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Agonian Alumnae Association - Letter from the President

Dear Agonian sisters,

The last 4 years have changed us, definitely for the better. I watched as everything unfolded, but more importantly, I watched as we all came together, as I served as the Vice President and then the President of the Alumnae Association. During that time, our sisterhood joined together to set Ago on the right track again where our young women could be proud to become Agonians. There are many leaders in our group who stepped in and put countless hours into creating a new structure, with the morals and values of our base sisterhood, that will carry us into the future. Our sisters in the Alumnae Association, the Board of Directors, the Task Force, and the Mentorship Program, lead the way to work with the school and our Affiliate members to make the changes that were necessary for us to grow and mature into the Ago that we want to be.

I don't feel that it is coincidence that this summer SUNY Potsdam will celebrate its bicentennial anniversary, just as the Agonian Sorority is gearing up for our *relaunch* in our 134th year at Potsdam. We have a history as rich as Potsdam, NY itself, and we will succeed. Seeing what these women have accomplished over the last 4 years of Ago's history, I can assure you that Ago will return and *thrive*.

We need *you* to participate in this relaunch. We need smart, driven, and loyal women who care about Ago and who remember what Ago gave to them. We need members to step up and volunteer their time and their voices to help train the Founding Members of the New Agonian Sorority, set to start on the path of becoming new members in Fall 2016!

I would like to end by reminding you of our Creed: The purpose of this organization shall be to promote *moral, intellectual,* and *democratic* living among members of this organization and the college through *membership* and *leadership* in college activities, and to cooperate with the administration in the maintenance of *high social standards*, and to stimulate social attitudes and behavior in all aspects of college life. I look forward to working with you as we sail into the future.

Love in AKPhi,

Lindsay R. Mermell

Agonian Alumnae Association President

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Agonian 2016 Alumnae Weekend - Join your sisters in Potsdam July 15 - 17th

Plan on making Alumnae Weekend 2016 one to remember. Mark your calendar for July 15-17. To register and find on-campus housing use the following links: http://www.potsdam.edu/alumni/reunion/index.cfm or http://cuonline.clarkson.edu/s/1680/index.aspx?sid=1680&gid=2&pgid=456 The Ago House II Pierrepont Avenue will be open the entire weekend. Stop by for a trip down memory lane or for one of our events listed below. Keep an eye on our website: www.AgoPotsdam.com for any updates! if you have questions, please email: alumnae@agopotsdam.com Friday, July 15 Wine and cheese reception on the porch 4:00 pm (please bring wine or snack to share) Followed by pasta and salad Saturday, July 16th - Agonian Alumnae Association Annual Meeting at 10:00 am SUNY Potsdam 8th floor Raymond Hall All Greek Group Photo in Minerva Plaza at 11:45 am. Let's make sure Ago has a huge representation and WEAR YOUR LETTERS! Bicentennial Block Party 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm Porch party with pizza – 5:00 pm on the Ago porch (And, of course, don't forget about the annual Double Axel performance at 9:00 in Maxfields! Dance the night away with your sisters on Market Street!)

Sunday, July 17th - Farewell breakfast – 9:00 am, 11 Pierrepont Avenue Grab a cup of coffee and a bagel for the road!

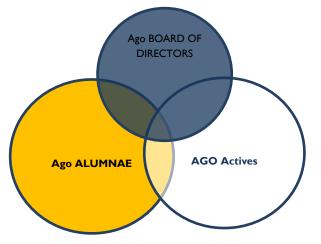
Email alumnae@agopotsdam.com if you'd like to help plan or make a donation to our Reunion Weekend!

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NEW AGO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

In January, 2016, Agonian Alumnae overwhelmingly approved a new Ago governance system, which is now in effect. The system governs the total Agonian Corporation, which consists of three separate but integrated branches: the Board of Directors, the Ago Alumnae Association and Actives. The Board is the hub of our Ago family and represents ALL of Ago. The Alumnae Association represents ALL of the alums.

This symbiotic relationship of the three "arms" of Ago are best shown by this illustration:



There were two reasons we updated our governance system. First, while our previous Constitution and Bylaws were ahead of the times when they were originally written, they had not been updated in decades since before the Internet was established as a daily communication vehicle! Second, due to repeated hazing violations, the College REQUIRED us to completely overhaul our system to make it "best in class" before they would allow us to be re-recognized. Among other things, they asked us to include specific details on judicial proceedings and punishment for infractions. The alternative would have been to accept a permanent ban.

It's easy to blame SUNY Potsdam for all of this. But in reality, what got us banned were the repeated hazing charges by our former Actives (and encouragement of hazing from some Alumnae) that we could not control. Somehow we lost the "essence" of the true Ago qualities and Sisterhood that we all remember. We didn't have the governance structure to correct those hazing issues as they arose.

Today, "best in class" governance means having two types of documentation: (1) a **Constitution**, which codifies the system of long term beliefs and principles by which an organization is governed and (2) **Bylaws**, which are rules that an organization makes that its members must follow.

For perspective, a constitution spells out only the key long-term items that are not likely to change in the short term. A constitution includes such things as officers of the organization, types of membership and any expectations or standards to which members are being held, such as the Agonian Sisterhood Qualities, Expectations and Obligations (which is listed at the bottom of this article--see below).

Bylaws are more detailed and can change more often. They usually include the specifics that an organization needs to operate on a daily/monthly basis. An example might be the specific roles, responsibilities and term limits of the officers or standing committees in the Ago Alumnae Association *Bylaws* document. Importantly, both our Constitution and our Bylaws now have clear procedures in place for periodic reviews and amendments.

We also have two separate Bylaws documents—one for the Ago Alumnae Association and another one shared by the Board of Directors and the Actives. (We were advised to set up one set of Bylaws for the Board and Actives because they work closely together on the Sorority House on 11 Pierrepont).

SUNY Potsdam experts have praised Ago's new governance system and encouraged other Greek organizations to follow our example. Here's why:

These documents will help guide our Sorority for years to come. They address issues that would not have been anticipated when the original versions were developed many decades ago. This includes: rules and regulations regarding social media, hazing, underage drinking, community service and academic success. These needs were addressed by developing goals, a system of reporting and a system of checks and balances to ensure fairness and continuity.

The documents also include the qualities of a true Agonian Sister "in good standing". This is something that many Alumnae felt needed to be in writing.

The documents were thoroughly researched to ensure they are practical and workable. These "best in class" documents were developed after researching numerous national fraternity and sorority Bylaws, SUNY Potsdam's rules and regulations and SUNY Potsdam's Student Code of Conduct. For example, we learned that something as minor as "forcing" new members to wear a beanie could be interpreted as hazing. Today, hazing is actually against the law in New York State! So we also studied New York State hazing laws and research on why and how hazing happens.

Five people worked tirelessly to develop the new governance system and get it approved by the broader Alumnae group. These Sisters were part of **The Ago Governance Team**_and included: Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88, Dede Bennett Haines '81, Lynne Boles '74, Jenssie Flores McClintock '88 and Jane Morale '80. In addition, the Ago Crisis Team, the Ago Board of Directors and the Officers of the Ago Alumnae Association pitched in to help complete the work. Our thanks to them all for their hard work. And thanks to all the Alums who made it a point to vote for the new governance system by the due date.

The bottom line is--we believe that our new Constitution/Bylaws will make us stronger and better able to deal with unexpected issues in the future.

AGO Adimirals The Inter-generational Sorority

Each new Agonian will be assigned a Big Sister. This will be someone close to their age to guide them. Also each new member will be assigned an alumnae mentor-someone perhaps old enough to be their mom and to guide them with more insight and life-experience.

We are also looking for women from the 1950s and 1960s to serve as "Ago Admirals" who can send messages, notes, best wishes, care packages, photos, etc to the whole group of college girls (no one would be assigned to just one girl). With so many wonderful women, it would only require one short email or one letter with a fun story from your days in Ago or "What Ago means to you". We truly want to create a multi-generational sorority. So, if you are interested in connecting with a young Agonian, please let us know by emailing <u>alumnae@agopotsdam.com</u>.

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Agonian Sisterhood Qualities, Expectations and Obligations

We have new Risk Management Policies (which "best in class" Greek organizations also have) and we are required by SUNY Potsdam to follow their Code of Conduct, as follows:

http://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/studentconduct/codeofconduct.cfm

In addition, all Sisters, including Alumnae, are expected to abide by the following **Agonian Sisterhood Qualities**, **Expectations and Obligations.**

A Sister will always show the utmost respect to her Sisters.

- A Sister will always behave in a respectable manner at social events and will not act in a way that reflects poorly on her Sisters, the Sorority, SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson University or herself.
- A Sister will always conduct herself with integrity.
- A Sister will show empathy and help others when needed.
- A Sister will demonstrate leadership skills and willingness to work hard to promote the values and goals of the Agonian Sorority.
- A Sister will value friendship, scholarship and community service.
- A Sister will not only be honest when answering questions from the Board of Directors and Ago Alumnae, she will voluntarily offer information that will help the Sorority or a Sister/Alumna stay true to these Agonian Sisterhood Qualities, Expectations and Obligations.
- A Sister will not use illegal drugs/substances and is prohibited from use or possession on the premises of the Agonian Sorority.
- A Sister will not possess firearms on the premises of the Agonian Sorority.
- A Sister will obey New York State Laws. She will not intentionally or recklessly engage in conduct, nor allow others to do the same, which creates a substantial risk of physical or mental injury to herself or another person. The Agonian Sorority does not condone or participate in hazing or harassment of any kind. Such activities are strictly prohibited.
- A Sister will not steal Agonian funds or otherwise divert the use of Sorority funds.
- A Sister will not engage in or permit inappropriate Internet or social media use in any manner, form or content that is inconsistent with the standards and values of the Agonian Sorority.
- Members shall be held liable for any and all damage, which they may inflict upon Agonian House property.
- No Agonian Sorority items are to be taken outside the Sorority House for any reason unless approved by the Agonian Board of Directors.
- Any damage or alterations to any part of the Sorority House will be a direct violation of Agonian House property. Those responsible will pay for all damages resulting from the removal of said objects or Agonian House property and be legally prosecuted if necessary.

Additionally, all Active members will abide by the following directives:

- A Sister will always show respect to her professors and all members of the SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson University communities.
- A Sister will always display good sportsmanship when part of intramural teams or academic competitions.

Sister must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average to remain in good standing.

Sister will not permit underage drinking at the Agonian Sorority premises.

A Sister will read, understand, and abide by the Risk Management Policies of the Agonian Sorority.

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Agonian Board of Directors Chair – Shelley Ives '83 Dear Sisters,			
The year has been an exciting year for Ago during the rebuilding process.			
Here are some of the highlights from the last year:			
This is the second year we have been landlords. As Ago rebuilds, the house organization to preserve Ago's zoning variance. Our current tenants are Borders organization. We learned a lot after renting the first year and ha house issues.	the Clar	kson Doctors Without	
For the 2016-2017 school year, our tenants will be the Clarkson ROTC ARMY. security deposits collected.	The lea	ises have been signed a	nd
The task force has been interviewing potential new Agonian members. Possi could have Agonian members living in the house again, depending on ho the fall.	• •	•	
The sale of the parcel of land we owned at College Park Road in Potsdam was is spent annually on taxes and landscaping fees for the property upkeep.	; finalize	ed. This saves us money	that
This past year we had some needed repairs to 11 Pierrepont and have severa Murrell's article on the repair highlights that have been done.	l more	repairs this year. See Li	cia
Thank You to all the Alumni and your donations to help keep our Ship Afloat.			
Shelley Ives ('83), Board Chair			
shelleyives@agopotsdam.com			
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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 ar what you are interested in: Love to write and want to connect with your classmates? How about writing a			us
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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.

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Get Connected!

Ago has joined the internet age! In addition to our new website at <u>www.agopotsdam.com</u>, we have a presence on LinkedIn and Facebook.

Facebook

We have a new Facebook Page for our Sorority! <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>AgonianSororityPotsdam/</u>. Please take a moment to "like" our page. We will be posting all events here as we promote our relaunch. It is our Public face to the world.

Our Alumnae Facebook account is: Agonian Alum and we have nearly 500 Ago Facebook friends. If you haven't connected to us, please "friend" us at: <u>www.facebook.com/AgoPotsdam</u>

You can also write on our wall, share any messages you have about you and your Ago friends, and tag us in pictures. Share a picture or two! We'd love to hear from you. Please make sure that anything 'tagged' is appropriate to share.

LinkedIn

Ago has a presence on LinkedIn. We have a "company" page which can be found at: <u>https://www.linkedin.com/company/agonian-sorority-at-potsdam</u>

You can add Agonian Sorority at Potsdam as a "Company" with you as a member. It's a great way to find and connect to other Agos. One of Ago's value-adds is our very large alumnae base! Let's show our new members the power of networking with our amazing sisterhood!

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

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

We created a "Future members" tab on the Ago website: <u>http://agopotsdam.com/?page_id=1747</u> to provide another way for interested students to learn about Ago. We have begun sharing the Alumnae Profiles here. Please take a moment to learn about some of your sisters who have completed their profiles so far! If any of you are Social Media professionals... we could use a volunteer to manage this going forward!

Ago Class Emails

This year we added new Class Emails! Each class has its own email forwarding address. When you send an email to the Class Email, it will reach the entire class! Each class email is in the format of <u>AgoYear@agopotsdam.com</u> For example, the class of 1977 would be <u>Ago1977@agopotsdam.com</u>. This should make your class rep's life easier and help you keep in touch during reunion time! Enjoy!

Alumnae Profiles

Ago has something that no other sorority in Potsdam has... an alumnae base of over 1,500 sisters! The students are hearing that Ago is "different" and they want to know more and know US. We've heard that meeting, interacting, and networking with alumnae is important. SO, we need to start introducing ourselves! To do this, we are doing "Alumnae Profiles" to let the students know who we are without actually getting to meet all of us in person. So you remember Rush and how hard it was to meet an entire house? Imagine trying to get to know a Sorority that has only 1 person on campus!! We want them to see the character, personality, amazing and unique qualities of all the women of Ago. Through the Profiles we can share important concepts. We can highlight our differences to other sororities and express our value-add creatively. The profiles are meant to be fun so we are doing them in the vein of the Hollywood Reporter interviews... so like a Q&A. We are trying to make them fun and at the same time have some hidden key points – leadership, excellence, responsibility, friendship, etc. and other things that might interest a college student. Just make it fun and speak from the heart! The love of Ago will come through! Also, make sure you do NOT specifically mention drinking/functions, etc. when you are talking about favorite memories. We are putting a photo in there – should be a casual one, not a headshot, and preferably with you in letters. Here (http://agopotsdam.com/?page id=1747) are some samples for you to read! Please send your alumnae profile with a photo to alumnae@agopotsdam.com

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: <u>janemorale@agopotsdam.com</u>. If you have a name like Stephanie/Steph, Susan/Sue, etc. we generally choses 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 <u>janemorale@agopotsdam.com</u>, 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 <u>info@agopotsdam.com</u> with your desired initial password and we will get it switched over for you.

If you have <u>not</u> been receiving emails from the Alumnae Association's gmail account over the past year, please send us your email to: <u>alumnae@agopotsdam.com</u> 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! (Same address as for dues)

For Information and distribution-<u>Brochure available for download</u> (http://agopotsdam.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Ago-Information-Brochure.pdf)

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Agonian Sorority Board of Directors

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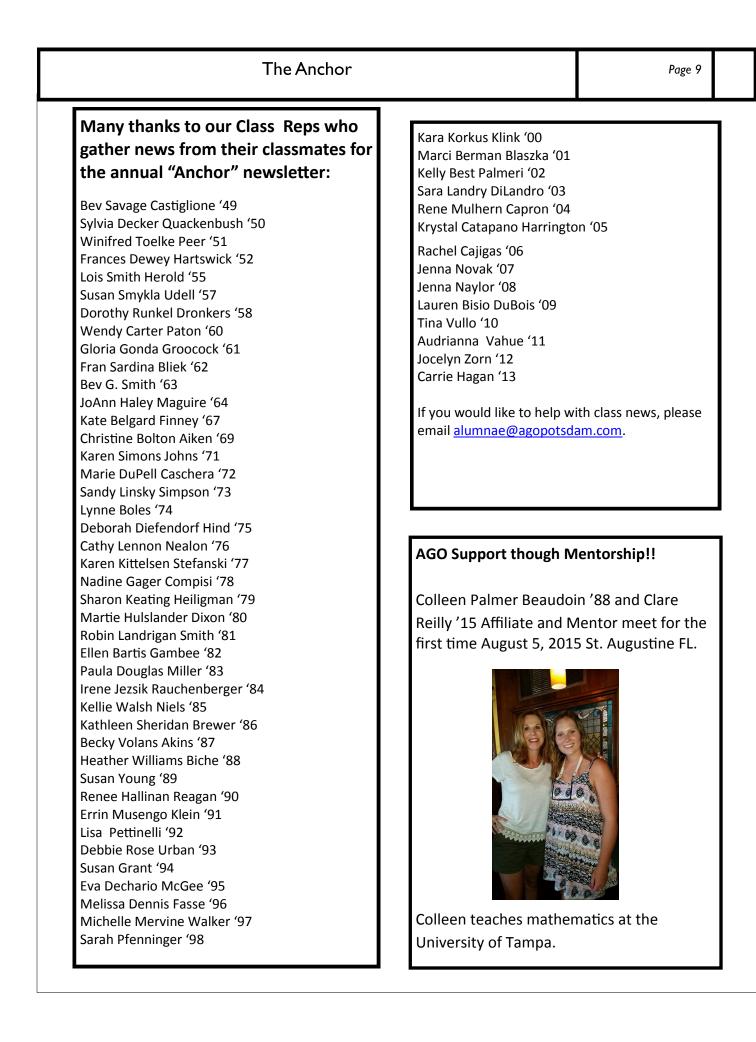
Agonian Alumnae Association Officers

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

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Spring 2016 – Ago Interest Parties!

We are thrilled to announce that Ago will return to Potsdam with Charter Members in the fall of 2016! Our hard work and persistence has paid off!

In November 2015, we were notified by the SUNY Potsdam Administration that we could promote Ago in spring 2016 for a recolonization in fall of 2016. We immediately began working with the Administration to develop a plan to find the **best** women to help Ago recolonize. Under their guidance, Ago will be following the guidelines in the school's "Expansion Policy" which include having new constitution and bylaws, a risk management plan, an academic program, a new member education plan, and a recruitment plan. (the Charter members will work on many of these items as their first task)

The key to our success will be selecting the <u>right</u> individuals for our Charter Group. These individuals need to share our passion for the Agonian Sorority and the ideals for which we stand. They will be leaders possessing strong ethics and integrity and will follow the path set forth by other Agonians for staying true to the principles of the Agonian Sorority. We are looking specifically for students who will improve and promote the welfare of our Sorority, by helping us meet our goals: encouragement and promotion of high scholastic achievement; development of leadership abilities and individual talents; personal growth through friendship and mentoring; the opportunity to work with others to provide community service; and the promotion of the highest ideals of honor, truth, and loyalty. They also must have the leadership and charisma to engage the students to successfully bring in their first new member class in spring 2017!

In spring 2016, Ago began holding Interest Meetings for students of SUNY Potsdam and Clarkson (though we cannot post on Clarkson's campus). The purpose of these meetings is to introduce the Agonian Sorority to the students, explaining who we are and what we hope to achieve with our relaunch. We emphasized our differentiating factors including our strong Sisterhood of 1,500+ alumnae! We created an Information Brochure (click hyperlink to view) and added "Future Members – Interest Group" tab to our website. We also created a private Ago Interest Group on Facebook so that the students could meet each other and interact with members of the Task Force, Advisory & Community Service Committees, Mentors, and potential big sisters. This has given the Interest Group a way to meet some great women of Ago without being overwhelmed! It also gives them the chance to meet their potential sisters in a private environment.

Here is a summary of our campus activities this spring!

January 30 – Our First Interest meeting! Led by Jane Morale '80, Julie Radde Reagan '80, Becky Volans Akins '87, Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, Cassie Smith '15, and Clare Reilly '16. About 10 students showed up at the meeting and all were very excited to learn about Ago. It was the first weekend back from break for Potsdam students so we feel there wasn't much time to spread the word!

February 20 – Our second meeting held off campus at a new frozen yogurt shop called Chilly Delights. We had a pizza party and had about 10 students attend. Thanks to alumnae **Mindy Mospaw Poupoure '79, Jane Morale '80, Julie Radde Reagan '80, Becky Volans Akins '87, Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, and Clare Reilly '16** for attending!

February 27 – DK invited Ago to hold a Rush Breakfast at their house! The brothers of Delta Kappa Theta, one of the SUNY fraternities, made stuffed French toast for our potential new members. Thanks to Jane Morale '80, Mindy Mospaw Poupoure '79, and Cassie Smith '15 for attending!

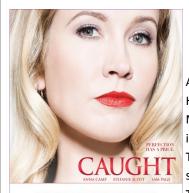
Weekend of April 1-2 – It's a full court press! Jane arrived early to Potsdam and sponsored a table in the Union all day Friday with the help of Clare Reilly '16 and a few of the potential Charter Members to generate interest in Ago. Ago sponsored a movie and career planning discussion with Susan Young, CFO of MarVista Entertainment, on both campuses. On Saturday, April 2, we had our best attended meeting yet! Several alumnae made the journey to Potsdam for the lunch including Jane Morale '80, Becky Volans Akins '87, Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, Maureen Gerst Stalica, '88, Susan Young '89, Kelley Marsh '94, Jeannie Heinsohn '96, Theresa Pitera '15, and Clare Reilly '16. We had 9 students attend the event all of whom had individual interviews with our senior team of representatives.



Based on the meetings so far, we have identified 6 students as finalists for Charter Members and will invite them to Regional Meetings. We have tasked these students with finding 2-3 additional freshmen/sophomores each before our final meeting! They are all so excited for Ago and believe in our mission to reform the Greek System at SUNY Potsdam from within. There are an additional 8 students in the process that we will assess during the meeting on May 7.

Our final Interest Meeting will be Saturday May 7 with a table in the Union again on May 6. So far we have an impressive list of alumnae scheduled to attend including **Susan Cancilla Witkowski '79**, **Jane Morale '80**, **Martie Hulsander Dixon '80**, **Becky Volans Akins '87**, **Keira McPherson Clark '94**, **Cassie Smith '15**, **Theresa Pitera '15**, and **Clare Reilly '16**. Our senior team will interview any new students interested in Ago and make final decisions after consultation with the Task Force that week. Our goal is quality not quantity at this point so we don't have a pre-set target.

As a special treat for the identified Charter Member Finalists, we will be holding an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 14 hosted by **Lynne Boles '74** and other alumnae TBD. We are hoping this special event will be a fantastic end of semester sendoff for our potential new members.



"Actively Managing Your Career To Success" Illowed By A Special Screening Of The Film CAUGHT DATE + LOCATION: Saturday, April 2nd I Som New Snell 214 SPEARE: Susan Young, CFO Of MarVista Entertainment, A Hollywood Mive Company

Ago Brings a Little Hollywood to Potsdam

As a part of the Spring 2016 promotion of Ago, we brought a little Hollywood to Potsdam! Ago alum, **Susan Young '89**, is CFO of MarVista Entertainment and got permission to do private screenings of two movies in Potsdam (one each at SUNY and Clarkson). The event was co-sponsored with Career Planning and Susan presented on "Actively Managing your Career" before the movies. These events were held in conjunction with the April 2 Interest Meeting to raise the awareness of Ago!



Ago Fundraiser Donation Form

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Please keep my donation confidential (ONLY check this if you do NOT want to be listed on t 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

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

You can make your donation in several ways:

- Credit Card: visit our new website at <u>www.agopotsdam.com</u> and go to the "Giving" page and follow the instructions.
- **PayPal:** Send money directly via PayPal to: <u>donations@agopotsdam.com</u>.
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Our Hallowed Halls



Our Hallowed Halls by Licia Urtis Murrell '82 (House Repair Manager)

First, I would like to thank everyone for all the generous donations made to keep the house in good shape. We were able to move forward with many necessary repairs for the safety and security of those living there. Your Gold Dues make a huge difference in what we can accomplish.

During the past year the following repair were made:

- · The Racks were painted
- · The exterior pipes were replaced
- Two dressers were purchased; one for the Racks and one for the President's bedroom.
- New blinds and curtain rods were installed in the Living Room, Dining Room and bathrooms. New curtain rods were purchased for the Living Room drapes.

The back steps will be rebuilt in June as well as the porch getting a face lift. We are also looking at updating any necessary electrical in the house.

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

11 Pierrepont Renters for 2016-17

On the Ago House front, we know many of you are concerned about the status of 11P! It is currently being rented for the 2015 -16 school year by "Doctors Without Borders" (a Clarkson group). For 2016-17, the Board has confirmed that the ROTC also from Clarkson University, both women and men, will be renting the house – one of whom is the son of an Agonian! SO, we will be satisfying all zoning requirements until our new members can live there in 2017-18!! This is fantastic news!



Regional Information Sessions

We believe that it is important for our potential Charter Members to meet Agos from all generations in order to truly understand the meaning of the Agonian Sisterhood. To do this, we will be inviting each finalist to a Regional Information Session in a region near their hometown. Once we have our finalists, we will reach out to the appropriate Ago Regional Chapter to schedule an Ago Information Session in each nominee's home location for the summer of 2016. These events will allow our Ago Alumnae to meet the finalists. This will also allow our potential new members to meet and get to know as many Alumnae of the Agonian Sorority as possible so they can see the difference between Ago and the other Potsdam Greeks. As you all know, our sisterhood is the strongest at SUNY Potsdam and we want them to experience our bond of sisterhood before choosing to join. We will be looking for as many alumnae as possible to participate in these local meetings. We want our Charter Members to see how great and amazing ALL of you are! Let them know what it would mean to be a part of the Agonian Sorority by experiencing it.

The Regional Meetings will also be the closest to a true Ago rush that the finalists will receive. The rest of Ago had the opportunity to walk into 11P and be surrounded by the love of Ago. These students have only been to dining halls and conference centers on campus and while Jane did an amazing job of decorating, nothing can compare to the feeling of being surrounded by 30-60 Agonians! So, please DO join the Agos in your Region and make this a memorable event for your finalist! Make it nautical, sing Ago songs, and have fun. Since all of our charter members are underage, these will be completely alcohol-free events.

Your Regional Chair will reach out to you with the details for the party in your region. Regional meetings depend on the hometowns of the finalists so we cannot yet say which regions will have meetings though we do know that Syracuse, Buffalo, Albany, and NYC will most likely have meetings.

Ago Honorary Extraordinaire

Mary Harbow Renison, 99, formerly of Baldwin, resident of Arkell Hall in Canajoharie since 2005, died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 after a short illness. She was Missouri born, but lived all her school life in Endicott. She was proud of being from 'the Show Me State'. She was a graduate of Endicott Schools and then State College for Teachers in Albany, Class of '37, where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority. Mary first worked as Registrar and teacher of Introduction to Business at Potsdam Norman School from 1937-1940 and was an Honorary member of Ago. She married Thomas Renison (a member of Omicron Pi Omicron Fraternity) in 1939 in Watertown. They were married for 44 years. Mr. Renison died in 1982. Mrs. Renison is survived by her daughter Bonnie Kerr; sons Stephen and Bruce; along with several grandchildren and great grandchildren. We appreciate her



support and dedication to our Sisterhood.

The photo on the right is of Ago in 1937.

The address is 48 Elm Street and was our house from 1935-1939.



From the Archives.....

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When a gentle breeze guided the good ship Ago straight to port in September, it picked up a crew of sunburned maties. Early in the voyage there appeared a change in the crew, for they had suddenly become Scotch lassies for the Halloween parade. Another few days at sea and the captain saw the need for new recruits to speed up the voyage; rush parties, teas, overnights, and breakfasts were the events of the hour. With additional helping hands the ship glided through the Christmas party and ice carnival with perfect ease,

docking but once to pick up cargo—two bronze statues for winning recognition in the special events of the ice carnival week-end.

The second semester saw a plaid party and a sleigh ride chronicled in the log. Then the bow of the ship nosed into home port again for the annual Spring Formal, a thrilling event for all the crew.

The ship was manned by captain, Mary Nelson; first mate, Norma Berry; yeomen, Barbara Bateman and Martha Cline; quartermaster, Margaret Bemis; ship's recorder, Blanche Young; and chief inspectors, Miss Badger, Miss Smith and Miss Hyde.

> Virkler, Gorse, Young, Berry, Bateman, Pierce, Weer, Carton Wareing, Bemis, Howell, Backus, Hyde, Cline, Stanter, Nelson Burkhard, Thomas, Munro, Geignetter, Cahill, McClure



Fall 2016 – New Members!

The plans for fall 2016 are not yet finalized; however, we wanted to share the rough outline of activities around our first New Members in fall 2016!

As we already shared, we will hopefully have identified 6-10 Charter Members by the end of this spring semester. These Charter members will participate in Fall Rush by attending each sorority open house. ISC feels that while they have chosen Ago, it is important for all sorority members to meet every house in order to strengthen the Greek system in whole. Ago Alumnae, and hopefully our Charter members (awaiting a final decision from ISC) will participate in Rush in hopes of finding additional new members for the fall of 2016.

POTENTIAL rush dates:

Open House will be Sept 17 (Saturday) Interest Party Sept 24 (Saturday) Final Tea Sept 28 (Wednesday) or 29 (Thursday) New Member Day will be Oct 1 (Saturday)

If you are able to travel to Potsdam for ANY of the Rush events, please contact Jane Morale at <u>JaneMorale@agopotsdam.com</u> – we could use as many alumnae as possible at each event.

Save the date for October 1! We would like as many Agonians as possible to travel to Potsdam for the celebration of our New Members on the weekend of October 1 from ALL generations!! Let's show Potsdam that AGO IS BACK so save the date!! You will need to "register" for this event in advance so that we can plan accordingly with regard to space and dinner! We will be sending more formal information later in the summer.

As a reminder, Ago will no longer have pledging, but rather, a New Member Program. This program will span 3 weeks (actually 4 in Fall 2016 due to Columbus Day school break). During this program, Jane Morale '80 will be our New Member Educator and with the New Member Committee, Alumnae Advisory Committee, and Community Service Committee will run the new member program in fall 2016. New Members will meet only on the weekends with "homework" assignments focused on learning about Ago, doing their Community Service, and meeting with their Ago Mentors:

Sunday, Oct 2 - Meeting Weekend Oct 15-16 - Meeting Weekend Oct 22-23 – Final meeting

Each New Member will be assigned a Big Sister and Alumnae Mentor. We have already created a list of potential Big Sisters/Mentors from the dedicated people who have been working on the relaunch for the past 3 years.

As a reminder, Ago will have an alcohol-free Rush and new member program. Any violations of this policy will be considered a violation of the Agonian Sorority Code of Conduct.

Ago will fully participate in Rush in spring 2017 with our Charter Members becoming the Big Sisters for the first time. The Mentor Program, Advisory, and Community Service Committees will continue as long as Ago is on campus in Potsdam.

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In Memoriam: Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.									
Class	Name		Class	Name					
1939	June Carton Kennedy	10/24/2015	1950	Shirley Butler Gassner	3/6/2015				
1939	Kay Walling Moomey	11/4/2014	1952	Connie Whittington McGowan	May-13				
1939	Mary Harbow Renison	4/8/2015	1952	Sara "Sally" Kapples Phillips	Dec-07				
1941	Norma Berry Weirich	11/2012	1953	Eleanor Smith Atteridg	Jul-05				
1943	Betty Wareing Jeffers	3/27/2015	1955	Ruth Loring Doria	10/31/2014				
1944	Betty Norton Smith	7/13/2015	1955	Nan Armstrong Mancuso	10/9/2012				
1945	Lois Whitmarsh Campbell	2/16/2015	1964	Diane Baker Winn	2/5/2005				
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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

Betty Wareing Jeffers died on March 27, 2015. She was living in Canton at the time. She taught elementary grades in Boonville, NY, Malverne, LI, Compton, CA and the Congdon Campus School in Potsdam. She was also an instructor in the Reading Center at SUNY Potsdam. In addition, she developed and taught the initial PSEN Program at Potsdam High School. Betty organized and served as President of the Campus Club, which provided fellowship and service for faculty wives and female staff members of SUNY Potsdam. She served on the Board of Directors of the Cancer Society and was a chairperson for man Red Cross Blood Clinics. As a 65 year member of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Jeffers served as Elder, Deacon, and Christian Education chairperson. She was a member of the Potsdam Town and Country Club and enjoyed golfing, antique study, quilting, bridge and gardening

Class of 1945

Lois Whitmarsh Campbell died on February 16, 2015. She played the piano, cello, and organ, and enjoyed singing in choirs all her life. She taught music in Geneseo, N.Y. for two years before marrying Duncan Campbell in 1948. They were happily married for almost 45 years until his death in 1993. Lois earned a master's degree in library science from Syracuse University in 1962 and was the first high school librarian at Southern Cayuga Jr-Sr. High School when it opened in 1968. She was the library supervisor for three elementary libraries within that district at Sherwood, King Ferry, and Genoa at the time, and held those positions until retirement in 1983. She and her husband, "Dunc" retired to Tombstone, Ariz., where they rented the rectory next to St. Paul's Episcopal Church for 15 years. During that time, Mrs. Campbell was the church organist and was given a plaque for her 17 years of service to that congregation which she loved and who loved her.

Class of 1950

Shirley Buter Gassner died March 6, 2015. She received her master's degree from SUNY Potsdam in 1956. On August 23, 1957, she married Edward B. Gassner at Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Vernon, NY. She taught school in Scotia and Troy, NY, Long Island, Rochester, Rome and Utica, retiring in 1992 as a music teacher. Shirley was active in St. Vincent DePaul Society and in Respect Life. She enjoyed quilting, music and drawing.

Class of 1956

Joyce Tuck DeWitt was named "organist emeritus" of the South Perinton United Methodist Church in Fairport NY on May 4, 2014. She was also feted with an 80th birthday party and a combined retirement celebration of her 35 years of service. Her husband Don DeWitt is a 1953 graduate of the Crane School of Music.

Class of 1957

Pat Adams Sundell and her husband Bob are still singing in Chautauqua's summer choir as well as two Jamestown community choirs. Their daughter Julie gave a surprise party for Pat's birthday. In the fall a second granddaughter was married and they welcomed a handsome son-in-law.

In Jean Schauffler's own inimitable style, she excused herself for replying a bit late by saying she doesn't have any grandchildren to brag about, achievements to relate, or milestones to celebrate--except reaching 80. Last March, she broke her ankle but survived and that's history now. She added that nobody cares if your cholesterol is down or you got through the year with no bladder infections or you hate your new washing machine! Schauff, you tell it like it is; thanks!

Bunny Beck (aka Fredrica Sideman Levinson) sends greetings and says that as a jazz musician/composer, in November 2015, she went to Havana where 6 of her compositions were recorded by top-notch Cuban musicians. Her pieces, for piano, were arranged for a 7 piece ensemble by a well-known Cuban music director. PARMA, the company for whom she records, chose the works of 8 of their composers for this project and she was honored to be among them. A record of all their music in a variety of genres will be released in a few months.

Jan Mandell Davies is recovering well after recent hip surgery and is running the farm with gusto and her fine business sense.

Betty Foster Dunn is keeping busy in retirement teaching Spanish to elementary gifted students, traveling to Spain, Brazil, and California to visit children and grand children, reading for two book clubs, attending teacher retirement luncheons, etc. She wonders where the time has gone for she'll soon celebrate her BIG birthday-- and she remembers all the fun we had at Potsdam.

Julie Eisenstein Hirsch writes that she and Norman are still near Savannah GA, though possibly a little more wrinkled! They visited their eldest grandson last fall in Prague where he was taking the first semester of his senior year at UGA. Then they flew on to Israel to visit with family and friends they hadn't seen face to face in 20 years. This may be her last year (of 14) teaching, accompanying and leading her congregational choir, for standing at the keyboard to play and conduct is now a bit problematic. She'll keep teaching adult Judaica classes where she can sit and besides, she loves the discussions the subjects generate.

Mary Jane Flewellin Fischer sends "Hello to all". She and her husband stayed home this winter and luckily the weather was okay. They keep busy staying healthy, marketing, etc., while keeping up with their grandchildren's accomplishments.

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A 2015 highlight for Susan Smykla Udell and husband Jon was an Alaskan cruise and Denali Park visit with their family to celebrate their 80th birthdays and 55th anniversary. They have 6 children and spouses and 10 grandchildren. Time has marched on and they are grateful to be able to march with it! Please contact her at usandj@hotmail.com with news for the Anchor or if you're near Madison WI or Marco Island FL.



In January, Barbara McMahon Newcomb tripped in her garage, fractured her pelvis in two places, and smashed the humorous of her right arm. Recovery will take 6 -12 months of physical therapy, but she reports that she's making progress, and her husband, Alan, has been a "rock" in caring for her all this time. Other than that (!), life is good. You have our best wishes, Barb!

Class of 1958

Sylvia Amarel Infantine and her husband, Stu, have lived in Portland, Maine for 44 years. Sylvia taught music in the Portland Public Schools for 20 years. Currently, she has piano students and is a substitute organist in area churches. Her four children are Johanna in San Francisco, Maria in Brooklyn, Anthony in South Portland and Francesca in Boston.

Peggy Eaton Travor reported that she and her husband, Dick, will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in April. They enjoy playing in a handbell choir at their church.

Sue Fenton West and Tom (her Lambda man) just celebrated their 57th anniversary. She said they feel fortunate to be able to spend half the year in Pittsburgh and half in Venice, FL with summer weekends on Yough Lake. They have enjoyed repositioning cruises, which she says are a bargain, plus offering the opportunity to see most any city/cities in Europe.

Bev Michel Kneessy is still in Penfield, NY, but has moved into a Senior Independent Living facility near her son, Andy. Of course Zena, her cat, went with her. She is enjoying all of the activities there including bridge. Bev said living there is like going out for dinner every night. What's not to like about that?!

Sue Lester Ford sends a huge thank you to all who contributed to the newly formed Agonian Sorority. I think we can all echo that! Her family is well and enjoying some changes. She and Tom enjoy being snowbirds in Cocoa Beach in the winter and find time to relax at their cabin near Harrisville, NY summers. Twice, her older son has gone on an exchange program to teach in Beijing. His wife is from China and Sue and Tom had a terrific time traveling there in 2010. Sue has a weekly half hour radio program interviewing people on all aspects of the arts. She serves on three boards: Community Theater, Adirondack Regional Arts Council and Adirondack Theater Festival. Any leftover time she spends acting as crew for her husband's Hot Air Balloon. Needless to say, she is never bored.

Gail Roach Davi is enjoying the Florida sunshine these days in her retirement. Her children and grandchildren are located in Texas and Maryland. She and her husband, Sal (a CCT grad) make quarterly inspection trips to hear about their accomplishments. She says that on their return trips back to FL they have to rehearse what those accomplishments were to sustain their memories. Our memories do get a bit fuzzy as we get older.

Someone reported that Judy Dermody Zangas is the midst of downsizing. As many of us know, that's a major challenge!

Betty Duffy Charles says her life is quite routine playing a lot of bridge and doing a lot of volunteer work. The ones she mentioned were the food pantry, library, and the Red Cross. She says it keeps her busy and that's a good thing!

Norma Luce didn't send any news, but according to her Christmas card, she wasn't "waiting for Godot", she was waiting for snow. She is still an avid skier.

Mary Carey Munhall and her husband, Budd (a CCT grad) split their time between winters in San Antonio, Florida and summers in Lake George, NY. While at the Lake last summer they had a lot of their family there. That included children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. While living in FL. Mary volunteers once a week at the local hospital.

Sue Conant Young has a fabulous and extensive wardrobe. She credits her part-time job at SteinMart for her stuffed closet. Her daughter and her family visited Sue over the Christmas holidays and her son and grandson have been here recently to enjoy the FL sunshine.

Dotty Runkel Dronkers is thoroughly enjoying life in FL. The snow and cold of the northern winters are just vague memories, however, she loves seeing snow - but only on TV. Three times a week she goes to water aerobics to keep the old joints from getting too rusty. She also volunteers at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida as a docent giving

reptile talks and showing the visitors the resident ball python. He's really quite a beautiful boy. Sue Young and the Munhalls were at the Dronkers for a New Year's visit as you can see from the photo. Great heaps of thanks to all who took the time to send some news for "The Anchor".



Class of 1962

Greetings from the Agonian Class of 1962! We begin our 2016 letter featuring this statement from Joyce Molton McAmmond-Coleman's contribution to this year's class letter as she eloquently expresses our class's feelings.

Joyce wrote: 'To begin, we can never send enough thank-yous for all the effort our dedicated alumnae, particularly Susan Young and Jane Morale, expended to win approval for the Fall 2016 Ago re-launch. Re- establishing Ago's reputation as an organization of young women who will once again exemplify the standards of high moral, social, and intellectual ideals and whose purpose is friendship, leadership, scholarship and community service has all the Ago Alumnae smiling!' Kudos from all of us in the Class of '62

Sue Johnson Aceto and Tom live seven months of the year in Tucson where their life style is the antithesis of summers on the coast of Maine. In Arizona they stay active in a life of culture, attending concerts, plays, opera, etc. and doing volunteer work with the Music Advisory Board at the U of A and the Tucson Desert Song Festival. In Roque Bluffs they enjoy a quiet life, walking by the ocean, socializing with friends and relaxing over scrabble/wine time at 4 p.m. daily! They feel they couldn't have chosen two more wonderful places to retire.

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell writes that 2015 was a year of change for she and John. They both retired and contrary to their belief that it would be a difficult adjustment, they are now busy with different activities like entertaining at their home in Suffield, travelling, and working on their old Windor house. They traveled to FL, SC, WY, and NM and then spent the holidays at their son's home in Minnesota this past year.

Fran Sardina Bliek and Dave added a new member to their family this past summer. On Labor Day Weekend, Grandson Robert married Julia Yetter from Louisville, KY. They met at Vermont Law School and are presently living and practicing law in Alaska. Fran and Elaine Fallon Boyrer met for their annual lunch get together at The Turtle Club in Naples, FL this year. They loved this spot so much they plan to meet there again next year. 'We'd love to have anyone else in this area join us.'

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Elaine Fallon Boyrer sold her home of 41 years and bought a condo in a 55 and over community and loves it, spending half the year on Long Island and the other half in Ft. Myers, FL. You can guess which half! This spring she visited her son and family who have moved to the Denver area. Elaine organized a mentoring program for girls at one of the Lee County Schools in Ft. Myers. She and her team are making a positive impact on the lives of these 5th graders.

Kate Sheldon Cox noted how fast time is flying by. She sold the house in Lyons Fall, NY so now is permanently in Asbury Park, NJ where she finds the boardwalk a great place to walk. She travels by AMTRK now and then to Boston where son Pete lives. Daughters Susie and Julie live nearby in NJ. Kate sent this invite: 'Since I have vacated from the Adirondack Mountains to the waters of the Jersey shore, you should come on down and visit me. Great place to search from the 26th floor, to see critters traveling along the waters of the Atlantic!

Shirley Wolf Crane and Irv once again rented a place in the Adirondacks for their family vacation the end of June. Loads of fun with water sports and hiking adventures. Shirley enjoys several volunteer activities with her church and they both enjoy visits with their children and grandchildren in Boston and Virginia.

May Simpson Kemp and Terry enjoyed a family reunion in July. Son Brian and family traveled from California while Darren and family live nearby in PA. Their Nativity set from England was featured on their Church's altar during Christmastime this year. Thank you to May for sending a copy of a letter written by Wanda Carter (president of Ago in '59) to her mother welcoming May as an Agonian. It explained the values, contributions and the expectations of Agonians. The letter was recently posted on the Ago Facebook page.

Kathy Canapary Kiernan commented that 'At this age, husband Bill and I are most fortunate to have good health and to live in an active community that offers much for seniors. Having lived in Greenwich and Cos Cob for 43 years, we have a good social network, which is important as you age. It is also a pleasure to be close to NYC'. Kathy enjoys volunteering at a local soup kitchen and visiting the aged at home or in nursing homes. She & Bill took their annual trip to Granada to visit daughter and family and took a side trip to Madrid; enjoying the cafe con leche, tapas, and vino tinto in Spain. 'Peace and love to my Ago sisters!'

Bev Eccles Levy and Gail enjoyed a visit with their daughter and her family in Seattle. Bev serves on the Social Committee at her Stony Brook community and helps plan fun events like Clam Bakes, Holiday Parties, and the like. She is taking Yoga Classes this year and enjoying the physical, mental and spiritual benefits it affords. Gail had hip surgery this winter and is recovering nicely.

Joyce Molton McAmmond-Coleman and Roger visited a friend in the Netherlands; it was a delightful visit - and once again they discovered that the best way to see and become immersed into life in another country is with 'a native'. She was an experienced tour guide, eagerly taking them to the places on their wish list, adding several of her own ...all the while, making sure they took routes around, by, and through the many tulip fields in their area of Holland. Joyce's most appreciated surprise was learning that MC Escher's museum was in The Hague, then spending a day there! 'Here's to the year when most of us have reached 3/4 of a century - Happy 75th Birthday to us all!'

Pat Clerkin Swanson and Bob made their usual trips to CO and NH, enjoyed a week in Atlanta with friends and family, and entertained out of state and international visitors. Bob had two eye operations (thankfully successful). Definitely the most fun was taking their eight year old NH grandchild to visit her nine year old CO cousin. They are at such a delightful age and CO has a wonderfully active outdoor climate. It was great fun for Pat & Bob to participate and sometimes just watch. 2016 will have them crossing a couple of items off our bucket list. More later.....

Rosemary Falbo Quadrini and Dave travelled from Texas to NY again this year and had a wonderful afternoon and evening with several Potsdam and Ago friends at the Keuka Lake home of Ginny Stratt Braun '62. They went out on

the Braun's pontoon boat, drank wine slushies, and ate tasty appetizers before enjoying a great meal with life-long friends.

Class of 1963

Marti Tallman Scott says hello from Arizona. She and her husband Scotty are enjoying the resort lifestyle in Sun Lakes. 2015 was a year of learning to cope with some health challenges for both of them. Scotty has joined Marti with the diagnosis of Parkinson Disease. They are both doing well now and still keep up with dancing, aerobics and church activities. Marti is still teaching water aerobics 5 days a week. She says "life is good if you don't weaken"! (scottml@shaklee.net)

Sandy Jenner Kolb and her husband Bill continue to enjoy retirement in Gainesville, Fl. Four of their grandchildren ages 8-15 also live in Gainesville. It's a joy to be part of their daily lives. They also spend time at their condo on St Augustine beach. She has fond memories of Ago friends.

Carol Bossung Gibbons sends news from Hilton Head Island – 2015 was a busy year with some travels with long time friends to Normandy followed by a rainy but wonderful river cruise from Zurich to Amsterdam. Because of all the International unrest they will probably stick to the US for their travel. Between Rick and Carol, they have 8 families spread from Seattle, Oregon, Texas, Chicago, Ohio, Delaware, Connecticut and SC to keep them busy. And last week they picked up an 8 week old yellow English Labrador! So they are back to puppy training and lots of devotion. 2016 began with a quick visit to Florida followed by a wonderful visit with Bev Smith, her sister Joyce and brother Jeff. They were on Hilton Head and she showed off Old Town Bluffton which is an artists' community and shared lunch at a true Southern restaurant. Many of us will celebrate a special BD this year and Carol thanks God for being healthy and wishes all her Ago sisters continued good health and peace.

Nancy Hoffer spent a delightful week in sunny Sarasota with Bev Smith. An interesting year as she got to know Dana Farber in Boston. She is doing great and planning a trip to Europe in the fall. Still enjoys bridge, book club and volunteering. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to save Ago!!

Beverly Smith continues to keep busy with some of the same activities that have become a part of her life. They include watercolor classes, volunteer work with the visually impaired who weave beautiful baskets and Tai Chi in an effort to stay healthy. She is playing more Bridge with 2 groups of friends, which adds another dimension to her life.

Class of 1971

Joanne Bodow Brandt moved to New York City after graduation and lived there for 25 years where she worked in advertising and radio sales. She has been married since 1978 and they have a daughter who went to UMass and is working there. Joanne lived in Chappaqua NY for 18 years and they recently sold their home. Now they are living in an apartment and love it. She enjoys seeing friends on Facebook.

Kathleen Keegan Cummings and husband (Ken '71) have lived in Martin County Florida since graduation in 1971. Kathleen retired in 2005 after teaching middle school geography and history for 34 years. She spends her time today with her two granddaughters, volunteering in their school where she was honored as the senior volunteer of the year in 2014. Kathleen and Ken also enjoy traveling and recently spent three weeks in New Zealand and Australia. They look forward to next summer when they will be able to spend a week with family in Kathleen's home town, Clayton, NY, in the Thousand Islands.

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Class of 1972

Paula Thompson Moore spent time in January moving her mom into assisted living and it has made a world of difference for Paula (and Roy's) blood pressure. Mom now lives closer and has more care and amenities available. July was the 10th annual family visit to TN and all three of Paula's brother's made it along with 4 of "the (adult) kids", a fiancé, and a girlfriend. In September, they experienced a British invasion - 6 of them, for 2 weeks! As with watching the 2 very non-athletic newbies learn to kayak, jet-ski, and tube. It was also a good motorcycle riding/ touring year even though they stayed "closer to home" for mom's sake. In January, they went dual-sport riding (dirt/street) in Big Bend National Park, TX. What an amazing place – middle of absolutely nowhere with a spectacular scenic variety of Mother Nature and riding adventures. In May, they rode to southeastern IN and checked-off another state they had not ridden in and were pleasantly surprised by the riding experience – nice hills, forests, and of course curvy roads. In June, they attended a high-performance riding school in VA taught by a former AMA racing superstar. They learned new riding techniques and truly experienced trusting their tires (all the way to the edges). In August, they took an organized bike tour of the Pacific NW Coast and Volcanoes region of OR, CA, & WA. OR was another check-off state and seeing that part of the US by bike was especially spectacular redwoods, Crater Lake, Mt St Helens and more. Oct found them riding to Branson, MO and AR to enjoy the Ozarks for the fall color and more curvy roads. Life is good and retired life touring the country and day riding in the Smoky Mountains on two wheels is even better.

Marie DuPell Caschera recently retired after 25 years with the Shenendehowa School District and is happy to report that family life in retirement is good so far! Tony will be retiring in May and is looking forward to golf and destressing from his hectic work life. They are planning a cruise tour to Alaska in June and hope to begin planning trips to locations on their bucket list - at least one each year! Marie cares for two of the grandchildren 2 days each week (during the school year as Emily is a teacher) and while the "pace" is different from a busy office environment, she loves spending time with Ryker (almost 3) and Remi (just turned 1). They are busy with preschool, visits to the library and playgrounds, books & puzzles, and walks in the stroller through the neighborhood. Their other grand-child, Ayva, is almost 8 and they see her at least once every week. Tony and Marie are taking her to see The Lion King at Proctor's next week which should be quite an experience. Marie visits her mom who is in an adult home (alzheimer's) and her sister who is disabled (she is her POA) frequently. Three of her other sisters and their families live near and they spend time together for birthdays and other special events throughout the year. Marie has enjoyed reconnecting with many Ago sisters on Facebook this past year as well as following the events of the Ago relaunch.

Flossie Mitchell is the recipient of the YWCA Mohawk Valley's Salute to Outstanding Women award in the education category! Congratulations, Flossie!

Class of 1973

Marjorie Rice Fulmer retired from teaching instrumental music in the Rochester NY area 10 years ago! She continues to play her flute in a community orchestra and to give private lessons. Her husband, Jim, retired a year ago, and they spend the winters in Vero Beach FL. Their three children are all happily married and they have 3 grandchildren. Majorie stays active with tennis, golf and biking as well as sewing - she makes purses and donates the proceeds to a couple of local charities. Life is good!

Judy Spencer Gyger retired in June 2014 after 25 years as Director of Office Operations for a Chicago based company. That same month they sold their home of 30 years, loaded their two Westies into the car and headed west! They have never looked back. Their eldest son Brad lives about an hour away with their three grandchildren. Their youngest son Dustin, lives in Orange County with his wife. They are expecting their first child any day. Roger and Judy will celebrate forty three years together this summer! They keep busy going to the gym, ongoing house projects, family....and exploring the great state of California....mostly the wineries!

sandy Linsky Simpson retired in July of 2015 after spending the past 17 years as a commuting spouse. After 42 years in education, it was time to go home and reconnect with family and friends. Her last position was at Southern Westchester BOCES as the Chief Operating Officer. She loved the area and the people she worked with even with the challenges they faced. Kirk will continue working at WFL BOCES as a manager of student data services Elizabeth is happily married to Tom Lewin and they live with granddaughter, Delilah, near Santa Cruz, CA. It's too far from home but a great place to visit. Thank goodness for Skype and texting. Sandy bought a cruising sailboat two years ago so they can travel the lake while continuing to race their Ideal 18 in a one design fleet. So being a "sailor in Ago" truly played out in her life.

Marilyn Matzke Stephens reports that things are great in Colorado! This is her retirement year! All her kids are married and giving her lots of grand kids! Darci and husband, Tom live about 15 minutes away and have 5 kids. Adam and his wife, Kelli live in Alabama with their 4 kids. Adam is in the Army and back at flight school for the next year and so. Her youngest - Laura and husband, Nik live about 40 minutes away, they have a son and a little girl due in April. Steve retired several years ago and putters around the house to keep busy. Marilyn is not sure what she will do to keep busy, but she still likes to sew and do crafts. Travel is always an option that is very appealing.

Bonnie Betters-Reed writes that the news of Ago's rebirth is wonderful and she is happy to play a very small part in keeping our sisterhood alive and well. Plus she is looking forward to mentoring a new member in the near future. Both Gary and Bonnie have "retired" and are enjoying staying as warm as possible with our homes in Bonita Springs, Fl. and Wilmot, NH. Please see them if in the area. They are very proud of Ally's recent graduation from St. Lawrence University and their son Adam's recent completion of an Asperger's Life Skills program (Chapel Haven) in New Haven Ct. Ally is applying to BU's interpretation certificate program for Spanish and they are looking at a neat community house for Adam in Newton, Ma. - where both kids grew up. Bonnie sang with DCINY, Distinguished Concerts International New York. This is a fabulous opportunity for amateurs with a good voice to come together from various church choirs across the country and sing with a notable liturgical composer and conductor – Bonnie has sung with Mark Hayes (his Requiem) in Lincoln Center, The Vatican in Rome, and this spring in Carnegie Hall. Bonnie loves working with the SUNY Potsdam College Foundation and is thrilled that we have our first female President of Potsdam, Kristin Esterberg. Bonnie has been consulting with her, pro-bono, for diversity leadership development and of course Boles keeps her busy with Board work. It is a very special life opportunity to have four Agonians in volunteer leadership positions: Debbie Diefendorf Hind, Eileen Goss Whelley, Lynne Boles and Bonnie.

Diane Lenzi Klock and Don have been married almost 43 years as of this writing, moved 14 times and currently spend their time between NYC and Litchfield CT. Their two children are married and they are blessed with two grandchildren. Don is semi retired from corporate life and teaches business courses at Rutgers Business School. Diane spends her time between Bible Study and painting. She works mostly in watercolor these days and always seems to have a sketchbook glued to her hip. She loves inspiring and encouraging others to give watercolor and watercolor sketching a try as she teaches others to grow in their painting journey in her workshops. Diane looks forward to reading how God has blessed you all through the years and if you are in NYC please look her up.

Bonnie Hill Sollazzo and John have been in Sarasota for ten years, which seems like about four. They love the area and see quite bit of their kids and grandkids; they all love coming for boating and beach! All their family is doing well and are all healthy, which is a blessing. They love to travel and will go to Alaska later this year. All in all they are enjoying these "golden years". Bonnie hopes all of her classmates are doing well and enjoying your years as well.

Sandy Linsky Simpson is thrilled to see that the Class of '73 has news to share this year!!

The Anchor

Class of 1974

Lynne Boles continues to volunteer as President of the SUNY Potsdam College Foundation Board and being part of the Ago Alumnae team that developed Ago's Strategic Plan for rebuilding, which included helping to write the new Ago constitution and bylaws with Jenssie Flores McClintock '88, Colleen Beaudoin '88, Jane Morale '90 and Dede Bennett Haines '81. (Thanks to those of you who voted in favor of it—it passed!!!). She still loves those marketing consulting projects that help to pay for lots of girls' trips--some with Ago's. One trip was with Elaine Whitehead Pauly ('74) and Bonnie Betters Reed ('73) to visit Charleston, S.C. to sample southern cuisine and shop. Another fun event was the annual fall wine tasting tour and barbecue in the Finger Lakes with a group of Ago's from the mid 1970's. Lori Misicka ('75) and Lynne continue to get together each summer. Lynne and her husband enjoyed many terrific trips this past year—one to Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies to celebrate their 35th anniversary, a winter trip to Puerto Rico and several trips to Chicago, New York City and Florida. 2016 is going to be a big year! We not only celebrate the rebirth of Ago in Potsdam, we'll also toast the 200th anniversary of SUNY Potsdam and the close of a very successful capital campaign!

Elaine Whitehead Pauly has had an exciting year as she has started a practice as a Holistic Health coach (HHC). She went back to school and became certified at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition (IIN) out of NYC, and focuses her work on helping people to stay youthful, vital and protect from age-related disease. She is working on getting her website up and running (www.elainepauly.com), keeping up with social media (is that possible??!) and coaching. She has intentions of conducting group on-line programs, working with corporations and their wellness initiatives, and expanding as she moves forward with this. If anyone is interested in receiving her wellness news and tweaks, send her your e-mail. She'll add you to her list! She continues to work as an independent distributor for Nu Skin Enterprises and has been investigating other opportunities with companies in health and wellness. Dana is now 27 and in NYC working as a project manager for FCB Global. Great job, has a gentleman of interest in her life, is deeply into health and wellness, like her mom, and is now enrolled in the same IIN program Elaine did to become a certified Holistic Coach. Look out for the dynamic mom and daughter wellness team coming soon! Greg continues to run his engineering firm which has added a new product that provides a method of recycling waste water in the manufacturing process. Gives them a nice edge in a world in which we need to recycle, reuse, and create more efficiency in production. Business is strong and growing. They think now and then about what they would do "when they retire" and then decide not to go there yet. Having fun where they are and not ready for that. They're traveling - west and south - for sun and skiing - and now and then to NYC to visit Dana and get a taste of a younger, faster lifestyle. They just added a new yellow lab pup to their home, Mosley. He easily turns life upside down. All Elaine's black clothes (and that is mostly what she lives in) are covered in little blond Mosley hairs and each day she looks like she just crawled out of a bed full of fluffy cats. Their old guy, Tucker, who is now 12 took 4 months to warm up to the little guy. Now Tucker is strutting around acting years younger. Elaine's latest tip on "rejuvenation" - Hang out with youngsters! They still have 3 horses - haven't figured out how to divest of big pets yet. She rides but not quite as much as before.

Barb Weurdeman Wood and Woodie (DU '74) continue to enjoy retired life on Canandaigua Lake, and had a busy year welcoming 3 new grandbabies! They're now up to 4, which keeps life busy and on the road a lot! They had a wonderful river cruise on the Danube this past fall in early celebration of their 40th anniversary, and enjoyed a fun day at a Buffalo Bills game with several Ago friends courtesy of Barb and Mike Cregg. They also loved sharing a great evening at Sue Wajda's cabin with another old Ago group...such fun times!!

Kathy Ames Kieta reports that Dennis's retirement is official so they spent nearly a month in the Thousand Islands last summer. Visitors included "old" friends from DU, Sue and Phil Goettel and Randy and Anita Ott. In the spring they traveled to Boston to watch their youngest daughter run her second Boston Marathon. Fall and winter included several trips to Fairport to visit Dennis' mom who is now 98-years-old. They went to Texas for Christmas

with all their kids. Andrew and Sarah organized the second annual Kieta Family Beer Mile. Yes, the days at the "R" have proven to be useful! "It's so good to know that Ago is back on track. Thanks to those Ago's for the hard work you have done to help make this happen. Was going to get to Potsdam this summer for reunion but another family member has decided that Reunion weekend is a good time to get married. Love in AKPhi from Ed Ames".

Patti Ludwiczak wants to thank all who worked so tirelessly to bring Ago back to life. She sends best wishes for a successful year. She is happily retired and busy quilting, gardening, volunteering at Buffalo Children's Hospital and taking care of the senior citizens in the family and neighborhood (who knew they needed so much attention?). She hopes to fit in some travel in the coming year.

Donna Stanford Morris cannot attend Reunion Weekend since the most convenient week for a summer vacation for her twin daughters and their fellas (all in Portsmouth, NH) is the one starting with our reunion. Next year she will try to manipulate everyone's schedule to accommodate her! Meanwhile, Tami Maloney Whitbeck and Stan chat every so often and always say they'll get together, but alas...Northern NY winters can wreak havoc on travel plans, but if there's an upcoming event in the Rochester area, please let Stan know! If the forecast is bleak, maybe spring?? (45 years after Bid Night, haha!)

Like Norm on Cheers, Sue Wajda is on a first name basis with NYS Thruway toll collectors and has a PO Box at the Westmoreland booth. Most of the time she is in Whitesboro without Internet, caring for her Mom who turns 95 in May. Sharp as a tack, Mary sneaks out in her Neon for a footlong or sale on Ensure. She still speaks fondly about her girls at Ago, and retells the story of finding the stapler while cleaning the stove at 11P while Ted replaced the siding and front door stolen by AEPi. Mom is grateful for "that adorable blonde fellow fiddler from Cape Cod" and her friends for saving Ago and allowing her Suzy to spend time with her solving Wheel of Fortune puzzles. Tim lives an hour south in redneck country w/perpetually peeing puppy Sooty (lived through a fire and named after UK cartoon), renovating cottages around Loon Lake. Sue subs when rarely in Rochester but longs for the return of ruler-slapping nuns to restore discipline in school. They are blessed to see Ago friends at events like Axel gigs, weddings, Bills games, winery tours, New Years and reunions. Wajda is eternally appreciative, relieved and most proud of the amazing efforts of Ago's Board of Directors under Shelley, Alumni Assn under Lindsay, Task Force headed by Susan Young and the many sisters who lend a hand to secure, restore and evolve Ago into the desirable, highly respected organization that will appeal to today's college students and future leaders. May they discover the treasure we have all been so fortunate to experience.

Class of 1975

Sally Loe Aubrey describes 2015 as "all about the wedding!" Martha and Jim were married on August 15 in a beautiful ceremony in the Century House with a reception at the Strathallan Hotel in Rochester, NY. It was a magical evening as they celebrated in the hotel's rooftop ballroom! Martha is teaching while pursuing her 2nd Master's in Administration, her career goal. Sally had foot surgery in Dec. She plans to work a bit longer, though she does think her retired AZ neighbors are enjoying a lot of fun!

Barb Putman Cregg had a very exciting end to 2015. Her daughter Amy became engaged two days before Christmas, and her son Adam proposed to his girlfriend on New Year's Eve! Now they're busy planning weddings, as Amy and Kevin will be married July 16 (Barb is very sad not to be on Ago's porch this summer!), and Adam and Diana will be married on Sept. 9, 2017. Barb and Michael are so grateful that all of their kids and grandkids live in Rochester and enjoy trips to Naples, FL. How lucky they are!

Donna Waliszewski Fallon enjoys traveling with Rick on his business trips and manages to fit in subbing and tutoring. They go to NYC frequently and also to any state east of the Mississippi. They rented a house in Ocean City, NJ last summer, and their entire family joined them. Tiffany is now working in Dallas and loves it there. Rich, Meaghan,

The Anchor

Maura (4.5), and Elliot (1.5) bought a home in Chelmsford, MA, so they get to see them often. Patrick is in Syracuse, and he just purchased his second rental property in the Tipperary Hill section.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary spend summers on Skaneateles Lake, winters in Sarasota, and "visit" home when they can. Allison's passion is weight lifting (Don't tell her 3 dogs!), and she has been invited to go to South Africa to compete this year. Amanda and Brian keep very busy with Ben (4.5) and Henry (2.5). Brian had a work trip to Naples, FL in Jan., so Gary and Debbie hosted Ben for the week. They had such fun exploring FL with him. Debbie enjoys the Albany Ago gatherings and Gary enjoys golfing with his DK brothers. They look forward to Reunion 2016 and Potsdam's Bicentennial celebration!

Carol Baitup Sweet had a wonderful year, with the highlight being her 40th Reunion at Potsdam. She drove up with Barb O'Neal, and they saw a HUGE moose - very amazing! Carol and her sister ran a half marathon in Atlanta in August. In October, she attended Mike and Kathy Farrell Kane's daughter's wedding in Sleepy Hollow, NY and visited with Maureen and Joe Lehet. Son Jon is back in Atlanta, and son Kevin got engaged to Lauren on Christmas Day, with an early summer 2017 wedding planned in MI. Carol hopes to see all of her '76 Sisters this July in Potsdam!

Anne Gallagher Timpano is thoroughly enjoying John's retirement! They love their time on Conesus Lake and are doing a bit of traveling. Bridget and AJ teach at the Expeditionary Learning School in Rochester. AJ coaches soccer and plays hockey in a men's league. Anne and John spend a lot of time with their granddaughter Caitlin (2). Scott and Amy live in Beacon, NY where Scott teaches and coaches the Beacon Bulldogs' varsity basketball team. Amy is a marketing specialist for Blue Book Building and Construction Network.

Jane Murray Wolff and Bill are still enjoying life in Boston. Their kids and grandkids are well. They're both working part time and look forward to taking an awesome trip each year. In 2015, it was Morocco, a trip of a lifetime! They enjoy connecting with Ago friends and saw Amy Hind Henry and Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey (CT), Ellen Dullmeyer Fox (now TN), Donna Longenecker Neubauer (at Clarkson-Harvard hockey game), and Sue Rhow Todd (while microbrewery hopping!).

Class of 1977

Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco started a new job with California Emergency Physicians as the expert in patient flow. It is a great team and she is excited to be working with them. She will spend three days a week in California and work at home in Arizona the other two.

Class of 1978

Donna Passarella Bonomo-Bob and I are enjoying life in North Carolina. They have made wonderful friends and feel blessed that some of their dear friends have been down to them in Southport. "This is a formal invitation to my Sisters to come see me next time you are longing for the Coast and a quiet little beach town". Donna's oldest daughter Lisa lives and works in NJ at Toys R Us headquarters and they try to see her once a month. Bob sees her more often since he still flys out of Newark for United. He has a few more years until he retires. They both are looking forward to him being home full time! Their youngest Amy is at UNC at Charlotte and they are hoping she'll be graduating this all. She is looking for an internship in the Health Communication field in the Charlotte area. Anyone know anyone there?? Donna is playing recreational tennis and walking with her girlfriends almost every day. She is active in a Women's Bible Study and also as a volunteer at a Nursing Home once a week. Donna loves the weather in North Carolina but is also still enjoying the winters in Vermont. Their new year did not start off too well. On Dec 31st they celebrated her Mom's 92nd birthday with a home party with family and celebrated again the next day in upstate NY at Donna's brother's house. On January 3rd her mother had a stroke. The month was filled with hopes and setbacks for Mom and on Feb 2nd, she passed away. Although it is a difficult time, they know how lucky they were to have

her healthy for 92 years. So many memories to cherish and blessings to share with each other - for that they are grateful.

Sue (Defo) Dee continues to teach high school Biology and Environmental Science. She is growing in her boat captain experience- she does Eco Dolphin nature tours for a company on Hilton Head Island and loves it!! Unfortunately, she cannot make a living doing it yet but in retirement (whenever that might be) she plans to do more tours. Sue took a few weekend trips to NY City and one trip to Michigan to see friends. She spends a lot of spare time taking care of her 84 year old parents. "This year many of us turn the big 60 and I cannot believe I am this old. But I am grateful for good health and a nice life. Happy 60th to all of my Class of 1978 Ago sisters! PS- My daughters are taking me to Napa Valley for my 60th in July - all welcome!!!"

While Bonnie Johnson See pursues her real estate activity, Gary continues to consult. They are in good health and life in their North Carolina mountains. They enjoy long walks with the dogs and friends, play lots of golf and enjoy their visits to NYC to spend time with son Billy and wife Rachel, and daughter Jen and husband Rob.

Jean Lennon Schuhle and son Matthew traveled to Ireland last May as did Tom to attend Kelsey's Final Year Performance. It was fab! Matt also had time to do some sightseeing on his first trip to Ireland. Tom and Jean went back for graduation In August (it's an Irish thing!) Kelsey began her MA in September - still in Ireland. Mark took a few weeks to visit the mother land in October and got his Irish on in rare form! Luckily they got to see all the kids at various times around the holidays! They've had "An Teach Loch" for a year now and Jean lived there beginning with the day she returned from Ireland until Thanksgiving! They are back and forth in the winter trying to have the kitchen redone. Tom plans to retire in Spring 17 so that will be amazing! CP will eventually go on the market. No marriages, engagements or grandchildren to report!! Friends are always welcome in Schroon!

Sue Hoffman Ospelt has had a busy time! First of all, and most importantly, Art's 1 year check-up showed no signs of cancer and for that they are extremely grateful. Emma is a junior at UGA. She is an environmental health major and was able to take a course in Costa Rica this past summer. She is happy taking upper level classes in her area of interest. She is looking at internships for the summer and then looking to her senior year and beyond. She turned 21 in September. How is that possible? "It seems like I just celebrated my 21st in Potsdam!! Emma is in a sorority and I enjoy hearing her talk about her sisters and reminiscing about mine"! Samantha was married on August 1st to a wonderful young man. They hosted the wedding their backyard with 12 bridesmaids standing up for Sam. The weather cooperated and it was a perfect summer day. She was a beautiful bride and Sue couldn't be happier for her. Sue has been enjoying retirement. She made a few quick trips with friends and family including a week in Palm Springs, CA. with Art. She tries to get to Canandaigua Lake to visit her dad as often as possible. He turned 94 in March. Sue started the school year as a long term sub. It was an excellent opportunity as it reinforced her decision to retire. Mostly she has been enjoying the time to enjoy that second cup of coffee in the morning.

Nadine Gager Compisi is in her fourth year with Ferrero Rocher and Tony continues to enjoy full time retirement. Yes—that wonderful candy company and maker of Nutella. She only works 22 hours a week (Mon-Wed) with quite a bit of flexibility for time off when requested. She enjoys what she is doing and for now it works. But she does look forward someday to full time retirement. Tony and Nadine continue to enjoy golfing, dining with friends and spending time with his kids and grandkids both local and in IL. Tony's oldest son Christopher and family are back living in the US after 3 years in Sweden. They visited them at Christmas time in Deerfield, IL. They are very happy that they are 3,000 miles closer. We also spent time with Tony's daughter Kacey, husband John and their 3 boys in Frankfort, I along with their dog Katy. Yikes!! It is a busy household to say the least. Tony's son Michael and wife Jeanne and 2 kids are local so they get to enjoy their dance recitals and sports activities on a more consistent basis. Nadine's

parents have made the adjustment to their respective assisted living facilities and it gives Nadine and her siblings' peace of mind to know they are safe and being taken good care of here in Rochester. Nadine had a hole in one last summer, which is an amazing feat and pretty exciting.

Vera Thurston Gibbs and family are doing great!! They had yet another wedding last summer, their daughter Sarah was married in June. So many of you know much of their time and efforts were engrossed in that project. In November their daughter Katie became engaged and they are planning another wedding for October 2016. That will make 4 weddings in 5 years. What a wonderful time seeing their children find the love of their lives. Katie is working full time and getting her masters and should graduate in May. They are so proud of her!! Vera remains busy at the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University coordinating Concessions. She loves the contact with the students!!! Steve continues to work for Roth as a Manager. They are both busy with the church as well. They have two granddaughters from their daughter Erin and son in law Ryan. They are a joy to their hearts and live close enough to see often. Their son Matt and his wife Kim live in Brooklyn. Matt is the general manager of Concessions at the Barclays Center and Kim works full time and is finishing up her Masters: she should graduate in August. They are so proud of her. Their son Dave and his wife Jenny are living near Tarrytown. Jenny works in Connecticut and Dave is a regional rep for a food service company for the New Jersey district. You could say they are truly tri state!! Vera had a great trip to Potsdam last summer and saw many Agos. She loves spending time with all of them! The years drift away as everyone catches up on each other's lives. Vera and Steve attended the alumni gathering at Dinosaur BarB Que and saw even more Potsdam friends. She hopes to see many more Potsdam friends now that they are empty nesters for the first time in 36 years .

Suzi Scholterer Luff reports that life is good in Buffalo, NY. She has been recruiting physicians for several clinical practices for ten years now. She wishes she had known in Potsdam that sales would be her ideal career! Her husband's family is on Long Island, so they spend a fair amount of time visiting the Great South Bay and the ocean. They try to visit friends in Florida when they can escape from work (but never from phones)! Suzi's sister, Karen (for those of you who recall her visits to 11 Pierrepont) has two children. Niece, Sarah, started at LeMoyne College this year, and Ryan is now eleven. Suzi's step-daughter, Mary Kate, lives in Brooklyn and works in NYC for Blue Apron. She has 4 other nieces and nephews and the entire bunch feel like her children!! Of course, her shelter dog, Wilson, is the #1 child. She got to visit with Patty and Billy Sohl when they came to Buffalo. It warmed her heart and it's wonderful to see the love they have for each other....after 40 years together.

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim reports that this past year had its highs and lows but life is good. Brandon graduated from Clarkson in May with a Chemical Engineering job. He spent the fall as an assistant coach for the St. John Fisher novice crew team. In November, he moved to Clifton Park, NY to start his new job. He is enjoying the job, living on his own and the area. Lori's dad spent the summer and into the fall between the hospital and transitional care. He is back home but has his health challenges and difficulty walking. Lori had planned their annual vacation in July to visit him but moved up the timetable when he started to take a turn for the worse while he was in the hospital. She isn't really sure if he knew they were there or not during that time. She was just glad to be there. After they got home, her brother let her know he was doing much better so she flew down to spend some time with him while he was in transitional care. Lori is thankful that her brother and sister-in-law are there to make sure he is well taken care of. Tom's mom had surgery just before Thanksgiving. Fortunately, the outcome was good and she is getting better each day. Tom and Lori became grandparents again this summer. Tom's son and his girlfriend welcomed a baby boy. They now have 2 children. Between Tom's daughter and her fiancé, they have 4 children and are planning a fall 2017 wedding. They now have 6 wonderful grandchildren. The kids enjoy coming over to use the pool and they love having them. Lori is still with Paychex and starting to plan for retirement. They are planning to relocate after they retire so they are starting to look at different areas. Hard to believe that this summer Tom and Lori will celebrate their 10 year anniversary. Time sure flies. Lori has enjoyed the get-togethers this past year in Rochester. It is so enjoyable to see everyone and reconnect. Here's to more get-together's in 2016.

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan and Paul (Barry) are both enjoying retirement. They spend a lot of time in Ventura, CA. Paul, spends more time than Jeannie, as he does not love winter as she does. She is still doing a lot of hiking. This past year, she hiked in the Canadian Rockies and to Annapurna Base Camp in Nepal. She is signed up to bike the Erie Canal route this summer from Buffalo to Albany. They have two rescued Golden Retrievers, Annie, from Florida, and Jake from Louisiana. They keep them walking a lot. Jeannie attended Lisa Gratton Niles's daughter's baby shower. Lisa would be thrilled. Jeannie had Sergi's pizza, two times as they were up north visiting Paul's family: pounding those carbs down just like in college, minus the dollar pitchers. Haha!

Cindy Darrow Kohl and Joe are enjoying their rediscovery of golf - although Cindy's game needs lots of help! They feel very fortunate to have 5 grandchildren five minutes down the road. Four boys and one girl - with the oldest just turning 4! Joe and Cindy are ready to sell their house, but they love the pool time with the kids so they are reluctant. Their daughter Kristin is a first grade teacher and mom to 3 of the kids and son Kevin is a product manager for Pass and Seymour. They enjoy having them so close where they can interact with them as adults. Their youngest son, Eric, moved to Chicago last fall so they are also getting to explore a new city. Cindy is happy to say that she is in her final year of teaching...Algebra 2 Common Core hit her this year and while she is happy to have stayed to help out her teammates, she is unhappy about the amount of work, stress, and worry (for her students!) that this has caused. Although she is not anti-Common Core, she is very unhappy with the rollout process...it has been very unfair to all. She hasn't decided how she will spend her time yet, but is sure something will come along.

Pam Pendleton- hit the Big-6-0 in Feb - partied with over 40 friends! A good friend from Los Angeles CA met her in NYC - they saw the 9-11 Memorial on 9-11, met Ginger Zee in Central Park (meteorologist for Good Morning America), then met up with more friends and went on a cruise to New England and Canada. She sees Lori Gremmels Wackenheim on occasion, and has been to several Ago get-togethers - Rochester Agos we need to do this again SOON! She still goes to hockey games, to her timeshare in March, in addition to visiting with her sister. They go to baseball Spring Training games, visit a variety of friends who live or winter in FL. Her dogs are still chugging along - Paris just turned 13 and Luke will be 11 in July. Pam continues to work at Held Projansky Fur store in Brighton on a part-time basis and is on the Wayne Central Board Of Education. So, yes – she is busy!

Class of 1979

Cookie Scalise Balme has had a busy year since April 2015. She was semi-retired when an opportunity came up that she could not turn down. Cookie went back to work as the Interim President/CEO at Rochester Hearing and Speech. She has learned tons and is enjoying her time there. She is not sure how much longer they will need her, but it sure was a surprise going back to work full-time! Cookie is also the Executive Director for NYS Association for Women in Administration. Chip and the kids are doing great and they have been spending a lot of time with her mom. Cookie hopes to have a summer pool party in her backyard on the vineyard in Fairport this Summer for local Agos and also hopes to meet up at Casa Larga this summer on Thursday nights!

Mindy Mospaw Poupore is settling in comfortably with retirement; although, most days she doesn't feel retired. She still teaches private music lessons at her local Catholic school one day a week as well as working in her husband's dental practice doing the books, HR and marketing. The blessing with retirement is being able to have more freedom to travel to their vacation home in Scottsdale, Arizona as well as having the time to workout, take yoga, sing in choirs and play her clarinet in a group at Crane. Life is very full and they are looking forward to a back roads biking trip through Italy in September! Hope to see you all at the Reunion!

Susan Cancilla Witkowski and Jim combined traveling and concerts in 2015; Journey, Steve Miller Band, Tower of Power, Paul McCartney and Van Morrison. The icing on the cake was finding Terry Lane McSweeney at the Van Morrison concert in Forrest Hills, NY. In May Susan spent a week in Potsdam with the faculty and students in the Community Health Department. She is thrilled to create a scholarship for internships for students preparing to

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work in the public health sector. She spent some time with Julie Radde Regan as well as her big, big sister Susan Rice. Susan enjoyed sitting on our Ago porch chatting with our Affiliate Clare. She welcomed Clarkson's Doctors without Borders Club to Camden, SC. She hosted four pre-med students for two weeks at her Free Clinic. What a wonderful experience to provide an in country mission for rural America. It has been wonderful to reconnect with Agonians and she is ready to help relaunch our sorority in fall 2016. Sailing Strong!

Sharon Keating Heiligman traveled up to Potsdam last July and had a ball finally staying in the townhouses! She was also one of the co-chairs of her 40th High School reunion. Sharon and Dan bought a new home – a little bit smaller and more one floor living –and moved in September. The most exciting news was the arrival of grandson #2. She is very lucky to live a mile away from AJ and Anne and babysit one day a week for Jack and Joey! AJ's geothermal business is booming and Kim loves practicing at Rochester Eye and Laser in Rochester. They continue to travel and cruise as often as possible! Always looking forward to opportunities to get together with local Agos!!!

Missy Porter Richardson 2015 and 2016 so far have been very busy. Her oldest son and wife are expecting their 2nd child in August this year and Luca is excited about becoming a big brother. Missy's middle son got married in Sept and they are excited about their upcoming honeymoon to Paris and Italy in March. They just moved to Durham NC for a new job. Her youngest son continues in the NHL development program and is refereeing ECHL and AHL Hockey based in Detroit. Kevin and Missy bought property and are building their retirement home and will make Groveland Fl home by the end of 2016!

Debbie LoBello Burhans reports that she is still practicing law full time and trying to cut back....but is unfortunately busier than ever. She is planning to spend her "Spring Break 2016" with Ago Sister/Cousin Linda Connelly at her home in Naples, FL. It's not quite the same as Daytona Beach Spring Break 1977....but they still manage to have a lot of fun!!!

Shanon Fowler Schneider is still managing North Atlanta OB/GYN and celebrated her ten year anniversary in February! She still co-owns Synergy Fine Art in Historic Roswell, Georgia. Several pieces of her artwork were selected for a movie due to be released in May of 2016 so that has been very exciting. Stay tuned on FB for announcementsshe can't publicize until the trailers come out. Shanon has become pretty involved in local government in Roswell and is on the board of the Historic Roswell Business Association. Jim is still with Kimberly Clark as a manager in Global Sustainability. There has been lots of international travel for him these last few years. They both are active tennis players in Atlanta and play pretty much year round on men's, women, seniors, and mixed leagues. The Schneider "boys" are all doing great. Dane and Amy are in DC, Dane working for the Department of Defense and Amy with ABC in Washington. Brett is with the FAA as an electrical engineer and travels non-stop up and down the East coast on airport projects. Trey works for Home Depot in Atlanta in software development and has a long time girlfriend, Theresa. They are hoping for a ring sometime soon! Shanon hopes that all is well with her Ago friends! It's great to connect on FB!

Terry Lane Mcsweeney has lived in Loudonville with Rick Kissane and worked at NYSUT (New York State United Teacher) for close to 9 years. Daughter Jennifer (Clarkson grad) lives with her husband Mike (Clarkson grad) in Webster and they have two children, David (10) and Kate (8). Son Patrick recently moved with his wife and daughter Hannah (4) from Seattle to Boston. Son Conor lives in Cambridge, MA and is getting married in June. Eric Kohl, Cindy Darrow Kohl's son is in the wedding party. It was a thrill to run into Susan Cancilla Witkowski at a Van Morrison concert at Forest Hill stadium last year. Terry still sees Denise Rich at least once a year on trips to Washington, DC. Rick and Terry had the good fortune to travel to France last September. She would love to get together with other Agonians in Albany area.

Hollis Curtis Perdan is a housewife in Iowa. She mentors the FIRST Robotics Team 648 (She's the Head Scout; husband Phil is Lead engineer and one of 2 Team Leaders) and also mentors tech workshops at local library for kids. She is a gardener, cook, lousy housekeeper, baker of great bread and a home brewer (22 yrs! She took Best of Show Mead at Iowa State Fair last year). Hollis drives a pickup truck named Bruce!

Becky Monckton King is well, along with her family. Becky's daughter, Allison, got engaged this year so they are looking forward to a wedding in 2017. Her sons are doing great, as is her husband. Becky is still working but has pulled back a lot and is spending more time with her family. No news is better than not good news! She hopes everyone is well and she hopes to get to a reunion sometime soon.

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Becki Minoli is an empty nester this year with her daughter at SUNY Cortland, majoring in biology and playing for the women's ice hockey team. Husband Hugh is retired but Becki is still working in captive management for Aon Insurance Managers. She hopes she can catch up with some Agos when she is in Cortland visiting her daughter.

Jane Morale is busy with the Ago relaunch and is thrilled that there are some outstanding college girls who are leaders and scholars. She also keeps busy teaching middle school music, singing in the church choir, playing violin in the community orchestra, boating and skiing with husband Glen, and taking care of her mom who has dementia.

Steve and Rosie Javarone Brown stopped by the Ago Reunion Weekend on the way to Montreal in July 2015! They loved visiting with her "Sisters"! Rosie has been busy teaching, traveling, and loving their grandson!

Class of 1981

Susan Duffy continues to serve on the Ago Board of Directors. Thank you for your help, Susan!

Class of 1982

This is the second year that Cathy Ellia Bennett has served as editor of the Ago Anchor. We truly appreciate your help with this, Cathy!

Licia Urtis Murrell continues to serve on the Ago Board of Directors as house repair chair. Thank you for service!

Class of 1983

The class of 1983 is planning to plan a class reunion for the Fall of 2016! Shelley Ives is still working on coordinating a time and location, but hoping for somewhere along the mid-Atlantic Coast, sometime in the fall while it's still somewhat warm. If you'd like to help out with planning or ideas, please contact her at <u>shelleyi@earthlink.net</u>.

Paula Douglas Miller made it through hiking, biking, kayaking and cruising in Alaska last summer, only to have her tendonitis flare up after a few spin classes at the YMCA! Despite trying an immobilization boot for 5 months, she required foot surgery in March, but is expecting to be back on her feet in time for reunion weekend! She and her husband Rich spent Thanksgiving week on Hilton Head Island and realized that dinners are much more expensive with adult children (ages 21 and 23) along! At the end of Feb, they spent a week in Florida visiting her snowbird in-laws near Tampa and enjoying warm weather in Vero Beach.

Kathy Degni Shepherd visited Raleigh last fall, where she spent some time with Shelley Ives who is doing great and still so fun to hang out with!



Brenda Reinhardt Henry celebrated 6 years in business in downtown Rome NY with Brenda's Natural Foods and Cafe. Her cafe features farm-to-table fare from the farm she owns with husband Mike. Brenda enjoyed Reunion Weekend in July with many Agos and enjoyed getting together with Paula Douglas Miller and other Potsdam friends at her farm in September. She plans to attend Reunion Weekend again this year and hopes to see you there!

Kathy Welch Vigue announces it may be hard to believe, but they are moving again! They will be moving from NJ to Jacksonville, FL in May.

Class of 1985

The last year has been busy for Annie Bryant Geiger. Both her kids play sports (hockey, lacrosse, and softball), making final touches on the ski house, reconnecting with Agos during sports travels. Annie is looking forward to the Albany Ago gathering.

Class of 1986

Leigh Dolen Nicholson threw a surprise 50th Birthday bash for her husband in October. Mike was totally caught off guard!

Carol Richter Deninger volunteered at the Boston Marathon in April.

Class of 1987

Stephanie Bakyta Baldwin is working in private practice as a psychotherapist. She is very busy with her 11 year old daughter and all of her sporting events. Stephanie hobbies include walking the dog and going to concerts - looking forward to Maroon 5 in September! She attended the Ago reunion last summer and enjoyed reconnecting with little sister, Nancy Culpo Stathopoulos.

Sue Boulter Jackson has adjusted to a slower pace of life since becoming ill 14 years ago. She is a part-time freelance writer, writing about books, health, family, travel, and more. Her oldest son, Jamie, 21, is at University of Delaware, and his brother, Craig, 18, will be joining him there in the fall. Sue & Ken are looking forward to traveling more as the nest empties! They enjoyed a trip to the Adirondacks last summer and especially a meet-up with Becky Volans Akins and Mark where they laughed until their stomachs hurt! Just like old times.

Patty Carroll Wilson and Tom will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with a trip to San Diego in April. They both still work for Grainger in NJ. Allie (19) is a sophomore at Iowa State University. Kayleigh (17) is attending Bryn Mawr in the fall to study and play lacrosse goalie! She met up with Missy Jones ('87) and her family this past fall.

Rima Hartvigas Hampson and her husband Brian have two active children. Olivia is a freshman is high school and loves swimming. Owen started 7th grade this year and is her soccer and basketball kid. They travel a lot for sports but love it! Brian is starting a new golf professional job at a course closer to home. Rima is looking for a new professional challenge after being laid off in the fall. She loves staying connected to her Ago sisters through Facebook.

Toni Rosillo Rowe lives in Texas and teaches math. She and her husband Dave have four boys. Jordan graduated from paramedic school. Tyler will graduate in May with a mechanical engineering degree. Dylan is at Furman, and will graduate next May with a physics and mechanical engineering degree. Devin is a freshman at Sam Houston State studying forensic chemistry.

Becky Volans Akins teaches math and advises a community service group at Lisbon School. Her son Ryan graduated from Cornell and joined Mark managing their dairy and beef farm. Allison will graduate from Cortland this May and has a job offer with Farm Credit Financial Services. Becky stays active in Ago helping with the relaunch interest meetings. She has enjoyed promoting Ago, and reconnecting with alumnae (Kathy Briggs, Jane Morale, Julie Reagan). Becky had a great time meeting up with Sue and Ken last summer, and is hoping to see a lot of people at the Reunion Weekend!

Class of 1988

On August 9, Kim Peverly Lenta renewed her wedding vows with her best friend, her love, her life, her everything for 'forever and a day'... Ken Lenta. Thanks to their friends and family for sharing the special day with them. Happy 25th.

Sarah Funseth Baran reports that "Bunnies in Baskets" is still growing strong. They have 175+ trained USA/CAN volunteers visiting with rabbits. The latest visit was a little girl in a Maryland hospice with two months to live. She wanted to hold a bunny who loved her. (She and her family are enjoying repeated visits.) Bunny visits can make a difference. They are win-win---these bunnies love attention and adventure, owners get to help others in need, and the participant has a positive physical and emotional experience. Check them out at www.bunniesinbaskets.org.

Colleen Palmer Beaudoin is still teaching math at The University of Tampa, which she loves and has been recognized by the University as teacher of the year! She also serves on the Education Advisory Board for the Tourette Association of America. She is currently running for Pasco County School Board. Her kids are doing well! Connor graduated from UT in December and is now working on his MS. Devin is in customer service at Publix and Bryce is in 7th grade. She loves keeping up with her Ago Sisters on Facebook and has enjoyed getting to know more alumnae by serving on the Ago Task Force the last few years. Mentoring Clare Reilly ('16) has been terrific!

Class of 1989

Daphne D'Agostino Valentine and family are doing very well. Daphne and Steve are stressed, but blessed as Daphne always says. Steve is working out of their house as an owner of his own business. Daphne is finishing her tenth year as an elementary principal in the school district that she graduated from and her own three children now attend. Owen is a 17 year old junior, driving, playing soccer and baseball, participating in Robotics and DECA and doing whatever it is he does with his friends on the weekends. Fortunately, he takes after Steve and is a really good kid! Ryan is a 15 year old freshman, playing lots of sports: football, basketball and baseball. He spends 3-4 hours a day at the YMCA playing one of the sports because his school teams and travel teams are simply not enough. Olivia is an 11 year old 6th grader and thank God she was born last! Boys are so much easier to raise. Olivia keeps very busy playing soccer, skiing, and dancing at least 14 hours a week preparing for her next competition. Life on Pierrepont Avenue seems so long ago!

Things are always changing within the NYS education system, so that always keeps Andrea Newhouse Frascatore busy within her professional life. At home, her two girls are 12 and 17! Both girls still are competitive gymnasts and it's amazing what achievements they have made. It is always fun traveling to watch them compete. The family vacationed in OBX this past summer, again with her sister, Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87's family, where they rented a house for a week. Good times were had by all - jet skiing, segways, seeing the wild horses roam the beach, mini golfing, good food and more!

Kelly O'Donnell Corman and Dan are living in CT and have been working as mechanical engineers since graduation. Sean (13) is now a teenager and enjoying playing soccer and Colleen (11) is involved with dance and newspaper club in her last year in elementary school. The whole family has been enjoying skiing and is hoping for more snow next year!

Debbie Sorge Siegel reports that life is good but hectic. Her oldest started his first year at Binghamton University and her youngest is now a Junior looking for colleges. Michael and Debbie are looking for an island to retire to (after they pay off this college debt) HaHa. Miss you all.

Susan Young is living in LA and working as CFO of MarVista Entertainment. Her passion is still travel and for her 2015 birthday trip, she knocked off a bucket list item with a trip to Bhutan to hike to the famous Tiger's Nest. The altitude and hikes make the trip one of the hardest yet! She took her parents to Sweden to visit family for their 50th anniversary with a few days on the side in the UK to visit castles and go punting in Cambridge. Her parents visited in LA over Easter and they had a great trip to Joshua Tree and a weekend in Arizona where Sue met up with Monica Fisher Kussman for a weekend! Her parents came back for Christmas and they spent New Year's adventuring in Death Valley. For relaxation Sue took a few trips to Hawaii for some blue umbrella drinks, fun hikes, and learning how to paddle surf! She has been very busy working on Ago's relaunch and looks forward to 2016 and welcoming a new Charter Group of Agonians!

Class of 1990

Sending healing thoughts to Michelle Gibson Dupree, who finished her radiation treatments in March. She is thankful for all the family and friends who stood by her side through the journey. The meals, cards, visits, and ride offers brought sunshine during this difficult time.

Class of 1991

Wendy Deisseroth Constantine took some time off from work in December and is now back to work at Pepperidge Farm! Her kids keep her busy with all of their swim meets.

Class of 1992

Lisa Pettinelli MacKenzie competed in the Iron Girl Syracuse Triathlon in August. She finished 2nd out of 139 women in her age group and 7th overall out of 962! The best part was she didn't panic in the swim! She shaved almost 5min off her swim and 3 off the bike! She also completed the Ironman triathlon in Maryland in October. She "Log rolled" over the finish line to honor Jon "Blazeman" Blais an endurance athlete diagnosed at age 33 with ALS. Many athletes do this as a symbol of hope and to raise awareness for ALS. Her grandmother passed from ALS so it was to honor her memory as well. It takes grace, guts, and courage to complete an Ironman but it takes more grace, more guts, and more courage to be diagnosed with ALS and live your life with hope and a purpose.

Class of 1993

Scarlett Larsen McDermott moved from Collegeville PA to Woodstock VT in August 2015.

Class of 1994

Nicholle Francis is engaged to Bryant, the man who gently holds and takes care of her heart.

Class of 1995

Gina Bernardo Michalski has successfully changed her career. This year she was hired as a first year, PreK-3 Teacher at Transfiguration Academy, a Catholic School in New Jersey. She loves it!! It is a tough age, but very rewarding. Andy and the girls are busy and doing well!

Michele Bulleigh-Vishion is going on year 3 living in Fort Myers, Florida and she loves it! She is also in her 3rd year as a 3rd grade teacher. She loves to paddle board in the Gulf! They just bought a boat and are enjoying it a lot! Michele's son is 11 and in 6th grade. Her Hubby is retired and doing a great job as Mr. Mom!! Michele is looking forward to Reunion Weekend in July. SP 93!!!!



Eva Dechario McGee is still teaching 8th grade English, living at the Jersey Shore, which is a great place to have those summers off. She is really enjoying those tween years (not), as Ryan just turned 13 and Laura is 10. Eva hopes to spend more time with some Agos this summer!

Molly Moore Abrams lives in Hanoi Vietnam and is challenged daily by smog, heat and humidity, among other things!

Class of 1996 Melissa Dennis Fasse ran the NYC marathon in November.

Jeannie Heinsohn has been chosen from a competitive national applicant pool as a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholar. She has been nominated to attend a NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop. Congratulations, Jeannie!

Class of 1997

Michelle Mervine Walker and husband Alex just moved! It is a fixer-upper that has good bones and just needs some cosmetic upgrades and landscaping. They are willing to do the work!

Class of 1998

Sarah Pfenninger presented her fabulous research at the American Montessori Society National Conference in March.

Class of 1999

Edie Sohigian published her three-part dissertation: "Utilizing a Systematic Approach to Problem Solving in the Elementary School Setting"; "Using the Eight-Step Problem Solving Process in the Context of the School Improvement Plan to Build Sustainable School Improvement in an Elementary Setting"; and "Job-Embedded Mathematics Coaching as Means of Professional Development".

Amanda Moore got engaged to Niladri Ghoshal.

Alli Moretta Noonan and her husband Mark took their two kids on a Disney Cruise in April.

Class of 2000

Kara Korkus Klink traveled to Colorado in March to celebrate her birthday and spend some valuable family time skiing in the Rockies.

Jennifer Gibbs Rozell and family spent a fun-filled vacation in Costa Rica for spring break.

Class of 2001

Stephanie LaRock Britt is working as a marketing project manager for United Way of Rochester.

Emily LaBarge began a new adventure in February selling Nerium products. She is excited to introduce anyone who is interested to the products.

Class of 2002

Erika Dey Sykes is expecting a baby girl due on October 18!

Jocelyn Magnifico has started an amazing new journey in New York City as a boutique manager for Nespresso USA. Her company is amazing and she is loving it so far.

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Class of 2003

Emily White-Eckstrum and husband Tim welcomed their second son into the world on March 29. Tiny Harrison Rhys looks exactly like his big brother Holden did when he was born three years ago!

Beth Brittain Youngs and husband Casey were on an episode of Dr. Phil in January! Beth tells Dr. Phil that Casey needs to improve his culinary skills so she can get a break from the kitchen. Rachael Ray comes on to show Casey and Dr.Phil a quick and easy way to make a delicious meal in minutes. Then Beth got to go to a spa! How's that working for you Bethany?

Class of 2004

Jasmin Phillips Stelluti and husband Michael are expecting a baby boy this summer.

Class of 2005

Megan Fallon and husband Brian Ryea bought a house on August 13, 2015. Pheebs is the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Specialist at Clemson University in South Carolina. Brian was accepted to the MBA program at Clemson and daughter Amelia grows cuter every day!

Class of 2006

Lindsay Buchta has been doing a lot of traveling lately for her new position as the graduate secretary of the Systems Science Industrial Engineering department at Binghamton University. She loves her new job and is still working part time at her former job. In her free time, Lindsay is a chauffeur, driving around her 11 year old daughter Mattea to her various sports team practices and games. She longs for the day she can just relax and paint her nails.

Rachel Cajigas is in her fourth year of the geology PhD program at the University of Arizona, specializing in geological archaeology. She is on research fellowship until 2017, so she is working remotely at the University of Alabama, where her husband is a professor of anthropology. They adopted a sweet dog named Sasha and they are enjoying academic life in the South. Rachel is teaching a course at the University of Alabama and will be doing fieldwork in Mexico and various other places in the western U.S.

Maria Jackson is still living in Webster with her husband, Kyle and son, Lucas. They are expecting their 2nd baby boy in June! They are very excited and Lucas can't wait to be an older brother. Maria is in her 8th year teaching and currently works as a 1st/2nd grade teacher at Council Rock Primary School in Brighton.

Lyndi Cobbett Mahoney did some major home improvements in preparation for their baby. Meanwhile, Kinley decided to come 11 days late on March 1st! Lyndi also planned and crafted her wedding, which was on July 3rd. Kinley is already a little jet setter, vacationing to California this past October and Florida in January! Lyndi and her husband are enjoying all of her firsts.

Liz Wegner graduated with her Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling this past fall. In other exciting news, Liz became engaged to her long time boyfriend in November! She continues to work and be very active with her dance studio. Liz is looking forward to seeing some of her Ago sisters at upcoming baby showers.

Class of 2007

Agonians were well represented at Liz Wegner's baby shower in April. Attending were Ago Mama's Linda Berti Reiter, Nicole Brust Jones, and Maria Potenza Jackson.

Class of 2008 Angela Kelley married Dave Sickles on October 4. Erika Brown is working for Pinnacle Group, creating homes for life.

Gabrielle Petit Martini and husband Paul welcomed daughter Tessa Marie into the world on March 19, just a few days earlier than her due date.

Class of 2009

Maureen McCullough no longer lives in Australia. She is living and working in Boston. She is looking forward to the upcoming Ago weddings in 2016.

Heather Taylor is currently chasing dreams, traveling, playing music, making art and running a small massage therapy practice in Rochester NY.

Lindsay Mermell and fiancé, Tom, live in CT where he is an anesthesiology resident and she is a Financial Analyst. She focuses on Private Client wealth management and is studying to be a Certified Financial Planner. Lindsay is a member of the Junior League of Hartford and volunteers with the American Heart Association of Hartford dedicated to raising awareness of heart disease and stroke. She is finishing her term 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!

Jenna Naylor and Mike Fernandez got engaged this Christmas! Their daughter Maiven Elizabeth was born March 25 and came home on Easter Sunday.

Lauren Zona Hearne is living in Rochester, NY and teaching 4-6 grade band at Sodus Central School District. She and her husband Kenny welcomed their second baby, Nathan Michael on July 18th 2015. Big sister Stella loves her little brother and is doing so well! Lauren is looking forward to more Ago weddings and babies this year!

Sarah Paparella had a busy year; finished a residency program as an administrator in training, sat and passed her Nursing Home Administrator boards and then received an amazing job offer at Colonial Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Rome, NY as the Administrator. Sarah oversees the day to day operations and runs the Nursing Home that offers both short and long term skilled nursing and rehab. Sarah also added one to her family... A new puppy named Cooper!

Christina Rawady is finishing her second Master's degree at the Rotterdam Conservatory in Rotterdam, Netherlands. She works as a Bass Clarinetist for Camerata Rotterdam and AKOM Ensemble, both chamber ensembles based in Rotterdam. She also teaches English online to people from all over the world in her free time. This past year she has been to Berlin, Paris, Spain, Prague, Switzerland, Belgium, and many cities in the Netherlands, and has made sure to write $AK\Phi$ on historical monuments in each place as often as possible. When she graduates in June she hopes to stay abroad to pursue a performing career, before coming back to the USA to share her knowledge as a teacher.

Nicole Wilson is in her 6th year teaching elementary special education in Lexington, SC. She coaches Girls on the Run at her school, teaches dance, and plays kickball and soccer. She also continues to run half marathons throughout the year.

Class of 2010

For 10 days in November, Vanessa Primeau was in the Dominican Republic in Puerto Plata on the most amazing experience ever, with some of the most extraordinary people ever! She learned a lot and owes the experience to "Live Different". It is a non-profit organization based in Ontario Canada focused on changing ourselves and the world around us by embracing a lifestyle that cares for people, not stuff. They taught her so much and to see the results from everyone's hard work makes it seem like dreams can come true! Vanessa was so happy to build a home for an incredible and deserving family. She will always cherish the time she had with the family, contractors,

and community. Even with the language barriers they still made it work while they laughed, cried, and had the experience of a lifetime.

Rachael Thompson and husband Barry Kinlan bought an adorable house in Albany. They got married on April 2nd at the Desmond Hotel in Albany and Agonians Jessalyn Blackburn, Kelly Coleman, Lauren Bisio DuBois, Maureen McCullough, and Hilary Zaparzynski attended. Rachael works as a social worker at Albany Medical Center.

Hilary Zaparzynski was tired of a long distance romance so she moved to Boston in March.

Kristin Lozo visited Christina Rawady in the Netherlands in January. Together they traveled to Paris and saw many of the sights. Kristin completed the Disney Princess Half Marathon in February. In April she attended Seneca Kazda's wedding and ran the Raleigh Rock 'n Roll Half Marathon!

Class of 2011

Emily Biron married Paul Tocco in a beautiful ceremony in Vermont on September26. Several Agos attended including Elise Pacitti, Gwen Legendy, Chelsea Whiteman, Audrianna Vahue, Kristin Thompson, Laura Pohl.

Sarah Mackey Fraker and husband Rob bought a beautiful new home in Northern Virginia.

Seneca Kazda married Ben Hartmann on April 2 with Lindsay Mermell as one of her bridesmaids. Also attending were Agonians Sarah Paparella, Kristin Lozo, Michelle Pagano Champlin, and Chelsea Whiteman.

Class of 2012 Katie Beck is teaching in Chapel Hill, NC.

Audrianna Vahue is engaged to Brian Krajewski and is in her first year of teaching. She is teaching 9th grade Special Ed/Algebra at the 9th Grade Academy at Lawrence High School in Lawrence, MA.

Class of 2013

Morgan McGrath is teaching fourth grade AIS at Carthage Elementary and gave birth to her daughter Audree Ann in January.

Eva Mastoras is a recruiter at GEM Resourcing in Colorado.

Kayla Truax signed her lease for a one bedroom apartment in Potsdam. She can't wait to move in this summer. In March, Kayla and her mom took a cruise to the Bahamas.

Class of 2014

Lindsay Burress is teaching general music in Utica along with giving private lessons at Oneida Music Company.

Class of 2015

Cassie Smith, Theresa Pitera, and Clare Reilly are helping with the Ago relaunch and looking forward to taking Little Sisters!

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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 <i>The Anchor</i> 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!		
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