and in charge of all Greek activities; (3) reviewed New York State hazing laws, SUNY Potsdam's rules & regulations and Student Code of Conduct; (4) researched why and how hazing happens; (5) requested input from the 2014 SUNY Potsdam Greek Life Task Force based on their own research and (6) showed our findings to SUNY experts (outside of Potsdam) who have a deep background in governance and Roberts' Rules of Order. They are also experts in developing content for Constitutions/By laws and executing processes for obtaining membership agreement to them. And all along the way, we sought input from Ago AAA and BoD officers and Julie Dold and incorporated their input into the documents.

Our plan is to put the proposed governance documents on the Ago website this summer for all to review. Then we hope to use survey monkey to obtain a yes/no vote on the proposals from the majority of Ago Alums. For the limited number of Alums who do not use the internet, we hope to send them a voting ballot via US mail. We will post results and next steps on the website.

WE BELIEVE THESE DOCUMENTS REPRESENT A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OVER THE CURRENT ONES. Based on what we've learned to date, these revised documents will allow us to move forward so that we can remain viable as a Greek organization and regain recognition, per our agreement with the College. Beyond this, we believe the documents will improve our ability to operate more efficiently and effectively and they will help guide our Sorority for years to come. The documents have been thoroughly researched to ensure they are practical, workable and of a high quality. Finally, we believe the proposed Constitution and By laws documents provide the clarity and consistency needed throughout all three arms of Ago.

Do we think all Alums will like every single change being proposed versus the current By laws/Constitution? Heck no. We're pretty sure you won't; We've already gotten feedback from the officers on previous drafts of the proposed new By laws/Constitution that give us a glimpse into the issues that could be raised by many of you, our Alumnae. Two of the biggest issues raised so far are: (1) why are there so many details in the By laws about judicial proceedings? and (2) Why do we want to "punish" our Actives and Alums for infractions against the Ago Sisterhood "values" statement via suspensions, fines, etc?

The answer to both questions can be explained by one simple statement—they were **REQUIRED** by SUNY Potsdam. In fact, the SUNY Potsdam Dean of Students said that inclusion of these issues in Ago governance documents was critical to the future of Ago. He feels this is necessary to enforce our code of honor and demonstrate to the College that we are serious about requiring future Actives and Alums to adhere to the code.

Finally, it's really easy to be angry at SUNY Potsdam and lay all the blame on the College for our current situation and the reason to include all of the details you might not like in the revised proposed Ago By laws and Constitution documents. Believe us, we're frustrated also. However, the reason we are in the current situation is because sometime in the past 10-15 years, we obviously lost the "essence" of the true Ago qualities and sisterhood. (Or we would not have had repeated hazing violations despite very clear rules). And we didn't have the proper system/governance organizational structure to correct issues as they arose. So while we are being "forced" by the current situation to make some key changes in our governance and By laws/Constitution, these changes will make us stronger and better able to deal with unexpected issues in the future. And that's not a bad thing at all!

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NEXT STEPS

In the next few months, we hope to solicit final comments from the College and that small group of involved Ago Alums mentioned above on the proposed documents and the process for approval from the College and you, the Ago Alumnae. We will post details and specific next steps on the Ago website in the coming months.

We are not done yet!!!! We need LOTS of help to make this a reality. For example, we urgently need help in the following areas: (1) technical expertise to develop and execute a survey monkey ballot and vote; (2). Assistance in designing and (snail) mailing a ballot out to those Alums who do not use the internet and (3) answering questions from Alums on the proposed governance documents and the process to get them approved by the Ago Alums. And in the next 18-24 months, we will need help to work closely with the College on the process to be re recognized by SUNY Potsdam. Please send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com if you are willing to help.

For more information and to see the proposed documents, please go to our website: www.AgoPotsdam.com. The documents will be posted after the Board of Directors and Ago Alumnae Associations Officers have agreed to the changes. If you have comments or questions, please send them to: alumnae@agopotsdam.com

Agonian Sorority Board of Directors

Annual Meeting: Tuesday June 16 at 6:00 pm (email alumnae@agopotsdam.com for call in instructions).

Licia Urtis Murrell '82
Susan Duffy '81
Colleen Costello Filiak '79
Jane Morale '80
Lindsay Mermell '09
Vera Thurston Gibbs '78
Shelley Ives '83, Chair
Denise Bennett Haines, '81

Agonian Alumnae Association Officers

Annual Meeting: Saturday July 11 at 10:00 am in room 204 Barrington Student Union SUNY Potsdam (email alumnae@agopotsdam.com for call in instructions)

Lindsay Mermell '09, President
Jane Morale '80, Vice President
Paula Douglas Miller '83, Treasurer
Vera Thurston Gibbs '78, Secretary

Feel free to contact any officer at alumnae@agopotsdam.com

Many thanks to our Class Reps who gather news from their classmates for the annual "Anchor" newsletter:

Bev Savage Castiglione '49
Sylvia Decker Quackenbush '50
Winifred Toelke Peer '51
Frances Dewey Hartswick '52
Lois Smith Herold '55
Susan Smykla Udell '57
Dorothy Runkel Dronkers '58
Wendy Carter Paton '60
Gloria Gonda Grocock '61
Fran Sardina Bliet '62
Bev G. Smith '63
JoAnn Haley Maguire '64
Kate Belgard Finney '67
Christine Bolton Aiken '69
Karen Simons Johns '71
Marie DuPell Caschera '72
Sandy Linsky Simpson '73
Lynne Boles '74
Deborah Diefendorf Hind '75
Cathy Lennon Nealon '76
Karen Kittelsen Stefanski '77
Nadine Gager Compisi '78
Sharon Keating Heiligman '79
Martie Hulslander Dixon '80
Robin Landrigan Smith '81
Ellen Bartis Gambia '82
Paula Douglas Miller '83
Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger '84
Kellie Walsh Niels '85
Kathleen Sheridan Brewer '86
Becky Volans Akins '87
Heather Williams Biche '88
Susan Young '89
Renee Hallinan Reagan '90
Errin Musengo Klein '91
Lisa Pettinelli '92
Debbie Rose Urban '93
Susan Grant '94
Eva Dechario McGee '95
Melissa Dennis Fasse '96
Michelle Mervine Walker '97
Sarah Pfenninger '98
Kelly Reardon Bovi '99

Kara Korkus Klink '00
Marci Berman Blaszkla '01
Kelly Best Palmeri '02
Sara Landry DiLandro '03
Rene Mulhern Capron '04
Krystal Catapano Harrington '05

Rachel Cajigas '06
Jenna Novak '07
Jenna Naylor '08
Lauren Bisio DuBois '09
Tina Vullo '10
Audrianna Vahue '11
Jocelyn Zorn '12
Carrie Hagan '13

If you would like to help with class news, please email alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

Highlights of the Agonian Alumnae Association Meeting July 12, 2014

Annual meeting called to order by Vice President Lindsay Mermell and the hymn was sung.
2013 minutes were read

Treasury reported by Vera Thurston Gibbs: CD: \$7,657 Savings: \$5,652 Checking: \$ 3,523
2013 Newsletter cost – \$2232.06

Fewer than 10% of Ago Alumnae pay AAA dues.

President (Stephanie Allen-Manuel) was not in attendance, so VP (Lindsay Mermell) gave reports:

Ago Task Force and Greek Alumni Council involvement

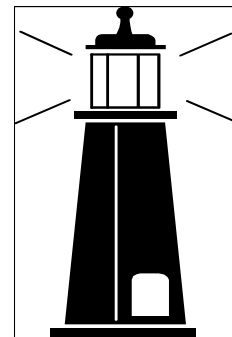
2 Ago Affiliates live at 11 Pierrepont as part of the Clarkson Field Hockey Club

Ago house will be open to all July 2015 for Reunion Weekend.

Ago newsletter should be a committee project not just one-person task

Help needed with layout and mailing

Thank you to all for help with Reunion Weekend



Old Business:

Lynne Boles reported on the Ago constitution revision update.

Experts and college officials involved

Goal of a concise constitution one set of by-laws for the Alumnae Association another set for the Board of Directors/Actives.

Draft sent to various for feedback.

Next step is for all Ago Alumnae to vote either by US mail or online

Susan Young met with Clarkson President Collins who is impressed with our mentor program desires a tour of our sorority house

New business:

Database managers - Donna Neubauer and Jane Morale;

Class reps list – Jane Morale;

Family Tree team - Daphne D'Agostino Valentine and Elaine Whitehead Pauly

Sue Rice suggested reexamining our tax nonprofit classification and looking into registering as a 5013b nonprofit.

Voted to present \$1000 Leadership Award to Ago Affiliate Cassie Smith in lieu of an Active Scholarship.

The Ago Task Force to look into establish a community service project that would involve both Affiliates and Alumnae.

Julie Clark March and Jennifer Sinclair (Red Cross in Syracuse) to work together to develop a plan. Once the Active is re-launched, we can choose a community project to work on during Reunion Weekend.

Anastasia Glasheen to collect video clips and upload to our website about "what Ago means to me".

Suggestions: "What can you offer?" section in the newsletter and on Ago website.

Plan regional Ago events and publicize them.

A re-launch team for marketing and recruiting the new Agonian Actives.

Go to the Ago Website (www.agopotsdam.com) or contact an Ago Alumnae officer

Licia Urtis Murrell reported on 11 Pierrepont Avenue updates.

Election of officers :

President - Lindsay Mermell

Vice president –Jane Morale

Secretary – Vera Gibbs Thurston

Treasurer – Paula Douglas Miller

Vote to recommend Ago Board of Directors look into offers selling Ago land at corner of Main St and College Park Rd

Assessed value: \$12,100

Currently have an offer of \$10,800 with contingency subject to Buyer obtaining Special Use Permit and Area Variance from Village.

Annual costs to Ago to maintain ownership:

School Taxes \$182.18 Village/County Taxes \$133.37, and mowing \$864.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

Agonian Board of Directors Chair – Shelley Ives '83

The value of an Agonian Sister cannot be measured but is always treasured.

Dear Sisters,

The year has been an exciting and challenging year for Ago during therebuilding process. Here are some of the highlights from the last year:

- This is the first year we are landlords. As Ago rebuilds, the house needs to be rented to a recognized organization to preserve Ago's zoning variance. Our current tenants are the Clarkson Women's Field Hockey club. We are lucky enough to have 2 of our Ago affiliates ivn the club and living at the house, Cassie Smith and Clare Reilly. The tenants are taking good care of the house.
- For the 2015-2016 school year, our tenants will be the organization Doctors without Borders. We are in the process of signing the leases now.
- As Jane mentioned last year, we own a parcel of land at College Park Road in Potsdam. We finalized the sale of the land on April 20, 2015, saving us money that is spent annually on taxes and landscaping fees for the property upkeep. We can hopefully use this money for the upkeep of the house at 11 Pierrepont Ave.
- This has been a busy year with repairs to 11 Pierrepont. See Licia Murrell's article on the repair highlights that have been done.
- We have two new Board Members this year, Susan Duffy ('81) and Lindsay Mermell ('09, AAA president). Both bring enthusiasm and new ideas to the Board.
- We have a new property insurance company as our previous insurance company decided not to insure Sorority's anymore.

Thank You to all the Alumnae and your donations to help keep our Ship Afloat.



Volunteer Opportunities

An Ago sister is someone with whom you have shared a home, a history, and a heart.

Calling All Sisters...

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Agonian Alumnae Association and the Board of Directors. Tell us what you are interested in:

Love to write and want to connect with your classmates? How about writing an article for the newsletter.

Limited time but want to reach out to everyone? Facebook and social media updates have your name on it.

Flair for decorating and design or want to swing a hammer? 11 Pierrepont Avenue is calling your name.

Love to throw a party? How about hosting mini get togethers?

Are number one in selling Girl Scout cookies? Our fundraiser committee is in need of you.

We can always use assistance. Let us know how you can help by sending an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com. We need YOU NOW more than ever to keep Ago afloat. We will be looking for your email.

Tenants for 11 Pierrepont Avenue 2015-16

The Agonian Sorority Board of Directors has announced confirmation by the Clarkson University Student Association President, that Doctors without Borders is a recognized organization. Doctors without Borders will be renting the Agonian Sorority house at 11 Pierrepont Avenue for the 2015-2016 school year. This is to satisfy the requirements of our zoning variance with the Village of Potsdam.

Ago Task Force

The Ago Task force has been appointed to implement the strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan for Rebuilding Ago. You can read more about this plan on the website at: http://agopotsdam.com/?page_id=298 (amongst the newsletters in the Alumnae tab – you must be registered to view this tab). Our outstanding team returned to the Ago Task Force for 2014/15: Susan Young '89, Lynne Boles '74, Susan Cancilla Witkowski '79, Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88, Jane Morale '80, and Denise Bennett Haines '81. Jane and Denise are on the Ago Board of Directors ensuring that the Board has full oversight and awareness of the program.

For school year 2014-15 we had 3 Affiliates in the program: Cassie Smith (Clarkson '15), Theresa Pitera (Potsdam '15), and Clare Reilly (Clarkson '15). Our focus for this year was to continue our work on the 3 core initiatives from the Ago Rebuilding Plan: Alumnae Advisory Committee, Alumnae Mentor Program, and the Community Service Program. The transformation of our Affiliates from skeptics to true believers has been fantastic. They really do understand the mistakes of the past and are on board with ensuring they never, ever happen again.

A Little Business....

Agonian Alumnae Association

Treasurer's Report:

Balances as of 06/11/15:

Certificate of Deposit \$7660.65
 Checking Account \$3079.03
 Savings Account \$5652.75

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

2015 Annual Meeting Agenda

Call to Order
 Agonian Hymn

Agonian Alumni Association Reports

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

Old Business

- Future of Ago

New Business

- New Bylaws and Constitution
- 2016 Annual Meeting Date

Officers - 2014/2015

President—Lindsay Mermell '09
 Vice President—Jane Moralo '80
 Treasurer—Paula Douglas Miller '83
 Corresponding Secretary—Vera Thurston Gibbs '78

Want to be more involved?

We are always looking for volunteers for our committees!
 Contact one of the officers above for more information!

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 well on our way to reaching our goal.

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 year 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 "Doctors Without Borders" Club renting the house in 2015/16, 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!)

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 re-colonization 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!

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

\$50 – Sailor

\$100 – Petty Officer

\$250 – Chief Warrant Officer

\$500 – Ensign

\$750 – Lieutenant

\$1000 – Commander

\$1500 – Captain

\$2500 – Admiral

\$5000+ Commander in Chief Club

You can make your donation in several ways:

- **Credit Card:** visit our new website at www.agopotsdam.com and go to the "Giving" page and follow the instructions.
- **PayPal:** Send money directly via PayPal to: donations@agopotsdam.com.
- **Check:** Make your check out to "Agonian Sorority", fill out the form on the next page and mail to:

Colleen Filiak
711 Cascade Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4605

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>)					
Home Phone		Cell Phone			

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

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

Your donation is greatly appreciated!!!

Please return form to Colleen Filiak:

Colleen Costello Filiak

711 Cascade Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4605

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

Checks should be made out to Agonian Sorority

Fundraiser Heroes*:**Ensign**

Kim Neff
Beth Weigel

Chief Warrant Officer

Susan Smykla Udell

Petty Officer

Anastasia Glasheen
Cherri Paluch
Janice M. Johnson
Johanna McConahy
Kara Klink
Karen Walker
Kathryn Sheldon Cox
Robin Smith
Wendy Stratton Bailey

Sailor

Lori Misicka
Sandra VanPelt

Gold Dues

Susan Aceto
Christine Aiken
Becky Akins
Sylvia Anable
Michele (Shelly Lord) Aspinall
Muriel Baumann
Colleen Beaudoin
Margaret Benedetto
Cathleen Bennett
Bonita Betters-Reed
Lynne Boles
Laura Boyd
Debra Burhans
Shirley Bush
Diane Campbell
Marie Dufell Caschera
Ashley Cheney
Joyce McAmmond Coleman
Nadine Compisi
Valerie D'Ambrosio
Karen Danielson
Erica Davis
Juliet DeLillo
Lisa Doerner
Diane Dudley
Dorothy Dronkers
Elizabeth Meehan (Wind) Ellwood
Melissa Dennis Fasse
Nicholle Francis
Andrea Frascatore
Ellen Gambee
Vera Gibbs
Anastasia Glasheen
Gloria Groocok
Denise Haines
Sarah Bayer Halpern
Martha Hannon
Sharon Heiligman
Jean Heinsohn
Jewel Hirsch
Janet B. Hogan
Veronica Slivinski Holmes
Mary Horigan

More Gold Dues on next page

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

Fundraiser Heroes* (Continued):

Sue Jackson
 Karen Johns
 Janice M. Johnson
 Cheryl Johnson-Welles
 Barbara Kellerman
 Kara Klink
 Jessica Lanifero
 Kristin Lozo
 Norma Luce
 Beryl Marshall
 Judie Bennett Mayo
 Lindsay Mermell
 Mary Mero
 Paula Miller
 Lori Misicka
 Jane Mistur
 Paula Moore
 Licia Murrell
 Donna Neubauer
 Cathleen O'Connor
 Judith O'Reilly
 Cherri Paluch
 Sylvia Quackenbush
 Elizabeth Quillinan
 Renee Reagan
 Cecile Retrosi
 Melissa Richardson
 Anna Gordon Risse
 Sandra Robinson
 Amy Ross
 Susan Rossi
 Eleanor M. Russell
 Dorothy Jean Schaufler
 Jean Schuhle
 Patrice Delaus Scully
 Dorothy (Dottie Noyes) Sharrow
 Edie Sohigian
 Patricia Sohl
 Karen Stefanski
 Laura Sweet
 Daphne Valentine
 Sandra VanPelt
 Judith Verbanic
 Karen Walker
 Beth Weigel
 Chelsea Whiteman
 Elaine Whitehead
 Deborah A. Williams
 Kim Yantz
 Susan Young

Blue Dues

Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett
 Marci Blaszk
 Linda Boardman
 Mindy Cervoni
 Kathryn Cox
 Kathryn Sheldon Cox
 Amy Rich Crane
 Katie Dion
 Heidi Dopp
 Desiree Franciamone
 Nicholle Francis
 Wanda Gregory
 Elisabeth Henderson
 Cynthia Jankowski
 Rebecca King
 Monica Fisher Kussmann
 Sue E Lilyblade
 Gabrielle Martini
 Deborah McCullough
 Kim Meusel
 Jane Morale
 Joan Mullin
 Judith O'Reilly
 Sarah Paparella
 Hollis C Perdan
 Kathy Pine
 Susan Rice
 Jennifer Schwert-Nassivera
 Martha Scott
 Robin Smith
 Susan Smykla Udell
 Michele Vishion
 Suzanne Wajda
 Patricia Wilson
 Barbara Wood

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Our Hallowed Halls



Ahoy Agonian Sisters!

First and foremost I would like to thank everyone who gave generously through Gold Dues and private donations. The monies we receive help tremendously in keeping our Sorority House in good repair. As to be expected with any old home, as the years progress more and more repairs surface. Your donations are immeasurable.

Speaking of repairs, we have had many; some demands and a few upgrades:

- The winter of 2014-15 was brutal and the sewer pipes froze. It took four days to get them thawed out.
- The front steps were replaced in the fall. Thanks to all Alumni who donated extra money to the front steps.
- Various tasks were completed to transition the house to renters.
- The back steps were secured/repared.
- A water leak was in the found in the wall in late summer and was fixed.
- A chimney cap and chimney liner to the hot water heater was replaced.
- New benches were purchased for the dining room.
- The closet room was painted as were the shelves in the front room were painted.
- The commercial stove received necessary repairs.
- New blinds were installed in all bedroom and rack windows.
- A new refrigerator was purchased. Thank you Tom and Denise (Bennett) Haines for your donation.

Upcoming projects to be completed this year:

- Insulating the sewer pipes.
- The back steps will be replaced. Thank you Kim Neff Barrett and Susan Duffy for your donations.
- Water leaks in the basement are surfacing and will need to be taken care of.
- Pressure wash the house.

Thank you again for the care you give the house. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at 11 Pierrepont Avenue this summer.

Love in AKPhi,
Licia Murrell
House Repair Manager

Alumni Weekend Memories - Agonian Reunion 2014

Driving into Potsdam for the first time in 10 years, my heart lifted as I drove down Pierrepont Avenue past the beautiful Potsdam State campus to my second home at Ago! As we drove by, a party was already stirring on the porch, as the ladies from 1984 were setting up scrumptious food for their fellow sisters! In all my years away from Potsdam, I missed that porch the most! What is it about this house, this porch and these women, that have left such an indelible mark upon my heart! Sitting on the porch literally gives me such a feeling of peace, love and acceptance. That porch at 11 Pierrepont Avenue is symbolic of our Sisterhood, welcoming and inviting yet sturdy and strong! With over 80 women in attendance from many decades of love in AKPhi, I know we all really enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and celebrating with new friends! We broke into Ago songs, wore our letters downtown with pride, and laughed till our bellies ached! I tried to soak in each moment, talk to as many of you as possible and reflect upon what Ago means to me. As I spoke with many of you I realized that nearly losing our beloved home made many of us realize the value of this organization in our lives and in shaping the women we have become. I would be remiss if I didn't say how proud I am of the women you have become and the positive contribution our alumnae have made in this world! We should be proud to be part of an organization founded in 1882 to give women an outlet and a voice at a time when they lacked the basic rights of all citizens, namely the right to vote! As we endeavor to weather the latest storm, I feel our sisterhood has been strengthened and our resolve renewed! As the weekend winded down and all the sisters scattered off in varied directions home, I drove by the porch for the final time, and as it faded in the distance I realized that I needed to come "home" more often! Hope to see you all next year and in the many years to come as we celebrate the special home we have created in Ago.

Love in AKPhi,
Jeannie Heinsohn '96

I initially went to Potsdam for Reunion Weekend for some much needed partying. What happened while I was there was certainly more important than that. I came away with a deeper appreciation and love for Ago. It was fabulous to connect with the amazing women with whom I pledged and with those I knew from my years at Potsdam. It was as if no time had passed. There were instant connections and new friendships that were formed. Although I am saddened by the recent events regarding the current status of Ago, there are a few things that I now know for sure: We WILL come back, stronger than ever! We have such a dedicated group of Sisters who are all willing to give what they can to better our Sisterhood. I am proud to be an AGONIAN and will do what I can to help out. Thank you so much to all of those who came for Reunion 2014 from both near and far. I have amazing memories and renewed sense of what it truly means to be a part of our Ago house.

Love in AKPhi,
Cecile Grapard Retrosi '93

From the Archives.....

When the State University of New York was established in 1948, our campus became part of the large statewide system and became known as the State University of New York Teachers College at Potsdam. That same year, the Agos presented their stunt for the Ice Carnival celebration. The taller girls, the gents were dressed in top hats and tails, with black ice skates. The shorter girls, the ladies were dressed in light blue tutus with white skates. The skaters glided to the music of Vaughn Monroe: Dance, Ballerina, Dance. Dodie Zoller created the choreography with Mary Sherrys help. Tibby Decker made the tutus, each with 10 layers of tulle. This huge task was completed on Tibbys temperamental sewing machine which she referred to as Althea (Altheaf shell work).

The 1948 Agos were a sensation and won the womens ice skating stunt event! Sigma Delta Fraternity won the mens event. The theme was Artistry in Ice.

Front row: Bette Roberts, Shirley Butler, Jane Baumer, Sylvia Decker, Char McCurdy, Alice Tomkiewicz, Pat King, Kay Volmer, Marty Pollard Back row: Arlene Springstead, Lila Dean, Elsie Putnam, Betty Gladstone, Mary Sherry, Marty Martel, Rosemarie Fournier, Ruth Rose, Dodie Zoller



In Memoriam:

The years may wipe out many things, but this they wipe out never - the memory of those happy days, when we were all together.

Mary Nelson Waterman 41, deceased 2006	Rita Galu Bough 58, deceased 2014
Elizabeth Betty Buck Klenk 50, deceased Oct. 2013	Linda Olsen 58
Shirley Gassner '50, deceased March 6, 2015	Janice Cosselman Sterling 58, deceased 2006
Anita Sawin MacKenzie 50, deceased November 2013	Susan Blanchard Bartlett 59, deceased 2014
Shirley Bingaman Sullivan 50, deceased 2005	Kathleen Heimgartner Jones 61, deceased 2011
Pat Patnode Caringi 51, deceased November 12, 2009	F. Hope Carey Nejako 65, deceased Sept. 21 2014
Carolyn Rowley Ayers 55, deceased 2014	Ethel McCloskey Schnitzer 66 deceased June 8, 2004
Emilia "Chicki" Albini Taylor 55, deceased 2010	Joanie Chatigny Strong 70
Peggy Deuteran Stanfield 56, deceased 2014	

Class News

If your news didn't reach us in time for the publication of the 2015 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 1943

We received a note from Eugenia Young Warner '53:

"I am writing to report the death of my sister, Blanche Young (Class '43) in August 2010. She was one of the popular girls in Ago during her four years at Potsdam, and I am thinking a few old timers may remember her. After graduating from PSTC, she married twice, got her masters at University of Connecticut, taught Air Force recruits who had not graduated from high school, and tutored for many years on Long Island".

Class of 1953

Ardra Rogers Smyk is now living in a retirement community in Endwell, NY where there are lots of activities to keep her busy. Another Agonian living there is Dorothy Pauw Melrose from the class of 1954.

We received a nice note from Eugenia Young Warner who reported the passing of her sister Blanche Young from the Class of '43. "I came along ten years later and was also an Agonian, when Elise LaFon was president. I lived in the Elm Street dorm, which I feel sure has been torn down by now. I remember one time lying on the top bunk, using the ceiling to adjust myself, and watching both feet break through the ceiling. Not good as I was House Chairman. Mrs. Zoller was House Mother at the time and was very kind. After three years, one spent living at 11P, I married a Cornell University graduate and transferred to Buffalo State Teachers College (now SUNY), from which I graduated."

Class of 1955

Keitha Carhart Ames has a son Douglas who lives in OK and works for American Airways as an airplane mechanic, and really loves his job. Keitha has visited him frequently. She has four daughters: 1 is married and lives with her husband in Edinboro PA. They own their own business in Erie; a son lives in Washington PA and works for Columbia gas, is married and has 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren; Doug is not married; their oldest daughter Debra has two daughters married and one son, not married. Debra has 3 grand children – 2 girls and one boy; her other daughter lives in Houston TX and teaches Kindergarten. She isn't married but loves the kids. Keitha has many places to go visit and loves doing that. Debbie's son lives in Utah and works on the ski slopes and just loves it. He is a great skier himself. So they have 6 great grandchildren and 6 grand children and love them all!

Wanda Grygiel Gregory is planning to retire from her church job of 14 years. She visits the sick, homebound, hospitals, and nursing homes. She still sings in the church choirs. Wanda taught for 29 years and retired in 1991. She has 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She still sees Betty Lou Miga Frye quite frequently. Both Betty Lou and Wanda plan to attend Reunion Weekend in July along with their husbands. We look forward to seeing you!

Class of 1956

It has been a time of change for Marlene King Towne: in August 2011 she lost her home of 40 years and possessions to flood waters following Hurricane Irene. She purchased a new home the next January out of the flood plain. In January 2014 she lost her beloved husband of 57 years to an aggressive melanoma cancer but by April she became a great-grandmother of a beautiful baby girl named Marlena. She is well and is blessed by a great family and keeps busy.

Ron and Joanna DiCroce Farra are happy with their move from New York to Virginia though they are disappointed with the lack of snow. They did find a great place for cross country skiing in West Virginia and when there is enough snow in Bristow they enjoy the snow at the Benedictine Monastery. They are also enjoying their lives at Dunbarton, an active adult community which offers many activities like line-dancing, aerobic classes, bocce, pickleball, pool, and a very active LLI program. They also enjoy the wonderful performing art centers.

Class of 1957

Carol Battilana Rothermal lives near Annapolis, MD, and retired from the classroom 5 years ago. However, she's busier than ever, including all the shoveling she's done this winter! Her activities include singing w/several area choruses (One traveled to France; she now can order a chocolate croissant in French!) and doing animal rescue work with feral cats. At the end of August she'll join an over-55 choir called Encore that will sing at Chautauqua. (Note: Pat Adams Sundell has sung in a choir there for several years; hope you connect!)

Last March, Julie Eisenstein Hirsch and her husband travelled to Polynesia and enjoyed snorkeling and the abundance of fragrant tiara flowers. This past February, they entertained Jan Scott Burwell and Betty Meehan Wind Ellwood at their Savannah, GA, home. Julie and her husband then spent time in Belize. She sends "best wishes to all our classmates and also to those who are working so hard to set the Ago ship afloat again."

Barbara McMahon Newcomb and her husband recently celebrated their 80th birthdays. They've downsized from their former home and enjoy attending school and extracurricular events of nearby grandchildren. (Four of their ten grands have now graduated from college.) She says they recently digitized their family and travel photos and enjoy reminiscing about their former adventures. With all the past winter's snow piles, Barb was reminded of Joan Clarke Roohvarg's statement as a freshman: "If it doesn't go above freezing tomorrow, I'm leaving!" (It probably didn't and thankfully, she didn't.....)

It's been over 5 years since Betty Meehan Wind's husband, Al, passed away. Betty's new husband, Donald Ellwood, and she have traveled extensively through the Imperial Cities of Europe, the Colorado Rockies, the Panama Canal, and Paris. Summers are spent at Don's home on Lake Sunapee, NH, and they spend several winter weeks in Ft. Myers, FL. Janet Schneider Hogan visited Betty in January--"It was just like old times"--and Betty & Don visited Julie Eisenstein Hirsch while enroute to FL. They attended the temple where Julie's husband, Norman, is a docent, and Julie so capably directs and plays for the choir. Betty says Julie's "southern" hospitality was outstanding and made them feel right at home.

Jean Schauffler broke her ankle when she was knocked off the sidewalk by a door that the wild March wind slammed against her! She is currently thumping around her house w/a walker while a "boot thing" helps with healing. She says that being housebound means she "can't get out to feed the birds, so they'll have to wing it for a while....."

Fredrica Sideman sends her love to all and says that her second CD, "From the Spirit", was released by PARMA recordings and 7 of the 8 tracks are her original compositions. It's by the Bunny Beck (her stage name) Jazz Ensemble and she's the pianist. "Look for it on Amazon, iTunes, etc. PARMA submitted the album to the Grammys for nomination consideration, but Chick Corea won instead!"

By spending the winter months on the beach at Marco Island, FL, Susan Smykla Udell and her husband managed to avoid the cold and snow that beset the rest of the country. She's taking a Spanish language course in an attempt to be "with it" but finds it's harder to absorb all the grammatical rules at this age! Summer will be spent gardening at their Wisconsin farm and enjoying seeing friends and family. "Let us know if you're in the area--and please, if you haven't been receiving my annual requests for news, send me your new email address! Mine is usandj@hotmail.com"

We were sorry to learn that Mary Lou Trask Scott passed away in early 2014 after minor surgery. Many of us remember her Wagnerian vocal talents. A fund has been established in her name at the New England Music Camp in Waterville, ME, where she was on the staff for over 30 years.

Class of 1958

Bev Kneessy responded with a brrrr. She went to Kansas to visit her son and family in Kansas for Thanksgiving, but after returning she accumulated 4' of snow on her deck in Penfield. In October Sue Conant Young was suddenly widowed. Although she misses Al, her great ice hockey defenseman from the 1957 CCT team, she's counting her blessings. Sue says she's living in the best retirement community in Florida. Sue asked to use her phone number if you'd like to hear more about it-or to simply talk to her- It's [516-308-6580](tel:516-308-6580). She'd love to have more Agos join her down here.

In mid-February, Gail (Roach) and Sal Davi drove to Dallas to see their daughter, Sheila, whose 50th birthday was celebrated while they were there. Other family members joined them for the family reunion including cousins from Sacramento, CA.

Mary (Carey) and Budd Munhall had their son, Mike, and his family at their home in San Antonio, FL near Tampa for Christmas. They barely had time to take a deep breath before they had more company. Sue Young, Gail and Sal Davi, plus Dotty (Runkel) and Dan Dronkers moved in so that we could all celebrate New Year's Eve together. In August, Dotty and Dan will once again be making their pilgrimage from FL North to New York State to visit family in Fredonia, friends and former colleagues in the Finger Lakes area and finally up to Lake George to spend a few days with Mary and Budd. Sue (Lester) and Tom Ford ran away from home to avoid winter's cold this year. They spent some time on the east coast of Florida.

Sue Williams Cloer reported in from Oklahoma. She is still substitute teaching at a private school where her husband, Larry works Security. Marilyn Gaggin was excited to have found Sue again after many years. They've been back in contact with one another to catch up on events in their lives.

Norma Luce is teaching stain glass work in her studio once a week. She has done some skiing this winter and still enjoys summers at her place on the Racquette River.

Don't forget Ladies, that the reunion for both schools is July 9 – 12 this year. If you can attend, I know it'll be a time for fun.

Class of 1960

After Dotty Hirsch Sellman retired in 2005, she and her husband downsized to a 55 and over condo near their children and grandchildren in Hebron CT. Since retirement they have been doing a bit of traveling: Europe, Scandinavia, Ireland and Scotland. They especially enjoy cruises. Dotty has gone to several class reunions and could not believe the growth of the college. At her 50th reunion in 2010, Dotty was surprised at how many Agos were there. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone. If anyone from the years 1956-1960 has not been back, Dotty advises you to pay a visit. You won't believe the changes.

Class of 1961

Eleanor McKillop Russell writes from the foot of Mt. Washington where she said the temperature on the summit that day was second to that of the South Pole! She appreciates the help from her husband John and keeps busy with her scrapbooking hobby.

Gloria Gonda Grocock reports 2014 was a year of downs and ups. She had a car accident in January (not her fault!), bought a new car, had a 10 day visit to west coast of Florida to visit snowbird friends and see that part of the state. In April her daughter in Kenya was diagnosed with a large kidney tumor so she spent 6 weeks in England where she had the operation and recuperated. So far her scans are good. Three family weddings in Boston, New Jersey and California meant even more traveling, with a Panama Canal cruise from Miami to Los Angeles being a delightful way to get out west. In July, 3 of her 4 and their families spent 10 days visiting...hectic but fun with 6 grandchildren ranging from 18 months to 9.

54 years since graduation! The years have been very kind over all. Now retired from teaching, Ann Johnsen is doing what most retirees do: some travel, lots of exercise, exploring those interests she never had time to do that had been delegated to the "someday" category. She lived in Connecticut, Illinois and now resides in Indiana, where there are two universities with masters programs and fine recitals, a philharmonic orchestra and several fine vocal groups. She has two grown adult children, a daughter who is a school superintendent in Missouri, a son who is an associate professor in Connecticut and one granddaughter who calls both London (having received a MSc in musculoskeletal science from UCL) and the US home. She hopes the class of 1961 has many responses because "we'd all really like to know of your doings these days. Love in Alpha Kappa Phi!"

Mary Lee Alles Caggiano enjoys going to University of Connecticut to watch her granddaughter's swim meets. She had a lovely trip to Hawaii to celebrate one granddaughter's graduation and the other's 16th birthday. She teaches church school part time.

Kate Merrill Karshick and husband Fred just crossed Australia and New Zealand off their bucket list after a month Down Under! They saw marvelous vistas and made wonderful memories! The trip helped mark their 50th wedding anniversary!

Arlene Linstrom Dahm can't believe that next year will be our 55th year reunion. She reports that she is just trying to stay healthy and active. The first of her grandchildren will graduate this June. She followed his basketball games throughout the year and was able to celebrate his being named Player of the Year by the Morris County Coaches Association.

Class of 1962

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell enjoyed the holidays with their family in their Connecticut home. Betsy continues as a school counselor at East Windsor Middle School and enjoys helping students on their way to becoming successful adults. John remains at Westinghouse and made three trips to Sweden this year. Their son and family live in the Minneapolis area and they managed two trips to visit and enjoyed playing the role of grandparents. Daughter Carrie and son live nearby in Simsbury and they enjoy being able to see them nearly every week and traveling with them several times during the year.

Fran Sardina Blied and Dave traveled to Italy last May with Fran's sister Mary Ann and her husband Nino who was born in Italy. They spent the first week exploring Umbria and Tuscany where Fran and Mary Ann painted in a vineyard near Montepulciano. The next two weeks were spent in Gaeta the city where Nino lived until the age of 12. It was fascinating in Old Gaeta along the Bay with its ancient buildings, stone walkways, narrow alley-ways, and historic ruins. They lived like the natives purchasing their food daily from vendors along Via Indepenzia and from fishermen on the waterfront. They enjoyed exploring historical places, weekend festivals, and the fabulous beach. They experienced wonderful food, wonderful people, and wonderful experiences. To view Fran's photos and some description of the trip, click here: <https://italy2014sorelle.shutterfly.com/pictures>

Elaine Fallon Boyrer was in the midst of deciding to sell the home of 41 years that she and Jerry shared, when her beloved Jerry passed away on Christmas Day. Elaine was very thankful that "God took him before I had to consider other care options in place of keeping him at home with me." We all were saddened by this news but know Jerry is in a better place and his twinkling eyes are watching over those he loved.

Kate Sheldon Cox asked "Where is spring?" as she wrote this note on its first day. She was at daughter Julie's home dog-sitting for the weekend. Daughter Susie was along Coastal Carolina visiting colleges with son Evan. Her son Dylan is in his sophomore year. Julie and Jerry (Kings X) are busy with music. Pete and Sue, the Bostonians, are busy with Ian and Ty. Kate says she's not getting older and not busier, just wiser! She extends a warm welcome to "Come and visit when the beach is ready for summer antics". Kate is still enjoying her 26th floor view of the ocean, looking out for dolphins and a whale or two.

Shirley Wolf Crane and Irv shared a cottage on Fourth Lake in the Adirondacks with their children and grandchildren and spent the week enjoying kayaking, fishing, hiking, swimming, campfires and games. They continue to enjoy being outdoors, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, doing lawn/garden care, and participating in church activities and book groups.

Jean Urbas Dearstyne wrote that life is good and in spite of or maybe because of, the snow this winter Jean and John have enjoyed snowshoeing in the beautiful woods surrounding their house and are probably among the few people who actually like winter in the great northeast!. Indoor projects keep minds busy so John built a 5-tiered grow light system for the seeds Jean likes to start indoors. Her garden seems to get bigger even as she tries to downsize and simplify her life. Jean does water aerobics, walks, plays bridge, volunteers at a local arboretum, and occasionally babysits her grand-babies who are now 11, 11 & 17.

May Simpson Kemp is doing the same old stuff plus trying to deal with one day at a time as Terry fights his battle with cancer. The treatments have been really hard on him. He is presently in a trial study they hope will bring some relief. The Kemps watched a program on PBS called "The Famiglia" about the southern Italian immigrants who came to the states at the turn of the century and what they endured. They did a medical study on a town in Rosetta, PA that was made up of these people. It showed that they had fewer health problems because they all had such a sense of family and instant support within it. May is tired of the cold and snow as most of you those up north can agree on.

Kathy Canapary Kiernan relayed a memory of Elaine's husband Jerry in her note for our Ago Letter. She remembered Jerry for the wonderful twinkle in his eyes which he never lost. A few summers ago he and Elaine came to lunch at the Kiernan's Sag Harbor home and afterwards took a long walk on the beach. His bright twinkle was still there! Unfortunately, Jerry passed away on Christmas day while Kathy and Bill were spending the Christmas holidays in Spain with their daughter and family who live there, so they were unable to attend the funeral.

Bev Eccles Levy wrote that this is the first winter in many years that the Levys did not go to Florida. Oh, did they pick a good one - temps around zero and many feet of snow! They did get "out of town" though and spent 2 weeks in Hawaii last November and visited the beautiful islands of Oahu and Maui where the weather was perfect. Guess it always is there! This fall Bev and Gail also made 2 visits to Seattle, where their daughter and family live and took some side trips to the Cascades and a quaint German town that felt like they were in Bavaria! They see their son and family in the Rochester area frequently and remain in touch with area Potsdam friends.

Joyce Molton McAmmond-Coleman and Roger drove to North Carolina to visit a couple of daughters who live in the Piedmont Triad area; they made it a round-about trek via New Jersey where one of Roger's brothers lives so arranged to meet Kate Cox for dinner! As usual they had a non-stop gabfest. Joyce has a high school friend who has lived in Amsterdam most of her life and frequently invites the Coleman's to come visit - this is FINALLY the year! Soon they should be spending a week with her during the season of canal boats filled with tulips. Next newsletter Joyce will be able to extol the beauty, for now it is still only an imagined scene. Be thankful you are somewhere else (anywhere else) other than New York State and this never-ending winter; and we thought last winter was a trial -Mother Nature is testing their North Country mettle!

Judy Schorge O'Reilly sends, "Hi to all her Agonian sisters!" Judy and John spent a few weeks in February at their summer house on Hannawa Pond enjoying the very cold and snowy Northern NY winter. They went up to the Rideau Canal in Ottawa to skate. At their other home on the opposite coast near LA, they've had a very warm and dry winter. John received an honorary doctorate from SUNY Potsdam last May which made Judy very proud. He also gave the commencement address to the grad students. John and Judy traveled to the big Island of Hawaii last spring and in August they went to the Chautauqua Institute where they participated in interesting fine arts classes as well as a concert almost every night. They still enjoy going to the LA Phil and LA Master Chorale, as well as going to plays and musicals throughout the city. They both sing every Sunday in their awesome church choir which gives two concerts a year with orchestra. Judy also volunteers at the church thrift shop. Enjoying every minute of their busy lives!

Rosemary Falbo Quadrini visited upstate NY August 2014 and spent a wonderful evening catching up with Class of '62 SUNY Potsdam Friends at the home of Betty Hughto Schaeffer (Zeta Gamma). Pictured to the right are SUNY Potsdam Class of '62 members including 5 Agonians:



Class of 1963

Ruth Hammel Gove is glad that winter is over. At one point she had 8 feet of snow in her yard, making shoveling snow the constant activity this winter. Her other activities are about the same: she volunteers 3 mornings a week in the school from which she retired; she gets a chance to help her teacher friends there, and to sing and play the uke with the children; she does yoga, Pilates, sings in the church choir and sings in Sweet Adelines chorus, which is her 50th year with the chorus.

Marti Tallman Scott and Scotty are still enjoying living in Sun Lakes AZ. They call this place adult camp as anything you would like to do is here. She still teaches water aerobics 5 days a week. Every year she wonders if her body can keep this up, but so far so good. Their main travel destinations are KC, KS and St. Louis, MO to see their grandchildren. They have an extra bedroom and welcome guests!

From Barbara Laino's brother Bill: "I regret to inform you that my sister, Barbara, passed away on August 22, 2012, after a long battle with breast cancer. I am sure that her membership in Ago was a fond memory for her." (Bill Laino)

Bev Smith writes that some things never change – watercolor classes, golf, volunteer work in basket class for the visually impaired, Tai Chi (3x/week), symphony subscription for 6 times, Cabaret subscription for 3 shows, meetings for several organization to which she belongs, and daily early morning walks. Somehow she has managed to add Bridge playing to her schedule.

Class of 1964

Shirley Kincaid Eagan and Tom have sold their house in Ohio, and will now split their time between their house in Skaneateles Lake in the summer, and in Marco Island, Florida in the winter. Their daughter is in Victor and their son goes between NYC and Danbury, CT. They enjoy their 8 grandchildren.

Barb Stoneham Law is in Fairport, NY. Recently widowed, Barb keeps very busy. This January she was skiing in Sunday River, ME with the Rochester Ski Club. She loves having time with her sons and granddaughters.

Jo Oster Horvath and Al live on the seacoast of New Hampshire. Two of their 3 children also live in NH. She is president of the Seacoast Republican Women, which is a large task.

Sandy D'Arienzo Geagan and Tom moved from Long Island in '68 back to the North Country. They have recently moved to their dream house on the St. Lawrence River in Massena. They have 2 sons, and 4 grandchildren, and love to travel.

Molly Boulet Carroll and Chuck just visited California, where 2 of their sons live, and Santa Fe. Molly plays with the Amherst Symphony and studies French at a local college. She deals with vintage textiles. She sees Jocelyn K Smith in the summer as they are near Skaneateles Lake, also.

JoAnn Haley Maguire is a realtor in Bucks Co, PA. Retired after years of teaching English in 2000, JoAnn got into real estate, and loves it. Remarried for 25 years, she and Lou share his 2 and her 3 sons, and 6 grandchildren, happily all nearby.

Last year, the '64 group did a mini-reunion. Lorraine Gringer Gluck, Judy Goble Darrer, Marilyn Davies Clary, and Barb Law, Shirley Eagan--and brave Tom, Sandy Geagan, and JoAnn Maguire met in May, stayed at the Clarkson Inn, got a tour of the campus--very impressive, and had lots of good conversation and wine. It was great to combine our memories and get caught up with one another.

In planning that we made contact with many of our classmates who could not attend our May gathering, but sent along updates on them and their lives:

Annette Sciortino Bennington and her husband Gary now live in California near their daughter Stacy. Nettie is dealing with some health issues.

Marlene Johnson Villiger had recently lost her husband, Ron. She was planning to attend the formal reunion in July, so did not make ours.

Karen Singer Miller keeps busy playing in two orchestras, and plays duplicate bridge with her husband, Lew. Their two sons are grown, and the one in Canandaigua has three children.

Joyce Turner Huebsch and her husband were planning to attend the official reunion in the summer of 2014. They live in Boonton, NJ.

Anne Rapp Refermat and Stan live in the Rochester area.

Jackie Routon Whelan lives in Florida.

Rayola Purcell Pederson and Ray were planning on moving and attending their granddaughter's high school graduation.

Jane Mott Schultz called to say that she would love to attend, but they make a point of having a grandson visit and have a special one-on-one time, and that was a conflict.

Right now, several of us from the class of '64 plan to attend the reunion of the class of '65 at the Sagamore in Sept. Marlene, Sandy, Barb, and JoAnn are all going, and hope that more will join us.

Good health and good wishes to all!

Class of 1965

Sue Brown Lilyblade moved to Loveland Colorado in 1965 right after graduation to teach math. In 1978, she moved to Fort Collins, CO and taught math at the high school. She and husband David have 5 daughters and 6 grandchildren. Sue is looking forward to seeing her classmates at Reunion Weekend!

Cynthia Coonrad Jankowski still enjoys traveling and docenting at her local art gallery, especially working with groups from nursing homes with some memory loss. Volunteering brings Cynthia great joy and she has met so many interesting, giving, and thoughtful people in the process.

Class of 1966

Karen McKean Danielson retired from teaching kindergarten in 2006. After 25 years full time and 10 years of substituting before she taught full time, she went back to substituting once a week. It was hard to leave teaching, but her nine grandchildren keep her busy. Karen's husband retired in 2010 and since that time they see their three daughters and their families more often. Their time is divided between Vermont, Pennsylvania, and Arizona. They are also very involved at their church. Karen is a Stephen Ministry Leader and continues to sing in the choir.

Class of 1970

Anne Larkin Lapham and John spend time on their boat on the St. Lawrence River. During the winter, they like to ski. A really happy event for them is the wedding of their son David in June.

Class of 1971

The Ago Alumnae Association and Board of Directors would like to thank Karen Simons Johns and her husband Rich for their many years of support and service. Karen and Rich are devoted and steadfast in their efforts to help our Sorority. We appreciate their friendship and assistance through the years. You two are the epitome of “friendship, truth, and loyalty”.

Class of 1972

Donna Connelly Godfrey and her husband, Don are still living in North Carolina and enjoy spending time with son, Devon, his wife, Emily, and their two granddaughters, Sascha and Sierra. Donna is enjoying reconnecting with so many Ago Sisters on FaceBook and highly recommends it!

Class of 1974

Lynne Boles’ semi-retirement continues to be wonderful. There is plenty of time to work, travel, visit with family and friends, do volunteer work and still get 7+ hours of sleep! She continues to serve on the Potsdam College Foundation Board as President and work on the Ago Alumnae Task Force. She is lucky that she loves the marketing consulting jobs that pay for her “fun”. She and John took several amazing trips this year—Belize, Guatemala, and an Alaskan rail trip plus inner passage cruise to Vancouver. The big trip was to Ireland with Lynne’s sisters to explore their Irish roots and drink lots of authentic Irish Coffees. In addition, Lynne and her hubby indulged in their love of theater with trips to NYC and London. There were great times with Ago sisters this past year. This included: a visit by Lori Misicka ('75); a trip with Bonnie Betters Reed ('73) to her family “camp” on Upper Saranac Lake; a wine tasting trip organized by Sue Wajda ('74) that included Jan Whitfield and Donna Longenecker Neubauer ('75 Agos from Clarkson), Barb Wuerdeman Wood and April Bell Devaux ('74). But the highlight was attending they 40th reunion at SUNY Potsdam with lots and lots of Ago’s. So great to see everyone!

Patti Ludwiczak’s retirement continues to be great. She loves her volunteer work at Buffalo Children's Hospital, reading to patients and creating the Book Nook Library for delivering books. Between quilting and coping with ill relatives, they hope to travel a little more this year, maybe to Potsdam!

Ellen Dullmeyer Fox wrote that her Connecticut house is on the market so they can move to Loudon, Tennessee. They bought their retirement home there last November. She got a hearing aid in late 2013 and the positive impact that’s made has been amazing. She has significantly more energy. She has begun to experiment with listening to music and is shocked at how flat the music sounds when her hearing aid is off. She didn’t know she’d spent 60+ years missing the vitality of music. She is taking advantage of what the New England area has to offer before they move, so she is going to yoga frequently. She has done a few paintings at a franchise called Muse and has been so encouraged by that—she has begun to explore her own creative expression. And of course they get to see the Wolff's (Jane Murray) frequently which is great.

Sue Wajda, hearing Deja Vu by Crosby, Stills and Nash, was inspired to share her doings of the moment. There is no retirement when one is self employed, so she grabs a substitute teaching job the few days she is in Rochester each month. Most of her time and attentions are with her 94 year old mother in the Utica (Whitesboro) area, traveling the Thruway twice/week to cook, clean, run errands, monitor meds, watch Wheel and Lawrence Welk. Tim lives an hour south at their Loon Lake cabin where cottage owners count on him for home renovations and handyman repairs. They recently lost their sweet puppy, Carebear, but Sue is craving the companionship of another soon. When possible, they enjoy the camaraderie of fellow sisters at events like Bills games, Kentucky Derby fundraiser, birthday gatherings with the Creggs, Timpanos, Lennon/ Nealon's, Aprils, Wuerd/Woods, wine tours and BBQs when Boles, Neubauers and Whitfield come to their cabin, their annual escape to NH to relax with Donna and Rocky, and toasting new hopes and good health on New Years Eve. Sue enjoys annual trips to Potsdam for anyone's reunion as well as local gaggles of giggling girls held around Rochester.

Kathy Ames Kieta in Chagrin Falls OH missed the 40th reunion last summer as her son chose that weekend to get married in Columbus! It was worse for Dennis's brother who missed his 50th reunion at Clarkson that weekend. Kathy is still working as a private tutor and Dennis is retiring in June, just in time for summer fun at the Thousand Islands. They are looking forward to lots of travel. Son Andrew is in graduate school in Texas and youngest daughter Kristen is in Grad school in British Columbia, reason alone to travel north and west.

Ago Class of 1975

Sally Loe Aubrey's daughter Martha became engaged just before Christmas, and she will be married August 15 in Rochester. Sally now has the fun of planning a wedding almost 3000 miles away! Martha's shower will be the same weekend as Reunion, so sadly Sally won't be able to join us. She says it is hard to digest that we graduated 40 years ago. She seems to be much more forgetful these days, but her memories of Ago and Potsdam are still very alive inside of her. They were four of the best years of her life!

Barb Putman Cregg and Mike have purchased a home in sunny FL! They now have a beautiful place to enjoy in Naples. It's located within walking distance of the beach, the stores, and the restaurants. Imagine their fun when the whole family visits together!

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary have had a fun winter in Sarasota with lots of Potsdam friends visiting. Allison, Amanda, Brian, Ben (4), and Henry (2) enjoy their visits to FL and to Skaneateles. Allison continues at Ayco, competes in power lifting, and is now up to three dogs. Amanda teaches in North Colonie, and Brian represents Arthrex.

Shelley Killion Hatzfeld and Hatz are loving being grandparents! Shelley watches Cassie and Cal's son Clayton Killion Nienow (8-12-14) in Chicago a few days each week. Keith and Kristen live in Columbus and are expecting Shelley's second grandchild to arrive August 29th! Hatz is still working for Akzo Nobel in Morris, IL, but hopes to retire soon so that he can do what he loves doing best: GOLF! They have planned a family vacation to Topsail Beach in June, and consider it a miracle that they have coordinated a whole week together to go to their favorite place.

Carol Baitup Sweet's part time work at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and Hallmark keep her very busy, but she still finds time for a fun night out each month and gets in some hiking. Meghan is living in Scottsdale, AZ with boyfriend James, competing in and coaching Crossfit and playing soccer. Jon is back in Atlanta living with two friends in Brookhaven. His jobs include modeling, acting, activities director at a senior living center, and teaching ballroom dancing. Kevin lives in Dayton, OH with his girlfriend Lauren and works for Synthes. They have a new Wheaton Terrier puppy, Oakley, Carol's first grand doggie!

Anne Gallagher Timpano and John had two great trips to Florida. The first was to Orlando In July with Bridget, AJ, baby Caitlin, Scott, and Amy. The second trip was to celebrate John's retirement this past February with Debbie and Gary Hind in Sarasota. There's nothing better than spending time with family and friends!

Jane Murray Wolff has gotten bored in retirement, so she decided to go back to work part time! She'll be putting all of that extra cash to use paying for a trip or two, as she and Bill do love to travel. In fact, their adventure this year will be a family cruise to Alaska in August to celebrate Bill's 70th birthday with their kids and grandkids.

Class of 1976

Cathy Lennon Nealon became a grandmother in March 2015. She enjoyed spending a week in New Jersey with her daughter and granddaughter in May.

Class of 1977

Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz and Bob (Clarkson'76) are doing well. They have 2 beautiful grand children 2 and 4 and are thinking about retiring in a year or so. Their biggest project is the 1888 lake house they bought in Cazenovia, NY. They have spent the last year renovating it and can now see the light at the end of the tunnel . It used to be a bed and breakfast, so maybe a reunion when it is finally finished??!! It is only 20 minutes from Syracuse. They hope all is well with everyone and love hearing what is going on.

Patty Abernathy Sohl had a great family vacation at Sunset Beach, NC. They got to see Donna Passerella Bonomo and husband Bob; it was great to spend time with them. She also enjoyed her time in Potsdam in July (more of you should come it is so much fun). Bill has been working in CA this year on a project south of Fresno which ended in April. The travel was beating him up. She joined him on one trip and went to Sequoia National Park, incredible!

Karen Kittelsen Stefanski went on a wonderful trip to Tennessee last May-early June and tried to see as many attractions as they could. In Gatlinburg they hiked several trails in the Great Smokey National Park with her best friend, "Bobbsie" and John. Then saw sights in Nashville including the Hermitage, the Grand 'Ole Opry, the Parthenon, the Antique's Road show store and the Country Music Hall of Fame. Then on to Memphis to see Kim, a college roommate and Bruce, and saw Graceland, the Pink Palace, the Memphis Zoo, the Rock 'N' Soul Museum, the National Civil Rights Museum then Beale Street to enjoy fried pickles and Catfish bites and beers in B.B. Kings Blues Bar, watching street performers. To end the summer they enjoyed a wonderful week on Cape Cod in the beginning of September, enjoying great weather and no crowds.

Class of 1979

Susan Cancilla Witkowski and Jim continue to enjoy living in South Carolina and taking weekend trips to the lovely beaches with their dog Katie. Cassie Smith, affiliate and president of the Clarkson Doctors without Borders Club, planned an in country mission trip to Susan's free clinic in Camden, SC for two weeks in May. Susan traveled to Potsdam to speak to the Community Health students at Potsdam the first week in May. We are grateful that Susan continues to work on the Ago Task Force. It requires quite a bit of work and time to bring our sorority back to recognition. If any of you have some time you would like to devote please let Susan Young or Jane Morale know. Susan would enjoy having some of her classmates with her on this journey. She looks forward to seeing more Sisters in July when she attends her 40th high school reunion in Rochester. Blessed for her health and she wishes you all the same.

Mindy Mospaw Poupore is now retired from teaching but keeps very busy. She still has one day when she teaches wind instruments, and the rest of her time is spent working out, doing yoga, working at her husband's Dental practice with PR and bookkeeping, singing in a choir, playing in a band at Crane and serving on the Crane Alumni Board, Rotary, and Foothills Art Society. She is living the dream and feels so blessed to have healthy, happy family around her!

Shanon Fowler Schneider has been managing North Atlanta OB/GYN for 9 years! Time flies! She also still owns and manages Synergy Fine Art Gallery in Roswell.....it will be 8 years soon. She is doing well with her art and hope to ramp up to showing in more galleries in Atlanta and possibly transitioning full time to her art maybe in about a year. They have 13 artists in the gallery and Shanon is very active in the art community in Roswell. Their recent highlight was a visit from Rosalynn Carter and Amy Carter. An honor for her to meet them both! Husband Jim is still with Kimberly Clark as a manager in Global Sustainability Group. He travels a lot sustaining the globe!! LOL! This winter alone took him to Columbia, UK, and Thailand. Pooped guy! Dane and Amy are in Washington. He works for the Department of Defense and Amy is a reporter for WMAR in Baltimore. No kids yet but they do have a grandpuppy! Brett works for the FAA as an electrical engineer based out of Atlanta but travels 100% of the time. He is currently on assignment in Charleston, then on to Greenville, and Miami. Trey works for Cox Communications as a software engineer. Making the two year dating mark with Theresa, also a reporter for NBC in Augusta. What is with all these reporter girls?? Jim and Shanon play lots of tennis and enjoy the GA winters!

Debbie LoBello Burhans had a great time at the 2014 Ago Reunion Weekend last July. It was the first time that she and Cousin Linda Connelly had been back there together in 25 years!!!! Although the Class of '79 had a small turnout for their 35th, she and Linda had a lot of fun with classmates Sharon Keating Heiligman and Susan Cancilla Witkowski, as well as many other Ago sisters and friends, including honorary cousins Cathleen O'Connor and Liz "TT" O'Connor Utzig. She reports that all is well with her family. Debbie is still working, but as little as possible (which is the major benefit of self-employment)...and she spends as much time as she can visiting daughters, Gretchen and Lauren (who live in Boston) and Karen (who recently moved to San Francisco.) She and Mark took their first ever trip to San Francisco in January to visit Karen and had an amazing time!!! She sends love in AKPhi to all!

Cookie (Mary) Scalise Balme hosted a couple of Rochester NY get-togethers at her home in Fairport! We all had a great time and it was great to get reacquainted!! She and Chip moved from Webster back to Fairport April 2014 and have been very happy. Case Larga Vineyards is in their backyard and they love the views! Their villa in Naples is being used a lot by SNOWBIRDS as they are renting it out for a few months each year until they fully retire in about 6-7 years. Lisa finished up her Masters degree at St. John Fisher for Special Education in May 2015 and bought her own house last year. Rob has just graduated from the University of Rochester Medical Center with his RN. Chip is working hard at Gleason Works, Cookie is in a part time Executive Director position for New York State Women in Administration, and just started a full time job at Rochester Hearing and Speech Center in April. They have been a very busy family! She hopes to see more Agos this summer at Casa Larga ROC nights on Tuesdays or Thursdays after work!

Becky Monckton King and Kenny are empty nesters now, all the kids are out on their own. None of them are married, no grandkids. She still works full time and continues to sing with her local Sweet Adeline chorus. Becky and Kenny celebrate 30 years of marriage April 2015. She would love to re-connect with Ago sisters.

Linda Connelly had a fantastic time at reunion with Deb, Sharon, and Susan from '79. It was great to see everyone else, too and she can't wait for the next one! She keeps busy with family and 2 new puppies!

Sharon Keating Heiligman had a fabulous time up in Potsdam last July for her 35th reunion! The class of 1979 was represented by Debbie LoBello Burhans, Linda Connelly, Susan Cancilla Witkowski and Sharon. Wow...did they enjoy themselves on that Ago porch!!! Sharon's daughter, Kim, bought a condo in Corn Hill (Rochester) and is practicing at Rochester Eye and Laser. Sharon is going to be a Grammy again, as her son AJ and wife Anne are expecting baby boy #2 in early August! Dan and Sharon continue to travel often.

Barbara Lanzano Combs writes that her boys are still in college and doing very well. Will made the WVU President's List and was honored at a reception by the WVU College of Physical Activity and Sports Sciences. He was also selected as one of 12 students to travel to Brazil for their 2-week program in May with ESPN Brazil Marketing, including a visit to all the Olympic soccer stadiums. It took 3 changes of major, but he's definitely found his forte and will graduate in May 2016. Andrew made the Dean's List at BAMA and graduated in May! Then it looks like on to graduate school - fingers crossed! Barb and DB celebrated 25 years of marriage in September with a relaxing weeklong trip to Myrtle Beach staying at the Grand Dunes Marriott Resort and Spa. DB is now the Electrical Director of New School Construction for Loudoun County Public Schools which one of the fastest growing school districts in Virginia. Barb is still with JP Events & Consulting, but now she is working full time as the Senior Event Manager and Office Operations Manager. The company is growing well and they are launching the Event Planning Academy in June. Their puggle, Fergie, turns 8 and still has as much energy as a puppy and is a delightful furry child! Barb hopes everyone is well and she always welcomes hearing from any Ago Sisters visiting the DC / Northern VA area.

Missy Porter Richardson is still at Welch Allyn and starting her Florida Retirement search. Their oldest son Chris is now following in his Dad's footsteps at National Grid based in Syracuse which allows them to see their Grandson Luca on a daily basis! Their middle son Matt and Fiancé Jenna are busy finalizing plans for their upcoming wedding in September in Buffalo. Their youngest son Patrick continues working his dream job as a Professional Hockey Official in the USA/NHL Development Program earning his International certification in Lake Placid last Summer and based in Cincinnati this season.

Class of 1980

Becki Minoli and husband Hugh Gibson will be empty nesters come fall as daughter Victoria heads off to college at SUNY Cortland to major in biology and play hockey for the Red Dragons. Becki is hopeful that with all the trips they will be making to NY that she will be able to connect with some Ago sisters. Becki is still working full time for a captive management company in Burlington, VT. She is planning to attend Reunion Weekend in July!

Marie Barrett Mahany and Dan are gearing up for their daughter's wedding in September. Marie is planning to attend Reunion Weekend.

Pam McCormick Cronin lives in Salt Lake City Utah, married to Joe Cronin and has 3 kids- 1 son and 2 daughters. She is an audiologist in an ENT practice and very busy. Her oldest, 29 year old son lives in Utah, 25 year old daughter lives in Baltimore and 17 year old daughter still in high school. They keep busy traveling, hiking and going to sporting events and love living in Utah. It's a beautiful state. If anyone comes out her way, let Pam know.

Jane Morale keeps busy teaching music and taking care of her 82-year-old mother. In her free time, she and husband Glen Zagorski play music, ski, and enjoy boating. Jane continues to stay involved with Ago and SUNY Potsdam. Glen and Jane will be honored by the college for "Distinguished Service" during Reunion Weekend.

Pat Coogan Huntington and Jim are still the "fun" couple! Pat continues to work at Nazareth College and travels to help out her parents when she can. Their oldest son is married and living in the Albany area. They are looking forward to seeing everyone in July!

Rosie Javarone Brown and Steve are spending as much time as possible with their adorable grandson who just turned 2-years-old. They will be making the trip from Missouri to our 35th reunion!

Many thanks go to Martie Hulslander Dixon for donating her time and talent to the Ago fundraising committee. She and Jeff love being grandparents and they also enjoy all the activities of their daughter who is finishing up 8th grade.

Class of 1981

Patrice DeLaus Scully continues a 33+ year career with IBM. She is working in the Watson Group on projects to commercialize the IBM Watson cognitive computer that you may remember beat the top 2 Jeopardy players in February, 2011. It's very fast paced and very exciting. When not working, Patrice volunteers for several community groups. Her daughter Jacquelin graduated from UCLA last June with a Masters Degree in Public Health. Her son Charles just finished his 4th year of a 5 year program at Northeastern studying marketing. Patrice recently saw Billy Joel perform at Madison Square Garden which brought back many great memories of Ago and Potsdam!

Robin Landrigan Smith lives in two beautiful places - Lake George, NY and Marco Island, FL with her husband John DeRossi and their adorable dog, Gracie. She is still working in Healthcare IT as a project manager currently for the Health Information Exchange of NY (HIXNY).

As many of us know, Margaret Farrell Benedetto lost her husband Tom after a long battle with MS on June 15th 2014. Margaret and Tom were college sweethearts – Margaret at Potsdam and Tom at Clarkson. We all knew him well and wish Margaret and her daughters Elissa, Caitlin and Audrey our deepest sympathy. Elissa graduated from University of Vermont in May. Caitlin will begin a PhD program in August. Audrey is still enjoying NYC. Margaret continues to teach in Fairport.

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

Class of 1982

Karen Lorenz Walker moved back into her new rebuilt home. Greg, her oldest, was married in July to Meghan Spellman on Long Beach Island, NJ. Karen and Lew celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Aruba. Two new family pets were welcomed into the Walker home, a Bernese Mountain Dog and an off the track thoroughbred horse. Karen and Meghan ride daily.

Karen Zagrobelny Davis has been living in Vienna, VA, just outside of Washington, DC since 2007 with her husband and three beautiful girls. Their oldest, Kristen has just moved home after four years of travel for her MBA and work (Spain, Paris, India and San Francisco.) Her restart includes leaving consulting and going into teaching (Spanish, French and ESL.) Jenny is a junior Kinesiology major at James Madison University and she plans to become a physical therapist. (Her sorority also has an anchor for a symbol!:) Sarah is loving life as a senior at Bishop O'Connell High School, running, swimming and playing lacrosse. She will be going back to the Philadelphia area where they had lived for 16 years, to attend Villanova University in the fall. After many years of working part-time or volunteering in school, Karen started a new full-time job in September as a Project Manager for the Fairfax County Facilities Management Department. She enjoys being back in the working world. Karen has enjoyed reading about her Ago sisters on FaceBook. She never gets to Rochester but she does go to the Amsterdam/Saratoga Springs area twice a year (Or 5 times like last year!). If anyone is ever in the DC area, Karen would love to see you!

Cathy Ellia Bennett is still working at St. John Fisher College and Jim continues his work at IBM. While Jim has travelled less this year, he still travels internationally— his most recent trip to Bangalore, India. Kids are doing well— Alyssa is working to graduate from Geneseo. Kristen will receive her M.D. next May and plans a residency in Pediatrics. Steven lives and works in Rochester. Family trip to Nags Head last June was fun and Cathy and Jim enjoyed a vacation to Washington DC and Anapolis, MD in the Fall and two weeks in Arizona in February. It has been great getting together with AGO's around Rochester in the last year!

Class of 1983

Paula Douglas Miller and her husband Rich are happy to have Charissa back at home, where she is doing well at RIT and will begin her first IT co-op at Wegmans this summer. Ben continues to do well in his night classes while working fulltime. Paula has been having a fun-filled year of mini-reunions. She and Rich hosted a family reunion for her siblings and their spouses at the Disney resort on Hilton Head Island. A wedding in Saratoga Springs made for a very fun reunion of high school classmates. A Potsdam alumni event at Dino-BBQ in Syracuse attracted Agos from all over, and Rochester area Agos have been getting together throughout the year. But the sweetest reunion of all was with her college BFF and pledge sister Brenda Reinhardt Henry at the Ago reunion in Potsdam last summer! They had a blast and are looking forward to reunion 2015. Paula enjoyed seeing old friends and making new friends at every event, and loves staying connected with them through Facebook. Paula and Rich will celebrate their 25th anniversary this year with a 2 week Alaskan land and sea vacation in June!

Karen Dickenson Robb has had an extremely busy and eventful year. Her daughter and son-in-law had her first granddaughter, Cecilia Elizabeth, and built a house nearby, so Karen could babysit three days a week. She is loving it!! She also decided this year to learn a new sport and submerged herself into tennis. It has been life-changing. She and her husband Alex play several times a week. They will travel to the southwest in April on a tennis/golf vacation. Alex also surprised her in the early fall by buying back their sailboat, so they are busy preparing it for a spring launch. She's a Catalina 30. They will be sailing Lake Ontario so watch for them.....Second Thoughts II.

Brenda Reinhardt Henry has been busy with the expansion of her shop, Brenda's Natural Foods, located in downtown Rome NY. The cafe portion opened in June of 2014 and it features dishes made with products from Brenda and husband Mike's farm, Wood Creek Herb Farm. Brenda enjoyed Alumni Weekend with Paula Douglas Miller and several other Agos so much that she's decided to make it an annual trip. She hopes to see you there!

Class of 1984

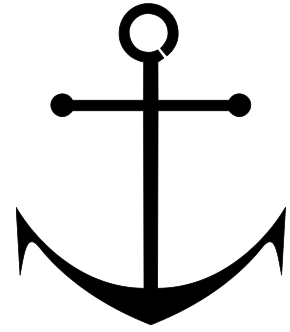
This past year flew by for Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger whose 15-year-old daughter Jacqueline is still a competitive dancer and stays busy on the dance circuit. Nine-year-old Gregory is a brown stripe belt in karate and also plays other seasonal sports. This summer will be a family trip to Disney and a mother/daughter trip to the Caribbean to celebrate Jacqueline's sweet 16.

Thank you to Shelley Ives who serves as the chair of the Agonian Board of Directors.

Class of 1985

Sheila Hegarty Johnson has been married to Paul for 28 years and works with special needs students in Dublin City Schools, Dublin OH. Their oldest son graduated in 2013 from Westpoint (USMA) and is an Army helicopter pilot in Ft Riley, KS. Their 2nd son graduated Ohio State this year. Their 3rd son just finished his freshman year at Ohio State. Sheila gets back to Boston area a few times a year and she loves seeing all the news from Sisters on Face Book!

Both of Annie Bryant Geiger's kids continue to keep her busy traveling the Northeast for ice hockey. Their renovation project (ski house in VT) should be completed soon and she is looking forward to spending time there, in between hockey obligations. This summer the family will be traveling to southern California and Virginia for weddings. And the biggest and most exciting news is that they just got an Australian Shepard puppy.



Kim Kyzan Yantz lives with her husband in Hamlin, just outside Rochester. Aaron (their oldest) works in a machine shop and is currently living at home. Trevor (their youngest) just graduated from UB with a BS in business and marketing. Kim is teaching high school chemistry and physics.

After almost 15 years in Texas, Susan Batterman and her husband Ed moved to Denver last summer. They are loving the skiing, hiking, and biking and don't miss Texas summers at all. Their daughter Erica was married in April to a great guy. Susan reunited with Kellie Walsh-Neils in Denver and got to meet her husband and kids, which was wonderful!

After getting through breast cancer in 2007 and lung cancer in 2008, Kellie Walsh-Neils reprioritized her life and took an early retirement from Procter & Gamble in 2009 to focus on family and health. Sarah (25) graduated from Cornell in 2012 and works for Hilton in Washington, DC. Josh (12) loves all sports, has his black belt in karate and enjoys camping/hiking in Boy Scouts. Hannah (11) finally found her niche this spring when she completed her 1st 5K. Kellie writes: "It was so great to see Susan Batterman and her husband in Denver for a 4 hour lunch while on our annual family ski trip to Colorado. I plan to see Marggi and Donna in DC in July. Eric and I went to Jamaica for a whole week (no kids!) with my extended family and friends in April. We are really looking forward to our 2 week trip to Portugal and Spain in June with all 5 of us. If anyone is passing through Cincinnati, please look me up. I would love to see you!"

Class of 1986

Jane Morale sees Meg Cassidy Card at many Monroe County and Webster schools musical events. Meg keeps busy supporting her musically talented children!

Class of 1987

Thank you Becky Volans Akins for serving as the alumnae coordinator for Ago Affiliate community service. Becky and husband Mark took time away from cattle and crops on Five Mile Farm to visit Alaska in July 2014.

Class of 1988

Heather Williams Biché keeps on her toes with her four children and their activities. She is very proud of her son Pat who spent his spring break in Southern West Virginia as a volunteer repairing homes and her daughter Kristin who is a star lacrosse player in high school and just attended her Junior Ring Dance.

Class of 1989

The Class of '89 celebrated their 25th reunion last summer in Potsdam. Making the trek were Terrie Gentile Wehse, Monica Fisher Kussmann, Desiree Moody Franciamone, Laura Boyd, Kelly O'Donnell Corman, Kim Bingham Meusel, Andrea Newhouse Frascatore, Nancy Culpo Stathopoulos, Daphne D'Agostino Valentine, Julie Clark March, Kathy Meyer Pyne, Jill Kaplowitz Lyons, and Sue Young! Thanks to those from surrounding classes for making the trek too! The gang had a wonderful weekend, thoroughly enjoying the porch party on Friday night, grabbing bagels and bazoobies at the Bagelry, and hanging out downtown (though most of our haunts were no longer around or desirable!) Our sisterhood remains strong and we cherish the bonds we made during our time in Ago. Looking forward to the next one!



Kim Bingham Meusel is still working as a teaching assistant. Her oldest graduates this year and is headed to St. Michael's college will play softball. Her middle guy is getting his license and by next fall her youngest will be in High School. She's feeling old!

Cherri LeGro Paluch wrapped up spring break with college tours - 8 days, 4 colleges from Purdue to Baltimore. Any lottery winnings will go toward tuition...

Andrea Newhouse Frascatore had a great time at Reunion Weekend. It seemed like no time had passed, although it was 25 years since graduating in 1989. It was so nice seeing all of the alumnae and getting caught up on each others' lives. Life continues to revolve around her girls' gymnastics and traveling. Her annual summer trip with her sister, Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87, was back to Hershey, PA, where they all can act like kids.

Susan Young is still living in Los Angeles (for now) and had a fantastic time with the class of '89 at their 25th reunion this past summer - such a great weekend catching up with everyone! She celebrated her birthday in 2014 with a dream trip - a mobile camping Botswana Safari. It was incredible experience seeing tons of lions, elephants, zebra, hippos, giraffes, etc. - even having a hyena in camp!! She had the chance to walk a cheetah and walk with lions at a reserve. One highlight was taking an Ultralight flight over Victoria Falls!

Class of 1990

Ren Hallinan Reagan is winding down from a crazy intense Irish Dance/Hockey season with her children, now 15, 13, 11 and 7. They deserved and enjoyed a warm spring break! She still owns Snip-its in Cicero, NY and which celebrates 10 years this summer! She and husband, Drew, have been able to get away a little bit, with a trip to Mexico and a trip to New Orleans. She is very much looking forward to spending her 25th reunion in Potsdam this July!

The Steinberg family is well and enjoying life with three teenagers. Jenn Douglas Steinberg is a Math Specialist for the Topsfield school system and Scott is a consultant with Sungard. Jenn trained and ran a half marathon in early May (her first!). Emily is graduating from high school in June and will head to college in hopes of becoming a math teacher. Sean is her only ski buddy now, and excels in the sciences, and Liz is busy playing soccer for two teams, and running track. The Steinbergs enjoyed a great visit with Sue and Pete Ewart in Boston recently, and visited Missy Steinberg Bernier and her family in Chicago over July 4th last summer.

Kelly Wright O'Brien continues to enjoy her hectic stay-at-home-mom life and can't believe her oldest is already looking at colleges! Volleyball, soccer, basketball, lacrosse - she never has to worry about her evening schedule! She continues to pursue her pottery "career" and her elaborate home projects, many times involving wood and power tools. Kelly and Ren get together as often as their busy schedules allow, having enjoyed St. Patty's parade day together in Rochester.

Class of 1991

Steph Allen Manuel is loving her job teaching music after returning to sunny Charlotte NC, while her boys are loving life surviving the 5 snow days and 4 2 hour school delays that February brought....Michel is happy after 17 years with Steph just to be a witness to all of this love.....She is super happy to be back with her Charlotte and surrounding Ago sisters and she will always hold the Albany Ago crew near and dear.....it is awesome that this is her 25th anniversary year this year since she just turned 30..... Must be the water in Madstop.....

Class of 1992

Lisa Pettinelli MacKenzie is back to running and is at it in full force! Her first race was in March and she is going strong. When Lisa isn't running or teaching, she keeps busy raising her two sons.

Class of 1993

Debbie Rose Urban lives in Southern New Jersey with her husband Scott and their two children Jude 10 and Alexandra 7. Life is very busy as Debbie spends a lot of time involved in her kids' activities. She loves living here and still visits Northern NY at least two times a year. If anyone visits the Atlantic City area please look her up!

Class of 1994

Susan Grant loves her new job as a teacher. This is her 2nd year as an elementary school art specialist. It keeps her very busy and she is always playing catch up!

Class of 1995

Eva Dechario McGee is a running machine! She and her family enjoyed a ski trip to Vermont this winter with Jodi Meyer Eyer and her family.

Class of 1996

Jeannie Heinsohn is completing her 16th year teaching social studies at Tuckahoe High School in Westchester, NY. She bought the lake house of her dreams in Crandon Lakes, NJ and now lives there with her partner April. She splits her time between country living and living in the big bad city and could not be happier with the arrangement. Of course she is still playing soccer with a group of women for 13 years in the Bronx Irish Soccer League! One of the favorite things she did last summer was join over 80 Agos for a drink on the porch of 11 Pierrepont. It made her realize how important Ago has been in her life and how great it is to be part of an organization that is much bigger than any one person!

Valerie D'Ambrosio is thriving in her coaching career, leading workshops, and intensives globally. 2015 is going to be a huge year as she will be launching her new business Feminine Revival, offering events globally for women. Essentially, Feminine Revival is a sisterhood for women to connect, share their talents, grow, shine, and integrate the information more easily into their daily lives so they can experience great success in their homes and businesses. If you are interested in her coming to your area, reach out to her at valerie@organictwist.com. She lives in Steamboat Springs, CO at the base of the mountain and takes full advantage of skinning up in the winter or riding her bike in the summer.

Class of 1998

Sarah Pfenninger moved to Southern California in January and is loving the weather and her new job!

Class of 1999

After working for the Florida Department of Education for the last five years to improve struggling schools, Edie Sohigian transitioned to a school-based assistant principal position in Orlando. Orange County Florida is the tenth largest school district in the nation and winner of the prestigious Broad Prize awarded to outstanding urban school districts. This June, she will graduate with a doctorate of educational leadership from National Louis University. She also traveled to Italy this year visiting Rome, Venice and Florence. Edie is looking forward to the next adventure.

Class of 2000

Kara Korkus Klink and husband David welcomed their son Aidan Lawrence Klink on February 10th. He was 10 lbs 5 Ozs and 22 inches! They are overjoyed with his arrival!

Jaime Conroy Kaufer lives in Encinitas, Ca with her husband Kurt, 1-year-old son Mason and dog Jeffrey. She teaches Adapted Physical Education in the San Diego Unified School District.

Class of 2001

Marci Berman Blaszkka is living in New Jersey with her husband and cat. She (finally) graduated with her Masters Degree in Nursing this May and will be an Adult-Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. She plans on celebrating her graduation by hiking the Appalachian trail for 2 weeks.

Stephanie LaRock Britt is living in Rochester with her Sigma Pi husband and two children Lincoln and Andie. In addition to working for an advertising firm, Steph wants to help others live debt free and is creating a series of informational videos geared towards 20-somethings. She hopes they will be available for purchase online soon!

Heather Dashnaw Kennedy is living in Rochester with her husband who was recently promoted to Sergeant in the RPD. In addition to children Aiden and Lindsey, the family welcomed new baby Liam born this February. Committed to healthy living, Heather is working towards creating a mommy and me Crossfit style Bootcamp in her neighborhood.

Sandra Van Pelt Robinson married Delta Kappa Theta husband Mark last September. Tired of stressful east coast living, Sandy recently made the move west to Washington where she is a full-time yoga instructor and nature enthusiast.



Danielle Masciale Brady is living on Long Island with her husband and daughter Sienna and is an elementary reading teacher. She welcomed her beautiful daughter Mikayla to the family in January. Motherhood has inspired Danielle to start recording a series of baby lullabies set to popular top 40 songs.

Amanda White married Mike Barber.

Mandy Mashaw Boyd is living in Norwood NY and works at Norwood-Norfolk Central School as a Reading Teacher. She has two beautiful children, a girl, 10, and boy, 9.

Lisandra Adorno Mendez is living in the NYC with her husband and two children Leila and Jacob. She's a practice supervisor at LIJ hospital in NYC. Liz has been training to compete in her first Tough Mudder this spring! Good luck Liz!

Class of 2002

Kelly Best Palmeri is loving every minute of motherhood with her one-year-old daughter.

Nicole Minnick Beck and her husband have two children: a sweet girl who was born in October and her adoring big brother!

Class of 2003

Bethany Brittain Youngs still lives in Indianapolis with her husband and 2 daughters, Natalie 10, and Carrigan 7. Beth is working at Chase as a private client banker. They are hoping to visit New York soon.

Suzanne Carpenter Franck just left her job as a shelter administrator to say home with her 2 boys and is loving every minute of it.

Jasmin Phillips Stelluti just celebrated her 10 year anniversary at Hudson River Healthcare. She also got married in November and traveled to Hawaii for her honeymoon.

April Kellogg Dow is living in Gansevoort, NY and is teaching 4th grade in Ballson Spa. She and her husband just welcomed a baby girl, Peyton, born in December.

Emily White Eckstrum lives in Long Island where she teaches English at Bayport Blue-Point High School. She and her husband, Tim, have a 20 month old son. This past November, Emily was thrilled to be matron of honor in Jasmin Phillips Stelluti's wedding.

Juliet Nelson Baaklini enjoyed catching up with fellow Ago classmates at Jasmin Phillips Stelluti's wedding this past November. She is getting ready to celebrate her son's first birthday!

Sara Landry DiLandro took a little break this year from teaching kindergarten in Saratoga Springs to stay home with her 2 children, Ellie 1 and Will 3.

Class of 2004

Rene Mulhern Capron started her own law firm in 2014 in the Metro Denver area, specializing in Family Law, Estate Planning, and Civil Litigation. She and her husband Chris have two lovely little girls, ages 4 and 2. They enjoy skiing in the winter and camping/hiking in the summer. Rene has recently connected with some other Clarkson grads in the Denver area and would love to meet up with any Agos in Colorado.

Jamie Sico just finished her 10th year of teaching at Eastport Elementary School where she directs the 4th and 5th grade orchestras as well as the 6th grade band. She has worked hard these past few years to develop the district's first ever orchestra program and is excited to be an integral part of this initiative. Jamie is also enjoying life as a homeowner and dog mommy to rescue pups Harvey (90lb German Shepherd) and Autumn (small GS mix). She has become quite the little gardener with several edible flower gardens and an unintentionally large vegetable garden that is having way more success than she originally intended (please come over and help me eat these veggies!). Jamie is an allergy inflicted individual who is enjoying a Gluten Free lifestyle and is looking into starting little GF baking business-any advice is welcome! Instagram: @littlechefny

Class of 2005

Sarah Bayer Halpern married Evan Halpern last summer. She is a luxury travel consultant at SmartFlyer Travel Agency.

Shelissa Cook Rizzotto married Mike Rizzotto in October. She recently started a side business with USANA Health Sciences- a high end, pharmaceutical grade nutritional supplement company.

Class of 2006

Lindsay Buchta's life consists of carting her ten year old daughter, Mattea, to soccer four times a week, volleyball once a week, and soup kitchen once a week and softball too. She is also the "room mom" at Mattea's school and uses her time off work to plan parties for her school. Somewhere in between, she works two jobs. Fortunately, she can use one of them as her "me time" to paint her nails and enjoy the silence.

Rachel Cajigas advanced to PhD candidacy in Geosciences at the University of Arizona last spring. There is still much fieldwork and research to be done before she graduates in 2017, but she is looking forward to it. She spent the fall doing fieldwork and research in Arizona, Mexico and Switzerland. Rachel moved to California to live with her husband, Elliot. They got married in a small, but beautiful, outdoor ceremony in Berkeley, California.

Shawna Epping has been living in Charlotte NC for the past 3 years working as a General Manager at an awesome Southern BBQ Restaurant called Macs Speed Shop. She has two dogs named Romeo and Juliet and spends most of her free time with them or at the gym.

Maria Potenza Jackson is happy to announce that she and her husband Kyle recently welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Lucas Paul Jackson, into the world! He was born on November 20, 2014. He is already 14+ pounds and is such a sweet boy! She is teaching 2nd grade at Council Rock Elementary in Brighton, NY and is enjoying taking on the challenge of being a mother!

Liz Wegner graduated with a Masters Degree in Mental Health Counseling. She attended a conference this spring and hopes to establish some connections and escape from the tundra (Buffalo, New York). She still has a love for dance and is teaching, assisting, and working in the office at Dance Spectrum. Liz enjoyed seeing some of her Ago sisters at her Little's wedding in May!

Allison Zukoski has had an exciting year. She got married in January and is now in graduate school at University of Rochester studying finance and accounting. She is on the board of Eight for World Hope, a non-profit that raises money to build schools in Jamaica. She is also working at the University of Rochester Medical Center as a secretary.

Class of 2007

Tanya Kszytyniak is enjoying teaching 4th grade! She and Jaime bought a house together last summer and they are totally loving living in the woods and relaxing by the woodstove! Tanya also recently adopted a second dog, Daisy. Tanya and the dogs are looking forward to getting back out onto the hiking trails. She hopes to reunite with her Ago sisters in the near future to catch up on life!

Serena Krauz is still living the dream with her two cats!

Katie Campagnone Dion and her family are continuing to settle in at their home in Lancaster, PA. It's been a busy year and her girls are growing so fast! Mikayla is 5 and attending preschool and will be entering kindergarten in the fall. Kendra is 2 and in preschool as well! Katie and her family still miss NY very much and try to visit as much as possible! Katie and her husband, Andrew are going to try and make it up to Potsdam for a weekend in the spring/ summer and hope to reunite with AGO/OPIO!

Michelle Clark is living in Clifton Park with her boyfriend and two dogs and will be applying for her LCSW in May. She is looking forward to be a part of Angela Kelley's wedding in October!

Liz Henderson is living and working in the Washington D.C. area and married Cory MacCumbee at the Naval Academy in Annapolis in May. She was so excited to celebrate with family, friends, and her closest Ago sisters. She and her husband rescued a dog over the summer - her name is Charlie and they adore her. Shout out to two of her best friends, Nicole Jones and Maria Jackson, for bringing two beautiful babies into the world!!!

Nicole Brust Jones and her husband Matt (ATO alum) welcomed their second child, a baby girl Molly Rose on September 1st. Their other daughter Gracie is going to be 5 in October and is loving the role of big sister! Matt and Nicole enjoyed the weekend away together for Liz Henderson's wedding. Nicole is in her second year of teaching special education at Saratoga Springs High School and loving it. She is also the special education advisor at the high school for the Best Buddies Club, an international organization that promotes friendship and acceptance. Nicole cannot believe that it has been 10 years since she pledged (shout out spring 05), and loves getting together with Ago friends whenever possible, especially for "girls weekends."

Lindsey Gonzalez and her daughter Jayden (who is now 6 years old and reading!) are now living in downtown Saratoga Springs. Lindsey started working for the City of Saratoga Springs doing Land Use Board coordination last fall and is loving working in public service again. She also started a side business, Buenas Vibras Tees, last summer and is really enjoying flexing her creative muscles again. Visit and like her facebook page, and visit her online store or etsy shop to support a fellow Agonian sister and small, local business!! www.buenasvibrastees.com - www.facebook.com/BuenasVibrasTees - <https://www.etsy.com/shop/BuenasVibrasTees>

Jenna Novak is living in Washington DC and still working at Polaris as a human trafficking specialist. She was pumped to be part of Liz Henderson's wedding in May and to see so many Agos.

Class of 2008

Angela Kelley is getting married in October!

Class of 2009

Christina Rawady is finishing up her first year at the Rotterdam Conservatory in the Netherlands where she is working on a second master's degree in Bass Clarinet Performance. She loves living and traveling throughout Europe and will be competing in an International Bass Clarinet Competition in Madrid this July.

Maureen McCullough is living and working in Boston, MA and loving it!

Amy Rich Crane is now a licensed Occupational Therapist; she worked at a non-profit center for children with disabilities last year in Kansas and is now in Texas outside of Fort Bliss working mostly with children with Autism, but also with some adults with mental health issues, like PTSD as well. Her rehabilitation center also has neurofeedback which is amazing. She and her husband bought their first home together and rescued a boxer from a kill-shelter. It has been a busy year!

Lindsay Mermell and Tom live near Hartford, CT where he is an anesthesiology resident. Lindsay misses her friends and family in NYC so much! She is a Financial Analyst focusing on Private Client wealth management and studying to be a Certified Financial Planner. Lindsay is staying active in the community as a member of the Junior League of Hartford (or as she calls it, an adult sorority) and volunteers with the American Heart Association of Hartford often, helping run exclusive luncheons and evening balls dedicated to raising awareness of heart disease and stroke. She currently serves as the President of the Agonian Alumnae Association and is hoping to see some of her fellow 2009 grads at this year's reunion weekend - because last year was so much fun!

Jenna Naylor is living in Queensbury with Mike and their new dog, Booja. She is finishing her fourth year teaching Kindergarten in Saratoga Springs.

Erin Wilkinson is a physician assistant for an orthopedic surgery office in the Finger Lakes region.

Cheryl Halsey recently moved to Manhattan and took a job in HR with Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Heather Taylor runs a private massage therapy and energy wellness practice in a suburb of Rochester N.Y. She's been creating art as well as recording and playing music with her band "The Crawdiddies".

Class of 2010

Danielle Cardello married Kenneth Cahill in June 2014.

Rachael Thompson can't believe it's been five years already since graduation in 2010! She graduated in 2013 with her Masters in Social Work from SUNY Albany and has been working at Albany Medical Center for almost 2 years. This past December she got engaged to a wonderful man and they are getting married April, 2016! Rachael recently visited SUNY Cortland for her brother's graduation; and it made her think of her college career, seeing all the sorority houses and the sorority girls. How life passes by so quickly! She looks forward to wedding planning and the busy summer ahead. Life is great!

Kelly Coleman finished her last year of graduate school in Rochester, NY where she is completed her pre-doctoral internship at the University of Rochester. She is getting hitched in August of 2016 and is excitedly planning an Ago/Sigma Delta wedding!

Lauren DuBois is currently living in Amsterdam NY with her husband RJ and dog Jackson. She recently obtained a position as a discharge planner on a sub acute rehab unit at a local nursing home and is excited to go back to school to earn her Masters in Social Work.

Class of 2011

Kathleen Hoyt is residing in Albany, NY. She has spent the past 2 years working for Verizon Wireless and was recently selected out of 500+ employees throughout the North East Region to become an Apprentice of the North East Area Training Team. She worked side by side with a Clarkson Sigma Chi Alum who is an Executive Director of Data for VZW. If it wasn't for Ago she would not be so far advanced in her career. As for personal life, she's never been happier.

Sarah Mackey Fraker's past year has been busy! She and husband Rob adopted their second puppy and bought their first house in May. She started teaching at a new school in Northern VA, and last but certainly not least in August she and Rob got married in Southern MD.

Brooke Morris Welch resides in Newburyport, MA with her husband Thomas and two children, Brayden and Julia. This past year she had a daughter Julia in January, got married in August (with her pledge class all together for the first time in years), hosted her first art gallery showing and finished up her master's degree in stem education in May. Brooke is still an art teacher.

Meghan Stewart is living in Virginia where she recently accepted a job with Sleep & TMJ Therapy as their patient coordinator/insurance representative. On a fun note, Meghan and her boyfriend made a trip to Massachusetts for her pledge sister Brooke Morse's wedding and had a blast catching up with her sisters. Luckily she was able to catch up with her sisters again while she was honored to be a bridesmaid in her pledge sister Sarah Mackey's beautiful wedding this summer. She looks forward to visiting more of her sisters this summer!

Jamie Turcios works for Mainstreet Hub as a marketing consultant for local business nationwide, working with business owners and their social media presence. She is currently living on the Upper West Side in Manhattan with her boyfriend and dog.

Tina Vullo is living in Philadelphia, PA with her fiancé Karl. She has spent the past year and a half working for Harmelin Media. This past summer Tina was honored to be a bridesmaid in both her pledge sisters Sarah and Brooke's weddings. She was happy to spend time with her Ago sisters and celebrate their special days! Tina is excited to be planning her September 2016 wedding to Karl in Philly.

Michelle Pagano Champlin was married to James Champlin on August 9, 2014 and is enjoying married life. Michelle finished up her Master's degree in TESOL this semester at SUNY Stony Brook and accepted a job as an ESL Teacher Assistant on Long Island. She had fun meeting up with Agos at the Saratoga Chowder Fest in January.

Emily Biron is engaged to be married with a September 2015 wedding planned in her home state of Vermont. In addition to planning a wedding, Emily and fiance Paul are launching a new business so have plenty to look forward to and keep them busy this year!

Class of 2012

Katie Beck is living in Rochester, NY where she is substitute teaching while finishing her Master's degree in Special Education. After graduation, she plans to possibly relocate for a teaching job. Katie is looking forward to becoming an aunt for the first time as her sister is due in May!

Gwen Legendy is still living in NYC. She is working on strategic partnerships for a lending company called Merchant Cash and Capital. Gwen ran her first marathon in November 2014, but hopefully it will not be her last. Unfortunately, Gwen tore her ACL and MCL skiing in January and just had it operated on, so her major focus has been rehabbing the knee and work. All in all, things have been great but she does miss her Ago sisters!

Elise Pacitti moved to Albany, NY about a year ago, and has been working as an Admissions Specialist at Excelsior College since July. She is planning on starting the MBA program at Excelsior in the next few months. The past year has been so full of positive changes and Elise can't wait to see where the next year is going to take her!

Laura Pohl lives outside Syracuse, NY and works as an Environmental/Sustainability Engineer. She is traveling to Spain, Switzerland and Greece this summer and couldn't be more excited. Most importantly, she will be reunited with her Agos in July for a sunny vacation in Miami!!

Kelly Snyder is living in Rochester, NY and teaching fourth grade. The highlight of her year was canoeing with her family in the Adirondack Canoe Classic "The 90-Miler" and cannot wait to do it again this September.

Audrianna Vahue is currently living in Nashua, NH. She works as an Instructional Assistant in a behavioral program for grades 9-12. In May, Audrianna is graduating with her Master's degree in Emotional and Behavioral Disorders. Her goal for this year is to find a job teaching high school Special Education.

Chelsea Whiteman is living in Glenville, NY and works as an Investment Advisor for First Investors Services. She is looking forward to traveling to Greece this summer.

Class of 2013

Eva Mastoras and Jocelyn Zorn are living the life in Colorado!

Class of 2014

Carrie Hagan moved to DC and would like visitors!

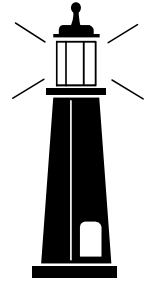
Congratulations to Lindsay Burress who completed her Master's Degree in Music Education from SUNY Potsdam.

Class of 2015

Cassie Smith earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Clarkson University on May 9.

Theresa Pitera ended her four years at SUNY Potsdam with a Bachelor's degree and her name on the President's list! Congratulations!

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
- Website/Database Maintenance
- Let me know where I can be of help: _____
- Help with *The Anchor* or Reunion Weekend
- Class Representative
- Fundraising
- Board of Directors

Help keep our database up to date:

Your Name _____ Class Year _____
 Address _____ Big Sister _____
 _____ Little Sister _____
 Phone/Cell _____
 Email _____

Annual Dues Structure:

- _____ \$50.00 Gold Level (includes \$25 Alumnae Association Dues, with additional \$25 toward House Repairs)
- _____ \$25.00 Blue Level (Agonian Alumnae Association Dues)

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

Please complete & return to: Agonian Alumnae Association, 18 Pebble Hill Rd. South, Dewitt, NY 13214

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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