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I could never have imagined in 1993 when I pledged, the impact that this sorority would have on my life. It has truly helped me become the woman I am today. This past year, I stepped up my involvement as we relaunched our amazing house and I cannot express in words how meaningful it has been to me. Trekking to Potsdam last March from NYC and having a blast with Kelley Marsh '93 at a rush event convinced me that I needed to take on a greater role in my beloved Ago, so I decided to run for AAA President. Once again I had a fantastic time at Alumnae Weekend 2016 and helped organize the initiation party that fall, which signified the official relaunch of Ago and I further bonded with ladies beyond my years in Potsdam in the early 1990's. Sue Young '89 , has been a such a tremendous help as I have transitioned into my new position and I thank her for all the effort she put into Ago's relaunch. Jane Morale '80 has been a key person as well, spending countless hours recruiting and mentoring our new ladies. Again thank you Jane, you are a true blessing! My big, Keira McPherson '94 even took another little this year and we had a great time when we shared a dorm room in Draime Hall for the initiation weekend last fall. I urge you all to devote time to the relaunch of Ago in any way that you can, whether it be serving in a new position, mentoring a future member, attending Alumnae events or donating to our 11P Fundraiser. I know so many of you love the women you spent time with in Potsdam and that you hold a special bond with them, but you would be amazed at how many strong, wonderful women that Ago has been attracting since 1882. It will be exciting to move back into our home at 11 Pierrepont this summer and I hope to see you all on our porch in July as we celebrate the successful relaunch of the Agonian Sorority. Love in AKPhi, Jeannie Heinsohn '96 Agonian Alumni Association Officers President : Jeannie Heinsohn '96 Moraleje191@potsdam.edu or janemorale@agopotsdam.com	Agonian Alumnae Assoc Presider Agonian Board of Directors letter Treasurer Report Special Fund Reunion Weekend 1957 60 ^{°°} Reunion Ago Branding Principles Reunion Weekend Workshop Agonian Final Tea Rush Fall 2016 A Dream Becomes a Reality Fall 2016 Bid Day is here! Becca's Award Ago Lessons Community Service It's a Wrap! Making Anchors Being a "Big" Ago Mentor Program In Memoriam Mentoring New Member Program Initiation Fall 2016 Meet Fall 2016 Meet Fall 2017 Ago Family Trees Board of Directors News from Actives Our Hallowed Halls Election Time! Ago Blazers Get Connected! Ago Fundraiser Class News Lost Alumnae	-
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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:

- For the 2016/2017 school year, we have rented 11 Pierrepont to Army ROTC. This is the last year we will need to rent to another organization.
- SUNY Potsdam recognizes Ago again and we now have 15 new members from Fall 2016. For the 2017/2018 school year we are excited we will have Agonian members living at 11 Pierrepont again.
- With the new Bylaws, we now have a Review Committee to review the Bylaws for any updates. We currently have a few alumni on the Review Committee and are looking for a few more. Please let me know if you are interested in helping review the Bylaws.
- This past year we had more repairs/upgrades to 11 Pierrepont Avenue. See Licia Murrell's article on the repair highlights that have been done.

Thank you to all the Alumni and your donations to help keep our Ship Afloat.

Shelley Ives ('83), Board Chair

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AAA Treasurers Report by Paula Miller

	Beginning(7/1/2016)	As of 2/28/2017	
Checking	\$1,828.93	\$4,198.81	
Savings	\$5,654.99	\$5,655.97	
CD	\$7,664.60	\$7,665.64	
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Our largest expense each year is the publication and mailing of the Anchor newsletter in the spring. With our alumnae base growing every year, costs continue to rise. Won't you please help by providing your email address and elect to receive future Anchor editions as a PDF attachment in an email? In addition to lowering our costs, other benefits to receiving a PDF – it's searchable, there's less clutter in your house, and you can click on URLs in the newsletter to open a website! Your faithfulness in paying dues is critical to keeping our ship afloat and funding the scholarship and other activities. Thank you for your continued support!

Please Help our New Members

Financial Assistance Fund to Reduce Rush and New Member Costs

In Spring of 2015 a small group of actives were gathered with Jane Morale discussing the financial reality of our prospective relaunch class. It was all too clear that Greek membership comes with many hidden (and not so hidden) costs that present a hardship for most Potsdam students. Many alums are familiar with the incredibly rising cost of higher education, but perhaps you haven't thought about the impact on SUNY Potsdam. Quick Update - From The Institute for College Access and Success 2015 survey of public institutions, approximately 80% of SUNY Potsdam students graduate with debt that is on average about \$29,000.

And the impact on Ago? For our inaugural group the many expenses of marketing, new member programs and gifting to littles was a financial challenge primarily dealt with by generous Ago alumnae contributions and "absorbed" expenses. Now our new members face dues, the cost of living in the house, and the prospects of perpetuating many wonderful traditions of rush and being a big sister. For example, the heartfelt tradition of making an anchor for your little can wreak havoc with a weekly student budget. And more permanent gifts like an anchor pin, a ring, jacket, and composite picture are prohibitive in many cases. So as several of us were lamenting potential financial barriers and wondering how we could discretely help our sisters, Debbie "Dief" Hind suggested that we reactivate a financial assistance fund that once existed...and of course Jane, Wajda and Boles were all over it. Voila – ask and you shall receive – an anonymous donation got us jump started with the re-creation of a Special Fund for deferring some of the expenses for joining our wonderful sisterhood.

PLEASE consider giving to this special fund...mail a check payable to Agonian Sorority and send directly to: Colleen Filiak, Ago Board Treasurer, 711 Cascade road, Pittsburgh PA 15221. Please be sure to designate "financial assistance fund" on the check memo.

Reunion Weekend 2017		
We hope you are all getting ready for a great reunion in Potsdam, July 13 th – 16 th		
Dust off that jock shirt and put on your dancing shoes!		
Great time to message your Ago class and rally them to come up for a "mini reunion", it is always best if your friends are there to share your memories of your time in Potsdam.		
Sometimes it just takes a phone call to get your friends excited about seeing you in person.		
We have some big reunion classes this year!!!!		
Reunion time is also a great time to meet people who love Ago like you and make new friendships that will last a lifetime.		
Friday: Night porch party 4:00 pm- ??? Sergi's pizza at 6:00 pm.		
Saturday: 10:00 am AAA meeting		
Noon All Greek photo- let's proudly show our navy blue, gold and white for the photo!!		
2:00 pm Ago unity function to make fall Rush materials		
4:00 pm Porch Party		
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Sunday: 9:00 am Coffee and bagels		
Ago has a great group of new members who would love to meet you!!!		
This year is very special as we reclaim our house as Ago sorority again.		
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Class of 1957 - 60th Reunion!

I was a member of the class of 1957- which will celebrate a 60 year Potsdam Reunion. I'm planning to visit Potsdam for the reunion and wondered if any of my sorority sisters will be attending? While at Potsdam, I was Editor-in-Chief of the college newspaper, interviewed Eleanor Roosevelt when she opened the St. Lawrence Seaway, but my four years of high lights were establishing wonderful friends with my Agonian Sisters, many of whom have been lasting for now sixty years. If any of the '57 Class will be attending, please let me know at winde@sbcglobal.net. Betty Meehan (Wind) Ellwood



Last summer I was in Potsdam with my son, daughter-in-law and two grandkids during the reunion weekend. We were on our way home to MD after visiting Montreal and I have to tell you, I was so impressed with the campus, but especially the Ago house and the Agos that were there on the porch talking and snacking as always. My first thought was how to plan a get-together for the 60th reunion. So let's look into doing it. **Carol Battilana Rothermel**

AGO BRANDING PRINCIPLES APPROVED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the re-recognition of Ago by SUNY Potsdam, the Ago Board of Directors has approved a Branding policy for Actives and Alumnae. Julie Dold, SUNY Potsdam Greek Coordinator, suggested we "Brand" ourselves so it's clear to everyone what Ago stands for and what we expect of our sisters for now and in the future. Ago has not had a significant presence in Potsdam in about four years which is a lifetime for college students. And unfortunately, the last image of Ago was not a good one. This is our chance to re-define and consistently execute what we expect college women in Potsdam to associate with the Ago Brand.

WHAT is "Branding"? Basically, it's what we stand for and how we differentiate Ago from other sororities. Having each Active and Alum member consistently follow the Branding guidelines, especially in the next 2-3 years as we re-establish ourselves. This is particularly important when we wear clothing that "Brands" us publicly as Agonians and when we're in the village of Potsdam.

Ago's Official visual Branding "cues" include: Our <u>official name</u>s are: Ago, Agonian and Alpha Kappa Phi. Our <u>official Greek letters</u> are: Alpha Kappa Phi (AKΦ) Our <u>official Brand symbols</u> are: primarily the anchor; also the sailboat and the sailor hat Our <u>official flower</u> is: the yellow rose Our <u>official mascot</u> is: the doughboy Our <u>official logo</u> is: the Ago crest Our <u>Brand colors</u> are: gold, white & navy blue

Our official Dress Blues are: all black or navy blue (no other colors) and official Ago white blazers where available.

WHEN: Actives and Alums are asked to wear clothing that adheres to the official names, Greek letters, symbols and colors (navy blue, white and gold) anytime there is an official event where Actives and Alums can be seen in public and identified as official members of Ago. This includes: official functions and events sponsored by Ago or the Colleges or the Inter Sorority Council; regional Alumnae events; Reunion Weekends in Potsdam; official photographs that will be published ANYWHERE that identifies Ago members as part of our official Brand/Sorority (includes all social media, such as Facebook, Snapchat, etc.); during the New Membership period; during official community service projects and when in the public in Potsdam (especially on either campus).

HOW will questions or concerns be resolved?

The Board will set the standard for Branding. Exceptions to the official Ago Branding principle and guidelines require prior approval by the Board via a majority vote. The petitioner for exception must supply a visual example of what the exception looks like and the reason for the exception. Finally, this policy will be reviewed in 2-3 years.

Reunion Weekend – Rush Workshop! By Nicholle Francis '94

Rush workshop during Alumnae Weekend 2016 was a trip down memory lane and a look at Ago's future in an afternoon. We had an opportunity to meet two of our charter finalists, **Becca Fletcher '17** and **Alexis DiBartolomeo '17**, who were more than willing to hang with us at the house and prepare materials for Fall. Several of us sat on the porch, cutting out LifeSaver, Sailboat and Anchor name tags, a group hung out in the living room preparing "swag bags", and another crew cut out and outlined countless doughboys in the dining room. This activity brought about great memories of when I was an active preparing for Rush. We sang Ago songs (and the words came back so easily) and many of us had tears in our eyes as we sang 'The Yellow Rose'. Having many decades of Alumnae there was so special...some of whom did not know the song that was so dear to us

because they had graduated before **Missy Steinberg '88** wrote it. I was so happy to see our newest charter members helping us to keep our house strong. Becca and Alexis were so eager to hear our stories, learn about our traditions and how they remained unchanged over the 1970's, 80's and 90's. Ultimately, we accomplished a lot in a few hours because we worked so well together.



Agonian Final Tea Thursday September 29, 2016 By Bonnie Betters-Reed '73

Three things come to mind when I think back on our Final Tea: a beautiful tradition, an endearing team of alumnae, and an inspirational group of candidates for relaunching AGO. Let's start with the ambiance of our traditional Final Tea. You may recall that this is a most formal occasion with dress blues, candle light, lovely tea setting, meaningful connection through song and then transition to the silent period prior to bid night. We replicated this tradition in the Green Room of the Performing Arts Center where most of the rush activities were held. It was particularly momentous as this lovely room was a gift to the college from our own Lynne Boles and her hubby John Pries.

The Program and Teams: Our on-site member team consisted of Lynne Boles '74, Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75, Julie Radde Reagan '80, Becky Volans Akins '87, Tracey Diamond '92 and me. And although Jane Morale couldn't be there, her guidance, spirit and extensive supply of nautical décor and serving pieces permeated the entire event. A special call out goes to Debbie for her catering exemplar – in particular, the Ago sugar cookies were a knock out and way too yummy. The six of us touched base with 17 young women in attendance and hopefully we demonstrated just how special they were to us. When we formed the Ago friendship circle, hand over hand, each of our Ago team shared "what Ago means to me" followed by our hastily rehearsed version of "We Pledge our Hearts to Thee", aka, "Yellow Rose". Our charter members (Alexis DiBartolomeo '17, Becca Fletcher '17, Bonnie Zellner '17, and Sam Veihdeffer '18) who had been asked to play a special role hosting the candidates, lead the recessional while we presented a real yellow rose and everyone exited in silence.



The Gals: What an incredible gathering of young women – I was overwhelmed by their stories, their diversity and most of all, their commonality clearly evidenced in their caring of each other, their appreciation of this special evening, and their ability to not only interact with Potsdam Ago alum, but to actively listen. Becca Fletcher, one of our charter members, provided the following reflection: "I remember welcoming everyone to final tea and the thought going through my mind was how long I'd waited for this day. It's one thing to hear other people's experiences but being there in that room, in that moment... we felt like a family." Tears, smiles, stories, traditions, gourmet delights and most of the right notes...it was indeed a memorable Final Tea.

Rush Fall 2016 By Cassie Smith '15

Everyone was so excited to kick off our Fall Rush of 2016! With the help of many alumnae and our first charter members from the Spring, we started the season with a bang! Tabling in the union on Saturdays allowed alumnae and the charter members to connect with girls and let them know what Ago was all about. The table was beautifully decorated with anchors, balloons and even a treasure chest of Ago goodies thanks to Jane Morale! From tabling alone, we were able to make ourselves known on campus and begin some chatter circulation of "Ago's return".

Other events to get to know the rushes included gatherings such as our "Basic Girl Brunches" which included pumpkin spiced

coffees and Dunkin Donuts breakfast by the St. Lawrence River. Mini frozen yogurt parties also helped to get to know each of the new rushes and understand why they believed Ago was the right choice for them. We were so fortunate to have the help of the Delta Kappa fraternity (DK), who threw a breakfast for us and our rushes including Nutella strawberries and French toast. The entire event was a huge success and lead to the hope for more co-rush events in the future! The hard work and dedication of our alumnae and charter members certainly paid off! Our efforts led to the reestablishment of Ago on campus, and a great interest of new members!



A Dream Becomes a Reality – Participating in Rush and Bid Day By Lynne Boles '74

As part of the Ago Task Force who helped to "relaunch" Ago, I really wanted to participate in the Rush and New Member Education events on campus in 2016. Since I was in the middle of moving from Ohio to Florida this year, I didn't go to as many things in Potsdam as I would have liked; but I am so glad that I got to spend time with some of the new members and I'm thrilled to be part of the Mentor Program. There are now two new members in my Ago Family Tree - **Haley Snell '18** (also my Mentee) and **Ashley Cruz '19**. The best part of participating in the relaunch is that I was able to spend time with Ago Alums I've known for decades AND other Alums that I met for the first time this year.

As part of the Spring Rush for Charter Members, several Alumnae hosted an Afternoon Tea on campus in May 2016 to meet the Charter Member finalists. The group was small enough that we could have a good conversation. That's when we first heard students confirm that what Ago offers is unique versus other sororities and highly valued - things like the Mentorship Program and the promise of NO hazing. The Alums who were there included: myself '74, **Bonnie Betters-Reed '73, Jane Morale '80, Julie Radde Reagan '80** and **Clare Reilly '16**. The students were: **Becca Fletcher '17, Bonnie Zellner '17, Alexis DiBartolomeo '17, Samantha Veihdeffer '18**, Sarah Noel, Brianna Jessmore, and Chelsea Rose (the last 3 would eventually not become members of Ago).

During the 2016 Reunion Weekend in July, we were able to spend more time with the Charter Members who came up to meet alumnae as a part of their introduction to Ago. I wasn't able to participate in the work session at the House where Alums and Charter Members put together Ago items for Rush events, but I did make the group Ago picture---quite a turn out!

In early October 2016, we held Final Tea, Bid Day, and the first New Member Education session. I was thrilled to take part in all three events.



Final Tea was held in the new Performing Arts Center with **Bonnie Betters-Reed '73**, my former Pledge Mistress, as Team Leader. If you know Bonnie, you won't be surprised to learn she "encouraged" some of her former pledges to show up and take part. She convinced Dief (**Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75**) to bring the food from Albany including her famous hand-made cookies in the shape of anchors, sailboats, and whales. They were the hit of the night! Bonnie's little sister, Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74 was there along with **Julie Radde Reagan '80, Tracey Diamond '92,** and **Clare Reilly '16**. Jane Morale was there in spirit with her three suitcases full of Ago paraphernalia. No joke! Jane has Ago themed pillows, dishes, cups, napkins, tablecloths, etc. If it has an anchor or a sailboat on it, Jane owns it. And she shares those items at every Ago event—even if she is not there.

We lucked out on the weather for Bid Day—no rain. We could not believe our luck when 15 new Ago Members ran down Pierrepont Avenue to accept our bid as we sang to them *"That's the One Girl, True Girl, That's the Little Ago Girl"* just as we did in the past. No other sorority came close to that many new members, clearly our message has been heard!

We held a brunch for the new members on Sunday morning of Bid Day Weekend. Many of Alums who came up for Bid Day stayed over to attend the brunch and spend some time with the New Members.

After a wonderful brunch, the first of many New Member Educations classes took place. The New Member Education Leader, Jane Morale, took them through the material written by Jane and **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88** and approved by the College's Greek Life Coordinator. Myself, **Sue Wajda '74** and Clare Reilly (who worked with Jane on many of the Rush events) sat in the back of the classroom and watched as our newest Agonians began their lifelong learning about our history and traditions. It brought back fond memories of Betters trying to cram that stuff into my head when I pledged!

It was a great experience. After all Ago has been through in the past few years, I think the Alums enjoyed it more than the New Members.

Fall 2016 – The Anticipation is Over - Bid Day is Here! By Clare Reilly '16

THE DAY was finally here, October 1st 2016! After 3 years of preparing and countless alumnae involved in the making of the new member program, rush, and putting all the puzzle pieces together, it was finally **Bid Day 2016**. Ago was actually going to relaunch!

We couldn't believe it... we went from having a handful of girls interested in the spring to having a strong Fall Rush, giving out 16 Final Tea invites, and 15 accepted bids! Our new members would all have alumnae as big sisters, which presented a logistical issue since many of the big sisters were quite remote and unable to make it to Potsdam for Bid Day. But, we had it worked out so there was a big sister, alumnae mentor, or someone in the same family for all 15 girls! Ago alumnae in attendance at the incredible Bid Day included: **Bonnie Betters-Reed '73, Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74, Sue Wajda '74, Vera Thurston Gibbs '78, Sharon Cooney '78, Jane Morale '80, Julie Radde Reagan '80, Paula Douglas Miller 83, Becky Volans Akins '87, Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, Kelly Underwood '88, Ren Hallinan Reagan '90, Karen Martino '94**, and me! The majority of us met in front of the Ago house just like the old days waiting in



anticipation of the new members, while a few alumnae stayed back on campus to meet the new members and bring them to the corner of Bay Street and Pierrepont. One at a time the girls were sent down Pierrepont as we sang *"That's the one girl true girl, that's the little Ago girl"*. We couldn't be happier to see all this actually happening. It was an incredible and very emotional experience!!



After all the hard work and months and months of preparation we finally had 15 girls running down Pierrepont Avenue to become Agonians! Our dream was a reality. Tears were certainly flowing that day!

Because I was the last Ago Affiliate on campus in Spring 2016, I helped with a lot of the on campus work surrounding the planning and promoting of the Spring 2016 campaign to get Charter Members including attending Interest Party events, tabling in the Union, and making and hanging flyers for our events. As we started gaining traction, I met with some of the rushes over coffee or lunch and helped

to carry forth the new Ago message. Over the summer, I helped with the final preparations on the New Member Program which included making quizzes and handling the logistical aspects of the program. I was thrilled to be able to take a little sister from the class of Fall 2016. I met Sam Veihdeffer '18 at one of the first rush events we had and I knew I wanted her to be my little sister. We are extremely alike and we just meshed so well together. To see my little who was also one of the very first Ago charter members running down Pierrepont on Bid day is one amazing memory of Ago that I will cherish forever. I can't wait to see more bid days and to see the traditions carry down from year to year.

Back to the Future with the One Room Schoolhouse by Sue Wajda '74

I had the pleasure of interviewing Jane Morale, Class of 1980, regarding her experiences as both Agonian Sorority Pledge Mistress in 1979-80, then training and serving as a resource for subsequent PMs, and most recently her first time as New Member Educator in the fall of 2016. There are many similarities that our alumnae will find reassuring and soothing, but also due to the requirements of the college and necessary changes in our Constitution/Bylaws, we were challenged with developing a totally new and concise program to prepare young women to be knowledgeable, contributing new members with the spirit, "the feeling that is Ago".

Serving Agonian as a Senior and Pledge Mistress was Jane's first successful teaching experience. An excellent student, a Cranie to boot, Jane made the President's List and missed not a single class in her 4 years. Yet she struggled with how to be a great teacher while being an authoritarian figure. These dichotomies came together and blended magically in her Pledge Mistress role, as she felt such a depth of love for Ago that she simply wanted her pledges to understand, appreciate and

feel that love for themselves. 35 years of career teaching later, Jane once again applied both her unquestionable love and expertise to our new members using a new syllabus, imposed restrictions, limited time, complicated schedules, a somewhat stark environment but with the aid of technology and amazing assistance by remote, caring Agonian sisters.

She and our 15 new members faced a ticking clock from college-determined Bid Day through Initiation, condensing a once 8 week program into 3 weekends with only 3 hours in one session per week permitted. (If many of us recall, we spent an hour each day down at the house learning, studying, cleaning, working off demerits in addition to lengthy pledge meetings.). And speaking of the house, we pledges would meet in the racks, dressed in comfy sweats



or blues donning our precious sailor hats, pledge pins and heavy books that went everywhere with us, even in the shower!

And about the material, amazing well-thought out efforts on the part of alumnae all over the country pulled together a comprehensive training program. Hats off to our sisters for the tough job of weeding through volumes of material and songs we once had to learn, also incorporating reams of new guidelines, constitutional changes, amended offices and their issues and so much more. And we once had 24/7 access to a Pledge Mistress, a source of support, a kind face to ask questions of, a soft shoulder to cry on. Jane made herself available by phone, text, Facebook, Skype and otherwise. Big sisters and Mentors, all alumnae and living far away, provided support and encouragement the same way. Just imagine having a Big Sister you have



never met! The extreme time constraints along with so many other constraints and guidelines made it quite the challenge to choose, digest, process and jam what they felt was necessary into these lesson plans. The girls learned much of our colorful history, important facts, the Greek alphabet and a subset of our hundreds of songs, some 3-5 each week. During their short stint as New Members, we stuck to our guns and provided ZERO HAZING. Now that included so many traditions that we never knew were actually hazing like wearing sailor hats and blues,

carrying pledge books, addressing members (in our days, getting to know them), cupid day (ah, the chance to ask a guy I was sweet on to walk me to class...), making up songs for function entertainment, making and hanging a banner in the Union (now a fire hazard), even giving demerits for missing a meeting/lesson. We also had a house to go to, and not permitted to enter until

we were all together as a unified class. That unity, so critical as our foundation for future success with basic operating as well as achieving, project tackling, simply had to happen in a new way.

And the bonding IS indeed happening, tough with 15 very diverse individuals in any situation. Looking toward the future, the key to our success is alumnae presence!

Fall 2016 Community Service Programs By Becky Volans Akins '87 and Tessa Tanner '19

One component of the Ago New Member Program is to fulfill 10 hours of community service each semester. Our Fall '16 ladies decided to participate and fundraise for the "Beat the Monster" walk as their Group Project during the program. The girls tabled in the Union to collect donations and get signatures on a banner. They carried the banner proudly during the walk with many names of Alumnae that had breast cancer. They sold "We fight together" Agonian Sorority breast cancer t-shirts to the alumnae, set up a "Go Fund Me" account for donations, and even won a bra-decorating contest at the event. The saying "Ago's Back" spelled out with glitter on the back of the bra helped the girls win this contest. Their combined efforts raised \$1,660 for a local boutique "All About Me" that specializes in clothing for women recovering from a mastectomy! Because it was held the same weekend as Ago Initiation, several Ago alumnae joined the Fall '16 members and walked in the Cancer Walk on October 29th including: **Sue Wajda '74**, **Barb Putman Cregg '75**, **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**, **Jane Morale '80**, **Martie Hulsander Dixon '80**, **Dori D'Agostino Wrobel '86**, **Becky Volans Akins '87**, **Daphne D'Agostino Valentine '89**, **Susan Young '89**, and **Clare Reilly '16**. Another Potsdam sorority, Omega Delta Phi, also joined Ago during the walk. It was a very successful community service project for a worthwhile cause. We are so proud of the new members for their achievement!



Many of the girls did additional service work for a variety of organizations and volunteered for several activities sponsored by SUNY Potsdam's All Greek Council. The girls represented Ago during the Holiday Fund. As the week progressed, along side all of the Greek houses in Potsdam, they played volleyball and built gingerbread houses to raise money for children in the Potsdam community that wouldn't be opening gifts this year. Some of the girls even worked the

semiannual Blood Drive with All Greek Council.

The Spring semester's group service project has not been determined. At a meeting in December, multiple ideas were discussed including Relay for Life.

Ago Task Force – It's a Wrap! By Susan Young '89

It's hard to believe that it's been 4 years since Ago's future was put on hold. The work of the Crisis Team to develop a Strategic Plan followed by the hard work of the dedicated Task Force to implement that plan has been phenomenal. Several Agonian Alum stepped up to the plate to help achieve one common goal, return Ago to campus and set us on a course to be Best in Class at Potsdam.

Key to our success has been sorting through years of "traditions" to determine which we should embrace for our future. With the stricter rules on hazing combined with a higher drinking age, many of the old "traditions" had to be set aside. What we kept was a common theme of traditions that share the love of our sisterhood and teach unity (aka teamwork). Ago moved to a "New Member Program" to eliminate the potential for hazing along the way. We also introduced transparency to our program between the Active members, alumnae, and the school.

I was so excited that through the Interest Parties last spring we were able to get four great Charter members. Fall 2016 rush provided us with another group of great students rounding out Fall 2016 to 15 new Agonians embarking on Ago's path to success. I was fortunate to be one of the many alumnae who became a Big Sister again, taking **Abby Sexton '19** as my little sister! It has been a great joy to be a big again – working with my little, **Megan Fallon '07** to get the anchors, pillows, and scrapbooks done for both her little **Gabby Guarasce '18** and Abby. Being a big is hard enough without being long distance!

We now put the success of Ago into the hands of our new members. With the guidance of the Alumnae Advisory Committee, Mentor Program, and Alumnae Community Service team, we should be Best in Class in no time. To be successful, we do require the commitment of not only the Actives, but also Alumnae to volunteer their time to help. Please consider participating however you can!

An Ago Family Affair Making Anchors By Tracey Diamond '92

I have so many amazing memories from my time as an active member of Ago. One of my favorite memories was coming home to my dorm room during pledging and finding the beautiful anchor my big sister **Andrea Newhouse Frascatore '89** made for me. The detail and the traditions passed down made a lasting impression on me. With the relaunch of Ago this year, I had time to reconnect with more Agos than I could imagine from all over the country. I was honored to be selected to take a little in this class to carry on our family line! Shopping for all of the nautical keepsakes was a challenge in the off-season but I came through with some pretty neat stuff for **Haley Snell '19**. Amazon saved the day! My Big Big Sister **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88** was also taking a little sister, **Ashley Cruz '19**. Colleen is in Florida and reached out to Andrea to make the anchor. I was so happy to hear that Andrea was making the anchor so I called her and asked if we could make the anchors together. She said yes and we reconnected after 20 years! The best part of our time together? We picked up where we left off! We have gotten together many times since the initial call to make the anchors. The big difference between making anchors then and now? We forgot how hard it could be to cut foam in straight lines, trace stencils on fabric and to have enough straight pins to adhere the fabric. At school, there were so many teachers in Ago so there was never a shortage of stencils, fabrics and ideas! We kept the tradition of green fabric, pink letters, anchor on the top along with ribbon woven through the lace. We updated our family poem on the back of the anchor. We laughed a lot and our backs were sore from bending over gluing the anchor together but our bond was never stronger.

The anchors were given to the new members at Initiation. I was very excited that I was able to attend the event and see Haley's joy as she received her letters, anchor, and gifts. It was made better by a surprise visit from Colleen – she flew in Friday night and helped put the finishing touches on Ashley's anchor and then went up to Potsdam to give it to Ashley in person. I am so grateful to the relaunch because it brought new friendships and renewed more friendships. It is a great time to be an Agonian!





The Love of Being a "Big" By Becky Volans Akins '87

Never did I think that 31 years after I pledged Ago, I would again be wearing a sailor hat, dress blues, singing songs, tabling in the Union, and interviewing potential new members of the Agonian Sorority at SUNY Potsdam. What fun I've had with other Ago alumnae relaunching our beloved sorority. I participated in Rush events in both Spring and Fall of 2016. Rekindling friendships from years past and meeting new alumnae, while telling potential rushes about our sorority were some of the benefits of being involved with the relaunch.

Nothing can describe the feeling of Bid Day on October 1st, when 15 girls ran down Pierrepont Ave pledging themselves to Ago! When I agreed to take a little sister, **Rachel Rudd '19**, in this class, I didn't realize how much I truly love being involved. With the help of my 22 year old daughter, I found myself crafting an anchor, pillow, and photo frame for Initiation. The end result of our efforts was truly amazing; I hadn't crafted since my last little sister in Spring '86! Tears of joy fell on initiation night when we gave our little sisters their blue sweatshirts, anchors, and nautical gifts. As the new members sang their pledge class song "Ago's Back," we looked around the room and thought **YES WE ARE!**

Ago Mentor Program – the Beginning of a Beautiful Friendship By Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88 and Clare Reilly '16

In the Fall of 2013, the Ago Task Force kicked off the Affiliate Program with 10 student members. Each was assigned a mentor, including **Clare Reilly '16** who was assigned to **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88**. There was a small connection which facilitated the selection of this pairing; Colleen knew Clare's dad, Kevin Reilly who was in DSP at Clarkson. And so a relationship began... Over 3 years later, we asked Colleen and Clare to share their experience with us!



Colleen: Mentoring Clare has been a great experience for me! It was fun to share traditions and talk about Ago again after all these years. I think the friendships have come to mean more to me as I've gotten older. Talking with Clare brought back such terrific memories from my time in Potsdam. Even though I am in Florida, Clare and I were able to get really close over the last few years. In the summer of 2015, we met in person for the first time in St. Augustine, FL; we got to spend the whole day together. We both drove over 4 hours to make it happen and we're so glad we did! You may think it would be difficult to strike up a friendship with someone the same age as my son, but it was not. We always had plenty to talk about. We talked about her goals, classes she was taking, family, community service, and a lot about Ago. It's been great watching Clare become an independent, strong young lady who we can all be proud to call our Sister. I think our relationship helped with the relaunch because Clare was able to share what a positive experience it was having a mentor. She was a

huge help with the first Rush group and New Member Program. I found it rewarding to see her be so involved and work so hard to bring Ago back. I'm very grateful that I got to see her again at Initiation last fall! I know we will always share a special bond. Knowing Clare has enriched my life.

Clare: Having Colleen as a mentor has been an amazing experience. When I learned that Ago was starting the mentoring program I didn't really know what that meant, but I kept an open mind about all of it. I knew that I already had parents so what more did I need!! But boy was I wrong. Colleen and I have developed such an incredible relationship over the last few years. We have chatted about not only Ago but all aspects of life. Colleen lives in Florida so our communication was always via text or phone call, but we hadn't met in person until we both met in St. Augustine for the day a couple summers ago. It felt like we had seen each other 100 times before that; that to me is true friendship and sisterhood. For Initiation this past fall Colleen had the opportunity to come to Potsdam. She kept it a surprise, so when I saw her it was instant tears. It was one of the best surprises ever. I struggled thru exams, classes, breakups, problems with friends and family and thru everything Colleen was always there to talk or just to listen. Even in her incredibly busy schedule with everything going on in her life she always took the time out to talk even if it was just a few texts back and forth. Today, we still have an amazing connection; one that I cherish so much. We still chat at least once a month but usually it's more! I know that Colleen and I will be friends and sisters forever because of the connection we've had from day 1. The mentoring program has had such a positive impact on my life. Not only do I have an amazing friend because of it, but I truly understand the strong sisterhood and all that Ago stands for because of this opportunity.

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.....

Margaret Swang '47	Mary Martel Barvoets '49	Gail Dantz Bradley '64
Lucille Kastner '50	Maryan McCarthy '57	Priscilla Vennard Decker '64
Shirley Anthony Carman '48	Bev Mikel Kneessy '58	Patricia (Trish) McBride Quackenbush '69
Shirley Valentine Backus '49		Mal Kane-Parker '77

Mentoring Becca Fletcher is a Mutual Street By Bonnie Betters Reed '73

Becca Fletcher '17 and I generally check in with each other through text or email...and I haunt her with Bitmojis of my likeness. Yesterday (Jan. 29, 2017) we actually had a chance to catch up on a telephone call – Becca's suggestion. And all I can say is WOW – what a wonderful young woman we have with this Senior and Charter Member. Just to fill y'all in on our connection – we first met at a rush party sponsored of course by **Jane Morale '80** and **Clare Reilly '16** spring of 2016. I knew right away that if I were to be a mentor, that Becca would be my dream gal. She tells me that the feeling was mutual.

Becca is a Business major with a minor in Community Health. She is an accomplished campus leader as an RA, OL, Emerging Leader, Third VP of Ago (House Manager)...plus she is engaged in community service, tutoring, and hospital



work and more. Her proud identity as an Afro-American woman provides a much needed role model for our increasing diversity at SUNY Potsdam. I believe Becca knows I support her 100%.

I love hearing Becca talk about her classes and am well aware that she has a heavy work load in her major this last semester at Potsdam. Those of you that took classes that required extensive group work will empathize with her extra challenge in course methodology. I taught group based courses and gave her a couple tips, but frankly Becca's interpersonal skills are more than well suited for managing the trials of group dynamics.

Becca will probably head to graduate school next year to get advanced preparation to become a hospital administrator although a year off is not out of the question either. I encouraged Becca to embrace either route as they both provide advantages.

We also talked about Ago and the big transition this spring as the new members face recruiting more members and will soon elect officers for next year. As a former pledge mistress who shifted the paradigm considerably, I told her the story about how it was necessary that I leave a good written record of the revised pledge cycle – which I did that summer after graduation when I was in grad school myself.

It is probably clear that I adore Becca and feel so privileged to be her Mentor. She brings joy to my heart and meaning to my continued relationship with our alma mater and Ago. I will be back at Potsdam for another Foundation Board meeting the beginning of May and hope that Becca and I can celebrate her imminent graduation – what fun.

Ago New Member Program By Becky Volans Akins '87

Ago now has a New Member Program instead of traditional pledging. It is our hope that by doing so, we will encourage our student members to embrace the true meaning of sisterhood and focus on learning the history of the sorority, get to know each other and the members of Ago, and learn how to be an Ago. For Fall 2016, our New Member Educator was **Jane Morale '80** Being a part of the New Member Program was very rewarding. I was able to sit in on the meetings watching Jane, explain the various aspects of our sorority, teach the girls our songs, and hear their stories about uniting as the members of the "pledge class" of Fall '16.

As part of the program, I invited the girls to my house for dinner and a tour of our farm in Lisbon. Little did I know how much fun this would be! 15 girls trying to squeeze onto farm equipment for pictures, driving ATVs, holding kittens, milking cows, feeding calves, singing, and laughing until our stomachs hurt! What an awesome time that Jane, **Martie Dixon '80**, and I had with the girls!

In December, I attended a Sunday evening meeting. I beamed with pride as the girls, now full members of Ago, sang the hymn and conducted a meeting with maturity & respect for each other. Ago is in good hands moving forward, and that is a great feeling!



Initiation Fall 2016 - Agonian Relaunch By Jeannie Heinshon '96

As months of preparation gave way to the excitement of the hours ticking down until we finally put those brand new navy and white Alpha Kappa Phi letters on the 15 new ladies who would relaunch our beloved house, I stood in awe of how we got here and the countless, thankless hours that went into this moment. As I looked around the room, I saw Alumnae from so many different generations, from such diverse backgrounds and professions, all with the same feeling of joy and love for an organization far bigger than anyone of us. Although we were not at 11P, we made the room in Bowman Hall feel like home with all of the decorations, thank you **Jane Morale '80** as those details set a beautiful tone for an amazing evening. Of course the moment many of us remember from our own days at Ago was the day we got our anchors from our big sisters and I feel this remains a special part of our program, as the girls were so thrilled to receive them. It was so special to see the new ladies as a group, knowing that the bond they are forming will keep them going, through good times and bad, way beyond their days in Potsdam. I also got to spend the weekend bonding with my own big sister **Keira McPherson '94**, who took another little sister. Who knew at 42 that I would have a twin sister in college right now? Although I must admit one of the most special parts of the dinner for me came at the end when our new members did entertainment for the alumnae present and sang a song...."Ago's back...back on Pierrepont Avenue"...I could not agree more with the sentiments expressed in their sweet little song.



Meet Fall 2016



Back Row: Bonnie Zellner, Abby Sexton, Sabrina Wood, Rebecca Nielsen, Tessa Tanner, Sam Veihdeffer, Julie Levonne, Brittany Van Tassel, Sonya Ortiz

Front Row: Haley Snell, Gabby Guarasce, Becca Fletcher, Rachel Rudd, Alexis DiBartolomeo, Ashley Cruz

Meet Spring 2017



Ago Family Trees!

We are currently working on Ago family trees. We have successfully mapped most of the new members back to the mid-70s and would like to eventually get everyone mapped to our current active membership. We would love to get some help with the trees! On bid day, most of us received a chart with all the members and their Ago family. If you have that chart, can you please make a copy and email it to us at <u>alumnae@agopotsdam.com</u>? Also, if you are a member of the class of 1973 or prior, can you please send us your family tree as well – as much as you know? If you know a classmate's family, please send that too! You can also make copies of any paperwork on family trees and send to: Susan Young, 8282 Decoy Run, Manlius, NY 13014. If you would like a copy of your tree (or the entire workbook), please send us an email and we'll get it to you!

Need BIG sister	Need LITTLE sister(s)	Need BIG AND LITTLE sisters
Deborah Shugart Fish '74	Debbie Chick '74	Debi Dapson Smith '74
Sue Rhow Thodd '75	Pam Silk Culver 74	Marjorie Green Tornatore '74
Trissa Gile '76	Peg Northrup Mann '74	Sue Barron Clauss '75
Betsy Osterhout Washam '76	Elizabeth Brown '85	Kathy Drew '75
Clareann Lomber '77	Kristin O'Brien Prillaman '91	
Leanne Lavestsky '85	Missy Bryant '94	
	Sheila Kane Pierce '94	
	Nancy Weppner '95	

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News from our Actives

Hi everyone! Over winter break I had the opportunity to travel to Cienfuegos, Cuba for two weeks as part of a travel course dealing with the agroecology of Cuba. This course was unique because we were the first class from the SUNY system to go to Cuba. It was also unique because as of right now American citizens cannot travel to Cuba as tourists, but we can go for educational reasons (amongst others).

While Cuba doesn't have a traditional hotel industry, they do have family operated homes that rooms can be rented in. As such, all 19 of us were spread over about half a dozen homes throughout the city! During the two weeks there we learned about the agroecology, but also the culture and history of Cuba. This was done through a mixture of day trips and lectures from the local university. From an agricultural perspective Cuba is vastly ahead of the U.S. when it comes to sustainability. Whereas pesticides are frequently used in the U.S., in Cuba they focus on natural methods of pest management and disease mitigation.

In addition to learning about agriculture we also visited cultural sites. My favorites were the Playa Giron (Bay of Pigs) Museum, the Che Geuvara Memorial, and visiting the city of Trinidad. The Bay of Pigs Museum was by far one of the most interesting because I was able to learn of this event from the Cuban perspective which is incredibly different from the one the U.S. tells. The Che memorial really helped to show how important the revolution was to the country. The amount of history and reverence for the revolutionary leaders was apparent throughout the country, but it was really shown at the memorial.

Lastly, one of my favorite day trips was to Trinidad. Both the city of Trinidad and Cienfuegos are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. In Cuba there are a group of men who are referred to as the "Cuban Five". This group of men helped the revolution and helped the efforts afterward. While their photos were plastered on the walls, one of them was there in person! Rene Gonzalez just happened to be visiting, and when he realized we were a group of Americans he took the time to tell us his story (he spent years in Miami in prison for espionage). After the museum in Trinidad we had our first Canchancharas. Folklore has it that revolutionaries used to drink two of them before going off to fight. They consist of honey, lime juice, and sugar-cane liquor called Aguardiente and are served in a clay cup.

While these were just some highlights of the trip, there is so much more to be said. Every day was a learning experience and barely a few hours went by without learning something new. If you ever have the chance to go to Cuba do not let it pass by – it was one of the best experiences of my life. If you want to know more feel free to reach out!

~Julie LeVonne

Our Hallowed Halls

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

- The electrical box was replaced due to being outdated. All outlets throughout the house were upgraded to three prongs.
- The front porch had a make over. Fiberglass pillar replace the old wood, the floor was power washed, sanded and painted and the ceiling painted.
- All exterior window trim on the house was either painted or wrapped.
- The back steps were rebuilt.
- The upstairs hall was painted.

This year we hope to generate funds for upgrades in the Living Room! Again, thanks for keep our ship afloat!!! See you all at Alumni Weekend for a tour of the House!!!

Licia Urtis Murrell '82 House Repair Manager

How do I volunteer? Who is my class rep? Have any other questions you need answered? Please feel free to contact a member of the AAA by email or the AAA President at the return address listed on the newsletter.

Also, please consider paying your dues at this time! PayPal is an easy way to pay dues! See Ago Fundraiser Article for more info!

It is election time again!!!

We are hoping to find some enthusiastic alumnae who would like to serve as officers in AAA and the Board of Directors.

The following offices are up for election:

AAA (two year term)

Vice President - Two year term, limit of two consecutive terms.

Responsibilities:

- Facilitate the Reunion Weekend Committee and the Newsletter Committee.
- Recruit Class Representatives to collect news for the newsletter.
- Submit a report at the annual Alumnae Association meeting.
- Submit a budget proposal for Reunion Weekend and the newsletter to the Treasurer.
- Participate in regular meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. with the officers of the Alumnae Association.

• Assist the President and perform the functions of the President when, for any reason, the President is absent or unable to perform said duties.

Treasurer - Two year term, limit of two consecutive terms.

Responsibilities:

- Oversee the annual budget and the budget process.
- Ensure that all bills are paid.
- Collect dues and donations and make deposits in a timely manner.
- Submit a written report at annual Alumnae Association meeting.
- Present financial books and records to President once per year at the end of the fiscal year.

• Supervise withdrawal of funds. Any unbudgeted expenditures must have the approval of at least two additional officers of the Alumnae Association, one of which must be the President.

Board of Directors (3 year term)

Treasurer - Three year term, limit of two consecutive terms. Responsibilities:

- Collect rent and board from the 11 Pierrepont Avenue residents.
- Collect security deposits from the 11 Pierrepont Avenue residents.
- Pay all utility and repair bills, taxes and insurance for Agonian property.
- Develop and monitor annual House budget.

House Repair Manager - Three year term, limit of two consecutive terms.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as liaison to Active Member House Manager.
- · Approve all Agonian House Property repairs.
- Manage all major 11 Pierrepont improvements and initiatives.

If interested you should contact Vera Gibbs by email <u>vmgibbs@syr.edu</u> by June 1st. Include a small paragraph about why you want the position, and relevant experience. We are hopeful that many alumnae who have expressed interest in getting more involved will take this opportunity.

For more details, including updates and voting information, please visit <u>http://agopotsdam.com/?p=2223</u>

Ago Blazers!

Ago has a long standing tradition of wearing our beautiful blazers at special events. The tailor who made our blazers is no longer in business. While we are searching for a new tailor to custom make blazers, we were hoping some alumnae would be willing to donate their blazer to the house! We will try to get it to a new member in your family. If you are willing to donate, please email us at <u>alumnae@agopotsdam.com</u> and we'll give you the address to mail it to! Also, if anyone knows a tailor who would do the blazers (the piping is the tricky part), let us know!

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 Public Facebook Page for our Sorority: Agonian Sorority Potsdam

<u>https://www.facebook.com/AgonianSororityPotsdam/</u>Please take a moment to "like" our page. We will be posting all public events here. It is our Public face to the world.

Our <u>Alumnae</u> Facebook account is: <u>Agonian Alum</u> and we have over 650 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. If you are looking for a long lost sister, check out our friends list or send a Facebook message. Please note that the Agonian Alum account is friends with Ago Alumnae as well as prospective Agonian student members, friends, and family.

Our <u>Active Member</u> Facebook account is: **Ago Potsdam**. The purpose of this account is to actively promote our sisterhood across campus. We invite alumnae to "friend" this account so you can follow along with the many great things our Active members are doing on campus. The Ago Potsdam account is friends with Ago student members, Ago alumnae, prospective Agonians, friends, and family. We have a private group called <u>Ago</u>. This is a "secret" group and you must be added by another Agonian. Anything posted here is private and intended for Agonians only.

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, Oneonta, and New Paltz. Members can post jobs, internships, and network with other Agos.

EMAIL

At this point, we 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 Agonian Alumnae Association. We have created Lifetime email forwarding addresses for every Agonian (with a valid email). You can reach most of your sisters by using the convention <u>FirstMaiden@agopotsdam.com</u> for example: <u>JaneMorale@agopotsdam.com</u> **CLASS DISTRIBUTION LISTS**

This year, we created Class Distribution lists to make it easier for our alumnae to re-connect, plan reunions, and plan gettogethers! Each class has an email address. When you send an email to that address, it will forward to all the Agonians in that class. For example: <u>Ago1989@agopotsdam.com</u> will forward to all members of the Class of 1989. All DLs are the same convention: AgoYear@agopotsdam.com. It's a quick and easy way to reach out to your classmates!

The Changing Face of SUNY Potsdam - Panel Discussion NYC - by Jeannie Heinsohn '96

As SUNY Potsdam enters it's third century, the face of Potsdam has changed significantly. The current freshman class includes 41% people of color, making it the most diverse population of students in the College's history. The goal of the panel, of which **Becca Fletcher** was a participant, was to bring together important voices, including Alumni in the NYC area (Thank you **Nichole Francis '94** for attending as well), to help understand the challenges minority students face and engage to



strengthen support for ALL SUNY Potsdam students! A special Thank you to **Becca** for representing Ago as best in class!

Ago Fundraiser – Let's Make 11P HOME again!

So Ago sisters, we did it! Ago is back!!! We have new active members and a new Spring 2017 class underway! What an accomplishment! But we are not finished! Our Active members will once again be living at the house beginning Sept 2017. So 11P will once again be the Ago home. We want them to live in a safe, clean, and beautiful environment. We need help getting Ago ready not only for the members who will live there, but also for the Alumnae, friends & family, and distinguished guests from the schools who will be visiting. Most importantly, beginning Fall 2017, Ago will be inviting rushes to our cherished home at 11P once again! It is vital that the Ago House makes a very favorable first impression, from walking up the pathway through the entire first floor. We want Ago to be stunning! It needs to be inviting, welcoming, and cozy with new furniture and classy decorations. When rushes walk through the door, we want them to immediately feel at home in a beautiful environment. When they sit on the couches to meet members, we want them to feel like they've belonged there forever.

Several projects have been completed during the past few years and they look amazing, so let's finish it! This fundraiser will raise money for:

- 1. New Greek letters for the house (\$1,000)
- 2. New light up anchor for the front of the house (\$1,300)
- 3. New Ago blazers
- 4. Replacement officers' pins
- 5. Home improvements and repairs
- 6. Ago Shower (see below!)

We have set a target goal of \$50,000 for these efforts. Items on the renovations list include: complete living room remodel, kitchen (floors, countertops and dishwasher), painting where needed, new furniture.

In addition to monetary donations for the renovations, we are having an "Ago Shower"! This will allow our alumnae to help purchase items required to make a house a home! Yes, just like couples have a wedding shower or baby shower, Ago will have a wish list of the many items we need to furnish the house, such as new sofas and chairs, throw rugs, small appliances, etc. We'll have everything from small ticket items to some larger ones! Just think how amazing you'll feel when you see the items you donated either in person when you visit house or in pictures from an event. We invite pledge classes or graduating classes to go in together on the bigger items! A wish list has been created for these items, you can find it here: http://www.wishlist.com/1269262

Donations can be made on the website: <u>http://agopotsdam.com/?page_id=23</u> by PayPal or credit card (under Keep this Ship Afloat). Checks made out to "Agonian Sorority" should be mailed to Colleen Filiak, 711 Cascade Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221-4605.

Our fundraiser in 2013 raised \$25,000 in donations from 154 alumnae. This money which was used to make some urgent repairs to the house including the front porches, the new website, emergency repairs to the plumbing, and several of the relaunch activities. We would like to urge you to donate what you can now to Ago's future. We have set our goal high so this will last us years! Let's do this now and set Ago on the path to be the Best in Class in Potsdam!

We'll keep track of the donations again by fun nautical levels. We will also have a graduating class competition and a decades challenge! Help your class show your Ago pride!

Up to:	
25	Doughboy (anything below 50)
50	Sailor
100	Petty Officer
250	Chief Warrant Officer
500	Ensign
750	Lieutenant
1000	Commander
1500	Captain
2500	Admiral
5000	Commander in Chief Club

Class News

A huge **thank you** to our class reps who worked so hard to provide the class news! We couldn't do this without you!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: The Anchor welcomes news from our alumnae to share with our entire sisterhood. Suggestions, criticisms and opinions are always welcome, and will receive respectful attention and response. Space and cost constraints, along with the informational nature of this annual newsletter, make this position a difficult reality. Please feel free to write us by email or through our website with your valuable ideas, comments and suggestions.

Class of 1949

Ruthie Rose Many, as a member of the class of '49, is feeling fortunate to be feeling so well and living in the same home since her marriage 65 years ago! Events of the year included spring visits to 2 daughters and family in Leesburg, VA and attendance at a 3-day harp seminar in Williamsburg, VA with daughter Elaine who took classes to learn techniques for playing her harp. There were many happy family times at their camp on Lake Champlain and Thanksgiving with 17 of the many Manys around the table, the first great grandchild plying his talent of walking, and many visits with friends! All of these help to define a good year! She still keeps in touch with **Nan Rankin Harris '49**.

Nan Rankin Harris reports that at her age of 90 most of the "news" is "olds"! She did have a pretty good 2016 healthwise with more ups than downs. She still lives on her own and is driving! She still keeps in touch with **Ruthie Rose Many '49**, they were roommates all 4 years during college. She also kept in touch with Bev Castiglione until recently and hopes they can reconnect.

Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec is still living in NJ, active in church activities, and keeping an eye on her grown up children and grandchildren. She still goes to the Adirondacks regularly since she bought her parents' house but spends most of her time in NJ. She still keeps in touch with **Shirley Nolan Beahan '49** who is living in PA.

<u>Class of 1951</u>

Norma Jean Lamb has been the Alumni Secretary for her Potsdam class of 1951 for 45 and arranged their 65th anniversary dinner during Alumni Weekend 2016. She is still in regular contact with her three roommates from "The Big Room".

Class of 1956

Jan Heldt Beckler and husband Ed Beckler (Clarkson '56) will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in July. They still live near the family business, Natural Stone Bridge and Caves in Pottersville, NY. It has remained infamy lines since the 1700's, and is now operated by their oldest son Greg and his family. Their first great-grandchild is a year old. She is happy to know Ago is back on track and in the same house she fondly remembers!

Joann DiCroce Farra is learning to enjoy life in Virginia near her daughters, after leaving wonderful Saratoga Springs, NY last year. She spends time at her grandkids' soccer and baseball games, and swim meets. She enjoys biking, canoeing and hiking with her husband, Ron (1957). Photos Ron took were used in the Bicentenial Oral History Collection, including one of Joann.

Class of 1957

Bunny Beck (Sideman-Levinson) is in her 2nd semester of a low-residency program for an MFA in Music Composition at the Vermont College of Fine Arts. She was thrilled to have one of her pieces played by jazz artists in residence. She says "It's a great program and I'm learning a lot!" and sends her love to all Agos.

Betty Meehan Ellwood and her husband Donald spend several weeks in Ft. Myer's Beach, FL each year. They plan to attend the 60th reunion of our class. She isn't sure if many of her classmates will be there.

Mary Jane Flewellin Fischer reports that she and her husband are thinking of moving to a nearby Independent Living facility. "There's no real reason except that it's time to stop worrying about details!" She sends her love to all.

Barb McMahon Newcomb is regaining use of her shoulder and arm after breaking her shoulder and 6 months of therapy. Piano playing is limited, but she's thankful she can play at all. Her family (Allan, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren) are all fine. She sent photos from our class's 20th reunion...It's hard to believe it's now our 60th!

Jean Schauffler reports there's nothing new with her but hearing aids--that make music sound tinny and crackling. With her typical sense of humor, she says she's not sure of the "benefits" of getting old.....

Susan Smykla Udell and her husband Jon had their best trip ever by visiting Macchu Piccu and the Galapagos Islands last April. In the fall she was invited to conduct the 20th anniversary season (12 concerts) of the Madison Area Concert Handbells, the auditioned group she founded and directed for many years. She fondly remembers all of her Ago sisters and Clarkson friends and hopes they've all had full and happy lives.

The Class of 57 is sorry to learn of the passing of **Maryann McCarthy**. Maryann died from complications from a fall three months earlier. She taught music in Whitesboro for 30 years and was a member of the Utica Symphony as well as other cultural groups.

Julie Eisenstein Hirsch and her husband Norman are staying closer to home these days due to health issues. She's had two concussions from falls and is "keeping physical therapists in business in hopes of not falling again". She has resigned from teaching/leading the congregational choir and now teaches an Introduction to Judaism class that was formerly taught by their rabbi.

Class of 1958

Bev Mikel Kneessy passed away Dec. 20, 2016. She had been having a lot of health problems in the last year.

Sylvia Amarel Infantine had some news that would be a joy to any Crane/music lover. Last year she met the parent of a former student who has two Steinway baby grands in her living room. (Can you imagine the size of the room!?) She invited Sylvia to join her group; they get together every other month and play eight-handed piano. Fun!

Betty Duffy Charles spends at least two days a week at a local food pantry. She says she loves the work and that the need is great. Betty was also excited to report that in July she will become a great grandmother.

Marilyn Gaggin is so happy to have "found" Sue Williams Cloer, who was among the missing for a few years. Sue lives in OK now and Marilyn emails and calls her often. Janet Schneider Hogan ('57) lives near Marilyn and they visit frequently. Lindenhurst, N.Y., like a lot of the north, has had a relatively mild winter so Marilyn has been able to do a lot of walking with her dog, Maggie.

Sue Conant Young suggests that some of you might like to Google "The Marmalade Lily", her daughter's website. Laura has turned a 9 acre property in Loveland, Ohio into a flower farm and wedding venue. Laura and her family were very busy with all the weddings and Sue spent most of last summer at the farm assisting her. She plans to be back there this summer as the whole family is involved and she says it's great fun. Sue was also there to celebrate her birthday around Thanksgiving time.

Mary Carey Munhall enjoyed lunch with Sue Lester Ford, Betty Duffy Charles and Pat (Hammond? Class of 59?) Freebern this past summer at Lake George. Dot (Runkel) and Dan Dronkers visited Mary and Budd last summer at their camp. When the Munhalls aren't in Lake George, they winter in San Antonio, FL (near Tampa). I'll bet most of you didn't know there was such a place. Some months ago, Mary and Budd attended a big birthday party for Sue Lester Ford, which was hosted by her husband, Tom.

I have been told that Gail (Roach) and Sal Davi were visited by their three "kids" to help Gail celebrate one of those "big" birthdays last Nov.



Dotty (Runkel) Dronkers and Dan drove north to visit family and friends for a couple weeks this past summer. Dot stays as busy as she cares to be volunteering as a docent at the Conservancy of SW Florida, going to water aerobics and with her book club. It has become somewhat of an annual event for Sue Young and the Munhalls to join the Dronkers in Estero, FL to celebrate New Year's Eve. There were many laughs and remembrances of years past. Life is good and I hope all of you are enjoying yourselves to the fullest!

Class of 1959

Mary Carr Melkonian worked directly with Eunice "Brownie" Badger at her home and her up to date card files. "Brownie" was her mother's (Kathleen Waghorn) science teacher years before when it was called Potsdam Normal School. She is retired but remains active in community theater through the years. She lives in the BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD, Reno, NV and looks out on the VERY snow covered Sierras every morning. She is presently a practicing ACTE, Advanced Certified Tantric Educator, a sexual healer and proudly wears her NASTY WOMAN tee shirt and hoodie and is fired up and ready to go at 79. Happy to hear of the revival of the Spirit of Agonian and she is planning to be there for her 60th reunion in '19.

Class of 1960

Dottie (Noyes) Sharrow and her husband, Conrad say life continues to be very good. They have active lives in their community and thoroughly enjoy time with family members as often as it can be arranged. They continue to travel and also enjoy time year-round at our cottage in the Long Lake. It makes a great place for their crew to gather. She also keeps in touch with some Ago classmates---Ann Gamble Wright, Judie Bennett Mayo, Linda Bailey Kinne, Linda Robinson Funseth and Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell. Several of them got together at their 50th reunion and it was great fun. Dottie congratulates the many sisters who worked endlessly to get Ago back on track.

Judie Mayo and her husband Skip (Clarkson '60) keep active traveling and tending to their home and garden in Webster, NY. Judie had quite a following for her "Hot Pickles" at the local farmer's market and other venues. Hubby is busy playing in 4 bands. They also enjoy volunteering, attending the world class theater, and the RPO. Judie declares Life is Good!

Class of 1961

Gloria Gonda Groocock still lives on the North Fork of L.I., sharing her house with her eldest daughter, Gwen and two grandchildren, Miranda (11) & Toby(9). She recently enjoyed making costumes for the 5th & 6th grade musical," Lion King Jr.", and continues to be involved in volunteer activities, Peconic Bay Masterworks choir, French conversation group, bridge, golf, and Great Decisions, a lifetime learning course. She had a nasty fall in Nov. & broke her left arm but it didn't stop her from going on a 2 week Southern Caribbean cruise the following week! Travel to England & Kenya to visit family & friends, cruises with her sister, & a trip over to Normandy to see her French friend have kept her traveling.

Ann Johnsen writes "A big shout out to my Ago sisters scattered across the globe. My home remains in Evansville, IN where I enjoy community activities, university music & theater offerings, daily exercise, & church participation. My daughter resides in MO as a degreed school Sup't.; my son is a Dept. Chair teaching in New Haven, CT. My only grandchild received her Masters from Univ. Col. London & makes her home across the pond where she met her British husband. It's a joy to visit with them when they make their annual journey to the States. Several years ago i spent time travelling throughout Europe including the British Isles on a couple of occasions so I have an understanding of the pleasure they find living abroad as well as jet lag! I'd love to hear from my Ago sisters & can be found easily on FB."

Joan Kupiec Janowsky lives in Huntington Woods, MI. Her husband, Maxim, passed away in 2013."He filled my life with music as he was a musician with the Detroit symphony Orchestra for 40 years." She is currently attending a German class at a community college and attending concerts and MET Operas on screen provide additional pleasure.

Carol Rinfret Broadhurst lives in Suffern to be near family & friends and is doing her best to stay healthy. She celebrated her 77th birthday with her son Kenny and wife Megan in Morris Plains, NJ. and had fun playing with her little granddaughter, Casey who is now walking. Her other son, David, works for the DPW & is busy keeping our roads safe. Now that she is retired from nursing she plays piano each week at nearby nursing facilities. She has fond memories of her life as an Army Officer's wife & keeps in touch with many of her Army friends. She especially remembers playing "Tiny Bubbles in My Wine" with Don Ho in Hawaii while waiting for her husband to return from Vietnam. She also played the piano in the White House when on a tour. She sends her greetings to her Ago sisters.

Arlene Lindstrom Dahm and husband Herb enjoyed a canal trip down the Rhine originating in Amsterdam and ending in Basel. Before and after they did two land trips: to the Normandy Beaches and to Salzburg & Vienna. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August. Sadly, two months later Herb died, losing his fight against prostate cancer. Her daughters have been a great help through it all.

Gail Dennis Marineau is still enjoying life in The Villages, FL. She says they call it "Disneyland for adults"! She's involved in shuffleboard, bocce, church work, bingo, and bunco. Her husband had a bad fall on his bad hip and they are hoping the crack will heal well.

Kate Merrill Karshick felt blessed to have had the entire family visiting them in Rochester for Christmas. Last winter was spent in San Diego exploring the coast & deserts. This winter they drove a grandson for an interview at Clarkson. She was amazed at the remarkable & impressive changes both at Clarkson & Potsdam. Yoga classes keep her balanced & strong while six grandchildren give her & her husband faith in the future.

Eleanor McKillop Russell writes from Shelburne, N.H. where she and her husband John have been living since he retired from the ministry. Their two children are Amy, a social worker, and John, an electrical engineer. Four grandchildren are two in college, one is 13, the last 6. She contends with some health issues but has an outlet with scrapbooking and cardmaking. She

keeps in touch with Kate Merrill Karshick.

Mary Lee Alles Caggiano writes that she and husband Gerry keep busy with volunteering, grandchild activities, & travelling. She volunteers two mornings a week at her church's preschool & one morning at the local food pantry. This past fall they took a river cruise on the Columbia & Snake Rivers which they both enjoyed. The grandchildren are growing up: two are out of college, two in college, and two in middle school. The youngest play girls' ice hockey and they try to get to several games. She & Gerry recently visited with former roommate, **Ann Mahoney**, and husband.

Class of 1962

Greetings from the Agonian Class of 1962. As we approach of 55th Reunion year we are filled with treasured memories that continue to bind us together. We are pleased that Agonian is once again on a path of shared values and grateful for the team of Agonian Alumnae who have spent much energy, hard work, and dedication to the cause of making Alpha Kappa Phi first in class.

Sue Johnson Aceto and Tom feel very fortunate to live right on the ocean in the summer and right in the foothills of the Catalina Mountains of Tucson in the winter. Potsdam will not be in the cards for them next summer although they have such great memories of our 50th Reunion! Sue really likes the convenience of paying the Ago Alumnae Association dues using Pay Pal.

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell writes that 2016 was a year of travel. She and John went to Old Key West and Tucson in January; spent two weeks in Vero Beach, FL in February; spent a week at their favorite ranch in Wyoming in September; took a Road Scholar trip to Portugal with friends in October; spent week at Disney with their family after their return.

Fran Sardina Bliek and Dave traveled to California in November to see grandson Andrew's performance in "Glass Menagerie" and then travelled to northern CA for Thanksgiving with son Brian & Family along with her brother and his 3 daughters & families in the Sacramento area. They had an early Nov. celebration with their daughters in FL. Fran continues to teach watercolor painting in her FL community and is entering some Arts Festivals in Naples. She finds her new adventure into Abstract Expressionism fun and freeing. Fran and **Elaine Fallon Boyrer** love getting together at The Turtle Club in Naples, FL for their annual reunion lunch.

Murrie Cassens Boumann teaches music to ten classes and assists in a three year old class at the Upper Saddle River Children's Academy. She also has 35 piano students after school along with her responsibilities as music director for a Ridgewood RCA church congregation for disabled adults. Retire? NEVER! Murrie loves hearing all the news from her Agonian sisters.

Elaine Fallon Boyrer spends time in both Florida and Long Island. Golf continues to be her favorite activity in both places. Her new condo at Meadowbrook Point has a golf course wrapped around the perimeter of the property; no wonder she chose it as her new home and it has turned out to be a wonderful place to spend the summer months and Christmas season. Annual family visits to Lake George have become the glue that binds their family together even though many of us live far apart. She started a program to help at-risk girls in one of the poorer elementary schools. Elaine always looks forward to her lunch with Fran Bliek in FL as Potsdam/Ago connections are so special.

Kate Sheldon Cox has 'gone from the trees to the water' with sale of her house in upstate NY in the Adirondacks to her only home on the Jersey shore. She misses the traveling on Am Trak from NYC going up the northeast corridor into Utica then to Lowville to check on things. Now Am Trak takes her, now and then, to Andover, MA where son Pete and family live. Her daughters, Julie and Susie are both nearby in Red Bank, NJ where they live very busy lives. Kate invites her "62 Sisters to come down to the Jersey Shore this summer for a visit since she'll miss going to the reunion at the College! She remarked" No one can ever take away the memories we all shared when we were young and foolish in the Ago House; and Mrs. Decker survived it all!"

Kathie Canapary Kiernan hopes that 2016 was a good year for you and your family, that you've been able to have warm and cozy times with your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. The highlight of her year was attending her niece's destination wedding in Lake Garda, Italy. They took an extended trip with Bill's family and was able to take in several Italian cities on the way to Desenzano and do some hiking. They were impressed with the Italian rail system and fortunately traveled at a good time in early June before the crowds descended. Blessings to you all for a safe and healthy year.

Bev Eccles Levy, Rosemary Falbo Quadrini and Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman send their love to their Agonian Sisters of the Class of '62 but didn't have news to submit at this time. It just seems like everything takes a little longer to do these days

and not enough time to get it all in. Heard a saying once that "life is like a roll of toilet paper; the farther along you get, the faster it goes." Isn't that the truth!

Judy Schorge O'Reilly and John travel as much as they can. They have an RV permanently parked at their club in the mountains above Palm Spring and try to get up there about once a month. Their big trip this year was a Viking River Boat Tour starting in Nuremberg (Bavaria) and ending in Budapest. Their 17 year old grand-daughter Megan, was drum major for her band (she's a very serious oboist) and marched in the Macy's Day Parade. She attended Crane Youth Music for 3 summers. She loved studying with the oboe teacher at Crane, Anna Hendrickson, and said she'd apply to Crane "if it weren't so cold". The O'Reilly's would sign up for the upcoming reunion weekend, so if anyone plans on going, let them know.

Pat Clerkin Swanson and Bob had a good year. Pat's volunteer work keeps her busy on a daily basis. Bob & Pat had a great summer trip to the UK, Amsterdam, Germany & Vienna. Christmas for the Swanson's was in CO this year at their son's family home and January brought a pilgrimage to Israel. In Pat's words, "There aren't enough superlatives to describe this trip. It was truly a life changing experience." Pat would be happy to share more if anyone is interested in going. Their kids are good but Pat says that she and Bob must be getting old because their first grandchild started college.

Class of 1963

Ruth Hammel Gove -Thank goodness nothing has changed. Activities include tennis, golf, Yoga and Pilates. She still volunteers 3 mornings a week in Kindergarten, in the school from which she retired. She has been singing with Sweet Adelines for 52 years and still enjoys it. At church, she teaches Rel. Ed. and sings in the choir. She sends a special thank you to all who worked tirelessly to get Ago reinstated. How exciting to see the number of girls in the first Pledge Class.

Sandy Jenner Kolb and her husband Bill divide their time between Gainesville and St. Augustine Florida. Their 4 grandchildren, ages 9-16 live in Gainesville and Sandy and Bill enjoy being a part of their lives. Thanks to all who have kept Ago going.

Marti Tallman Scott -They are still enjoying Arizona living and the support from their church and other friends. Both Larry and Marti have Parkinson's disease and it is becoming a little more challenging. As they work to live joyfully they realize how much they still can do. Marti is still teaching water aerobics 4 days a week and it keeps her going and helps her help others to reach their health and fitness goals. She loves all her Ago sisters and frequently thinks of the great times they had.

Beverly Smith is continuing with all of the same activities that have kept her busy: volunteer work, watercolor class, Tai Chi, daily walking, Bridge, etc. She is considering taking a class in genealogy to replace her golfing endeavors. She echoes the thank yous to all of those who worked so hard for Ago to be able to move forward in a positive way. It must have been a time consuming undertaking!

Class of 1964

Molly (Mary Ann) Boulet Carroll married Charles Carroll, Clarkson, in 1967. Now have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren. She taught for many years in the Amherst NY schools as a part time music teacher. And have played violin in the Amherst Symphony for all these years. For 25 years, she sold Vintage clothing and accessories in Manhattan at the Manhattan Vintage Show. Met many designers and famous people through this exposure, and provided some vintage for film and Broadway. I learned French well enough to travel to France to exhibit antique lace in Caen and several small towns in Normandy.

Marilyn Davies Clary's grandson was married last summer and they are having a baby in summer '17 she will be a great granny! Her family seem to enjoy visits here and she love s every minute of it. She love s to travel, and biked from Munich to Vienna (248 miles) Sept. '16 on a Road Scholar trip. Last year she spent two weeks in Nice, France, went to Florida for a few weeks, and went on a safari to Tanzania. This year included a trip to Sorrento, Italy, and Lund, Sweden. Welcome company to come and visit.

Shirley Kincaid Eagan says they are living the migratory life of snowbirds. Six months at our lakehouse on the southwest side of Skaneateles Lake and six months on Marco Island, FL. Marco weather is great but my heart is at the lade where family and friends gather. I have 4 empty bedrooms and welcome guests.

Karen Singer Miller taught music for 33 years on Long Island. Met her husband, Lew, who worked in the same district and have been married 49 years, with 2 sons, and 3 grandchildren. She has been retired 20 years and the only problem with retirement is she never get a day off! She continueds playing her bassoon and is the 1st chair in two community orchestras. Lew and Karen are avid duplicate bridge players, playing several times a week and sometimes in tournaments. Lew has a private pilot's license and he flies to Canandaigua to see the grandchildren, she will fly sometimes with "white knuckles" if there is a golf course at the end of the ride. **Barbara Stoneham Law** doesn't have any earth shattering news other than that I am still skiing and playing tennis regularly and enjoying seeing my Ago friends in my area. Going our west to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons the second week of June.

Sandra D'Arienzo Geagan and Tom celebrated their 50th anniversary this past August, and wondering how that happened! Since their retirement 17 years ago, they have traveled extensively in the US and Europe. Their son, Tom, has Claire at St. Lawrence U, his alma mater, and Rachel in tenth grade. Our other son, Peter, has Georgia, 11, and Chase, 10. We enjoy visiting them in Connecticut and Utah. We live on the St. Lawrence River outside of Massena most of the year, but escape to Florida for part of February and all of March and April. We stay in Pompano Beach, so if anyone is nearby give a shout by email.

Lorraine Gringer Gluck and Paul moved from their home of 14 years to their cottage at the Chautauqua Institute last October. The physical move was a lot, but the hardest part was totally changing their lives! If any of you are at the Institute...please check us out. They spend winters in Florida at a retirement city called The Villages...where they share the sun with over 110,000 retirees. Most of her days are spent with book clubs, art classes, walking, etc. and in between trying to stay fit at a gym. A fun part of Florida is when some of their 5 grandkids arrive for winter break.

Marlene Johnson Villiger says after a lifetime of living in many parts of the country, Ron and Marlene settled in Fairfax, VA. In 2012 Ron died unexpectedly and so began the challenge of living her life without my partner of 48 years. She loves living in the DC area and enjoy all it has to offer. She continues to travel with friends and especially loved her Easter Europe trip this past year. Also, you might see her driving up and down the East Coast visiting my 3 sons and 7 grandchildren. But the biggest thrill forher this past year was attending the Barbara Streisand concert in DC.as she has been a groupie ever since discovering and listening to her glorious voice on her LPs at the Ago house back in 1964.

JoAnn Haley Maguire's husband, Lou passed away in April, 2016. She then realized she had never lived alone before, and is now trying to master the art. She is very blessed with 3 sons, 2 stepsons, and 6 grandchildren, ages 7 to 14, who live nearby and are great fun to be with. After retiring from teaching, she became a realtor in beautiful Bucks County, PA, and is very glad to have that to keep her busy. JoAnn loves to travel, heading to Alpine Europe in Sept, and a Viking cruise from Paris to Normandy in October. And to Skaneateles in September!

Class of 1966

Gayle Volpicelli Banks and her husband Steve retired to Florida 18 years ago. She taught elementary school in Burnt Hills and Scarsdale, NY for a total of 30 years. They love being able to travel, having toured in China, Japan, Egypt and Europe. Their next big trip is to South Africa.

Class of 1967

Margaret Buchanan Fini would like to thank all the sisters who worked so diligently to save our sorority; and thank you to the newsletter team for their dedication. Hello to all the Ago sisters, and particularly those of the 60's!! Thom and Margaret have been retired for 15 years, and have been enjoying AZ for 5 months each winter since then. Their children are in AZ and CA, so that makes perfect sense for them. They still enjoy 7 months in WNY and the life they have enjoyed there. Many activities keep them busy and moving; so important as we get older. 1967 seems so long ago now, but thinking of the special people of AKPhi brings it all back with a smile.

This is the 50th reunion year for the Class of 1967. Many married soon after graduation and are celebrating 50th +/- wedding anniversaries as well as college graduation: **Susan Carpenter Testa** (now residing in Ohio/51st wedding anniversary) **Joyce Collenburg Lacatell** (Massachusetts/ 50), Michele Bailey Rose (Northern New York/ 50), **Polly Ingram McCarthy (**Central New York/ 50), **Marion Allen Cole (**Central New York/ 48), **Kate Belgard Finney** (Ohio/ 45), **Carol Jones Baker** (Florida/ 31), and **Marilyn Reed Edwards** (Rhode Island/ 26). After 28 years of marriage, **Katie Ormiston Clark's** husband Roger died after the long, sad goodbye of dementia, but she now is remarrying and honeymooning and moving to Virginia! Sadness touches all lives but nothing is sadder than the loss of a child: Mikie lost a son to a freak motor vehicle accident and Polly's son died of a congenital heart problem, leaving a beautiful young family. Breast cancer has also brought trauma to those who have endured it and conquered it. Together with their families, we admire their courage in the face of such pain. So where

are we now? Mostly retired (from teaching, from Investment Services, from IT) but continuing to serve our communities: Katie and Carol work to support women's education through P.E.O., Joyce takes a leadership role in Senior Center activities, our Crane Sisters make churches ring with beautiful praise. Marilyn founded a "100 Women Who Care" charity group and the Rose

Family established a scholarship fund in Dan Rose's memory that has awarded 70 \$1,000 college scholarships. And now to children and most importantly grandchildren: they clearly are a shining light. Nine sisters responded and they account for 25 kids and 41 grandchildren, all gorgeous and brilliant!

Retireees love to travel: Marilyn raves about Southeast Asia and New Zealand/ Australia. Marion is heading off to Hawaii and Katie's favorite was romantic Italy. Others have second homes: Joyce on Cape Cod, Carol, Kate and Mikie in Florida. The bottom line? The Class of 1967 led productive professional, charitable and rewarding family lives. Visits from other Ago sisters would be so welcome!

<u>Class of 1970</u>

Shirley Larsen retired in 2014 from the NYSE after working there for 28+ years. She worked on Wall Street in various roles since the early seventies, Once she stopped working, she sold her house on Long Island and moved to Pennsylvania in 2015 - where much of her family has relocated. They are still adjusting to PA life as it is so much calmer and kinder than that of Long Island. They are planning a trip to Canada mid summer - to visit where our family actually started out on the Atlantic Coast of Newfoundland.

Jayne Sidlauscus Belardi and her wonderful husband, Michael Belardi (Class of '68) still reside in the suburbs of Syracuse. Michael retired - Jayne is still working. Their daughter Cara Goodman and her husband, AJ, live in Canada. Cara and AJ have blessed Jayne and Michael with an adorable granddaughter - Meyer. She is the apple of everyone's eye and as cute as a button! Needless to say both Jayne and Michael are the doting grandparents and Meyer has them wrapped around her fingers. Jayne and Shirley speak to each other everyday - as they have done for many many years.

Jackie McBride Locatelli is currently living and loving her home in Tennessee. Her son and daughter both relocated from Tennessee and went out west and appear to love it there. Jackie is still mourning the passing of her beloved sister - Trish McBride Quackenbush, who passed away in 2016. Trish was also an Ago - Class of '69 and is sorely missed by all who knew her. Shirley and Jackie keep in touch at least twice a month and pass on all the news to Jayne - so we are all on the same page regarding what is going on in our lives.

Bonnie Heberlig Allen and her wonderful husband Mike Allen have both retired and moved to "The Villages" in Central Florida. They have adjusted to the hard life of golfing, socializing and soaking up the sunshine. Bonnie has also become the proud grandmother of three, a grandson from her daughter Julie and her husband, and a grandson and a granddaughter from her daughter Tracy and her husband. Fortunately, both daughters live down south as well so they get to share holidays with each other and visit often.

Suellen Richmond currently resides in London.

Mary Pierce LaFleur resides in the Hudson Valley area of NY where she is a pottery instructor

Suzanne Janos Clark retired from teaching in NY and relocated to South Carolina with her loving husband Art. She and Art are grandparents twice - as their lovely daughter Stephanie and her husband have blessed them with two grandsons.

Class of 1972

Paula Thompson Moore and husband, Roy, had a great motorcycle touring year in the U.S. In March, they were in Big Bend National Park, TX with magnificent scenery. In June, were in Grand Junction, CO for a 12 day, 2500 mile "Rockies and Canyons" organized tour of the CO mountain roads/passes and the UT/AZ canyons and national parks. In September, they flew to Portland,OR to rent bikes and take a Lewis and Clark organized tour through OR, ID, and WA. The 10 day, 2650 miles tour that included the western route of the L&C expedition was fantastic and historically compelling - what stamina and fortitude they had for such a huge undertaking! In August they "adopted" a stray kitten (who really adopted them!).

Marie DuPell Caschera and husband, Marie enjoys taking care of the youngest two grandchildren two days per week during the school year (Ryker, almost 4 and Remi, 2) in addition to assisting a disabled sister and elderly mom as needed. They enjoyed planning and taking trips to Alaska in June (land and cruise tour) which was just amazing, and a Colorado visit in August spending time with Marie's sister. In addition they began planning a June 2017 Danube river cruise trip along with 7 other couples from the former Colorado neighborhood. Life is busy with family, friends, and travel (not to mention an increase in doctor appointments as the aging factor is becoming evident)!

On behalf of the Agonian Sisters from the Class of 1972 we extend a sincere welcome to our 15 new members from Fall 2016 as they herald the relaunch of Ago and begin the spring 2017 recruiting process!

<u>Class of 1974</u>

Barb Wuerdeman Wood and her husband, Woodie, have been busy with projects at a little "fixer-upper" place in rural Mass. Their fifth grandchild will be arriving (third in Boston!) at the end of January, so they felt it was time to bite the bullet and get a place to spend some family time there. Their sixth will be born in Canandaigua at the end of the summer, so they'll still spend the bulk of their time there. 2017 is shaping up to be another busy baby year for them - - crazy and fun, as the oldest of the six is only 3! Barb sends her love and best wishes to all for a healthy and happy new year!!

Elaine Whitehead Pauly says Daughter Dana just turned 28, lives in New York with her new man and rescue pup. Greg continues to operate at "world headquarters" - his business in engineering and manufacturing. His favorite pastime is squash where he just won in a nationally ranked tournament - so now he's famous! Ha. Elaine's business in holistic and "longevity" coaching is growing. She just launched her new website:http://www.elainepauly.com/ . If anyone would like to receive Elaine's e-mails and updates, contact her or connect through her site. They have a new yellow lab, Mosely, now a year and a half, who they swear is someone they used to know reincarnated - - just haven't figured out who??

Lynne Boles and her husband unexpectedly moved from Cincinnati, Ohio to Naples, Florida after a surprise offer on their Ohio condo. Naples is starting to feel like "home". And the bonus? Bonnie Betters-Reed (Ago '73) is only 15 minutes away in Bonita Springs when they are both in FL in the winter months. And there are other Ago's who are in the Naples/Bonita Springs area---reunion anyone? Lynne is still enjoying her work as President of the SUNY Potsdam College Foundation Board. She continues to be involved with Ago's "rebirth' with her on-going service on the Ago Task Force and now on the Board of Directors. Lynne and her husband hosted friends in Skaneateles this summer, including: Lori Misicka (Ago '75) and Mare Tartaglia Straube (SUNY Potsdam '74). They visited Jan Whitfield (Ago '75—Clarkson) and hubby at their lake place in NJ.

Ellen Dullmeyer Fox and her husband love living in East Tenn! There are more educational & musical opportunities than they expected. They live on one of the largest lakes in TN so thanks to friends with boats, get to enjoy that. Good friends, Jan Murray Wolf (Ago '75) and her husband Bill came to visit in 2015. Jerry is now getting back into golf after the successful knee replacement. They were without a master bath for 3 months (ugh). But the new one is the most luxurious they've ever had! The 2017 project is Ellen's exercise room.

Patti Gentile Ludwiczak enjoyed getting together with Jackie Wirges and her college roommate, Karen, this summer. They had a blast looking at old photos and remembering times gone by. Patti continues to stay busy quilting and volunteering at Children's Hospital as her family adjusts to losing Patti's Mom this year. Patti hopes to get to New Orleans in the spring. She is thrilled to see the interest in Ago - great job to all involved!

Sue Wajda and Tim have enjoyed their visits to NH (Donna Longenecker Neubauer-- Ago Clarkson '75), her first swim in Green Pond, NJ w/Jan Whitfield (Ago Clarkson '75), attending Bill's games w/Creggs, Timpanos, Nealons, Wuerdeman-Woods, SYR and ROCH alum events and NY's Eve with Barb Putman Cregg (Ago '75) and April Bell Devaux (Ago '74). Potsdam reunions get better and better with treasured blasts from her past appearing daily and the joys of meeting many Ago's she has read about or has seen in our lovely composites. Double Axel and their decades-old groupies bring her endless joy (and broken back the next day but what a wonderful way to hurt). Sue has found a new source of strength and enthusiasm in the rebirth and recolonization of Ago, with deep appreciation for the efforts of the alums who worked tirelessly to save it and breathe into it new life, a much healthier life, for years to come.

<u>Class of 1975</u>

Sally Loe Aubrey decided to retire in 2016, gave her six month notice, then spent the remaining six months questioning ifshe had made the right decision! Newly retired, she feels in limbo, but finds it very pleasurable having no set plans each day. Sally and Jim spent 10 days in NY at Christmas with daughter Martha and her husband Jim. Sally and Jim are talking about a relaxing, leisurely trip along the California coastline in late spring Life in sunny Arizona is good, and they want to concentrate on being healthy and happy.

Helen Hallahan Byrnes is immersed in family and is so blessed. Beautiful granddaughter Emma was born in March, and strong grandson Bryson arrived in September. Helen and Phil took a Viking Cruise from Paris to Normandy, where Helen visited her Uncle James' grave. She had no words. They were also in Ireland for two weeks and found a Hallahan home. So very special! They are both retired and their 7 grandchildren fill their days. Life is good! Helen prays that our country will be safe in the coming year. Thanks for keeping Ago afloat!

Barb Putman Cregg's big news of the year is that their daughter Amy got married to Kevin Cowan on July 16, 2016. All three of their kids (Brían, Amy, and Adam) live in Rochester, so they are VERY lucky. Barb and Mike enjoy their time in Naples, Canandaigua, Hawaii, and the Thousand Islands. They're also great fans of the Bills and the Orangemen.

Donna Waliszewski Fallon and Rick travel extensively in the eastern states for Rick's job. They attended a Billy Joel concert, as he uses Rick's lights! Last summer they enjoyed a family vacation in Ocean City, NJ with all but Tiffany, who was visiting Italy.

Tiffany loves her job and life in Dallas. Rich, Meaghan, Maura (5 and in kindergarten), and Elliot are in Chelsmford, MA. Patrick keeps busy with his job and rental properties in Syracuse.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary enjoy sunny Sarasota and beautiful Skaneateles, as they certainly attract the grandchildren! Ben, 5, is now in kindergarten, and Henry is 3. Amanda, Brian, and Allison all live in Niskayuna, so we are fortunate to have them nearby. Allison won gold medals in world weightlifting competitions in South Africa and Costa Rica. Debbie and Gary still enjoy shows in NYC and look forward to a cruise to Alaska this year. Niece Becca is in her first year at Potsdam!

Carol Baitup Sweet was happy to make it back to Potsdam for the Bicentennial Celebration and was thrilled to see some new old faces, particularly Claudia and Jeanine Locatelli and Helen Hallahan. The big news from the ATL is son Kevin and Lauren got engaged last Christmas and will get married sometime this year. Carol may be their wedding planner later this year, but first she is planning the outdoor GA wedding for daughter Meghan and James, who were engaged in June and will be married on June 10, 2017. Carol's job at church is now fulltime with benefits, and she's still working her 2 other jobs. Retirement???

Anne Gallagher Timpano and John are enjoying life. Their granddaughter Caitlin,3, keeps them smiling, laughing and feeling young. They made two trips to Florida in 2016 and one to Cancun. They also were lucky to score tickets to Hamilton in NY City. As always, they love their Spring, Summer and Fall on Conesus Lake!

Sue Rhow Todd and Mark have left Rochester, NY, after living there since 1978. They moved to Elkridge, MD, an area nestled between Baltimore and D.C., to be closer to their two daughters and their families. They now have 7 grandchildren, 5 girls and 2 boys, ranging in age from 8 years old to 9 months. Their grandchildren keep them very busy, and they love seeing them more. They live about 10 minutes from Jacki and 3 hours from Nicole. Sue always enjoyed seeing her Ago sisters in Rochester and will miss them all. If anyone is in her new area, please let her know.

Jane Murray Wolff and Bill are enjoying life in Beantown. They celebrated Bill's birthday in August with a cruise to Northern Europe, taking in the sights of St. Petersburg, Sweden, Finland, Latvia, Estonia, and Copenhagen. Now they're planning a trip to Cabo with Ellen Dullmeyer Fox and Jerry. She saw the CT Ago/DK crew for their annual wine weekend, which included Sue Rhow Todd and Mark. Jane loves her part time work. Their kids and grandkids are well. They consider themselves very fortunate with their health, family, and happiness.

Shelley Killian Hatzfeld has retired, but Hatz is still at Akzo Nobel in Morris, IL. They feel blessed to have their grandchildren nearby. Daughter Cassie, son-in-law Cal, and grandson Clay, 2 1/2, moved back to IL this year. They live only 15 minutes away, so Shelley sees grandson Clay almost every day. Son Keith, daughter-in-law Kristen, and granddaughter Everleigh, 1 1/2, have also moved back to IL after 5 years in Columbus. Needless to say, Nana and Pop are busy! They all hope to spend a week on Lake Michigan this summer.

Class of 1976

Denise Aiello Bukovan retired this past May as a Dean after 40 years in college administration. She is consulting part time and living in North Carolina. Her daughter Dominique graduated in May from Clarkson and is working at Corning in North Carolina.

Stephanie Brown Lambour lives in New Jersey and works at the AT&T Center.

Dale Engle Skivington and Peter are still in the Rochester area, but they have an added reason to visit daughter Emma in Colorado......their grandbaby and cutie-pie, George!

Janice "Cookie" Dash Robinson and Robbie live in Cary, NC. Their three daughters, Laura, Jessie, and Melissa all graduated college; the middle one will be attending Duke to get her Nurse Practitioner degree. Cookie retired in September from NC State Lab for Public Health and Infectious Disease and headed straight to the beach for two weeks! Cookie says that "retirement is wonderful." They have a trip planned to Macedonia to visit Laura who is there with the Peace Corps.

Judy Fabic Verbanic lives in Wexford, PA, near Pittsburgh, and is still working at American Eagle Outfitters corporate office. She and John enjoy traveling to see their daughters and their families. Their older daughter has four-year-old twin girls and the younger has a three-year-old son. They all had a great time visiting the Disneyworld in March.

Cathy Flaherty Harrelson is still living in St. Petersburg, Florida. Cathy works at Bank of America and is still very active with preserving Florida's Gulf Coast environment.

Kathy Farrell Kane and Mike are in the Albany area. Kathy loves spending time with daughters Darcey and Caitlin and family.

Nancy Geis Wilcox and husband Doug live in Western NY. Nancy loves visiting her out of state children and grandchildren.

Eileen Goss Whelley and Don live in Greenfield Center, NY and are planning a trip to Italy with their children Natalie and Steve. Eileen is working at XL Catlin Insurance in Stamford, CT. She enjoyed getting together with Ago Alums this past year.

Cindy Heinbockle Ogulnick and her husband Herman live in Pittsfield, Mass. They both retired in December. They are making plans to take part in an international music festival in Italy! Both of their sons have graduated from college and are living and working in Boston. Cindy loves to travel and has visited England, Scotland, France, and British Columbia.

Amy Hind Henry and Guy are enjoying their children and grandchildren in Connecticut. Amy loves having Dief (Debbie Diefendorf Hind) as her Ago sister and her sister-in-law, and the Albany get togethers sometimes have a guest appearance from Amy!

Laurie Kaylor Lorenzetti and her husband live in Western NY. Laurie loves spending time with her children and grandchildren and keeping in touch with Ago Alum on FB.

Cathy Lennon Nealon and Bob are still in the Rochester NY area. They sold their house and almost everything they owned and downsized to an apartment! Lennon hosted a holiday party for Rochester area Ago Alums with help from Ago Jane for an extended invite list. The only snowstorm the area had this winter was that night! Those that lived close enough and were brave (crazy?) enough enjoyed getting together.

Claudia Locatelli May and husband Jim are in the Albany area. Claud loves the Albany Ago get togethers. Their son Ryan moved to Austin, TX, so that is a new area for Claudia, Jim and daughter Kelly to visit.

Jill Mayhew Ryan and Jim live in the Rochester area. They have been very busy training their beautiful yellow lab puppy, Bryn. Jill works for the Penfield school district and the YMCA and enjoys getting together with her big sis, Barb Putman Cregg.

Cathy O'Connor lives in the Albany area and is loving retirement, and travels frequently to her retreat in Maine. Cath loves spending time with Liz and lifelong friend Claudia Locatelli May, and attending the Albany Ago get togethers.

Carolyn O'Dell Durnin lives in rural Grafton, NY. She have two little red-headed granddaughters that she loves to pieces (of course). She has started playing her guitar again, and loves seeing the Albany Agos a few times a year.

Faith Wadsworth Haupt and Al are living in Colorado where Faith is the Director at The River Flows USA. Faith was looking forward to catching up with Ago Alums at the reunion in July, but a car accident prevented her trip back east. She is doing well now and enjoys her travels to see friends around the world.

Cyndy Worden Lee is living in Durham, NC, where she is president of Performance.net. Cyn and George had wonderful trips to Iceland and Paris and have another trip planned to Italy.

Class of 1977

After living 15 years in Wichita, KS. **Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz** will be moving to Frisco, TX this spring to be near their son and his family. Her husband, Bob, had a stroke in January 2016 so they are hoping 2017 will be a better year. Their daughter got married in September and it was great to have family together again. New address: Bob & Joan DiFulgentiz, 24 Windsor Ridge, Frisco, TX 75034

Karen ("Kittle") Stefanski enjoyed a fun week in St. Lucia last January. They went to Colorado the end of May to visit her brother, Doug and his family as well as making side trips to tour the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Rocky Mountain National Park where they were able to enjoy numerous hiking trails. In September they spent a week in West Yarmouth (Cape Cod) enjoying the ocean.

Sue ("Spence") Maloney and her husband, Michael, are planning a 3 week trip to Australia in late June to visit their older son Brian who is living in Perth and playing with the West Australian Symphony there. They will spend a week with him in Perth and then are taking an 11-day rail trip across the southern part of Australia ending up in Sydney for a few days. They are both starting to look forward to retirement. They've been doing a lot of repairs on the house and want to get more of that done before moving to a fixed income!

Liz ("T.T") Utzig says not much going on. She will be in Florida in March for a family wedding.

Patty (Abernathy) Sohl news is short, we were blessed with a new granddaughter on Dec 15th and it made Christmas extra fun this year!!

Patti (Short) Wilkins will be finishing her 24th year of teaching at her local high school. She taught Honors Biology and Chemistry. She will be retiring in June. She is looking forward to traveling, playing golf and skiing with her husband, Bill. But most of all she is looking forward to not getting up in the morning. She will be are traveling to Cancun this April, OBX in August and Disney in October. She and Bill resumed skiing three years ago after at 20-year break. Her oldest son Ryan is getting married this June. She has two grandsons Brecken and Finley, 4 and 2. Their home in PA is always open for visitors. God bless you all.

Mary ("Sully") Bucco says it has been a busy year for the Bucco's, lots of traveling for her with her new job in California but did make it back East twice. John's Mom has been living with them. My traveling compares nothing to Bernadette's she went to Blg Island for 4 months through WWOOF(Worldwide Organization of Organic Farmers). She stopped in home on her way to Vienna to visit TJ and use his apartment as home base to travel throughout Europe for a couple of months. TJ loves school in Vienna! John loves retirement getting in as much golf as possible.

Barb (Hall) Kellerman continues working as the Deputy Director of the NYS Commission for the Blind. She enjoyed a family week in August at Bethany Beach with the kids and their two grandkids. She enjoys riding and showing her horses with the girls.

Class of 1978

Sue Hoffman Ospelt-We are all doing great! We are so thrilled that Samantha is having a baby at any moment! We are happy that she is close by and that we will be able to enjoy him!! We will be making one more trip to Athens Georgia in May for Emma's graduation from the UGA College of Public Health. Art and I are proud of her and looking forward to no more tuition payments! And now Art can use his vacation days to go other places than UGA. Definitely a trip soon to our family flat in Lichtenstein and maybe we can pop in to see "Patty and Billy's" vacation rental! Amazing that we celebrated 60 this past year, seems like we were just singing on the porch! Such good memories!! Hope everyone is happy and healthy!!

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim says she and Tom are doing well. I have been with Paychex for 17 years in Financial Planning and Analysis. Brandon is living in Clifton Park, NY and working for an Environmental Engineering Consulting firm.Tom's son and daughter and their families do not live too far away so we are able to get together more frequently. We are enjoying the grandchildren (6 of them) and love it when we can spend time with them. Tom and I are scoping out areas where we think we would like to move when we retire. Right now, Nashville and Tampa are the top two areas.

Donna Passarella Bonomo is grateful that she got a one on one visit with Nadine last year in NC. WE HAD A GREAT TIME CATCHING UP. She kept me on my toes with her Fitbit too! Still hoping to see my Besties, VERA AND JEANNIE soon. She said its hard to believe it will be 40 years in 2018. That's next year Sisters, let's start planning for a reunion! My Amy graduates UNC at Charlotte in May. Lisa is happy and still living and working in NJ. We try to get to NJ often to see my Dad who will be 95 this year. My sweet Mom passed away this past February at 92. So blessed to have them both for so many years. Bob is still with United Airlines, going to retire at 65. We also are taking the girls on a two week trip to Italy to celebrate Amy's graduation, our 35th anniversary and our Life together. Wishing you all Love and Peace.

Pam Pendleton celebrated her Big-6-0 last Feb and had a party with about 40 friends. It was fun and made turning the corner to that next decade painless! In April she helped her bestie from HS celebrate HER 60th w/a trip to NYC. Her dog Paris had to have very serious (and expensive!) surgery in late May, almost lost her. A few weeks later, poor Luke developed a tumor on his spleen (gained 11#'s in 3 weeks)- it was not operable so she had to put him to sleep July 1. Then Ed had brain surgery, did not recover and passed in late Aug. It was a rough summer. She still does the bookkeeping for the fur coat store, is on her school's Board of Education. I still have my girl's night once a month w/3friends that I've known for over 30 years! I see Lori Gremmels on occasion, but not enough!

Cindy Darrow Kohl retired in June after 15 years with IBM and 21 years teaching math, it was time for a change. So, **she has** been adjusting to my "new chapter" and trying to convince my husband to join **her**! It is an adjustment but **she is** enjoying it (and getting to the gym much more!). Joe and **Cindy** were fortunate to welcome grandbaby #6 (Dylan Matthew Kohl) on Christmas morning. It was so much fun (except all the "assembly required!") and brought back many happy Christmas memories when our kids were little. We are so happy that the six grandkids (the **oldest just turned 5 a few weeks ago) live so close....** they are such a joy! Their youngest son, Eric, lives in Chicago and is getting married this July.

Sue J Dee is proud of Ago sisters for keeping the house together and the Ago traditions going! 2017 was a year filled with adventures for Sue: Park City skiing in February, Phoenix International Science Fair and Grand Canyon in May, San Fran and

Napa in July (60th Birthday Celebration), Cazenovia Wedding in September, Chicago wedding in October, Macon GA Hurrication and Nashville for Christmas. She will be teaching for many more years. Finally planned a Galapagos trip this June. It has been on my list for years. Hope to connect with some Ago's this summer in Syracuse area. Had to put boat captain tours on hold last summer due to surgery but plan on resuming in the spring.

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan_ Last year, I did my first ever, sprint triathlon, which was in Tupper Lake. Biked the Erie Canal from Buffalo to Albany in July. When in the Rochester area, I was able to go to dinner with college friends, Nadine, Doreen and my Big Sister, Cathy. Soooo nice. Did a bike trip in Tuscany, Italy. Lisa Gratton Niles' oldest daughter, Stephanie, had a beautiful, happy, baby boy, named Harrison. She gave me the honor of being called Nonna, which means "grandmother" in Italian! I still do a variety of volunteer work. Paul and I still enjoy our time in California and the Adirondacks.

Nadine Gager Compisi had the pleasure of celebrating St. Patrick's Day in Savanah, GA. in March and really enjoyed the parade, the people, the sights & the city. She was also able to do one of her favorite things: spend time with Defo in Hilton Head. In May, she traveled to Myrtle Beach. June found her traveling to Lake Tahoe to visit with Tony's brothers & wives. She then traveled into San Francisco. She was able to bring her mother out there to see her brother and help celebrate his 90th birthday at the Presidio. A bittersweet experience to say the least. We are also expanding the Gager family. She welcomed 2 baby girls, 1 in July 2016 & 1 in Jan. 2017 and will be adding a boy this June. Such joys!!! She has all of you are in her thoughts & prayers. She has great hope and a fond wish that we all get together for our college reunion in 2018. Love to all of you.

Class of 1979

Melissa Porter Richardson - The Richardsons are on the move. We finalized the move to Groveland FL in late 2016 and are enjoying some much needed warm weather! New additions to the family are Logan born in Aug 2016 and is enjoying being Luca's little Brother. They are excited to meet their new cousin in early Feb 2017 and hoping to visit Baby Richardson's new home that Mom and Dad moved into in Raleigh NC. Patrick is still an On Ice Official for the ECHL and AHL based in Detroit this season. 2017 is certainly going to be a busy one!

Barbara Lanzano Combs - 2016 was a very busy year for the Combs Family with 3 college graduations within 7 days in May. Everyone headed to Isle of Palms, SC for a vacation celebration in June. Barbara has been with JP Events & Consulting for 8 years now. She became a member of the Board of Directors for the Loudoun Free Clinic as well as a member of the Steering Committee of "In the Bag" - an annual charity event benefitting the National Capital Area of the American Red Cross. Barbara & DB will be heading to Duck, NC in March to celebrate another "milestone" birthday. Barbara is very happy to see her Ago family tree growing again!

Debbie LoBello Burhans and her family celebrated two engagements in 2016!! Oldest daughter, Karen, will be married in Delaware Park in Buffalo in August 2017 and middle daughter, Gretchen, is planning a Summer 2018 wedding. Very exciting to be helping plan two weddings!!! She is looking forward to celebrating several other milestones in 2017 including her big 60 birthdays and her Mom's 85th birthday...as well as her and Mark's 35th wedding anniversary in September! She sends love and hugs to all!!

Mindy Mospaw Poupore is enjoying the "retired" life, but remains so busy! She still teaches private instrumental lessons one day a week and then spends the rest of the time juggling her other jobs as bookkeeper and marketing director for her husband's Dental practice in Malone. She still plays her clarinet in a group at Crane as well as being the Secretary for the Crane Alumni Board, adjudicating for the NYS School Music Assoc and helping with the local Rotary Club. The highlight of the year was a bike tour through northern Italy Her daughters, Kelly and Haley are both thriving and are her forever passion. She enjoys being a mentor for new Ago member, Abby Sexton and helping out with Ago when she can. It's been wonderful re-connecting with past sisters and seeing so many awesome women at the reunion.

Becky Monckton King and her husband Ken enjoyed 2 weeks in Alaska last summer. They are looking forward to their daughter Allison's wedding this coming summer. Becky continues work although. She also is still singing with Sweet Adelines.Becky visits the Buffalo area often to spend time with her father so any Agos is the area, please let her know where you are - she would love to connect.

Holly Curtis Perdan has been racking her brain for some news, but nothing happens in rural Iowa. The deer and bunnies ate most of her garden last summer, despite adequate fencing. Husband Phil still does not want to get chickens. That's as exciting as it gets!

Shanon Fowler Schneider says 2017 will be a busy year for Shanon and Jim (AEII 78) with a wedding and a baby in the works! Trey & Theresa will be tying the knot in Atlanta in September! Brett starts his 3rd year as a communications engineer for the FAA. He and his partner Dustin live in Atlanta. Shanon still manages North Atlanta OB/GYN and Synergy Fine Art Gallery. Art sales are going well Shanon has also brought her 94 year old mother to live at a nearby assisted living facility so that has brought daily challenges. Jim is still working for KC bringing green initiatives globally and traveling a lot internationally. Hope that all is well with my Ago sisters, check out her art at shanonschneiderfineart.com.

Sharon Keating Heiligman and Dan continue to travel often. This year took them to Florida, NC, Punta Cana and a Viking river cruise to celebrate their 35th anniversary. Their world was shattered on October 15 when they lost their 3 year old grandson, Jack, in a lawn mower accident. AJ and Anne started a foundation 3 weeks later and the good that is coming out of their family's tragedy has been fabulous. How can you help? PLEASE like the foundation FB page: www.facebook.com/JACKfoundation and watch for updates or check out the website: www.facebook.com/JACKfoundation and watch for updates or check out the website: www.jack-foundation.org. The acronym Jack stands for "Just Acts of Caring & Kindness". With donations raised, the first dinosaur playground is underway at Rothfuss Park in Penfield, NY. Sharon is always looking forward to opportunities to get together with local Ago's. Here's looking to a great 2017!

Cookie Scalise Balme and Chip are still living in Fairport, NY and loving it! They are both work full time and enjoy their home and pool in the backyard. Cookie retired from public education after 33 years in 2012 and is now President/CEO for Rochester Hearing and Speech Center. Lisa and Rob both own their own homes in the Rochester area. Lisa is a Special Education Coordinator at a Rochester Charter School and Rob is a nurse a Strong Memorial Hospital. Chip and Cookie love going out early on a Saturday evening to different restaurants for their Happy Hour, which we all used to call the "Early Bird Special" and have appy's and drinks!! Would love to have a summer Ago party in our backyard pool on the vineyard this summer!!!

Susan Cancilla Witkowski has found working on the Ago Task Force has allowed her to reconnect with many sisters and meet new alumnae. She is thrilled that her Ago family is growing with their newest little, the lovely and talented Brittany Van Tassel. Her big sister is the awesome Keira McPherson and Susan is her mentor. She will be hosting 4 students from the Clarkson Doctors without Borders Club. Susan has been pleased with the recipients that have internships she set up with SUNY Community Health Department. She is discovering that there are a large number of Agos working in the healthcare sector. She would love to have an Ago health conference (email me scwitkow@gmail.com). Susan is also looking forward to connecting the Carolina's and Georgia Ago's this year! Wishing all a healthy and peaceful year.

Class of 1981

Linda Aylward Robey won't have an "Empty Nest" too much longer. Her two sons will graduate from college this May so this will be a busy month - two graduations a weekend apart. Mitch (who's in Florida) will have a degree in Digital Arts. He currently spent 4 years broadcasting for Stetson's college sports on ESPN3. Chris (who's in Mass.) will have a degree in Criminal Justice and he's going to look for a job in Homeland Security. Linda and her sons vacationed at Cape Cod with the extended family in August. In July Linda met Patrice DeLaus Scully ('81) in Albany to drive to Potsdam for the reunion weekend. They stayed in the dorm, had a great time hanging out on AGO's porch! In November Linda flew to visit Licia Urtis Murrell ('82) in Georgia!

Patrice DeLaus Scully continues a 35+ year career with IBM. She is currently working in the Watson Group on projects to commercialize the IBM Watson cognitive computer that you may remember beat the top 2 Jeopardy players in February 2011. When not working Patrice volunteers for several community groups. Her daughter Jacquelin is 25 and lives and works nearby. Her son Charles graduated from Northeastern University in May and now lives in Boston and works for Vistaprint. Patrice had a great time at the AGO reunion this summer. It was her first trip to Potsdam in 25 years! She is looking forward to this summer's reunion.

Cynthia Jackman Dwyer is in her third year as Database Manager for The New College Foundation in Sarasota, FL. New College is a small liberal arts college that is a part of the Florida State University System. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the College. She and her husband Michael (retired) have been in Florida for 11 years. They will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this April. They have become avid beach-goers, an interesting mid-life development for two kids from Buffalo ^(C)

Robin Landrigan Smith – Robin enjoys life in two beautiful places: Lake George, NY and Marco Island, FL. She is still telecommuting as a Project Manager for the Health Exchange of NY (HIXNY) and owns a marina on Lake George. She and her husband John have 4 year old twin granddaughters – whew, can they move! John's youngest daughter is getting married in Jackson Hole, WY this September and they are looking forward to an amazing trip!

Class of 1983

Cathy Marietta Niehaus and her husband Eric sent their last child off to college last fall. Youngest son Craig is now a freshman at Clarkson. Both of their older boys attended Clarkson, as well as being in TDK like their dad. Kevin now works in Boston and

Kyle works in Albany. Their daughter graduated from the University of Rochester in 2009.

Karen Dickenson Robb and her husband, Alex, enjoyed a great spring and summer on Lake Ontario. The sailboat is getting a new main this winter and new cockpit cushions. Harboring at Point Breeze, they invite any Ago boaters traveling the lake to stop in for a cocktail. Email her at sailgirls@aol.com.

Paula Douglas Miller is finally back on two feet after a long year recovering from foot surgery. She had fun spending time in Potsdam last fall meeting Ago's new members. She spent a laugh-filled long weekend with Brenda Henry and two other college friends doing some wine and beer tasting in Vermont. Paula and her husband Rich are now in the midst of a DIY complete master bath remodel. They have a trip to Hilton Head Island planned for June to replace the trip that had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew in Oct. And of course, she's looking forward to seeing everyone on the porch at the summer reunion in July!

Brenda Reinhardt Henry celebrated 7 years in business in downtown Rome NY with Brenda's Natural Foods and Café in Jan 2017. She and her husband Mike own Wood Creek Herb Farm, which supplies the store with organic produce, as well as pork, eggs and chicken. It was exciting to see articles about her café in both the Jan issue of Mohawk Valley Living magazine and the Feb issue of EDITOR magazine this year! The farm and café keep her busy, but she tries to reunite with Ago's whenever there is an opportunity. She enjoyed dancing with Agos to Double Axel at Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse in Sept and always looks forward to reunion weekend!

Diane Weber Buell and Scott (Reggie – Theta Xi) have been married 30 years! They are living in Skaneateles, NY, and have recently downsized to a house they had built for them in the village. The youngest of their four children is a senior, so they are soon to be empty nesters. They are not looking forward to the quiet after so many years of hustle and bustle! Diane is still with MITRE, and feels blessed to work out of the house as a full-time space systems engineer. They love their smaller house – less maintenance allows for more time to walk and bike in the area.

Class of 1987

Stephanie Bakyta Baldwin is busy at work and home. Her daughter, Abigail, is in six grade now and on the YMCA swim team. In her free time, she likes to go ice fishing, and sample the craft beers from the new brewery in town! Marriage number three is still kicking, and she will hit the five-year mark this fall. She hopes to go to the summer reunion and stop by Maxfields! Sue Boulter Jackson is busy with her writing and her family. Her two sons are now both at University of Delaware, so she and Ken got a taste of the empty nest last year and enjoyed some traveling. She plans to attend Reunion Weekend and hopes to see everyone there!

Patty Carroll Wilson and Tom are enjoying their empty NJ nest with Allie (20) at Iowa State and Kayleigh(18) at Bryn Mawr College.

Linda Dolanch Longhouse has had a busy year and is finally feeling great after hip surgery. She's managed a couple of trips to Florida to visit her mother in between lots of college tours with her daughter, Olivia. It looks like Olivia is going to choose the University at Buffalo where she has been accepted into their Honor's College and just underwent a day long interview for the Presidential Scholarship. She has also applied to UB's 3/4 combined BS/DDS dental program. Hopefully everything will be settled by April - the ambiguity is so hard!! At any rate, Linda and her husband, John, are looking forward to being empty nesters and finding new activities to occupy their time.

Sue Boulter Jackson is busy with her writing and her family. Her two sons are now both at University of Delaware, so she and Ken got a taste of the empty nest last year and enjoyed some traveling. She plans to attend Reunion Weekend and hopes to see you all there!

Becky Volans Akins is still teaching high school math. She and Mark will celebrate their 28th anniversary this year. Their son, Ryan, is now a partner with Mark on the farm, and lives nearby. Allison lives in Saratoga and works as a loan officer with Farm Credit East. Becky enjoys keeping active with Ago as the Community Service Adviser, and attends many events. She took a little sister, **Rachel Rudd**, from the Fall '16 pledge class.

Class of 1989

Andrea (Newhouse) Frascatore say 2016 was a fun year as Andrea took her first cruise to the Western Caribbean travelling with her mom and sister (Lisa Newhouse Melveney 1987). The entire family had a blast watching shows every night, ice skating on the ship, and lots of good eats! They went on an adventure at each island including scuba, ziplining, seeing the Mayan temples, and swimming with dolphins. Her girls continue to compete in gymnastics and had a successful season, including her older daughter qualifying for Nationals in Virginia Beach. This year, she is renting a house in OBX (Corolla) in July, so she will be

sad to miss the reunion this year. The highlight of 2016 was seeing her big, Colleen (Palmer) Beaudoin, as well as other Agonians, and reuniting with her little, Tracey Diamond.

Laura Boyd continues to stay active each winter and tries to enjoy the snow and cold weather as much as possible. She and Tim usually treks up to Sunday River, Maine most weekends. In 2016, they also spent a week in Steamboat, CO. In the summer they went on a much-anticipated family cruise from Boston to Bermuda. There were about 45 of Tim's extended family and friends with them. The cruise was a perfect vacation to bring multiple generations together. Her Mom is still living in NY state so she had an opportunity to visit her during the beautiful summer months and enjoy the Finger Lakes region. She is still living in Boston so if you're ever in the New England area - let her know!

Daphne D'Agostino Valentine is going to celebrate the big 5-0 this year, along with many of her pledge sisters. She looks forward to celebrating Steve "Otto" Valentine's 50th birthday first. Owen goes off to college in the fall, and is looking forward to studying broadcasting. Ryan is playing basketball & baseball and is looking forward to getting his driver's license. After 10 years of dance, Olivia is now playing soccer, tried out for volleyball, is running track, in ski club & garden club club & knitting club , and is the Cat in the Hat in her school musical. Faith, family and friends, That will be our focus in 2017. Daphne was pleased to be a part of Ago's relaunch, along with her sister Missy D'Agostino Walma '92, who took Tessa Tanner, Fall 2016 as a little sister!

Terrie Gentile Wehse completed all 50 states by 50!

Cheri Legro Paluch and her family are back on the college tour circuit. They will be at Stanford & Berkeley then Northwestern, & returning the oldest to Purdue over spring break. East coast tours over the summer. Sadly, Cornell, not Clarkson.

Debbie Sorge-Siegel is enjoying touring colleges with her youngest son this year. They are awaiting his final decision. her eldest son loves Binghamton Univ. Weird thinking that Empty nest is coming soon! Skiing has been great and she is looking forward to heading out west to Colorado in April. It has been fun getting to know her new little **Bonnie Zellner '17**. Big shout out to my littles Bonnie and **Lynn Fudge Mikus '92**. And to **Sue Young '89** for heading back east and getting me involved in Ago's relaunch.

Susan Young had an interesting year. Initially laid up with 4 blood clots in her leg and winning blood thinners for life, she then found out her dad was diagnosed with cancer. She made the tough decision to leave MarVista Entertainment and moved home in November to enjoy the holidays with her parents and help out a bit with her dad's care. She is now focusing on finding another fun job on the east coast, targeting the Carolinas. As leader of the Task Force, Sue's dream was realized when Ago relaunched in the Fall 2016 with 15 new members. Sue even took a little sister, **Abby Sexton '19**, and has loved every minute of being a big sister again! (and a Big xxx to **Tessa Tanner '19** and **Gabby Guarasce '18**!) Being a part of the relaunch was made more fun by enjoying the time with so many of her Ago classmates! She still had time to squeeze in an annual birthday trip – this year was an outback adventure to Australia!

Class of 1990

Life remains busy in **Ren Hallinan Reagan's** household in Pittsford. Daughter Caleigh, almost 17 continues to Irish dance and is beginning her college search. All three boys, Declan (15), Mac (almost 13) and Casey (9) are play hockey. Another family vacation is planned for this summer to Nantucket. Husband, Drew (Delta Sigma Phi) and Ren do manage to sneak away on occasion alone and have even started a small adventure club allowing them to see some never before visited cities. Ren still owns Snip-its in Cicero, NY, which turns 12 this summer. Being a mentor to new member Julie LeVonne has helped make the Ago relaunch even more exciting than ever and Ren looks forward to Alumni Weekend this year to continue the celebration.

Laurie Rinder DelBalzo is working at Trinity-Pawling School in Human Resources. Two boys in college (Mark Jr. is at Oneonta and Danny is at Binghamton). Nicholas is 15 and is a freshman in HS. Joseph just turned 12. Mark Sr. is working for the NYC Dept of Environmental Conservation. Never an empty nest however at the DelBalzo home. After dropping two boys off to college, Laurie and Mark adopted two puppies from a shelter, bringing her grand canine total to four!

Kelly Wright O'Brien and Jim, now married twenty five years are officially the parents of three teenagers. Cassidy began studying Civil Engineering at Clarkson this past fall. Carly (almost 16) and Owen (13) keep busy with sports at home. Kelly is still very involved in pottery and currently planning a kitchen remodel project. This spring, Kelly and Jim will be travelling to Ireland and the whole family will be enjoying a family vacation to Barbados this summer.

Class of 1991

Tammy Buchner Foley is still living in the D.C. area with Sean. They have 2 girls, Skyler 15 and Jessie 13. Sean is in sales and needs to travel a lot for his job. Tammy works part time from home in the travel business. She specializes in cruises. Tammy

plans on attending the July alumni reunion and can't wait to see everyone. If you are ever in the D.C. area give her a call.

Emily Gerepka Whelan is still enjoying west coast living in California, but misses her friends and family on the east coast! Two years ago she went back to teaching 3rd grade. She missed being in the classroom! They have been touring colleges for Allison, who will graduate high school in 2018. Crazy that her oldest is starting college so soon, while her youngest started kindergarten this past fall! Emily can only hope that Allison finds a school and college friends like Potsdam and my Agonian Sisters. She can't wait to see you all in July!

Eva Dechario McGee is still living and teaching in central NJ. She loves living so close to the beach and enjoys participating in all the outdoor activities the area has to offer with Ryan, 14 and Laura, 11. She frequently gets together with Gina Bernardo Michalski and they are planning a spring NYC area get-together for all who are interested! Eva attended the incredible Reunion in Potsdam last summer, (first time back in 20 years!) and hopes to get back this year!

Class of 1992

Melissa D'Agostino Walma lives in Syracuse New York with her husband Kevin and her four kids, Connor 16, Brayden 14, Charli 10, and Zachary 8. She is a stay at home mom and stays very active with the gym she owns. Her kids are involved in many sports so you can find her at gymnastics meet or a basketball game. In the summer, she enjoys spending time with her family, boating and traveling. Melissa participated in the relaunch of Ago and has a little sister Tessa Sue Tanner from the Fall '16 class. She gets together regularly with the local Agos and is looking forward to the reunion in July!

Amy Kiessling has been living in Seattle for 15 years and doesn't think she will ever leave because it feels like home now. She works for the Port of Seattle managing architecture and engineering contracts. She is planning on attending the summer reunion to make it three years in row! She enjoys being reconnected with everyone and in 2015 fellow Agonians Amy Harvey Brune, Melissa D'Agostino Walma and Katy Hagan (Tracey Diamond had to cancel at the last minute due to family issues) for a visit. She is planning another Ago trip somewhere in the middle of the country this year.

Amy Harvey Brune lives in Baldwinsville, NY with Frank and is a teacher who adores her students. She has been busy this past year touring colleges with her daughter Emma who graduates from high school in June. Amy enjoys time with her family, friends, running, riding with Frank on his motorcycle all over and playing with her new kitten. She recently spent time with Emma in NYC going to many musicals on Broadway. She is treasuring every moment with Her daughter before she goes off to college. Amy is looking forward to the reunion this summer!

Angie Blais Murphy is in Liverpool, NY with her husband John Murphy. Their twins Graham and Maddie are away at college and will turn 20 in a few months. They have 2 dogs, Walter and Dottie who keep them busy. They are planning a trip to Paris and Munich this summer while Angie enjoys the summer off from teaching. She has reconnected with several Agos at a party in December at Tracey Diamond's house.

Denise Jeffrey Edwards is living in Niceville, FL with her husband Michael and daughters Kaitlyn 15 and Emily 13. Denise is a Colonel at the Air Force lab at Eglin and works at a think tank in DC. Mike will receive his Pins on Colonel in July with the Air Force and has deployed in Afghanistan for the past year. She has managed with the love and support of her friends and family. Both girls are outstanding musicians --- Kaitlyn marched in The Tournament of Roses Parade and Emily made the Florida All State Band as a 7th grader. They are building a house on the water and welcome all Ago visitors.

Tracey Diamond lives in Baldwinsville, NY with her husband Brian whom she married in 2015 with her local Ago friends in attendance. Her son TJ is 20 years old and is in a special program for kids on the Autism Spectrum focusing on daily living skills. They have 2 dogs, Stella and Reilly and a rescue cat named Otto. Tracey is a Medical Device Sales Representative specializing in products used in the operating room and loves the daily challenge of her job. She has spent the last several years chasing her lifelong dream of traveling the world. She has been to The Maldives, Grand Cayman, Bonaire, Bermuda, Africa, Zanzibar, Germany, Prague, Switzerland, Belgium, Netherlands, Bahamas, Egypt, Portugal, Spain, Antigua and Iceland to name a few! She helped to relaunch AGO this past year and has a little sister Haley Snell ('18) from the Fall 16 class. She hosted a few AGO get togethers over the past 2 years and is looking forward to more in the future. See you at the Reunion in a July!

Class of 1996

Melissa Dennis Fasse is still living in the Philadelphia area and she ran the Philadelphia Marathon this past fall and continues to participate in as many races as she can. Her son Andrew is graduating HS this June & is headed to Penn State this Fall to study Biomedical Engineering. Emme is turning 13 this summer and enjoys dancing and cheerleading. Melissa gets together with her Potsdam Girls as often as she can and is so thankful for their friendship.

Gina Galini Salerno is still in Fulton with her husband, Mike, twins- Anthony and Robert (16) and Vinny (10). Gina is currently working as an instructional coach and in the process of getting her administrative degree at LeMoyne. Family time is hard to come by with their busy schedules so Gina cherishes every second with her family. Gina's weeks are spent coaching & watching her kids play soccer and tennis.

Jeannie Heinsohn says 2017 is looking to be a great year for Jeannie as not only is she entering her 18th year teaching Social Studies at Tuckahoe HS and is proud to serve as a Union Rep. She is enjoying becoming more active with the Ago relaunch. Not only is she looking forward to an awesome Alumni Weekend in July, but is also taking the big step of getting married in May to April :) She wishes all her sisters both near and far lots of love and happiness as well and hopes to see you ALL on the porch in July :)

Class of 1999

Kelly Reardon Bovi is still teaching social studies to the youth of Tully, NY. She travels to Jamaica yearly with her husband Kevin, as well as other "fun" historical places. She has seen fellow Agonian Alli and Stephanie in the summer of 2015, and saw Mindy last spring.

Amanda Moore married the love of her life, Niladri Ghoshal, the weekend of June 18, 2016 in Woodstock, VT. In attendance to help us celebrate were fellow Agonian's: Carrie (Ellis) Ferrin '99, Melinda (Loicano) Zech '99, Jeannie Heinsohn '96 and Robin Clark '94. Amanda and her husband live in Saratoga Springs, NY with our kitty Satten and my horse Larry.

<u>Class of 2001</u>

Amanda White-Barber is married to her Clarkson alum husband Michael and lives in Mexico, NY where she is a 3rd grade teacher at Mexico Academy CS District. They have a 4 year old daughter.

Courtney Woodmancy-Orofiamma is married and lives in Toronto, Ontario where she is a speech-language pathologist. She has a 3 ½ year old son and just welcomed her newest son to the world 7 months ago.

Danielle Masciale Brady is a reading teacher in Long Island, New York. She is married to her FDNY husband and has two daughters, Sienna, 4 and Mikayla, 2. Danielle and her family have enjoyed hitting the ski slopes this winter and Danielle has been instrumental in organizing several fundraisers for a local girl with a rare skin disorder.

Emily LaBarge is a 5th grade teacher and lives in Ashland, KY.. She recently married husband Kyle Smith this past summer in Hilton Head, SC. She and her children Reese, 11; Lylah, 9; and Nash, 5 welcomed step brothers Jaden, 13 and Brennen, 10 to their family

Heather-Rae Dashnaw Kennedy is a senior project manager for Virtualscopics in Rochester, NY. She and her husband Steve, an RPD Sergeant, have 3 children - Aiden age 9, Lindsey age 7, and Liam who is almost 2. The family enjoys time on the ice in their backyard rink that Steve builds each winter. Heather and Lindsey set up a homemade waffle and cocoa cart on the weekends so neighborhood children can enjoy a homemade treat after skating.

Lisandra Adorno Mendez recently left city life for the suburbs and is living in Nanuet, NY with her FDNY husband and two children, Leila, 7 and Jacob, 4. Liz is working as a practice manager at a private medical group. Liz and her daughter started a local clean up project for her daughter's Girl Scout troop and are picking up trash in the neighborhood on the weekends.

Marci Berman Blaszka is a Nurse Practitioner living in northern New Jersey. She works at Kean University's student health center. She and her husband welcomed their daughter, Gemma to the family 7 months ago. Marci is also part of the Ago Mentor Program. Her personal goals for 2017 include competing on The Family Feud.

Mandy Mashaw Boyd has been married for 13 years and has a 12 year old daughter and 11 year old son. She lives in Norwood, NY and is a reading teacher

Marie Quimby-Flores lives in Sugar Land, Texas and is a pricing analyst for an energy company. She is married and has two children, a son aged12 and a daughter age 7.

Sandra VanPelt Robinson and her husband DK alumni Mark live in Olympia, Washington. Sandra is an accomplished career woman and fitness enthusiast; she is a 2nd grade teacher, yoga instructor, and teaches training courses for substitute teachers. Sandra has recently taken up Parkour.

Stephanie LaRock Britt is a marketing manager for a non-profit agency in Rochester, NY. She and Clarkson alum and Sigma Pi husband Eric have two children, Lincoln, age 5 and spirited daughter Andie, age 3. Stephanie's latest hobby is extreme couponing and plans on donating half her stockpile to local families in need this spring.

Class of 2002

Nicole Minnick Beck, her husband Chad and their two children, Hunter and Chuck, are currently living in Ballston Lake. Nicole still enjoys brushing her teeth and waving her toothbrush around, listening to her mother's stories, and asking lots of questions. Her favorite past time is to sing Kris Kross songs with her pants on backwards. Lil Opie keeps in touch with many of her sorority sisters and sees them often.

Dana Lucas Hall and her husband Mark live outside of Rochester with their two children Harper and Caleb. They all just took an amazing family cruise where Harper and Caleb explored their performing careers. Dana enjoys running and making popcorn. She wants everyone to know that she still is often late to things.

Jocelyn Magnifico is currently in a very happy relationship with her boyfriend Ian. They recently traveled to Paris and were making out under the Eiffel Tower. She currently works in Manhattan and has been very successful with her job. Jocelyn has calmed down quite a bit and does not throw things anymore. Her hobbies include drinking coffee, playing darts, playing euchre and getting her nails done in Jersey.

Dea Palmer is currently living in Georgia with her husband Bryan. Dea has been doing a great deal of traveling around the world and seeing some amazing places. She enjoys trying the fine cuisine wherever she goes, especially slurpee's. Dea is still a fantastic driver and enjoys listening to Space Jam while cruising around.

Kelly Best Palmeri and her husband Jack reside in Rochester with their two children Luciana and Alessandra. Alessandra was a surprise addition to the family three months ago. Kelly continues to enjoy crafting like Martha Stewart and watching old Joan Lunden interviews. She would love to go to Backstreets once again with all of her sorority sisters.

Shannon Burns Roundpoint and her husband Craig live in Akwesasne with their two sons Collin and Sawyer. Shannon loves owls, snapping turtles, and eating sunflower seeds. Josie enjoys long walks on the beach with the sand in her toes reminiscing about walking down the streets of Potsdam singing Ago songs.

Lora Masci Weagle currently lives in Florida with her husband Dave and their dog Clover. Lora is still driving a blue mini van, which she lovingly calls The Blue Fox. She enjoys drinking tea and painting her nails. Lora and Dave are taking basket weaving classes together and hope to open a basket store in the near future.

Class of 2004

Jasmin Phillips Stelluti welcomed her first child Leonardo Miguel Stelluti this past summer 8/3/16.

Emily White Eckstrum started a new job as the English K-12 Chairperson at Bayport- BluePoint School District. Her and her husband, Tim,welcomed their second baby boy, Harrison Rhys, last March, and bought a new house in Hauppauge, Long Island.

Class of 2006

Lindsay Buchta is working at Binghamton University recruiting graduate students from around the globe for Systems Science and Industrial Engineering (if you or your children are interested, contact her!). She is also working part-time at a hotel so she can support travel to all of her daughter's out of town softball and soccer tournaments. Her daughter, Mattea, is about to turn 12 and is has a 100% overall average grade. Lindsay and her daughter continue their volunteer work at the local soup kitchen and animal shelters, and continue to watch every episode of Gilmore Girls multiple times together.

Rachel Cajigas is looking forward to her final year of the PhD program at the University of Arizona. She has been working remotely on her dissertation and teaching occasionally at the University of Alabama, where her husband works. She plans to join him on an archaeological project on the Georgia coast this summer. She has also enjoyed working with and getting to know Bonnie Zellner '17 through Ago's mentor program.

Maria Potenza Jackson is still living in Webster. She now has a two-year-old, Lucas, and an eight-month old, Ryan. She is currently staying home with both her boys and is a health and fitness coach for Beach Body. She is loving every single minute she gets to stay home and raise her boys while inspiring and empowering the lives of others.

Liz Wegner is continuing to teach dance at Dance Spectrum and most recently, Moving Miracles, a studio which caters to

developmentally disabled people. She teaches a day habilitation program as well as evening classes. This past June, she welcomed a healthy baby boy, Logan. She will be married in May and is looking forward to attending 8 additional weddings in 2017, including, an Ago sister, Jenna!

Allison Autry Zukoski graduated with her MBA from University of Rochester Simon School of Business in June. She started working at Paychex in November and loves it. She is still living in Rochester with her husband and having lots of fun. They enjoy going hiking and camping as much as possible.

Class of 2008

Kaylee Allen (White) is working as a dental hygienist and loving all the time she spends with her son and husband. She is also expecting another child August of this year :)

Sarah Fraker (Mackey) -We're pregnant! Sarah and her husband are expecting their first child, Mila Charlotte Fraker, at the end of May. Sarah and her husband Rob, currently live in Aldie, VA with their 3 dogs. Sarah is finishing up her 5th year of teaching K-5 music at Prince William County Schools, which will be her last year of teaching. She is lucky enough to have one of her Pledge sisters, Meghan Stewart, live so close! They still have weekly girls nights filled with terrible reality TV and Thai food.

Brooke Welch (Morse resides in Newburyport Massachusetts as an artist and art teacher with her husband. Brooke has two children; Brayden 6yrs old and Julia, 3. They are welcoming a baby boy at the end of June and are very excited! Brooke was honored to be a bridesmaid at Tina Dahl (Vullo) and Audrianna Vahue's weddings this past year.

Meghan Stewart is currently living in Fairfax, Virginia working as a patient coordinator for a Movement Disorder Clinic. Meghan is looking forward to traveling to Dubai soon so she can help spread the word about treatment options. Besides work, Meghan attended several beautiful Agonian weddings last year and hangs out with Sarah Fraker (and her soon to be baby, Mila) on the weekends.

Tina Dahl (Vullo) is currently living in Philadelphia, PA with her husband. Tina and Karl were married this past fall with many Ago sisters in attendance to share in the special day! Tina is currently working in Advertising. In her spare time she loves to run, workout and cook – mainly new healthy recipes.

Kathleen Hoyt is living in Albany, NY currently working for General Electric. Kathleen has found a passion in health and fitness and is part of the Upstate Empire Fitness team. On weekends she is traveling and visiting friends. This October she had an amazing opportunity to visit Adrienne Mitchell (Fl'08) in Maui, Hawaii.

Jamie Turcious recently was promoted to Senior Analyst at American Express and is living on the Upper East Side in New York City. Jamie has quite the travel bug! She recently visited Costa Rica this past February and has trips planned to Madrid in the summer and Paris in the fall!

Seneca Kazda-Hartmann is currently living in Florida but is expecting to change states in the near future. In 2016, She went from Ms. to Mrs. and is enjoying every minute of being a wifey. Currently, she is a kindergarten teacher for gifted students. She absolutely loves her job – from the rigorous curriculum to the arts and crafts!

Class of 2009

Rachel Gebhardt is still living in Lake Placid and working at North Country Community College in Saranac Lake. She did lots of traveling this year, including a trip to Banff/Jasper/Mount Robson where John (also a Potsdam Greek alum) Rachel got engaged. She is looking forward to seeing lots of you over the next year!

Lauren (Zona) Hearne is still living in Rochester, NY with her husband Kenny and two babies, Stella (3) and Nathan (1). She teaches elementary band in Sodus, NY. She is looking forward to all of the upcoming Ago weddings this year!!

Lindsay Mermell is living near Hartford, CT and busy planning her September wedding to Tom! She is excited to see some of her Ago sisters at her wedding later this year! She is still studying to become a Certified Financial Planner and is building her knowledge and business while still trying to keep in touch with as many friends as possible.

Jenna Naylor and Mike welcomed their daughter, Maiven Elizabeth, in March 2016. They are looking forward to their April 2017 wedding with Jenna Novak (class of '07) standing by her side as a bridesmaid! She anxiously looks forward to celebrating many Agonians weddings this spring and summer!!

Sarah Paparella is currently living in Utica, NY and is working as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for an 80 bed skilled nursing and short term rehabilitation facility. In her free time she enjoys traveling, spending time with family and keeping in touch with her Agonian sisters. This Summer/Fall she has the pleasure of standing up in two of her Ago sisters' weddings!

Nicole Wilson is living in Columbia, South Carolina. She is enjoying time spent with her family and friends.

Heather Taylor is currently living in Asheville, NC. She is working for the local alternative weekly newspaper and building a tiny home! She is learning about tiny living and farm life as well as continuing her musical endeavors. She just released her first solo album in 2017.

Christina Rawady is back in the US after a 2 year European tour. She is happily living back in Potsdam and teaching music and band at Potsdam middle school. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at alumni weekend!

Maureen McCullough lives in Boston and works at an investment bank. She spends time with Hilary Zap, who also lives in Boston. Maureen loves getting together with Ago sisters and reconnecting at all of the weddings.

Class of 2012

Katie Beck is currently living in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This is her second year of teaching, but her first year teaching first grade in a dual language classroom.

Gwendolyn Legendy has recently moved to Fort Collins, Colorado and is attending school part-time to pursue a degree in Nutrition. She is continuing to work full-time and is excited for this new journey!

Elise Lee (Pacitti) lives in Erie, Pennsylvania with her husband who she married in September! She is the Social Media Leader at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She says 2016 was a great year!

Laura Pohl moved to Grand Rapids, Michigan in November to accept a position as a Design Engineer at Herman Miller. This year she is excited to see her pledge sister walk down the aisle with Ago's by her side!

Kelly Snyder lives in Rochester, New York and is in her 3rd year of teaching fourth grade. Some of her highlights from this past year were canoeing in the 90-miler Adirondack Canoe Classic with her family and hiking the high peaks.

Audrianna Vahue currently lives in Merrimack, New Hampshire. She is in her second year of teaching 9th Grade Special Education/ Algebra I at Lawrence High School in MA. She is looking forward to getting married in May of this year! **Chelsea Whiteman** is living in Albany, New York and continues to work at Foresters Financial Services. Chelsea has enjoyed travelling and plans to enjoy more trips this upcoming year!

Class of 2015

A lot of excitement has happened for the Class of 2015! New jobs and news of engagements has had the whole class buzzing!

Miranda Klein is now a NYS Veterinarian Technician practicing in Rochester, New York. Miranda attended Clarkson University from 2011-2013 majoring in Biology. She then transferred to SUNY Canton after finding her passion for veterinary medicine to become a Veterinary Tech. She has just moved into a new house with one of her co-workers and is loving all of her new experiences!

Cassie Smith has started a new career! After working for a year as a Nursing Assistant, she moved to Knoxville, Tennessee with her boyfriend Simon and is now a Marketing Consultant with Clinique. She is very excited about her new position and is loving the southern weather! Cassie graduated from Clarkson University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

Courtney Kurshner is happy to announce that she is ENGAGED!!!! Courtney and her boyfriend live in Nashville, Tennessee and are busy planning for their wedding this summer! Courtney is starting a new career in Franklin, Tennessee as a mortgage analyst. Courtney attended SUNY Potsdam and transferred to Middle Tennessee State University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

Theresa Pitera also is excited to announce that she is ENGAGED!! Theresa is engaged to Erik Miles who was also an alumni of Phi Kappa Chi (Phi Kap). Theresa lives in Syracuse, New York and the two are excited to begin the preparations for their upcoming wedding! Theresa is enjoying her job working as a licensed trader in Syracuse. Theresa graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Finance.

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