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Reunion Weekend Schedule

Agonian Sorority Celebrates 138 Years; You are cordially invited to the 2020 Reunion Weekend

July 9- July 12 at 11 Pierrepont Avenue, Potsdam.

Hosted by the Agonian Sorority Alumnae Association (AAA), open to all Agonian alumnae.

If you are coming, please RSVP to Pam Pendleton at pampendleton16@gmail.com by Wednesday July 1

Thursday July 9

4:00pm-5:30 pm Early Bird Reception (Becky's Place)

6:30pm-7:30 pm Greek Gathering (Townhouse Quad)

Friday July 10

4:00pm-10:00 pm Porch Party with Sergi's Pizza BYOB (11 Pierrepont)

Sponsored by the Class of 1980

Saturday July 11

8:30 am Breakfast at Wajda's townhouse on campus

10:00am-11:30 am - Ago Alumnae Association meeting (Kellas Hall room 103)

11:45am Greek Photo (Minerva Plaza) Wear your AKPhi letters in navy, white, and gold.

12:30pm-2:00 pm - Taste of Potsdam (Bowman Quad)

2:00pm - Porch party BYOB (11 Pierrepont) sponsored by Class of 1975

Sunday July 12

9:00am - noon Coffee and Bagels (11 Pierrepont)



Alumnae Community Service Project

To continue our tradition of supporting a great cause each summer, we have chosen to assist Honorary Leila Thurston with her dedicated efforts at the Potsdam Humane Society by bringing up donations of canned cat / dog food, treats and toys, laundry / dish soap, clorox wipes, copier paper and paper towels. Monetary donations gladly accepted all year; send checks to Potsdam Humane Society, 17 Madrid Ave, Potsdam, NY 13676, and note that it's an Ago donation. Please bring up donations to 11 P reunion weekend. Thanks for your support!

Know Before You Go!

At our Friday afternoon porch party, as well as all our get-togethers, alcohol must be BYOB (bring your own and do not share). We invite our new graduates and welcome them to join us in the Agonian Alumnae Association. Since there will be underage students attending our events, we must follow Potsdam College Risk Management Policy regarding alcohol found here:

<https://www.potsdam.edu/about/safety/police/regulations-policies/alcohol-regulations>

While the details of this policy are important, it can be simplified to four points:

1. **We will not provide alcohol.**
2. **We will not participate in drinking games.**
3. **We will know who our guests are.**
4. **If we break the law, we will expect consequences.**

Please note that 11 Pierrepont (and the porch) will be closed to visitors after 10:00pm.

2020 Reunion Shirt Order Form

Order due by June 15th!!



Ladies navy poly v-neck T-shirt
Screen printed \$20.00



Adult unisex navy hoody (50/50)
Screen printed \$30.00

Mail completed order form with check
Payable to Agonian Alumnae Association
Sharon Heiligman
1380 Silverheel Run
Webster, NY 14580

**Orders and payment must be received
by June 15th.**



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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| T-Shirt | | | | | | | x \$20 ea | |
| Hoody | | | | | | | x \$30 ea | |
| Total due: | | | | | | | | |

Orders will be available for pickup at the Reunion.

Note: Profits from apparel sales go to the Ago Alumnae Association

Agonian Alumnae Association (AAA) President Report by Sue Wajda '74

I welcome all of you to participate in what I hope evolves into the NEW Agonian Alumnae Assn, inclusive of all ages, all regions, all talents. Sure, it will take time but already I feel fortunate to steer with a winning team of pit crew officers from the 70s, 80s and 90s, with committee chairs from the 2000s and class coordinators/ reps from Sophia '47 through Julie '18. We are all in it to win it, and can only do so with new contributors sharing the unique gifts each one of you brings to the table. The leading role of President is up this year; should you feel you can dedicate what it takes and have the determination to take the AAA to higher ground and accomplish great things, come on down and self-nominate! We were blessed at Reunion 19 to catch and keep the incredible drive, data tackling and drama-crushing expertise of Susan Dixon '84, who even part-time as Interim Communications Director, brought the AAA miles ahead in the game. Add the kindness, level-headedness and warmth of VP Pam Pendleton '78 to the on-the-penny accuracy and dependability of Treasurer Ren Reagan '90, and we have a team headed for the pennant.

But our time is limited, our perspectives sometimes narrow, our experiences and talents not universal. We seek not just YOUNG joiners, and crave the experience sharing of the SEASONED alumnae, but welcome NEW people, new perspectives, new possibilities to take the AAA to new places.

We could all benefit from fresh faces at Reunion events, behind the scenes setups, newsletter reporters/editors, AAA marketing / recruitment, community service projects, scholarship reviews/voting, class reps, regional gatherings (Syracuse, Rochester, Albany, North Country, Florida), attending actives' events (Bid Day/Initiation), updating our website and database, and a social media manager! We are looking for technologically savvy alums to maximize the use of tools out there to help with these goals.

The seas we sail are more challenging these days, and to stay on our Agonic course, we need more hands with different talents on deck. We hope you will keep us out of dry dock and at least ask any of us about a possible interest of yours. **To ALL Ago alums, I WELCOME YOU ABOARD.**

AAA Vice-President Report by Pam Pendleton '78

My 1st year as Vice President has been a huge learning curve. My main responsibilities are the Anchor Newsletter and Reunion Weekend. As we update our Alumnae database we hope to be able to reach more of our Agonian sisters and enhance the bond that already ties us together. If you have contact info for any of your Agonian sisters OR would like to be more involved (class rep, social gatherings, Reunion weekend, etc) please email me [see below]. If you haven't come "back home" to Potsdam in a while, consider coming in July when we reunite @ 11 P! It's refreshing, brings back memories of our youthful time at Ago and allows you to meet sisters from every era of Ago. Please email me if you're planning to come to Reunion Weekend in July. See you there! My email is pampendleton16@gmail.com

AAA Treasurer report by Ren Reagan '90

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Renee "Ren" Hallinan Reagan, and this past year I became the new AAA Treasurer. It has been very interesting getting to know the inner workings of the Agonian Alumnae Association and I am really happy to finally have a role in such an incredible alumnae association! As many of you know, our largest expenses continue to be the publication and mailing of our Anchor newsletter. There are also up to three different scholarships that are awarded to current Agonian members every year. Our dues are our only source of income, so thank you to those that continue to pay their annual dues every year. With all of your help, we continue to keep the Sisterhood Sailing Strong!

Please send your dues and/or donations to Renee Reagan at 217 Royal View, Pittsford, NY, 14534, payable to the Agonian Alumnae Association. If you have any questions for me, I can be reached at renreagan90@gmail.com.

Dues for 2020 - \$25 Blue (basic) or **\$50** Gold (extra \$25 goes toward house repairs)

Dues received 2019 **\$3,625.00**

Dues received 2020 (as of 1/24/20) **\$675.00**

2020 Budget

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| Reunion Weekend | \$300 |
| Insurance | \$300 |
| Election Survey Fee | \$150 |
| Postage/Mailings | \$335 |
| Web hosting fee | \$285 |
| PayPal fee | \$75 |
| Newsletter printing | \$1100 |
| Newsletter postage | \$700 |
| Scholarships | \$3000 |
| Total Expenses | \$6245 |

Ago Alumnae Association (AAA) Team of Officers 2019

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|-------------------------|---------------|------|--|--------------|
| President | Sue Wajda | 1974 | swajda1@aol.com | 585-704-6844 |
| Vice President | Pam Pendleton | 1978 | pampendleton16@gmail.com | 315-524-8346 |
| Treasurer | Renee Reagan | 1990 | rreagan3@rochester.rr.com | 585-455-9057 |
| Communications Director | Susan Dixon* | 1984 | susan_dixon@live.com | 617-921-3482 |

*Interim

BIG Thank-yous go out to:

Whether you know her as Jane Crane, AgoJane or **Jane Morale**, she has dedicated nearly 40 years to the AAA, serving as Vice President, President, Newsletter and Reunion Chair, Coordinator of Class Reps, and now Rep for 1980. Jane has also been Chair and Member of Ago's Board of Directors, Member of the Task Force and New Member Educator. We all thank you Jane!

A little known fact about **Joann Koch-Quon** - Joann has graciously acted as reunion weekend "house mother" making sure 11P remained in pristine condition. Her lovingly stern nature is perfect for this role! She remarked how impressed she was with meeting active, Katrina. She also enjoyed the trip to Brownie's grave with Pam. Joann is proud to be Agonian and after meeting new members, sees a bright future for Alpha Kappa Phi.

Ago Board of Directors

| Office | Name | Email and phone |
|------------|-------------------------|--|
| Chair | Shelley Ives | shelleyi@earthlink.net (919)630-8718 |
| Treasurer | Colleen Costello Filiak | colleenfiliak@gmail.com (412)726-8971 |
| House Mgr. | Licia Urtis Murrell | mslicia@bellsouth.net (404)406-5238 |
| Secretary | Vera Thurston Gibbs | vmgibbs@syr.edu (315)569-9755 |
| At large | Denise Bennett Haines | DeniseHaines@me.com (352)536-5876 |
| At large | Sandra VanPelt Robinson | Sandra.k.vanpelt@gmail.com (518)225-2001 |
| At large | Karen Walker | txwalkerfamily@att.net (214)326-1220 |
| AAA Pres | Sue Wajda | swajda1@aol.com (585)704-6884 |

From the Helm (or the Board conference room)

A busy 2019 for Ago, we are excited to have 6 new members from the Spring semester and 4 new members from the Fall semester with a total of 21 members. We are looking forward to more new members this spring.

At the Fall Greek Awards ceremony, we were very proud to have several members with a 3.0 GPA or higher recognized for their accomplishments. Ago is highlighted with having the 2nd highest Chapter GPA. The Board of Directors works with the Active members for guidance. We work closely with the Ago eBoard, the New Member Education program and all the officers. We have a great group of Active members.

This past year we did more repairs and upgrades to our home at 11 Pierrepont Avenue. See Licia Murrell's article on the repair highlights that have been done. We are always looking for anyone that would like to be involved. We need volunteers for our Nominations Committee, Alumnae Advisory Committee, as well as other committees. We thank retiring **Lynne Boles** and **Denise Bukovan** for their excellent contributions on the Board!

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out. Thank you to all the Alumnae for your support and your donations to help keep our ship afloat.

Shelley Ives ('83), Board Chair
shelleyives@agopotsdam.com

Our Ship is in Tip Top Shape Licia Urtis Murrell '82

Yes, we are in First Class order. Each year we are able to complete necessary repairs to keep our sisters safe and the house in good condition. Thank you to everyone for all the generous class donations and individual donations made to help us reach these goals. We were able to move forward with many necessary repairs of our Hallowed Halls.

During the past year the following repairs were made:

- Fire suppression system replaced which included the stove hood.
- New washer was donated by a generous member of the Class of '69.
- The roof was replaced with our classic traditional blue shingles.
- Storm doors on dining room and kitchen were bought and installed with generosity of the class of '79.
- New chairs were purchased with some of the donations of the class of '81.
- Electrical wiring in the 3rd floor racks was updated with generous donations of the class of '78.

This year we are in great need of upgrading the downstairs (former housemother's) bathroom which is in dire need of repair. We also plan to begin raising money for a kitchen remodel. The kitchen is over 25 years old and is in great need of a facelift; this will be a large project. We need a very energetic sister who would like to lead the fundraiser. We welcome any class that would like to make a class donation. Every little bit will help.

Donations can be earmarked and sent with dues to Renee Reagan.

Again, thanks for keeping our ship afloat!!! See you all at "home" Reunion Weekend!



It's election time again!



Our Governance documents strive to make the election process very transparent. We have term limits and each **AAA** officer can serve only 2 consecutive terms. Terms begin August 1. Open positions for the AAA are:

President – Two year term, limit of two consecutive terms. Main responsibilities:

- Oversee AAA Officers, recruit committee chairs.
 - Lead annual meeting, other meetings, phone calls, conference calls and emails.
 - Be an active participant on Agonian Board of Directors
- Communicate with the Active Sisters about newsletter and scholarship, also with Board members.

Vice President – two year term, limit of two consecutive terms. Main responsibilities:

- Facilitate the Reunion Weekend Committee and Newsletter Committee.
- Recruit class reps to collect news.
- Participate in regular meetings, phone calls, emails etc. with AAA.
- Assist President and perform President duties when President unable to perform.

Communications Director – Two year term, limit of two consecutive terms. Main responsibilities:

- Maintain an updated database of addresses and emails of all Agonian Alumnae.
- Email the Anchor working with the Newsletter Team, requests for dues and reunion notifications.
- Coordinate all social media accounts.
- Maintain the Agonian website information from the AAA, Board of Directors, and Actives.

There are also two **Board of Directors** positions up for re-election:

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

- Prepare an annual operating budget for the Corporate home for approval.
- Issue leases for residents of 11 Pierrepont Ave; collect security deposits and rent.
- Oversee deposit of all monies received by the Agonian Sorority Inc.

- Ensure payment of all approved expenses incurred by the Agonian Sorority Inc.
- Help to oversee House repairs, especially code enforcement.
- Advise and monitor all financial activities of the Active Members.

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

- Serve as liaison to Active Member House Manager.
- Oversee all House repairs and review all improvement suggestions coming from both the Actives and the Board with the assistance of the Board Treasurer.
- Gather three bids for repairs and present bids to Board for approval.
- Manage all major 11 Pierrepont improvements and initiatives.
- Keep a record of annual repairs

Nominees for Board positions are strongly recommended to have served on the Agonian Sorority Board or in an Alumnae Association Office or Committee or in another capacity for a year.

If you are interested in running for an Alumnae Association or Board of Directors position contact **Clare Reilly '16** at clarereilly@gmail.com by June 1st. Include information about why you would like this position and any relevant experience. Hopefully many Alumnae who have expressed interest in getting more involved will take this opportunity. You loved being a part of Ago back then; you will love being a part of our new Agonian. Please watch the Ago website (www.agopotsdam.com) for voting information in June.



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www.agopotsdam.com

<https://www.facebook.com/AgonianSororityPotsdam/>

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Agonian-Sorority-Alpha-Kappa-Phi132602/about>
alumnae@agopotsdam.com

We have valid email addresses for many of our Alumnae. If we don't have yours, please drop us an email at: alumnae@agopotsdam.com. When you send an email to the Class Email, it will reach the entire class! It is in the format of AgoYear@agopotsdam.com; for example- the class of 1994 would be ago1994@agopotsdam.com. This should help you keep in touch during reunion time. Let us know if you would like to receive your next newsletter online.

Mentorship. Connection. Bond. Sisterhood

This is what participating in the Mentor program means to me. I have connected with alumnae sisters and active sisters building lifetime bonds. While there is a minimum commitment for communication between mentors/mentees, the hope is that a relationship will be established so the minimums don't matter. I first became a mentor in Spring of 2017 to a now graduating senior, Olivia Scata. Rather than tell you how I feel about our relationship, I'll share Olivia's thoughts.

"The best part of the mentoring process is the bond that you can create with your mentor. I know that, in our case, I am much closer with you than any other alumni who has been out for 5+ years. Even though your career path (Elem. Ed) and mine (Dance) don't line up, I know that I can still come to you about anything that I need and you'll be able to help me the best that you can."

Creating a relationship where a college student feels safe to talk out everything ranging from relationship issues, course load, career goals, and beyond, knowing that you are going to listen, give thoughtful advice, and empower her to make the best decision for herself, without judgment, is an amazing gift to give to our next generation of sisters. Thank you to the Fall 2019 mentors: JoAnn Koch-Quon, Liz Henderson, Nicole Jones, and Clare Reilly. Having begun this program in the Fall of 2013, Ago is unique and set apart by offering this huge benefit to its actives and its alumnae.

Mentors Needed for Fall 2020 New Members

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact **Sandra (Van Pelt) Robinson '01**. Email: sandra.k.vanpelt@gmail.com Phone: 518-225-2403 Direct Message on Facebook or Instagram

Ago Governance Document Review is Complete

With thanks to Alumnae who voted, our **NEW GOVERNING DOCUMENTS** (Constitution, Bylaws, Exhibits) were approved and are now in effect as of Dec 2019. Please check them out on www.agopotsdam.com as we must now all follow them. The team of **Lynne Boles, Denise Bukovan, Cathy Bennett** and **Sue Wajda** spent nearly 2 years on this project in collaboration with the college, Board, Alumnae Assn and Actives. Our appreciation for your lengthy efforts!

Laurena Ramsdell Scholarship 2018-2019

The Ago Alumnae Assn was pleased to award the Laurena Ramsdell Scholarship for Scholastic Excellence to one of our outstanding actives, **Emily Dean**. Each applicant wrote an essay as to their worthiness, provided an official transcript and supplied a sponsor reference letter. We had three very worthy applicants.

This year's scholarship committee: **Mindy Poupore, Kim Greene, Rebecca Fletcher, Sue Hofstetter, Nicole Beck, Denise Aiello Bukovan** and **Paula Miller** were impressed with Emily's high GPA along with her continued leadership in Ago. Emily was on the executive board of All Greek Council as Community Service Chair, exec board of the Chemistry Club and has been on Ago's executive board since initiation, and served as Alumni Secretary and Social Chairman.

The scholarship committee was most impressed with the fact that she has been very active in Ago while academically ambitious. Even though she will be graduating from Potsdam in the Spring semester, she will be continuing her program at Clarkson for two more years (3yrs Pdam, 2 yrs Clarkson)." Having been a previous recipient, it meant the world to me and I was extremely honored to receive it", said Mindy.

Mindy Mospaw Poupore '79

And the AAA Scholarship Winner Is...

The 2019-20 Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship of \$1000 was presented to **Samantha Twing** on November 17th.

The event was hosted by 1980 Ago Alumnae Julie Reagan, 1978 Board Member Vera Gibbs, and 1974 AAA President Sue Wajda with special guest Faculty Advisor Beth Todd. Dinner followed the award and presentations.

This year applicants could choose the scholarship they wanted to apply for based on 1) Excellence in academics, in honor of Laurena Ramsdell; 2) Excellence in service to Ago, the campus, and the community, in honor of Eunice "Brownie" Badger; or 3) Excellence in leadership, in honor of Suzanne Wajda '74. All Actives were encouraged to participate. The letters of recommendation and applications received were outstanding.

As a creative, hard-working and imaginative student who has a personal code of ethics, Samantha intertwined all three of our scholarship categories: leadership - holds Ago offices of 1st VP/Academics Chair, New Member Educator and Music Directress; academics - 3.9 GPA, on the President's List every semester, will graduate Summa Cum Laude; and community service - serves in her hometown community's food pantry, animal shelter and participates in the Potsdam town clean-ups. She hopes to earn a Masters in Thanatology, leading to Bereavement Counseling and Hospice Care Coordination.

Congratulations to Samantha, majoring in Psychology and Music, and to all our Active applicants! All are an inspiration to their families, school, fellow students, Agonian sisters, and community.



Cheryl Johnson Welles '84 ~ AAA Scholarship Coordinator

Spring 2020 Academic update

Ago tied for the highest GPA in All Greek Council with a 3.21 overall. Ago also had 6 sisters on the President's List and 5 on the Dean's List! Also, Ago Kaitlyn Rivera won the Morale-Zagorski Greek Life Internship for this year.

What's Going on at 11 Pierrepont You Ask? Read on to find out.

Ago has been a role model in the Greek community for academics. At the fall Greek scholarship dinner, Ago was recognized for earning the second highest Greek GPA and highest Social Greek GPA. This past fall, Ago won academic pizza four out of five times for submitting weekly grades to the All Greek Council. Ago's academic success went further with three individuals during the Spring 2019 semester. **Sam Twing** was initiated into Psi Chi for earning a GPA in the top 35% of psychology majors, and Phi Kappa Phi for a GPA in the top 7% of her grade. **Samantha Markham** was initiated to Pi Mu Epsilon, Kappa Delta Pi, the International Honors Society for Education and the Mathematical Association of America. **Taylor Vlad** received the St. Lawrence Patrons of the Arts Scholarship. **Kaitlyn Rivera** applied and was awarded The Morale-Zagorski Greek Life Internship Scholarship. These girls lead Ago and inspire others to be their best academically.

Molly Magee was initiated in Spring 2019. Molly is an early childhood education major. She joined Pitches in fall 2017 and has held an eboard position previously. During the Fall 2019 semester she was elected president of Pitches.

Samantha Twing was initiated in Spring 2017. After spring 2020 Sam will have been New Member Educator for two years. Sam will have taught almost the entire current house of actives during their NME process. With her kind heart, and dedication to academics, Sam has been a wonderful fit for the position. The demands of this position have helped Sam to flourish and really grow into the strong role model we know her to be today.

Olivia Scata joined in Spring 2017. She completed another beautiful Choreographer's Concert during the fall 2019 semester. These concerts require long hours from the faculty, student choreographers and student dancers. Olivia danced in two student pieces and choreographed one herself. SUNY Potsdam recognized Olivia and her hard work in the dance department with a spotlight video on their website.

Katrina Surdyka joined in Fall 2018. During the fall 2019 semester she successfully performed her half hour recital on trumpet. Having played trumpet since she was 10 years old, she was excited and nervous for her last college performance. She performed Trumpet Concerto by Alexander Pakhmutova, and Little Trumpet Suite for Trumpet and Piano by Violet Archer. It meant the world to Katrina to have so many Ago sisters and immediate family present to celebrate with her.

Nicole Hernandez helped give the final push to start what actives call "family dinners". Taylor Vlad suggested this idea last school year and had some support from members, but it didn't take off until this fall. With Nicole's help spearheading it and support from the Board of Directors, the Ago actives had two successful family dinners. The idea is that the dinners would require teamwork, communication, and organizational skills to get it set up. After it's set up, we had a relaxed dinner vibe where we could all just be ourselves and enjoy each other's company. After the first dinner all the actives gave rave reviews and couldn't wait for the next one.

The actives also enjoyed fun birthday celebrations for the many fall birthdays including a surprise birthday party for **Sam Patterson**. **Taylor Vlad** wanted to give her little, **Sam Patterson**, a traditional birthday party with all the classics from our childhoods. These activities included pin the tail on the donkey, twister, musical chairs, pinata, and lots of great music and dancing.

The following seniors will graduate in Spring 2020- **Ashlie Dolfin** – English Literature and Writing & Adolescent English, **Nicole Hernandez**-Criminal Justice, **Samantha Markham**-Secondary Education and Math, **Olivia Scata**-Dance and Arts Management, **Katrina Surdyka**-Music Education, **Samantha Twing**-Music and Psychology, **Taylor Vlad**-Studio Art, **Isabel Wildflower**-Criminal Justice.

Rochester Alumnae Gathering

One rainy evening in May, ten Rochester area Agos enjoyed each other's company with a fun get together at Sharon Keating Heiligman's home in Webster. We laughed while sipping wine and enjoying good eats, reminiscing about our favorite memories of Ago. There were stories of retirement, vacations, and building new homes along with the challenges of jobs, aging parents and lost loved ones. The sisterhood we share is everlasting and we always look to expand our local network of marvelous women of all ages. We hope YOU can join us next time!!

Attendees were: **Sue Canale Hostetter '81**, **Cathy Ellia Bennett '82**, **Sue Wajda '74**, **Jane Morale '80**, **Cathy Lennon Nealon '76**, **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79**, **Barb Putnam Cregg '75**, **Paula Douglas Miller '83**, **Pam Pendleton '78** and **Karen Martino '94**.



A tradition from the past: A PSI PHI - Ago love story by Ron and Jo Farra

It was a cold night in Potsdam in the winter of 1956 when Jo attended an Ago meeting. That's when 20 PSI PHI guys came to sing the newly composed PSI PHI Sweetheart Song. One of the guys went up onto the porch of the Ago house to ask **Joanna DiCroce** to come to the door. Lots of giggling could be heard as most of the girls had been tipped off. As Jo came out on the porch we sang:

"Sweet heart of mine with your heart so true.
Sweetheart of mine, PSI PHI sings to you." (Skipping to last line...)
"Together success will come when ever you try.
For this love we hail you the Sweetheart of PSI PHI."

Then Ron Farra stepped up on the porch, removed his fraternity pin from his red PSI PHI jacket and pinned it on Jo's white Ago Jacket. The rest, they say, "is history."



Reunion 2019: Reflections from Sisters Attending

Vera Thurston Gibbs '78

I had a wonderful time at reunion weekend this year, reunited with many old friends and, as always, made many new ones. Taking alumnae through the house on tour proves that every room invites a story. I love listening to them as we all shared the same house at a different point in time.

One special moment came when one alum turned to her friend and said, "I remember sitting in the living room watching the LOTTERY." She then explained that the draft for the service was done by lottery, and all of the sisters had brothers, boyfriends and other friends whose number could be drawn.

I realized in that moment how much that would have affected me, and how much those women had AGO as their support system through truly difficult times. "No sister's an island" surely rang true.

Something about sitting on that porch at 11P brings out stories and memories that are often shared. We were fortunate to have had a wonderful active, Katrina, attend this weekend; she eagerly soaked up all the information. She commented on how she loves the history and traditions we all have. She is so excited to make her contribution to Ago, which reaffirmed what great young women are currently in Ago.

I thank Sue Wajda and Jane Morale for organizing a great weekend; it is those smiling faces we all look forward to each year. See you all next year!

RETURNING TO POTSDAM 35 years later by Sue Compton Dixon '84

In mid-June, I received a call from my old Ago roomie, Anastasia Glasheen. And to my surprise I found myself in Potsdam 3 weeks later for the Clarkson/Potsdam/Ago reunion. It was, after all, our 35th reunion. Moving to the west coast, I had re-ignited my friendship with Anastasia but it had been 10 years since we visited the North Country for a reunion. Upon moving back to the East Coast, I was surprised to hear that Anastasia was going to be out East for reunion weekend, had a hot tip on a townhouse, and was planning to drive up to Potsdam. With a little help from social media, we were able to recruit 2 more members of the class of 1984 (Jane Judson Mistur and Cheryl Johnson Welles) to fill our townhouse.

In previous years, I'd been accompanied by my husband, stayed in the Clarkson dorms, hung out with AEPI guys, and participated mainly in the activities on "the hill" at Clarkson. Sure, we usually popped by the Ago porch party for a few hours on Friday night and joined the girls for a little music (courtesy of Double Axel) and dancing at Maxfields, but this year was the first time this was actually an Ago-centered reunion for me. At first, I thought I would feel "out of place" on the Potsdam State campus, but I was made to feel welcome the minute I arrived when an Ago alumni came out in a crazy thunderstorm with an umbrella to offer us assistance and shelter when our key cards wouldn't work. I quickly realized there were three townhouses filled with Agos in the same block. They were easy to spot by the personalized Ago doughboys hanging in the windows. We were only half-settled when we were invited to one of the other townhouses for a fantastic, warm, pot-luck dinner. From that point on, on-campus meals were communal and rotated between the townhouses. Everyone was welcome.

Instead of just stopping by the Ago house, I was feeling much more like a “host” than a “guest”. It gave me a new appreciation for the time and energy invested in staging an empty house for tours and providing the food and drinks that I had always just taken for granted. Instead of just hanging in my comfort zone with the other ‘84s, I met a lot of other alumni, spanning from the 1960’s, to alumni much younger than I, to a wonderful active who chipped in to make the weekend special. I worked side by side with all of them, loading and unloading cars, dusting off old composites, looking for “treasures” in the cellar, taking out the trash, digging through memorabilia in the closets and just sharing the common experience of having been a part of Ago and living in the house so many years ago. It was a wonderful weekend. The years between us erased, the cliques of the past were gone, and there was even a feeling of unity between us and the other groups of sororities staying on campus. It truly was the sisterhood that sometimes eluded me during the busy time at school and the day-to-day challenges and drama of living with 20 girls.



On Saturday morning, I attended the house meeting, and learned a great deal about all the hard work and dedication that keeps the house and the reunions alive, especially given our recent challenges with re-chartering. I learned that, sadly, some of the other sororities weren't able to successfully navigate those waters, and, as a result, had very few alumni returning. It is evident that Ago has been blessed by a number of strong “captains” over the years that have held the house together, but it is also clear that our ship is always looking for more shipmates. As the saying goes “many hands make light work”. I have volunteered to take on the class representative responsibilities, so the girls of '84 can expect to hear from me. I hope that many of you will choose to come back for an Ago-centered reunion and have the same positive experience that I had. Reach out to a member or two from your class year or your Ago family before the next reunion and aim to fill a townhouse or a hotel room. There's room on the ship for everyone.

Elaine Whitehead Pauly 74

Time does a very different thing with your mind than it does with your body! Going back feels like I never left. Except possibly for the house - which, in a word was picture perfect. New furniture, fresh paint, new roof (in the works), new landscaping, the "racks" turned into a 3-bedroom suite, new dining room floor, air conditioner keeping us cool, and "real" hors d'oeuvres - a beautiful charcuterie platter, cheeses, veggies, and a few other selections. I never lived in the house - mostly because I couldn't imagine sleeping in the racks, but I would certainly consider it today based on what I saw. (Kitchen needs some work, but that's the next, big project. I thought I could put our class gift toward that.) The weekend agenda was full - dinners, awards, Crane concert, Ago Alumnae meeting, alumnae photos, various reunion meetings and friends gathering together. The campus was stunning. The landscaping and greenery had you feeling like you were standing on one of the old great Ivy League campuses. The library has been converted into the Loughheed Center for Applied Learning - a fabulous program that expands the boundaries of education and services to students. It houses more innovative programs, international studies, internships, career services, Service Learning, Creative Studies.

My new Ago friends - there were many there I had never met - dragged me to Maxwell's Saturday night to listen to none other than Double Axel. They are better than I ever remember and I danced until midnight with my sisters and "townees".

Reunion Memories continued.....Katrina Surdyka, Active graduating in 2020

Transferring to a new school was scary and thrilling all at once. So many new possibilities were within reach. What pulled me to Ago and Greek life was the reunion weekend photo taken at the house. Seeing generations of happy, smiling sisters I could feel the rich history and love within. I was won over.

On a hot Friday afternoon, I walked up to the house nervous but excited. Relief washed over when I said hello and several alumnae welcomed me with big smiles as if we had always known each other. It felt as if I instantly gained a new sister with every Ago met. Growing up in a house with two older brothers, getting a sister is a big deal.

Saturday morning, I walked over to Minerva statue proudly wearing my letters for the Greek Life photo. Standing in the middle of so many sisters, singing songs memorized by heart together in front of the Greek community, it felt like we could do anything. Rich stories from Bid day to Ice Carnival to ones of Brownie Badger filled my heart.

Through thick and thin we are SUNY Potsdam's Agonian family. The weekend left me a little teary from the love received and given. I feel so blessed to have had that experience and met the people I did. The best way to describe the weekend is the feeling it left me with...having been hugged by Ago.

A Special Ago Thanks

The AAA would like to take a moment to thank **Susan Young '89** for doing a great deal of behind-the-scenes work for Ago. She maintains the master database, the Ago Alumni Gmail account, manages the registrations on the Ago website (agopotsdam.com) and keeps an electronic record of Ago family trees. Providing technical assistance, she enables elections, the recent revision of Ago governing documents and the electronic distribution of the Anchor. In addition, she was a major force during the Ago re-launch process. Susan, we appreciate all that you do to keep the ship afloat!

Highlights of Ago Alumnae Assn Meeting July 2019

- 24 alums attended, Agonian Hymn sung in harmony.
- 93 AAA dues paying members to date, 157 in 18, 217 in 17.
- \$25 dues go to scholarship, newsletter, reunion, and insurance.
- 1 of 3 scholarship options for \$1000 will be awarded to a deserving active sister.
- Active members have high GPAs recognized and awarded.
- **Jane Morale**, VP, retires after 30+ yrs. Announced Reunion activities, sponsorships by classes.
- Anchor newsletter options, cost discussed, perhaps only online in future.
- House repairs, purchases, alumnae and anniversary class gifts, future House needs shared eg: kitchen.
- All governing documents alumnae will vote on eg: Constitution, Bylaws revised, later this year.
- 16 current active student members of Ago, 7 residents of 11P.

Active Community Service

I am happy to report that the girls averaged over 10 hours this semester for Community Service! The active members' group hours were spent at a local nursing home; the mutual joy they experienced will be cherished for years to come. The New Members completed their group community service hours at Becky Akins' farm volunteering at "Cabot Open Farm Day", raising money for the Potsdam Humane Society by face painting. Individual community service hours were fulfilled in a variety of ways. Samantha Markham, Chaplin, did a great job organizing and recording their hours. In addition New members, although remote, are writing supportive letters to healthcare workers for all their wonderful work during the pandemic.

Becky Akins '87 ~ Community Service Advisor

Fall 2019 New Members

In the words of our new members who stated the reasons they chose Ago...

America Avila - Bio and Environmental Studies major from Yonkers, mentored by Clare Reilly

"I love the bond between the sisters and the values the house has for academics and friendships"

Abigale Duncan -Creative Writing and Arts Management from Cold Spring, NY, mentored by JoAnn Koch-Quon

"I wanted to have a home away from home. I found some of my best friends in this sorority and they have shown me all the great things about being part of Ago. These girls are all supportive and kind and I love knowing we're all here for one another no matter what."

Catherine (Catt) Gagnon - Archeology and Anthropology from Rensselaer, NY, mentored by Liz Henderson

"I chose AKPhi because of the amazing community that the girls have created. This reminds me of communities I was part of before arriving at college. I have been longing to find a supportive community since I arrived in Potsdam and I finally found that at AKPhi."

Hannah Thurston - Childhood and Early Child Education from Union Springs, NY, mentored by Vera Thurston" I wanted to join a house that was a mix between academics and fun. I also love that the house always seems so clean and put together. Most importantly, the girls make me feel like I have a family even though I'm far from home and that means the most to me."

Honoraries

Beth Todd, Ago's Faculty Advisor, reports it's a busy time of year on campus as we welcome students back for the spring semester! It's been a great year getting to know the girls. They are doing a great job finding ways to fit in quality time together. While this happened very organically for many of us as undergrads, it seems to take a little more effort for students today. Seeing them put the time in to make this happen definitely evokes pride in our girls! Outside of SUNY Potsdam, my husband and I are busy chauffeuring our daughters to swimming, basketball, musical, girl scouts or AWANA club. I also mentor a young lady at our church that is beginning her confirmation journey. I am eagerly waiting for the summer sun to arrive in the North Country (Winter is half over!) and look forward to seeing visiting alumnae during Reunion Weekend!

Leila Thurston feels it is an honor to be part of Ago's history as an honorary. Big old houses and traditions I find to be important in my life, so it was like a magnet to be part of yours. One of the serendipities of attending college is the relationships we make along the way. Your sorority sisters will always be a special bond decades from now. 2019 was a banner year for the Best Friends Thrift Store that I manage in Potsdam. All the proceeds benefit the Potsdam Humane Society. This year we made over \$90,000. for them. The store is solely manned by volunteers from the community, which is amazing and vitally important to help them find homes for the hundreds of animals that come through their doors each year.

Agonian Sisters meet in the Classroom

Tessa Tanner had the opportunity to co-teach alongside a fellow sister at West Carthage Elementary. A maternity leave position was posted at her dream school and dream grade. For 7-weeks, she was able to work closely with **Morgan Lyndaker**, an experienced teacher. From this experience, Tessa was able to secure a position as the building long-term substitute for the length of the school year. Tessa was given networking opportunities with fellow Alum , Morgan, which is unlike any other connection.

Tessa Tanner 2019

Morgan McGrath Lyndaker 2012



Memoriam

" WHEN TIME SHALL PART OUR WAYS, WHEN SUNDERED FAR, OH WON'T THOU GUIDE US OUR FAR GOLDEN STAR?"
 "DEAR LORD, WE ASK OF THEE WHEN OUR LIVES SHALL END, HOLD IN THY KEEPING EACH AGONIAN FRIEND."

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| 1912 | Barbara Woodruff Freeman | 1942 | Rita McGinnis Lenney |
| 1914 | Myrtle Hutchins Taylor | 1946 | Paula Gibson Crowe |
| 1916 | Blanche Loucks DeYoung | 1947 | Marion Forbes Burnor |
| 1924 | Blanche Rutherford Kingery | | Mary Elaine Shortsleeve Dickinson |
| 1925 | Lucie Carnie Ahern | | Patricia Yeaple Johnson |
| 1926 | Marion Nichols Lugg | 1948 | Eleanor Freestone Crawley |
| 1927 | Gladys Kaley Holm | 1948 | Alyce Barker McClain |
| | Mary Hoover Murphy | | Jean Goldthwait Swanson |
| | Anne Sullivan Senne | 1951 | Dorinne Weaver Campbell |
| 1928 | Marian Corcoran | 1952 | Mary Jane Hughes Hareson |
| | Gertrude Bell Farrell | | Gloria Stocco Norden |
| | Elizabeth Higman Gaffney | | Alice Kays Pellegrino |
| | Zelda Haverstock Siegmund | 1954 | Mary Murphy Entwistle |
| 1929 | Verlie Tuttle Cristman | | Lois Jennings Lattimer |
| | Francis Kimm Jordan | 1955 | Nancy Ingison Burns |
| | Marian Bruce McCullough | 1956 | Isabel Bullis Murphy |
| | Ione Hughes Normandeau | 1960 | Margaret Garten Buschmeyer |
| 1930 | Eleanor O'Brien Sullivan | | Philippa Hudon Follert |
| 1931 | Beulah Bombard Biddlecomb | | Linda Robinson Funseth |
| | Lenora Bostic Cooper | 1961 | Susan Robinson Parker |
| 1932 | Emma Hayes Carpenter | 1962 | Susan Waldron Getman |
| 1933 | Eleanor Hart Letarte | 1963 | Audrey Mulz Muzzy |
| | Prudence Smith Love | 1967 | Lorraine Mader Bryner |
| | Myrle Royce Mooney | | Betty Joy Manfredo |
| | Avis Haight Parsons | 1970 | Kathi LaTour Whisher |
| | Carolyn North Riggs | 1978 | Martha McNerney Carlin |
| 1937 | Viola Smith Burkett | 1985 | Kathy Geddes |
| | | 1991 | Tracy Onisk Pace |



A Visit to Brownie's Grave



Spring 2020 New Members

Sara Mistler – Class 2023 – Music Education – Mentor Jane Morale

Audrey Brown – Class of 2022 – Early Childhood Education – Mentor Keira McPherson

Kali McCracken – Class of 2023 – Undecided – Mentor Susan Young

Meagan Johnson – Class of 2022 – Dance and Arts Management – Mentor Jocelyn Zorn

2019 AAA Member list

Thank you to our 2019 Alumni Association Members.

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| Nancy Rankin Harris | Lynne Boles | Laura Boyd |
| Patricia King Connor | Ellen Dullmeyer Fox | Laurie Rinder DelBalzo |
| Shirley Secor Bush | Janine Locatelli Erickson | Renee Hallinan Reagan |
| Norma Jean Lamb | Suzanne Wajda | Cecile Grapard Retrosi |
| Agnes Drake Smalley | Elaine Whitehead Pauly | Allison Autry Zukoski |
| Marie Haas Murphy | Lori Misicka | Liz Henderson |
| Joan Gardiner Nieckarz | Donna Longenecker Neubauer | Jenna Novak |
| Joan Petteys Mullin | Cathy O'Connor | Lindsay Mermell Brock |
| Marlene King Towne | Denise Aiello Bukovan | Sarah Paparella |
| Carol Battilana Rothermel | Cynthia Worden Lee | Alexis DiBartolomeo |
| Mary Jane Flewellin Fisher | Jo Ann Koch Quon | Jacqueline Murphy Baumer |
| Janet Scott Burwell | Liz O'Connor Utzig | |
| Susan Smykla Udell | Nadine Gager Compisi | |
| Barbara McMahon Newcomb | Vera Thurston Gibbs | |
| Joan Ross Sauter | Pam Pendleton | |
| Dorothy Runkel Dronkers | Jean Lennon Schuhle | |
| Norma Jean Luce | Sharon Cooney | |
| Priscilla Scheib Gibbs | Janet Polsinelli | |
| Marlen Ferguson Deveans | Debbie Williams Laminette | |
| Sylvia Miga Anable | Terry Lane McSweeney | |
| Dorothy Noyes Sharrow | Susan Cancilla Witkowski | |
| Joan Kupiec Janowsky | Mary (Cookie) Scalise Balme | |
| Eleanor McKillop Russell | Linda Connelly | |
| Mary Lee Alles Caggiano | Hollis Curtis Perdan | |
| Kate Merrill Karshick | Jane Morale | |
| C. Sharon Mooney Wolcott | Linda Aylward Robey | |
| Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman | Debbie Hanlon Reilly | |
| Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell | Denise Bennett Haines | |
| Ruth Hammel Gove | Patrice DeLaus Scully | |
| Susan Tincknell Rossi | Margaret Farrell Benedetto | |
| Beverly G. Smith | Robin Landrigan Smith | |
| Jocelyn Klapetsky Smith | Ellen Bartis Gambee | |
| Johanna (Jonnie) Riesmeyer | Karen Lorenz Walker | |
| McConaghy | Cindy Tettamant Francisco | |
| Janet O'Brien May | Sue Eigenmann McBride | |
| Sharon Burns Cook | Paula Douglas Miller | |
| Catherine "Kate" Ormiston Boldon | Cathy Marietta Niehaus | |
| Janice Corletta Plummer | Jane Judson Mistur | |
| Ann Lingenfelter Sandstrom | Cheryl Johnson Welles | |
| Linda Moore Rogan | Anastasia Glasheen | |
| Nancy Beck Misenko | Susan Compton Dixon | |
| Karen Miller Kelley | Kim Krzyzan Yantz | |
| Veronica Slivinski Holmes | Stephanie Bakyta Baldwin | |
| Catherine Kenneally Schutz | Becky Volans Akins | |
| Sandra Sturbin Kochman | Linda Dolanch Longhouse | |
| Barbara Young Chatigny | Patty Carroll Wilson | |
| Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett | Kathy Catlin Briggs | |
| Paula Thompson Moore | Colleen Beaudoin | |
| Marie DuPell Caschera | Melissa Steinberg Bernier | |
| Alethea Carbone Pratt | Kim Bingham Meusel | |
| Michele Lord Aspinall | Andrea Newhouse Frascatore | |
| Susan Connelly Faul | | |

Class News

Class of 1947

Agnes Helen Kennedy moved to Colorado from Florida and lives only 15 miles from her daughter. She helps out playing at Saturday Mass and also helps out in four different retirement/nursing homes during the week. She keeps in touch with **Kaye McCarthy Sullivan**.

Class of 1949

Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec (Meg) has been living in New Jersey almost 50 years and has four children scattered across the US.

Class of 1950 70th REUNION YEAR

Shirley Secor Bush has managed a few communications with **Laurna Millard Hoffman** and "Tibby" **Sylvia Deck Quackenbush** via telephone this past year.

Laurna Millard Hoffman celebrated her 90th birthday on December 22, 2018. Her immediate family was present along with church friends. It was a lovely party. Laurna remembers many happy times at the Ago house and she met the love of her life, a Clarkson student, while at Potsdam State Teachers. They were married 64 years. Laurna is in touch with **Sylvia Decker Quackenbush**, **Shirley Secor Bush**, and **Teresa Gardiner Paulson**.

Class of 1951

Great to hear from **Winnie Toelke Peer** who had a great time seeing Agos like **Vera Gibbs** at SUNY Potsdam event at Dinosaur BBQ in Syracuse. She danced a bit but getting slower; still traveling though. Winnie went on a short Bahamas cruise last winter and plans a Mediterranean cruise in Feb 2020 through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea to Dubai, on her bucket list. She visited daughter Amy in Wilmington NC for Thanksgiving. She cannot believe her 70th reunion is in July 2021. "Most of the Agos I hear about are sad stories of passing. I'm still kicking though."

Class of 1952

Thank you, **Margaret Black**, for checking in and for helping us with finding addresses of our 1952 Agos.

Class of 1953

It was good to hear from **Beth Power Calnon** who remembers rooming with Ago sister Barb in a room of eight! Thank you for helping us to locate our missing sisters.

Class of 1954

Mary Youker Halpin, although super busy, would love to help the AAA. 18 of her class of 54 sisters kept a Round Robin letter going for 62 years, interrupted in 2016 when she wrote to each one (by then her numbers had dwindled to around 12). She sent a SASE and received about 9 returns. **Maryellen Giroux** and **Dottie McNary** were most interested in being in touch. All this yammering means she will be glad to share addresses if located. And she will send holiday greetings or even a phone call to urge them to be in touch.

Barb Platner sent us her list of her 1954 sisters and offered to help us with those in 53 and 55; thanks so very much!

Class of 1956

Joanna DiCroce Farra's husband, Ron, writes that unfortunately Jo has dementia and has lost much of who she was so Ron offered to help contact their classmates. Her type of dementia fluctuates, so they still enjoy some fun events together (at age 85). They had five kids although Jo wanted 12, struck by the stage play, "Cheaper by the Dozen." Both athletes, they were ski instructors and Natl Patrol; kids went on to race and medal. They moved closer to their girls in VA. They sing in the ALZ Chorus and perform at senior centers, even danced together at a New Years Eve party. God is Good. Ron signs all with "Ron and Jo, Better Together". Heard from **Marlene King Towne** and we are sorry to hear she lost Stan. Ron talked to **Carol Batillana** a few months ago; also saw **Rae Prendergast** at their 50th college reunion in 2006.

Class of 1957

Sue Gernold Miller enjoys talking with **Jan Davies** occasionally.

Julie Eisenstein Hirsch's life has again changed, in location. With the loss of her husband Norman in 2017 she left their Savannah, GA home of almost 30 years and now lives in Village Park, a senior community in Alpharetta, GA near Atlanta. Her eldest grandson and his fiancée are close by and her daughter Abby, who is dealing with metastatic breast cancer, is an hour away so Julie is nearer now. She hopes her remaining sisters of 1957 are well and looks forward to reading their news.

Bunny Sideman Beck's daughters and grandchildren are all fine and flourishing. Right now her priority is taking Juilliard's Advanced Orchestration course, along with composing, fulfilling jazz piano gigs, and learning the organ. She's had some of her compositions recorded and in 2019 received a commission to arrange a familiar jazz tune for a small band. (And she wasn't even a Crane student!)

Class of 1958

Mary Carey Munhall lost her husband, Budd, over a year ago. This past September she and her daughter traveled to Norway, which was something she had wanted to do for some time. In Dec. she celebrated Christmas in Orlando with the rest of her family. That included seven great-grandchildren with another on the way. Mary spends her summers at her camp in Lake George where she gets together with **Sue Ford, Betty Charles** and **Pat Hammond Freebern '59**. Mah Jongg and bridge are things she finds enjoyable. When the weather up North gets chilly, Mary migrates to her home in San Antonio, FL. Yes, there is such a place and it's near Tampa, FL. While there, she sees **Gail Davi, Dot Dronkers** and **Sue Young**.

Marilyn Gaggin received Christmas cards from some Agos - one was from **Judy Dermody Zangas**. It reminded her of the years she used to go to Mexico with Judy and **Ellen Gold**. Marilyn said she still goes for a massage occasionally after having been introduced to spa life by Ellen. Marilyn was thankful for a fairly mild winter with little snow. It made walking her dog, Maggie, much more pleasant.

Judy Dermody Zangas sent Ellen Gold's snail mail address, but I still don't have her email address. Hopefully when she reads this, she'll send it to me. Judy says she is so-so and that her husband, Bob is fine. It was good to hear from her.

The city of Glens Falls had better hope that **Betty Duffy Charles** never decides to move to another community. She spends a lot of time working at a local food pantry. Besides that, she volunteers at her library and theater. When not doing volunteer work, she likes to play bridge and enjoys being the great-grandmother of two. She reports that life is good and wonders how she got to be this old. Good question! Can we all relate to that?

Sue Conant Young is blessed to be the great-grandmother of a little boy and he will be getting a sister in the spring. Living near Cincinnati, she's happy to be close to her grands and great grands. She is rightfully proud of her grandson, Matthew Fisher, who was awarded an internship with CBS news this summer. Sue still works at Steinmart so, of course, she has a marvelous wardrobe. (Editor's note: It is strongly suspected that she is a close relative of the Energizer Bunny). In Feb. her plans include coming back South to visit **Mary Munhall, Dot Dronkers** and **Gail Davi**.

Dot Runkel Dronkers' life has fallen into a pleasant routine that includes visits from friends and northern relatives plus going out for dinner and/or Happy Hour. Currently, she is looking forward to a visit from her Michigan nephew and family plus visits from **Mary Munhall** and **Sue Young**. She resigned her docent position at the Conservancy, but continues to enjoy meeting with her "Bookies" (Book Club). Being convinced that if she doesn't keep moving she'll rust, Dot goes to water aerobics for some exercise and Dan gets his exercise with PT twice a week. It's unbelievable how time passes so quickly so she tries to enjoy every moment of every day.

Sue Fenton West reports that she and Tom sold their house in Pittsburgh to their eldest grandson. Now they are no longer Snowbirds; they are full-time residents of Venice, FL.

Susan Smykla Udell's days go by rather uneventfully. Her fall project was to take photos of some of the accumulation of 60 years of married life so that at their annual family get-together their six children could choose what they wanted for future distribution. She sends greetings to all Agos for a healthy and pleasant 2020.

Class of 1960 60th REUNION YEAR

Fran Mider Biedler moved back to Richmond, VA living with Dawn (daughter) and family: Greg, Lindsay 10 and Alex 13. Life isn't boring - that's for sure! Better for her. (Oh, forgot the dog, Sandy.) Son lives nearby.

Jolie Smithem Haug taught music in Rochester, was full-time Mom for 15 years (3 children), career #3 a degree in chiropractic. With husband Peter taught she English (ESL) in China; three years in Beijing and eight years in Dalian. Currently they live outside Pendleton, WA on Linda and husband Brad's land. They built a home on their farm and live between the big house and the barn.

Dottie Noyes Sharrow and Conrad celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. Recent travels include: Kauai, Hawaii; Palm Desert, California; and a river cruise on the Danube. They enjoy year-round family time at Long Lake camp in Adirondacks. They have a granddaughter who is 26 this year, a grandson at Castleton University, VT, and 10-year-old twin grandsons.

Julie Krum Kennaugh is still married to the "young" man who with his fraternity Sigma Chi serenaded her on Ago's porch 60 years ago! Wenda helped with the surprise. Now they see each other in December. In the summer, Julie and Terry enjoy sailing on Lake Champlain, VT, often joined by their son and his family. Winter is spent in their RV in Nokomis, Florida.

Wenda (Wendy) Carter Paton was an English teacher at Tunghai U., Taiwan for two years where she met her husband. They lived in Tokyo, Japan 15 yrs; she taught at a Japanese Language School 2 yrs, and taught twin sons Calvert Correspondence at they attended Japanese school. Adopted daughter. Edited Planned Parenthood newsletter/ professors' papers for international publication. Career in US as Executive Assistant to "C" level, i.e. Chairman & CEO. Enjoying New England day trips.

Class of 1962

Sue Johnson Aceto and husband Tom continue living the good life in the mountains around Tucson, AZ and on the coast in Roque Bluffs, ME. They consider themselves very fortunate. Sue sends her love to all our Ago Sisters.

Fran Sardina Bliak and husband Dave live most of the year in Kissimmee FL having moved from Naples two years ago to be closer to daughter and family. Enjoying an active lifestyle in their retirement community of Solivita and returning to Seneca Lake for around 4 months during the summer where they often spend time with **Bev Eccles Levy** and **Shirley Wolf Crane** and other Potsdam friends. They all attended a dinner at which Fran was awarded the "Artist of the Year" Award from the Yates County Arts Center in Penn Yan. She will be one of the featured artists at their Art in the Finger Lakes Exhibit July 14 - August 22.

Elaine Fallon Boyrer continues to spend six months in Florida and the rest on Long Island. Golf is a major pastime and although her handicap continues to rise, she is thankful to be able to be playing this game on beautiful golf courses with wonderful friends throughout the year. Elaine sings in two musical groups: a Chorale in FL and a small community group on Long Island. Both provide an outlet for her love of music even though her alto voice seems to get lower and lower. Perhaps the most rewarding project in which she is involved is her work with disadvantaged 5th grade girls in Lehigh Acres FL. While it's disturbing to learn about their backgrounds - no role models, homeless, abused, traumatized and/or have parents in prison- each week the team tries to build their self-esteem and confidence by emphasizing positive habits and behaviors, expose them to the larger community through field trips to cultural events, and provide weekly activities to get them to think about their future and how to achieve their goals. Elaine always looks forward to a visit with Fran in FL every year. If other Ago classmates are in the Fort Myers area, contact Elaine. It would be so much fun if we could do mini reunions in this beautiful part of the world during the winter months.

Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman - This has been a year of waiting: for winter 2019 to depart, for spring to arrive, for her body to recover after hip replacement, to get moving and living again. With the reward of summer's arrival, waiting was over but it came so late, living was put on fast-forward, begging to have summer move more sloooow-ly! Joyce found that neither of these scenarios was an enjoyable way to live, eager for a future event or trying to slow down time. Here's hoping next year is one of more normalcy - not dwelling on what's to come, but instead taking time to enjoy and savor the moment!

Kate Sheldon Cox thought about sisters **Rosemary Falbo Quadrini** and **Fran Sardina Bliak** as she traveled through Utica in early January on way to Lyons Falls for a visit. Kate lives along the Jersey shore where she walks the boardwalk daily searching for water dwellers that may pass by. She keeps on the go though "no more running around town". Memories of "Mrs. Decker's and Brownie's Crane Ago Girls" running up and down Pierrepont Avenue attending rehearsals back in the day come to mind. All of us who attended Potsdam treasure the musical experiences we were offered through the Crane Department of Music. Remember our trip to NYC? Hey, West Side Story is back on Broadway!

Jean Urgas Dearstyne wrote her news during a course offered by her library on iPad Basics. Having an iPad for four years she decided she really wants to "use" it. Fun thing she learned is how to type texts like young whippersnappers with her thumbs; split the keyboard. If she does it perhaps her nimble thumbs might impress her grandkids. Like most of us, 2020 is the Big 80 year. Jean feels fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful family and friends. Activities revolve around volunteering by rescuing flowers that are unsaleable and using them in a number of Outreaches that include flower arranging workshops under Flower Petaler and Flower Camp. Jean's focus is on providing funding for the underprivileged and for refugee children. John and Jean enjoy traveling on river and ocean cruises and also try to have a weekly date trip close by. They return to Ogunquit, ME "off season". Jean says that "life is good" and looks forward to making more rocking chair memories and keeping up with the technology that helps us record and share those times. The iPad class was worth it. Now to practice the thumb technique.

May Simpson Kemp traveled from the York,PA area to Terry's HS at Union Endicott in November to accept an award on behalf of Terry. As a graduate of the school, Terry was awarded posthumously the "One Who Had Made a Difference" award. It was presented to May at an alumni banquet. In September, May joined Fran for an Adirondack Adventure at the Reale Cottages in Inlet. She joined five artist friends of Fran's for an enjoyable three days relaxing while she watched the artists paint out of doors in the beautiful Adirondacks. May handles life day by day, and somehow never seems to catch up. She needs to work on her basement and decide what to do with her large home. She is looking to get it in saleable condition no matter what she decides to do.

Kathie Canapary Kiernan finds it hard to believe that it has been 58 years since graduating from dear old Potsdam. WOW! We've been fortunate to stay in touch through the annual newsletter. Kathy came across a quote when reading "The Boys in the Boat" this year and it brought to her mind what held our friendships together in the Ago House on Pierrepont Avenue in Potsdam a half a century ago: *"They were now representatives of something much larger than themselves – a way of life, a shared set of values. Liberty was perhaps the most fundamental of those values. But the things that held them together – trust in each other, mutual respect, humility, fair play, watching out for one another – those were also part of what America meant to all of them. And right along with a passion for liberty those were the things they were about to take to Berlin and lay before the world when they took to the water at Grunau."* Kathy wishes all her Ago Sisters of the Class of '62 good exercising, good health, good eating, and safety in 2020.

Bev Eccles Levy hopes all have had a good year. At this time in our lives we never know what's ahead of us, but we have to make the best of the cards we've been dealt and move on, as hard as it may be. Bev speaks as someone who has survived three cancers and who has a husband with Alzheimer's. Bev & Gail haven't taken some of the trips they had planned but spend precious time with their children, family and friends. Gail is still her dear companion and they look forward to special occasions and are thankful for what they still can share. Bev is very grateful for the support of her dear friends and family. On a happy note, she took two of her grandchildren to see a live performance of the Lion King recently and it was WONDERFUL!

Judy Schorge O'Reilly and John are enjoying life with good health. However, Judy had to have surgery last June due to complications with diverticulitis. All is thankfully well now. Regrets that they had to cancel a Viking riverboat cruise as planned because of her ill health. They plan on going to Hannawa Falls for four months. Always fun because their family members come and visit with them from CA and four grandchildren on the East Coast. Judy considers having the house in Hannawa Falls such a blessing. O'Reilly's extend offer for sisters to come and visit.

Class of 1963

Nancy Hoffer has done hospital volunteer work for 40 years! She enjoys visiting museums, playing Bridge, participating in a book club, and European travels, among other activities. She is happy and healthy and enjoying life.

Marti Tallman Scott and her husband Scotty moved from AR to Kansas City to be near their family in Oct. 2018. Their health challenges had them choosing to live in an assisted living residence. Scotty passed away Sept 2019. He had a rare neurological disease known as PSP. She is doing quite well and keeping her Parkinson's disease under control. She hopes all her Ago sisters are well and enjoying life. Should you wish to contact her, her e-mail address is martiscott480@gmail.com

Ruth Hammel Gove volunteers in Kindergarten four mornings a week, and occasionally subs. She enjoys yoga twice a week, as well as weight training and ab work once a week. She continues to sing with Sweet Adelines chorus and church choir. Tennis in the winter and golf leagues twice a week in the Spring and Summer help to fill her time. (Editor's note – can there be any more time??) She also teaches kindergarten Religious Ed. as well as taking care of her husband, a dog and a bird!

Beverly Smith is still doing all the past activities she usually lists – walking daily, Tai Chi, watercolor class, volunteer work, bridge, etc. Sarasota is filled with cultural activities, so she enjoys a membership with Selby Orchid Gardens, Ringling Museum, and a new modern art museum – Sarasota Museum of Art. You might not know that she is an 11-year cancer survivor, and although she was not a Crane student, she enjoys playing the piano.

Class of 1964

JoAnn Haley Maguire For the past three years many of us have gathered at the summer home of **Shirley Kincaid Eagan** and her husband, Tom, on Skaneateles Lake in NY. Friendships picked up right where they left off many years ago. We are all grateful to the Eagans for their warm hospitality. Joann retired as a high school teacher back in 2000, and is enjoying her 2nd career as a realtor in Bucks County PA. As a widow, it keeps her busy and engaged with colleagues and clients of all ages. Her three sons, two stepsons and six grandchildren all live nearby and keep her busy. She loves to travel and enjoyed a trip last fall to Eastern Europe. She visited Potsdam in Germany, and is happy to say it is a lovely town! We should be proud of our namesake. She would love to see any Agos coming her way.

Molly Boulet Carroll reports she lives in Buffalo in the cold months and summers in Skaneateles where one son lives. Her twin sons: one lives in San Francisco and the other in St. Paul, MN. With several other Crane alumni, Molly plays in the Amherst orchestra. Being a collector and historian of antique lace, she will travel In July to Mesa, AZ to a convention of lacemakers. In summers, Molly is able to see Ago friends **Shirley Eagan** and **Jocelyn Smith** along with some younger alumni.

Lorraine Gringer Gluck spends summers at their home in Chautauqua Institute but loves the rest of the year living in The Villages, FL. She loves the sun and spending her time in discussion groups, a book club, weight lifting, sumi-e art and zen meditation. Lorraine and Paul also love the theatre and go whenever possible. If any Agos visit The Villages or CHQ, they would love to see you!

Karen Singer Miller is still playing the bassoon in two orchestras and taking piano lessons. Lew still has his plane and they take flight on a moments notice! Karen and Lew took a 2-week cruise in December '19 to Norway and were excited to see the northern lights. They also headed to the Caribbean on a ballroom dance cruise. Karen reports she had a hip replacement last February and is still working on getting back up to par.

Marlene Johnson Villiger reports she is busy as ever with her P.E.O. women's group, OLLI classes for seniors at George Mason U, mahjongg, bridge, book club and of course visiting her children and grandchildren in MD, SC and GA. 2019 was certainly a year cherished with many many Ago get-togethers in FL to Skaneateles Lake to Chautauqua and even a trip to Egypt with **Sandy Geagan**!

Marilyn Davies Clary and her friend, George, continue to enjoy bridge, hiking, gourmet club, a singles club and traveling. She traveled to Alaska on the Queen Elizabeth and drove to San Antonio - enjoying all the back roads. Marilyn also travels to Buffalo and Colorado regularly to see her daughters, granddaughter and great-granddaughter. A highlight from last year was getting together with other Agos at Shirley and Tom's beautiful home on Skaneateles Lake.

Rayola Purcell Pederson and Rog are still in Richmond, VT after five years,...enjoying the skiing and summers with no humidity! Such a big change from MD. She loves being in the mountains again and having her grandchildren visit and ski with them.

Shirley Kincaid Eagan and Tom enjoy half the year on Skaneateles Lake and the other half on Marco Island. They love seeing their children parent their 10 grandchildren - ages 2 to 20! After many decades of drifting apart, she is so grateful for rekindling the relationships with her Ago sisters. The support she has received from them is as if there were no missed years!

Sandy D'Arienzo Geagan is presently living in Sarasota, FL after selling her home in Massena. Her husband, Tom, passed away in 2018 so she decided so moved to a warmer climate. She enjoys visiting her sons in MI and ID. She loved her trip to Egypt with **Marlene Johnson Villiger** seeing pyramids and cruising down the Nile River. Sandy would love to connect with any other Agos in Florida!

Jeanne Oster Horvath is recovering well after a stroke. She is still in therapy but progressing well. They are beginning to think about downsizing. After 55 years this is a massive undertaking!!

Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell and Bob have been full time residents of Bonita Springs, FL for four years. They have been blessed with good health and look forward to a cruise from Bali to Hong Kong. They enjoy four grandchildren that live in CA and OH ranging in age from 7 to 20. Elaine feels so connected again after their wonder Ago reunion at Shirley and Tom's.

Barbara Stoneham Law is enjoying her volunteer activities with her church, church choir and the Rochester Chapter of Hearing Loss and seeing her friends and family. She joined her ski club on a trip to Okemo Ski Resort in VT and also enjoying skiing with her three granddaughters. Barbara tries to get lots of sleep and gets a B12 + Sandostatin shot monthly to treat the symptoms of her carcinoid syndrome (which doctors found in 2008).

Elaine Bartlett Greenfield is a widely acclaimed pianist, recognized internationally for her performances, recordings, and teaching, with a distinguished career as soloist/lecture recitalist, and collaborative artist. She has performed at Carnegie, Merkin and Steinway Halls, as well as at the Phillips Collection, Boston's Gardner Museum and concert venues coast to coast. Elaine is an internationally known educator and clinician. She also directs Greenfield Piano Associates, which is dedicated to the art of piano playing.

Class of 1965 55th REUNION YEAR

Janet O'Brien May and husband Don (Clarkson '57) are settled in their Highlands Ranch town home. Sports channels and streaming tv allow them to watch Clarkson's men and women's hockey. They are able to golf, travel, follow their grandchildren's activities, volunteer, and attend OLLI classes at Denver University. Their good health is a blessing. Janet is amazed that 55 years have passed since Potsdam!

Class of 1967

Margaret Buchanan Fini and husband Thom recently moved to Flagstaff AZ to be near their daughter Kristen & family and their son Paul and his wife Nicole in California. They spend seven months there then go down to the valley in Phoenix for five months of warm weather. They have had 18 years of active retirement and blessed to be able to keep up many activities such as lawn bowling and doing some traveling. She sends her best wishes to her fellow sisters.

Kate Clark is disappointed that we of 1967 have gone silent. Before **Kate Belgard Finney**, she was class rep for years and would do it again but she is very busy and will volunteer for 2020. Kate remarried in 2017, moved to a "suburban farm" in Fredericksburg, VA, 50 miles south of DC. She and her husband are deeply involved in volunteer work, he as chair of the local Health Care System and Kate with the Regional United Way, etc. They love to travel, but love the peace and serenity of home the best!

Polly Ingram McCarthy spends her free time involved in a variety of groups. She is a member of two book clubs, a writing group, a dinner club, a yoga group, church organizations, and a group named "Girls of Summer". This last group involves many of her high school and college friends. Some of the Ago sisters in this group are Mikie (Bailey), Kate (Belgrade), Sue (Burns), Katie (Ormiston), Marion (Allen), and Marilyn (Reed). This group has met once a year for the last 25 years.

Susan Carpenter Testa and her husband have been snowbirds in Florida for the past several winters; however, this winter they opted to enjoy the Ohio winter snow. Together they have raised two children and are blessed with five grandchildren who all live close by. Sue and her husband have lived in a variety of states, but Ohio has been home for the last 30 years.

Jackie Murphy Baumer splits her time between Ft. Myers Florida and Webster New York. During 40 years of marriage she and her husband raised four daughters. Sadly, her husband passed away. Seven years ago she remarried and now enjoys Lake Ontario in the summer and the Caloosahatchee River in the winter.

Diane Elizabeth Fini For the past 10 winters Diane has enjoyed being a snowbird living with her 98-year-old mother in Ft. Myers Florida. After retirement she decided to turn to interests other than education. She joined the Syracuse Rose Society and was bulletin editor for six years and now is responsible for updating the location of the rose bushes in Syracuse Thorden Park Rose Garden. She is also honing her bread baking skills. Last year she used over 75 pounds of flour. Her neighbors both in Florida and New York are all happy recipients of her attempts.

Sharon Burns Cook marks the 10th anniversary of Sharon's retirement. Her career spanned from teaching preschool, Title 1, staff developer and assistant principal. Sadly, this year also marks the 10th anniversary of the passing of her husband Peter Cook. They were married 42 years and raised daughters Heather and Leah. She enjoys her twin grandchildren. Four years ago she remarried a widower and they spend much of their time traveling.

Patti Martin O'Driscoll and her husband, who just celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary, have enjoyed living permanently in Bradenton Florida. They do not miss the Watertown winters. Together they have run the St. Joseph food pantry in Bradenton for four years and are on the board. They have raised two children - Jamie lives nearby while Michael, a navy captain, is stationed in Bahrain. They enjoy cruising to the Caribbean and Alaska. Patti occasionally sees Carol Jones Baker who also lives in Bradenton.

Kate Ormiston Boldon is enjoying her retirement in Virginia with her new husband. They live in his historic home on a farm! Kate joined the board of directors of their regional United Way and she "supports" her husband Bill in his work as chair of the board of Mary Washington Healthcare.

Anita Osborne Clark and Jim have joined the ranks of the dreaded "snowbirds" and spend half the year in Hilton, NY and the other half in Lakeland, FL. Their son, Michael, lives in Greece, NY and daughter Kristen lives in Fairfax, California. Their two grandsons 23 and 21 are in college pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Anita spent most of her career teaching language arts and some administration in Hilton, NY. She finished out her career at North Rose Wolcott as a reading coach (where **Pam Pendleton '78** taught!) as well as a national consultant for Rigby publishing. Anita says her greatest professional achievement was starting the QUEST multi-age school of choice in Hilton in 1994 with several other teachers and many parents. It is one of the few multi-age schools still going strong in 2020! She retired from education in 2008 but still works summers at the Lift Bridge Bookshop and Salmon Creek Nursery (plants not babies!) in Brockport, NY She hears from her close friend of over 60 years, Ann McCormick Sweeting and would love to be able to contact Marty Gaudern Wheaton, her roommate from SUNY Potsdam.

Class of 1968

Ann Lingenfelter Sandstrom and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 21, 2018. Congratulations!

Class of 1969

Jane Van Deusen Rogers is happy to report that nothing is new! They and their kids and grandchildren are doing well and hope that Ago sisters are also. Their granddaughter Ava was on a ketogenic diet for several years to reduce seizures (a diet prescribed by CHOP in Philadelphia), and is now off the diet and seizure free. They are so grateful. Best wishes to all in 2020!

Kathleen Hopkins Spencer (aka Bogden) is pleased to report that the adventure they anticipated last year came true. They have their new home in Providence just a few blocks away from their daughter Sarah and her family and still very near Ben and his family in Cambridge. They truly feel settled now and have begun some new Christmas traditions. They are staying close to their new home for the time being as John will have a knee replacement. Kathy continues to consult in Pittsfield, MA and is fortunate to build relationships with teachers and leaders there. Attending the 50th reunion was important to her because she felt the same deep connections that she did when we all lived in the house. It was wonderful to see the care that has been put into the house itself, but it was the group of women gathered on the porch, getting right to what is important: books, the world, and families. No one wanted to get up, and everyone listened to each other carefully, making her feel right at home.

Linda McIlvain Cooper and her husband, Tom keep active with volunteering and doing mission work. They had many amazing adventures in 2019, which included lots of rebuilding work through FEMA and the United Methodist Church. They also volunteer with Children's Disaster Services and the Red Cross. Various mission work took them to Saipan, Fairbanks, Alaska, WNY, Kentucky and North Carolina. 2020 is their 50th anniversary year! No special plans - just try to continue to live life to the fullest enjoying each other and their family. They get together with Linda Moore Rogan when they are in Western NY. Linda and Ken introduced them back in 1968-69!!!

Nancy Beck Misenko had great fun traveling with Karen Miller Kelley and Sherri Lummaka Dilworth to Potsdam for the 50th reunion. They enjoyed a beautiful day on campus and were treated like honored guests. The new President even had her photo taken with them, so they know Ago has come a long way in the last few years. They attended the Ago Alumni meeting and were very impressed with the group's expertise, enthusiasm and energy, which assured them that Ago is ready for the future. 2019 was their 50th anniversary, which was spent fishing and drifting for 80 hours on their son Darren's boat on Buzzard's Bay and sailing to Kingston, Ontario on their son, Eric's 44 ft. sailboat with his family. There were also lots of Barn Quilt events - their little idea 6 years ago has now spread countywide and TAUNY, the North Country's Art Council is promoting it. It is all fun!

Diane Swan Dudley (aka Swanee) wrote that her year was filled with friends and family, church, charities, travel and taxi runs. She and husband Jim continue to enjoy their local theater and fabulous symphonic concerts in and around the Rochester area. Diane contributed to her church life as a volunteer receptionist, head of a baking team for a homeless shelter, and co-chaired a women's retreat. During 2019 they traveled to Myrtle Beach and in November hit the airways and spent two weeks in France and Spain. They don't see their NYC grandson (3) as much as they would like, but their three granddaughters (2,4,6) live in Fairport and they are the primary babysitters. Grammie's taxi runs to preschools, the swimming pool and summer camps, local museums and the library.

Karen Miller Kelley enjoyed her time at the 50th and at the Ago House, which is in good repair and looks beautiful. She and husband Larry spent fun days at the River with Nancy and Jim Misenko, who are always the best hosts ever! Their 50th anniversary trip to Spain & France was awesome! It had long been on their "Bucket List", and they loved the scenery, history, museums, people, WINE, and food!

Chris Bolton Aiken and husband Bill Sickels continue to enjoy all the great things that living near Savannah offers. They are active in their church and continue to support Kiwanis and Savannah Book Festival activities. Travel included two weeks in Aruba, their 3rd anniversary on Jekyll Island, and Chris and a girlfriend had a great time on a cruise from Montreal going through Canada down to NYC. Bill continues to do his magic for the Children's Hospital almost every Friday and manages quite often to drive to Charleston with Chris to catch up with his Citadel alumni buddies. Chris was elected Chairman of the 2021 P.E.O. GA State Convention, which has kept her busy since May 2019!

Veronica "Ronnie" Holmes writes " We all were so happy to see your smiling face again! It was fun sweating with you and John on the dance floor!"

Class of 1971

Barb Young Chatigny has lived in Williamsburg, VA for the last 17 years and it is a beautiful place to call home. She is on the road a lot since she has kids and grandkids in both the Dallas and Atlanta suburbs. Her sister-in-law, **Elizabeth Chatigny Tolmie Nave** is alive and well and starting off on an adventure with her husband to cross the country. Beth's sister, who passed in 2008, married Ken Strong from Zeta Nu. Barb met Joanie and Bethie her freshman year. Their brother, Vic, arrived at Clarkson in 1968 and Barb found her wonderful husband of nearly 48 years, thanks to her Ago sisters.

Many thanks to Rich and **Karen Johns** for not only their much-needed gift of an air conditioner to Ago for 90 degree July events, but for all the big and little things they give and do for us behind the scenes at every Reunion!

Class of 1972

Shelly Lord Aspinall and husband George are still living in an active 55+ community in Pennsylvania. Thankfully both daughters and their families live nearby which enables them to spend time with them and the four grandchildren (ages 10, 6, 4 ½, & 3 ½). Watching the kids grow up is such a blessing. They spend a fair amount of time in the summer at the Jersey Shore and are looking forward to a Caribbean cruise this winter. Life is GOOD!

Paula Thompson Moore and husband Roy still enjoy motorcycle riding. 2019 found them riding "relatively" close to home (TN) but they have plans for Spain, Portugal, Croatia Coast and Curves organized tours in 2020. After serving over the last 13 years as Ride Captains and Safety Officers (Paula was the first woman Director of the Tellico Village Riders motorcycle club), they are no longer officers but plan to stay engaged with club activities. Paula qualified as a Level 1 "Human Touch for Animals" Practitioner and volunteers at a cat adoption and Knoxville animal shelter with their "healers group" – each very rewarding endeavors. Paula's mom broke her hip and is now in a long-term care facility where she gets great care. Family and friends (including British friends) visited them over the summer season to enjoy the lake and surrounding areas – great to be able to share!

Marie DuPell Caschera and husband Tony continue to live near Saratoga, NY near their three adult children and four grandchildren (ages 11, to 19 months). Marie enjoys caring for the two youngest "grands" twice a week during the school year. Marie also has four sisters who live within an hour and family activities are frequent. 2019 travels included two summer visits to Maine and a July cruise from Boston to New England and Canada with another couple. They loved Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor! They will be traveling to Denver for family events in March with her sister, Gisele & family. Tony is looking forward to his golf leagues this spring. Summer goes by fast with family, friends, picnics, concerts at SPAC, and hopefully a couple of trips to the ocean!

Class of 1974

Elaine Whitehead Pauly plans to meet up with **Patti Gentile Ludwiczak**, after discovering she's in nearby Buffalo. Patti says **Wirges** has moved to FL to start a new chapter in her life. Elaine owes **Ellen Dullmeyer** a call. Elaine notes Ago has risen from the ashes and become a model of leadership, academic achievement, community service, and connection. Ago's four new members all seem pretty awesome. Thank you Elaine for all you do for Ago and the AAA.

Lynne Boles spent much of 2019 finalizing the renovation and re-decoration of her fire ravaged home in Skaneateles, NY. Despite this, the year was filled with lots of travel (NYC and London) and fun times with family and friends. Naples Florida social life during the winter is busy with frequent get togethers including Lynne's pledge mistress, **Bonnie Betters-Reed** ('73) and Bonnie's hubby, Gary Reed. They were excited to find out that **Cathy Lennon Nealon** bought a place close to Bonnie's in FL. Lynne and hubby hosted lots of guests at their lake house - Gary and **Bonnie Betters-Reed, Lori Misicka** and plenty of others. Lynne went to SUNY Potsdam for her 45th college reunion, along with **Elaine Whitehead Pauly** ('74) and tons of Lynne's sorority sister alums. Lynne continues serving on the Potsdam Foundation Board, working with the Agonian Sorority and compiling a very detailed inventory of items destroyed and repurchased due to the Skaneateles fire for insurance and taxes. Her biggest gripe- receipts fade too quickly to make good copies.

April Bell Devaux retired in 2018 after 13 years as a Business Analyst and a Human Resources Specialist, followed by 18 years of teaching and chairing the department of Computer Science at Finger Lakes CC. She is still teaching online courses and taking many herself. Of greatest interest is a course on Mediterranean Archaeology from the Univ of Leicester, England. Aside from her on-going education, April holds interests in travel, genealogy, hiking, music, and spending summers on the lake (a childhood cottage she inherited). When husband Bruno retires in May more travel is expected! She has three grown daughters, one in the Boston area and the other two in the Rochester area - and eight grandchildren growing like weeds. Bruno inherited his mom's home in the Napa Valley and another summer home on Keuka Lake. April is expecting to head west to spend some time cleaning out the family house and deciding what to do with the property.

Ellen Dullmeyer Fox says after 30 years living and working as a Global Project Manager in New England, Ellen and husband (Jerry) moved to Tellico Village outside of Knoxville, TN - a perfect community with golf, swimming, a beautiful lake, hiking trails, restaurants, and tons of new friends. They are HAPPY and loving it there. Stepson, Travis, lives in San Fran where he works for the city. They spend time traveling - last trip was to New Zealand for three amazing weeks touring the country with two other couples. Ellen has taken up hiking, photography and promises to set up an Instagram account to connect with all of us.

Betsy Johnston Ketchum recently retired from working at Vassar College as a Biology lab coordinator. She loved working with the college kids designing and implementing labs. Most recently, her first granddaughter, Lucy, entered the picture, changing life in a whole new way! That makes two little ones. Betsy's in the middle of it all - now a member of the sandwich generation, helping with the grandkids while taking care of husband Jim's dad, who still lives in Montauk but has Alzheimer's. At 94 years they are happy to have him but sad to see him decline.

Susan Lamb King is living in Poway, CA, a little north of San Diego. She retired from teaching in 2017 and has been enjoying her life and all the free time retirement allows. Travels this year with husband, Bill, include trips to Italy and Germany. Sue reports that most days she's just having fun enjoying what Southern California has to offer. With a son in San Diego and a daughter in San Francisco, life is all good and time is shared between both cities! Sue reports "All is well! Hoping to meet up with all of you!" (Instagram - kindtw)

Sue Wajda still juggles time with 98 yr old Mom Mary in Whitesboro, contract renovations and social chairing parties at Tim's Loon Lake cabin with Welsh terrier Sootie, and substitute teaching in Webster. She and Tim enjoyed getaways to help Scottish friends with their Inverness guesthouse, Newburyporting with Neubauers, and a Keuka Lake "glamping" RV weekend. Leading Ago alumnae may be a fulltime job, but it has brought her so many wonderful friends to dine, dance and dream with. July reunions are not often enough!

Elaine Whitehead Pauly continues to develop her coaching practice in holistic health and functional medicine. She spends most of her time coaching, teaching, lecturing, and working with adults and a group of amazing youngsters from the Buffalo inner city. They're her favorites as they're open to just about anything. Anyone needing a partner to help with wellness, stillness, weight and wellbeing - Elaine's door is always open! (Instagram - ewpauly) There were many travels during the year, including a mother-daughter trip to Croatia, planned and guided by daughter Dana, and an anniversary trip with husband Greg to Anguilla's Cap Juluca where they were totally pampered. Elaine traveled to Potsdam for alumni weekend and said it was so great to reconnect with Janine and Claudia Locatelli, Boles and all the other alums.

Patti Gentile Ludwiczak reports doing some much deferred home improvement projects and a few fun trips to Saratoga, Chicago and NC. One highlight was reconnecting with Elaine Pauly for lunch in East Aurora's (NY) favorite French bakery. Looking forward to doing it again! Any western NY Agos interested in joining? Sons, Mark (36) and Brian (33) both live in the area. Mark is a sportswriter for the Buffalo Bills - he writes and edits Bills Digest. Brian has been struggling with illness. He works in Niagara Falls for Choice Hotels. No daughter-in-law yet, but always hopeful! (Instagram - patricialud28)

Class of 1975 45th REUNION YEAR

Sue Wohlheuter Beadnell and John hope to see everyone in Potsdam for the 45th Reunion! Their son Matt served as Onondaga County Comptroller and lives in Camillus. Their son Jeff works as an attorney for KPMG in Boston. They are blessed to have such a wonderful family.

Helen Hallahan Byrnes and Phil enjoy their family of 18. They keep busy following their eight grands in sports, dance, and other activities. They love the new home they built in Cazenovia. Life is good!

Barb Putman Cregg says the best part of having a place in Naples is having time to spend with Ago sisters, old and new. Barb looks forward to meeting more Agos in the Naples area. Barb and Mike had a wonderful experience on a National Geographic tour of Alaska. Their children and grandchildren are all in Rochester. Brian and Tara's girls Eva and Anna are 10 and 7. Amy and Kevin's daughter Claire is 2. Barb wishes her Ago sisters a wonderful year ahead!

Donna Waliszewski Fallon and Rick spent three months in Florida, enjoyed many day trips throughout NY and VT, and visited Montreal. Tiffany works for Epimed in Dallas. Rich (who works on Raytheon's Patriot missile program) and Meaghan are in Chelmsford with Maura, 8, and Elliot, 5. Patrick (who works for Orange Spark in Syracuse) and Rochella welcomed their newest grandson Brayden on March 9. All are doing well.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary enjoyed a great cruise from Munich to Budapest with Ago and Ayco friends. Allison received her MSW from SU and is a substance abuse counselor at Whitney Young in Albany. Amanda moved to 1st grade at Southgate, and Brian continues at Arthrex. Ben (8) and Henry (6) keep them busy attending football and baseball games. They spend their summers at Skaneateles and their school breaks in Sarasota. Debbie hopes the 75's have a great turnout for Reunion!

Carol Baitup Sweet looks forward to seeing everyone at our 45th Reunion! Carol has retired from Hallmark, so she's down to two jobs and might even retire one day. Meghan (at OPEX) and James (CFA at McKesson) moved back to Atlanta. Jonathan is also back in Atlanta working near the Perimeter. Kevin and Lauren eloped in Toledo. He enlisted in the US Army on Veteran's Day, giving up his job at J&J to be trained as a combat medic. Lauren will join him when he is stationed. Keep him in your prayers.

Anne Gallagher Timpano and John's highlight of 2019 was their Spring River Cruise down the Danube with 10 wonderful friends! What great memories! And as usual they loved spending their summer on Conesus Lake. Their whole family was with them for the Ring of Fire and the 4th of July. Caitlin (6) and Tessa (2) love the water. Anne and John also attended the Potsdam event in Syracuse at Dinosaur Barbecue with Double Axel. It was great seeing old friends.

Class of 1976

Denise Aiello Bukovan enjoys living in Charlotte NC. Still semi-retired, she consults for a national firm that does executive college searches. Denise is involved in the community, theater, some political activism, and SENIOR social events (lol). The big news is that daughter Dominique is marrying Jake in April. She took trips recently to see family and friends in FL and TX. Best wishes to all for a peaceful and satisfying 2020!

Janice "Cookie" Dash Robinson and Robby are still in NC. They both retired recently and love the freedom of travel and spending time with their girls. Last summer was spent in Ireland and London followed by their annual Murrells Inlet beach vacation. They are planning a trip to Portugal this fall. Two of their daughters still live locally; their youngest daughter recently moved to Albany and met up for a nice dinner with Cathy O'Connor! (Thanks Cathy and hope you're doing well.) Cookie would love to hear from others and enjoy all the fun memories of Potsdam.

Amy Durgin After a rewarding career in education that spanned nearly four decades, Dr. Amy Durgin is thoroughly enjoying retirement. She and her sweetie J.T., an accomplished home chef, often practice the culinary arts of pasta making and bread baking. He and Amy also share a strong interest in astronomy, to the point that they actually invested in a small but powerful telescope! "Dark magic, to be sure!"

Dale Engle Skivington retired from Dell Technologies and is spending part of the year where she teaches at the University of Colorado Law School and consults for Denver based companies. More importantly, she gets to spend time with her two grandchildren George and Pippa. When not in Colorado she spends time on Upper Saranac Lake or traveling to NYC to see her son. While in NYC, reunions with Joanne (Bottoni), Steph (Brown) and Eileen (Goss) have been known to happen!

Judy Fabic Verbanic and husband John (Prometheus) downsized to a patio home in Cranberry Twp, PA, near Pittsburgh 2 ½ years ago. They are both still working but looking at retirement in 2020. More travel will be a main priority! Their kids and four grandkids provide lots of laughs and fun times. Judy's goal is to be the favorite grandma!! They're in the planning phase for their second family trip to Disney World with all of them.

Eileen Goss Whelley retired at the end of 2018 and started her new chapter, which has been awesome and includes just enough work (she started her own executive coaching and consulting business) and lots of fun! Eileen has been reconnecting with friends (including the Albany AGO's) and spending more time with family, getting healthier, and traveling - Don and Eileen spent two weeks in France last spring and are headed to Yellowstone for a three day snowmobile trip in February. Natalie (32) and Stevie (29) are both in the Boston area and doing well.

Laurie Kaylor Lorenzetti's 10th grandchild was born on August 19 - Francesca Eloise Lorenzetti. Laurie also cares for her 4-year-old granddaughter, Isla, on school days and she wouldn't trade doing that for anything. Laurie keeps busy painting and taking watercolor classes in Canandaigua whenever her schedule permits! She and hubby are getting a puppy in a few weeks. They figure he'll get them out walking. No more excuses!

Cathy Lennon Nealon is still working, but from a home office. Husband Bob retired in January 2019 after 45 yrs. with Kodak/Carestream Health. They moved to Bonita Springs, Florida, but spend the summer and fall in Rochester, which is where Jillian, Kyle and their two grandchildren live. They visit DC frequently to see Courtney. They took an amazing 17-day Danube river cruise in June that included five countries and 10 cities and enjoyed dancing with alums at Double Axel in 'Cuse in September.

Claudia Locatelli May and husband Jim travel to Austin, TX to visit their children Ryan and Kelly. They are heading to Myrtle Beach in April and Rehoboth Beach in June. Claudia enjoys getting together with the Albany Ago's and heading to Potsdam for Reunion Weekend.

Cathy O'Connor reports that retired life (almost 11 years) just keeps getting better and better. 2019 saw Cathy enjoying time with family and friends plus a trip of a lifetime to Alaska!

Jill Mayhew Ryan will be finishing her last year of teaching keyboarding and running the computer lab at Indian Landing Elementary. She has mixed emotions, but Jill and Jim are looking forward to traveling during retirement...their bucket list is long! This past summer Jill and Jim visited Barb Putman Cregg's beautiful island home in the 1000 Islands, and Lennon's birthday bash in October turned out to be a fantastic reunion with some favorite Ago friends. Son Sean is still a manager for Wegmans in Maryland with his eye on a possible move to corporate.

Carolyn Odell Durnin is still living in Grafton, and spending most of her time on the home front. Interests include reading, quilting, guitar and herbal medicine. The highlight of her week is an extended Skype session with the kids and grandkids.

Melinda Piper Perry retired from Oneida Ltd October 31, 2019. She is still working and loving her part-time job in the event center and showroom at Turning Stone Casino. Looking forward to more travel and the retired life!

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JoAnn Koch-Quon had a busy year with her granddaughters - 10 and 3 1/2 who keep her hopping! She went to reunion in July and had a wonderful time as always! Spent time with Ricey, Georgie, and the O'Connor and Locatelli sisters! Met new sisters and danced the night away to Axle! Left from Potsdam for three weeks vaca at her cottage in Ontario - spent the majority of it painting and fixing the damage from last winter's snowfall on the roof! Welcomed two new members to her Ago family in the Fall New Member class and was the mentor for Jade's Little Abigail! Surprising her with a lunch meeting on their way back to school this Fall!

Karen ("Kittle") Stefanski had another busy year traveling for work as well as pleasure. Last March she flew to visit friends in Charleston, SC and got to enjoy some 80-degree weather. She enjoyed a great week on the Cape with family during Labor Day week. "Kittle" enjoyed a fun 63P(ierrepoint) weekend in Burlington, VT with her roomies from 63P: Sue Zinger, "OBB", and **Sue (Gagnier) Jennette** the end of September. She toured Portugal and Spain for 13 days enjoying warm, sunny weather and was able to see amazing pieces of art and architecture. Spent seven days on the Duoro River, the home of Port wine where she went to several vineyards and got to sample their delicious wines. One vineyard that she had lunch in rented huge casks as hotel rooms, which were on top of a hill overlooking the river. They were equipped with a bathroom, bed and skylights to look at the stars at night.

Patty Sohl and Bill enjoyed a Danube Cruise this past spring with a great group of people including Sparky (Psi Phi) and **Anne Timpano** (Ago), Gary (DK), and **Debbie Hind** (Ago) and Rick and Julie Robbins (DK). They had so many laughs and it was the highlight of their year. Patty and Bill are still working but are in the home stretch ... just a few more years so they can take more trips like this cruise! They are having the best time with their three granddaughters and are enjoying their time in Bethany Beach.

Patti Wilkins is still enjoying her retirement and had another busy year. Two new grandbabies were born- Everett, in March, joined his two brothers, and her son had a baby girl, Charleston, in May. Their youngest son got engaged in May and is getting married in November. Patti and Bill have traveled to Disney twice and spent two weeks at Outer Banks on the beach with the entire family. Upcoming trips are planned to western Mexico and Myrtle Beach. They will be watching their grandkids four days a week until June. Bill is still working but starting to think about complete retirement. He has his own business so he controls his time. Never a dull moment. Everyone is welcome to come visit any time. God bless to all.

Sue Maloney enjoyed the holidays with her boys both at home – Brian is home from Australia where he is working as principal percussionist for the West Australian Symphony in Perth, and James who is living and working a couple of different jobs in Providence, RI. Her husband, Michael, retired in August and is happily playing "house husband". She is looking at retirement a year from this May – the closer it gets, the more excited she is. She has been focusing on some fairly major house projects, (having a fireplace put in, new driveway, deck repairs, etc.). Sue sings with her choral group, attends lots of church activities, and takes short trips with her sister. She goes to NYC at least once a year for a show.

Joan DiFulgentiz had a crazy busy year as she is living in the Dallas area and working on a new building project located on Cazenovia Lake in NY. Otherwise all is good!!

Barb Kellerman All is well here. The kids and grandkids are growing up so fast. She went down to the Outer Banks for vacation last summer; joined by both of her sisters and their families. They enjoyed it so much we are doing it again this summer. She is looking forward to retirement sometime this year (don't have a date yet, but before July). Then she can spend more time with the grandkids, her horses, and her gardens, and her husband too!

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Donna Passarella Bonomo says all is well in Southport, NC since moving south 6 1/2 years ago and loves it but is blessed to be able to return to NJ (daughter Lisa lives in NJ with her husband) and to their cabin in Vermont to enjoy the beautiful North East. Bob officially retired from United Airlines in October! They celebrated his last flight in Barcelona with Lisa, Matt and Amy for 48 hours! It was wild and a whirlwind of food, fun and First Class! Thankful for his long career and happy to see him enjoying retirement! Youngest daughter Amy announced her engagement in June and is planning a 2021 wedding. She is excited to welcome John and his sons, Hunter and Revan into the family. Since they live in Kentucky, Donna and Bob are on the roads, or in the sky visiting the kids, seeing friends and family just about every other month. She ran into her **Big Sister TT** and **Cathy O'Connor** on a cruise to Alaska in September. What are the chances we would run into someone we know? Of course got to see the **Sohl's** at their beautiful home in Delaware! Donna hopes 2020 brings more surprise sightings of Agonian sisters!

Nadine Gager Compisi and Tony were in Hilton Head and Florida in April and connected with Defo as usual! They enjoyed dinner at their "favorite spot" and just catching up. In May they volunteered at the Senior PGA at Oak Hill CC. They had several weddings over the summer and her niece's wedding in Rochester in Sept. 2019 was the year of major house repairs, updates and replacements that began in Spring and FINALLY ended the 2nd week in December. They spent Christmas in Chicago with their grandchildren. Nadine took up Pickleball and absolutely LOVES it, playing several times a week. Sadly, her mother passed in Oct. and is missed beyond words. They have a very busy 2020 with domestic and international travel, three graduations, at least one wedding and of course lots of golf.

Sue "Defo" Dee continues to teach high school Biology and Marine Science. This year she joined the Hilton Head Island Sea Turtle Patrol and loved the time spent protecting turtles that nest on local beaches. She visited the island of Dominica twice this year and has finished rebuilding a house destroyed by Hurricane Maria. The bonds made thought this project with the family will last a lifetime and she plans to spend much time in Dominica in the future. Sue and her daughters spent the closing days of 2019 in Peru on a fabulous trip through Lima, the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu. She sends prayers for good health and blessings to all.

Cindy Darrow Kohl and Joe enter 2020 waiting for grandbaby #7 due to arrive in early February! Family fun with the other six little ones keeps them busy. They all live nearby so they see them often. Their new grand baby will live in Chicago so they will be spending 2020 with multiple trips to the Windy City! They are both enjoying retirement, still trying to improve the golf game but Cindy thinks she would be better off resetting her expectations. She volunteers teaching English to a Chinese mother and refugees. Very funny since she was a math teacher! It is so rewarding and she is amazed to get so many thank yous from students!

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim and Tom moved to Nashville, TN in 2018 and are enjoying retirement and the local music scene! She enjoys being closer to her brother, sister-in-law and niece and her family. They have great neighbors and many new friends at church. Lori and Tom love to travel- Florida (much to their surprise they were staying in the same place as **Pam Pendleton** and enjoyed AM coffee and dinner), Las Vegas (Hall and Oates concert), Myrtle Beach, NC, Charleston, SC, Hilton Head, Savannah, GA. and a trip to NY in early July. Her son, Brandon visits often and is graduating from RIT with his Master's in Software Engineering. He will be moving to Ft. Washington, PA for a job with Honeywell. In 2020 they are going to Napa Valley, CA then on to Hawaii for 10 days. They are planning a trip to NY and look forward to spending time with Tom's children and grandchildren.

Pam Pendleton still enjoys retirement (?) - working part time, on two Boards of Education (attending conferences in NYC, Philadelphia, Cooperstown & Rochester) certified ComHab and Respite provider for Catholic Charities. She celebrated her birthday last February with **Suzi Scholterer** and her pups. She welcomed a new dog - 3-year-old Yellow Lab from Georgia, Maxx in July. He's sweet as the day is long but lives life with "uncontained joy" - all 80 pounds of him! Obviously they are in training classes! Pam worked the PGA golf tournament @Oak Hill and ran into **Cookie Scalise Balme, Nancy & Larry Kuhl** and Chip & Sally Partner. She worked at the Buffalo Bills training camp driving the courtesy golf cart, taking people around the camp, and carting the players to lunch after practice! Pam has season tickets for Rochester Americans hockey but misses some games when she goes to FL in March (**Sharon Cooney** is coming in 2020!) She has cruises to the Caribbean and Hawaii planned for 2020. She has monthly dinners with her "Fab Four", Women for Wine Sense and meets **Sharon Keating Heiligman** for coffee often!

Sharon Cooney spent two fun filled weeks in Florida.

Susan Scholterer writes that she left healthcare recruiting after 12 years and now works in the manufacturing sector for Rosina foods. Her beautiful fur babies, Gabby and Fiona turn three on Valentine's Day! Of course they keep her busy!

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Debbie LoBello Burhans reports that she was disappointed that she and **Linda Connelly** had to cancel plans to attend their 40th reunion in July due to the unexpected death of Debbie's father on July 7. They missed seeing everyone and send best wishes to all! Debbie and family enjoyed a much needed relaxing week on Cape Cod in September and a trip to CA in October to see visit grandbaby, Cecilia, and saw oldest daughter Karen's new home in Oakland. 2020 looks to be another busy year with a trip to FL to visit Linda in March; a trip to CA for Easter; and then youngest daughter Lauren's wedding in August near Portsmouth, NH. The whole family is also planning to spend a week in NH or Maine after the wedding to rest and recharge. Debbie is still practicing law full time; but hoping to cut back to 3-4 days a week in 2020.

2019 was a crazy year for **Shanon Fowler Schneider** and Jim (AEPi 78) with two more grandsons added to the Schneider family. Trey and Theresa welcomed Nate in July and Dane and Amy welcomed Adam in October. So with four grandchildren we are kept hopping between Atlanta and DC. Shanon has a new art studio in Atlanta - part of a 35 artist collective with some very talented local artists. Shanon had her first corporate art installation with 20 large abstract pieces in an uber sleek millennial workspace. It is a great showcase for her work and will hopefully translate to more gallery opportunities. Shanon and Jim are still working managing North Atlanta OB/GYN and KC global energy supply respectfully. She hopes to get the retirement plans on the front burner to devote her energy to her artwork. Check out her art at shanonschneiderfineart.com.

Holly Curtis Perdan got to experience a chimney fire in March. It turns out the chimney had been improperly constructed and stopped one ft below the roof instead of extending three ft above. Within two minutes of the 911 call, three fire trucks, two police vehicles, and an ambulance were at her house. Gotta love living in a small town! Holly actually managed to successfully fence in her garden against both deer and bunnies this past spring; therefore, got to eat her own tomatoes for the 1st time in three years. A friend dropped off a deer the day before her road trip to Cleveland for Christmas, so she had to skin and butcher it in record time. She is still secretary of the local home brew club (i.e., does all the work), which is definitely cat herding.

2019 didn't find any major changes in **Mindy Mospaw Poupore's** world. She still is helping at her husband's dental practice as a bookkeeper, HR, marketing, and Gal Friday. She still enjoys her involvement with music by conducting her church choir and judging for NYSSMA. She also volunteers with the Rotary Club in Malone and the Crane Alumni Association. Her daughters are now 32 and 29. The oldest (Kelly) is an Assistant DA for Franklin County and the youngest works for a beer distributor in Scottsdale, Arizona! They are enjoying going back and forth from Malone to their vacation home in Scottsdale to play golf and Mindy is looking forward to attending the reunion again this July. The house looks great by the way and she is proud that the class of 79 did so well on their fundraiser!!

Sharon Keating Heiligman had a fabulous time in Potsdam last July for her 40th reunion. It was wonderful to catch up with fellow Agos who she had not seen in years! She continues to babysit one day a week for her two grandchildren. The JACK Foundation finished their second local playground in Webster Park late last year, with a grand opening this spring. This playground is larger and has more great equipment and is only 2.5 miles from her home! Sharon and Dan continue their traveling to FL, NC and an 11 day cruise on Viking Ocean Cruises, with three more cruises booked!! After going through extensive testing last fall, Sharon is happy to report after donation surgery in February, her left kidney is functioning wonderfully in her son-in-law, Dan, eliminating his three times a week dialysis!

Missy Porter Richardson is happy to report that 2019 was quite a year. She continues to enjoy Florida retired life. It's hard to believe it's been three years! Missy is perfecting her new found love of cruising. Trips to Canada, Eastern and Western Caribbean this year is practice for her and Kevin's 111 day Grand World voyage in Jan 2021! 2020 will bring our fourth grandchild (in NC) and our third daughter-in-law as Patrick and Jeran get married in September in Michigan.

Susan Cancilla Witkowski and Jim are looking forward to celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. Not sure how to celebrate. All ideas are welcomed! She enjoyed sitting on the Ago porch last summer reflecting on our 40th college reunion. Missed seeing many of her 1979 classmates. It was a blast dancing to DA and running around town with big big sister, Ricy. Susan has connected Potsdam, NY and Camden, SC with a winter independent study for a SUNY Potsdam public health student where she is CEO at the Community Medical Clinic of Kershaw County. It has been a great experience. Beaches, Colorado, NY and National Parks are on the 2020 list. Wishing all a healthy and memorable year ahead. Peace and love.

Chip has retired and loving it! **Cookie Scalise Balme** loves having her lunches and dinners made and ready for her! Their grandson, James Robert was born in May 2019 and is happy and growing so fast. Cookie and Chip hope to be traveling more soon. Naples, Florida is sure to be on the list as well as Arizona and some other warm places!!

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Pam McCormick Cronin and husband Joe live in beautiful Salt Lake City. They love being close to the mountains. They have three children; the youngest is graduating from the University of Utah in May. They just celebrated 25 years of marriage with a 2-week trip to Ireland and London. Pam still works as an audiologist in a busy ENT practice. Life is good for the Cronins.

Jane Morale and husband Glen Zagorski have been enjoying the mountains of Vermont. They ski in winter and downhill mountain bike in summer at Killington. Still teaching middle school orchestra outside of Rochester NY, Jane enjoyed seeing **Rosie Javarone Brown** and **Becki Minoli** last summer. Can't wait for the Reunion in July.

Margie Riester Seeger just retired after 40 years with Hercules/ Dyno Nobel. She was responsible for manufacturing operations at various sites in the US (Port Ewen, Wolf Lake and Simsbury). Her last role was Manufacturing Excellence for Initiating Systems. During her tenure she traveled to Sweden and Chile. Margie and husband Fred plan to go to Hawaii and take a cruise to southern France this year. Their daughter Abbie has lived in Manhattan for the last 12 years so they take lots of trips to the Big Apple! Margie enjoys her yearly get together with her sisters. There are always lots of laughs!

Sue Ann Charlton Carpenter is "semi-retired" as she has kept a small caseload of pre-school children for home-based Speech-Language Therapy. To celebrate their "golden years" Sue Ann and Brian traveled to England and Scotland. Still keeps up with Ago sailor ways in their small wooden sailboat at various living history events in the Northeast. Their lads are great, having finally both graduated with their college degrees. Sue Ann is looking forward to "taking a walk down Pierrepoint Avenue" in July.

Becki Minoli continues to work full time for Aon Insurance Managers. Daughter Victoria is pursuing her Masters in Pathology at Boston University. Becki hopes to retire once Victoria is out of school. She enjoyed seeing **Jane Morale** and **Rosie Javarone Brown** in Burlington last August. She is looking forward to the 40th reunion and hopes all can make it.

Tara Donovan Deines and Dale will be empty nesters in September. Their daughter Callie is graduating in May and will go on to college. Last summer, the Deines family toured southern Germany. It was a wonderful trip exploring the Alps and the old German cities. Tara and **Sue Ann Charleston Carpenter** plan to attend the Reunion in July!

Rosie Javarone Brown is enjoying her retirement from teaching! To celebrate, she and Steve took the whole family on a trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. In August she met up with **Jane Morale** and **Becki Minoli** while visiting Burlington, VT. It was just like old times! Also keeping her busy is a new golden doodle puppy but her favorite time is with her grandson Beckham.

Julie Radde Reagan is the Chair of the Department of Elementary Education at SUNY Potsdam. She enjoys traveling and has recently traveled to Cuba as part of a faculty delegation. Julie also enjoys skiing and cruising. Her next trip is a cruise to the Caribbean. Julie has enjoyed getting to know the current Active Members of Ago.

Michele Budzilek Dow and Kevin just bought their retirement home. They have been watching for opportunities for a few years now and they were thrilled to find a home in a new development that is fairly close to their daughters (both married now) who live in Los Angeles. Their son is way up in Seattle, but it will be easy enough for them all to get together when he comes down to SoCal for a visit.

Jennifer Schwert Nassivera lives in Buffalo with her husband, Steven and daughter, Jillian. They renovated an old Victorian in the Elmwood Village area of Buffalo about 12 years ago and love all the activities and restaurants the city has to offer. Jennifer is using her Biology Degree from Potsdam with her job as an Account Manager for ThermoFisher Scientific! She enjoys lots of tennis, yoga, and skiing in her spare time! Their daughter leaves for college in the fall and they hope she lands somewhere warm!

Bonnie Boland Sohl and husband Mark retired a little over a year ago to Jacksonville Beach. It's been wonderful! Their youngest Hannah is a freshman at the University of West Florida, their son Alex is working in NYC, and their oldest Mark Jr is working in Atlanta. Bonnie lost her Mom in October 2018. It's been the hardest thing and she misses her every day. It was such a surprise and comfort for Bonnie to see some of her Ago sisters at the funeral. Her dad is in Victor, NY and she tries to see him every 8-10 weeks. Bonnie and Mark love company if anyone feels like a beach get away!

2019 was a year of many changes for **Martie Hulslander Dixon** and family! Their youngest daughter, Ali graduated HS and is attending Fredonia pursuing a Speech Pathology degree. After being empty nesters for the first time in 34 years, their eldest daughter and family moved back to their village! Happy grandma now has all four grandchildren within a few miles! Martie's retirement job at the food co-op has changed from clerk to point of sale coordinator. She still works part-time but back at a desk and computer! Jeff has had a change as well; in Oct. he got a new knee! He's recovering and looking forward to golf season this year! They are looking forward to a 40th reunion with a group of Potsdam friends in Ft. Lauderdale this March and with our Ago sisters this July!

Sue Hein Bailey retired in August 2018 from KeyCorp after 38 years of service in the investment department. To celebrate, she took up the game of pickleball, became addicted, and now plays three times a week for fun and exercise. Sue is the informal social chair for the group too. She also did a bunch of traveling this past year and is definitely enjoying retirement!!

Gale Niederhauser Bayen and husband Kevin have been enjoying their retirement and traveling around the world. They both travel throughout New York State to judge music festivals and conduct ensembles. They just celebrated their 20th anniversary with their four children out in Montauk Long Island.

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Denise Bennett Haines continues to serve on the Ago Board of Directors and acts as the liaison to the New Member Educator, which allows her the opportunity to meet all the new members. Dede and Tom bought a home in Tampa in 2017 so Dede regularly commutes to the Orlando area to work her antique and vintage business that she enjoys so much.

Patrice DeLaus Scully lives in Mahwah, NJ and has worked for IBM for over 38 years now. She had lots of good news this past year. Her daughter Jacquelin became engaged in February and they are busy planning for an August 15, 2020 wedding! Patrice's son Charles and his wife Casey relocated from Boston to NY City so now they're less than an hour away. Patrice gets to see them more often, which is great. In her spare time, Patrice continues to do a lot of volunteer work. She loves keeping in touch with her Ago sisters via Facebook and other social media!

Robin Landrigan Smith and her husband John DeRossi live in Marco Island, FL from Oct to May and on Lake George, NY from May to Oct – the best of both worlds for them! Robin is still working as a project manager in the healthcare IT field and is currently with HIXNY in Albany, NY. No big travel plans this year for them– just enjoying life in their hometowns!

Class of 1982

Judy Biviano Lloyd in San Ramon, CA writes she is a long way from Clarkson and rarely gets back to Upstate NY other than to see family in Cortland and Rochester. Funny small world story: former model Maggie Riser is married to a businessman Judy works with and lives near. She is from Watertown, made it big in NYC and has been on Vogue magazine.

Laura Huther Farnham just passed her second anniversary in Naples FL her third anniversary of retirement. She is managing to maintain her "business brain" consulting a client that she's been with for the last couple of years. Laura plays tons of tennis(four teams this season) and teaches yoga at a Naples studio. Her family is healthy and happy.

Cindy Tettamant Francisco and Vern have been busy with their family. They have six grandchildren ranging in ages from 4 to 7, three girls and three boys. Cindy is a volunteer in the elementary school that two of them attend. She enjoys it and they like having grandma there! When Cindy and Vern aren't entertaining family they are busy enjoying friends and hobbies. Cindy hopes to make it to an Ago reunion sometime in the future!

Ellen Bartis Gambee spends time each week in two states. She enjoys her weekends in New Hampshire where she and Mike love hiking, boating and skiing.

Licia Urtis Murrell still teaches Chorus and Music Theater at McCleskey Middle School, north of Atlanta. Her three sons have now all built careers back up north in Washington, DC, Brooklyn and Rochester, so her house is very quiet. She spends her time gardening, crafting and working on her photography. She co-administers a facebook international photography group called Create 52. If any photo-enthusiasts are interested, please look her up. Licia has done some light traveling this year mostly to Tennessee and the Smoky Mountains. Her summer week in Rochester with family was also a highlight.

Class of 1984

Lori Dietz reports that Ron retired in August. She still has a few years to work. They did a lot of traveling in 2019 including two weeks in St. Maarten, a trip to Las Vegas and Zion National Park, a southern Caribbean cruise, short trips to Florida and Georgia and a Mets road trip to Minneapolis and San Francisco. She finally gave up the Syracuse Track Club treasurer roll after more than a decade. Ron and Lori still run, but no longer do it competitively. Lori hopes this news finds everyone happy and healthy.

Mark and **Sue Compton Dixon** officially retired in April 2018. Since then, they have been alternating between stays in their White Mountains, NH home, a sailboat renovation project in San Diego, and tandem biking/camping trips in the U.S. and Europe. In their travels, they have been able to reconnect with many old college friends. Their elder son, Mike, and his wife welcomed a baby girl in January 2019 (first grandchild) and their younger son, Kevin, recently got engaged.

Ellen Murphy's husband retired a few years ago at 56 and she will be joining him in 2020! They plan to downsize and move to southern NH this year. Their longer-term plan is to rent in various warm climates during winter for the next many years and decide where to move "permanently" when they are 85 or so! They have already signed a contract for winter 2021. Ellen plays a lot of golf and is involved in the LPGA Amateurs Boston Chapter. She also expects to be traveling more when she stops working.

Los Angeles has been home for **Donna Richter Shontell** since shortly after graduation. She and her husband, Bob, live in the hills of Sherman Oaks, just north of LA, with their dog Olive, a 5-year-old Vizsla. She still loves cooking – her sisters in '84 will remember her making Sunday dinner at Ago when the cook was off! Donna works for Hewlett Packard Enterprise in outside sales as a partner manager; she loves the company and the position. She and Bob love to travel; they spent time in Europe this past summer visiting Ireland, London and Amsterdam. They also love Hawaii and have another Hawaiian trip planned for the spring.

Marykay Welsh Wells still lives in Raleigh NC. She sees her parents quite often and she and Kevin enjoy taking them to Duke basketball and football games. Her father is still working part time teaching in the Duke athletic department. Both of their girls graduated from college and are working in the technology and sports fields. Marykay enjoys her job at Pearson Education and travels often to New York City and London. Marykay often gets together with **Sue Strich Neenan** and looks forward to meeting other Agos if they happen to be in North Carolina.

It's been another busy year for **Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger**. She has had a babysitting business for the past nine years that really keeps her on her toes. After years of working in human resources and then being a stay at home mom, this is a career that she never thought she would embark on, but she finds the job very rewarding. Steve is busy working for Marsh McLennan as an insurance broker. Their daughter, Jacqueline, is a junior at GW University, majoring in economics and is a part of their dance team. Their son, Gregory, is a busy eighth grader who spends a lot of time playing on a travel soccer team. Irene has been able to get together a couple of times with **Anastasia Glasheen**, and has enjoyed reconnecting with her Ago sister!

Anastasia Glasheen had a wonderful time visiting her fellow Agonians at Potsdam this past summer (which included her fellow '84s **Sue Compton Dixon, Jane Judson Mistur, and Cheryl Johnson Welles**), then spent more fun floating with Sue at her lake home in Lincoln, NH. Anastasia purchased her family home in Smithtown, NY, and has since spent some quality time with neighbor **Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger**. Anastasia continues to sing as a professional chorister with the Pacific Chorale/ Pacific Symphony, and had the opportunity to participate in Mahler's 8th Symphony under the baton of Gustavo Dudamel, (recording forthcoming under the Deutsche Grammophon label.)

Sue Ann Strich Neenan is still living in the Atlanta area. She has remained friends with **Marykay Welsh Wells** over the years and they are godparents to one of each other's children. Sue Ann recently visited Marykay at her Hilton Head oceanfront condo and reports that she is just as fun as ever! Sue Ann also keeps in touch with **Linda Lawrence Degan** who attended Kevin's 8th annual memorial golf tournament this summer. Linda brought much fun to the day as they rode around in the beverage cart wondering if they ever imagined doing this when they bartended together at the Whiskey One back in Potsdam. Sue Ann's boys are starting to launch. Morgan graduated from Virginia Tech in May and is working in Raleigh; he enjoys being close to Marykay and Kevin, who treat him like family. Drew and Cade are continuing college and Sue Ann has been consulting part time for a green energy startup. Travel this year has included: Montana a couple times (to visit her sister and family), skiing in Zermatt, Switzerland, and visiting her parents in Puerto Rico and the Adirondacks.

Sue Hope Atwell retired from Northrop Grumman in Northern Virginia in the fall of 2018. Since then she and her husband, Dave, enjoy their winters in Bonita Springs FL and summers on Cayuga Lake in the Finger Lakes. For Columbus Day weekend, she loved having **Carrie Howard Malekof, Susie Compton Dixon, and Cathy Mackey Fisher**, along with some other college friends at the lake for their yearly get-together. It was a blast!

Robin Wheeler Gallagher is still living and working in MA. Three of her four kids either live, work or go to school in RI (Maddy is at URI) which is nice as it is not too close and not too far. None are married (or even close), although there are many girlfriends around. Robin is still working in the event world (24 years) and still (for the most part) enjoying it although she has seen or done every single thing there is to do in Boston. Peter still works for the fire department. They are planning for retirement, but are not close to actually retiring (still paying for college!). Robin hopes to get together with **Debbie Simiele Porath** and **SueAnn Trippany Bell** in February.

While it seems as though she should be slowing down, **Karen Dworaczyk** is expecting 2020 to be a really busy year. She has been consulting for about 10 years and one of her clients has convinced her to join them full time as their Chief Revenue Officer. She is also the President of the Board for the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and on the Global Board for the Product Development and Management Association. She recently had to turn down being on the Board of the new Canandaigua LDC. She would rather spend her time with family, friends and dogs. Karen wonders, "What was she thinking?" as she is now envious of those who have decided to retire early.

Class of 1987

Sue Boulter Jackson continues to work as a freelance writer and volunteer with chronic illness support groups. She is publishing a new book, *Finding a New Normal: Living Your Best Life with Chronic Illness*, in January 2020, which took up most of her writing time last year! Her youngest son graduates from University of Delaware in May 2020, so this year will bring some changes. She and her husband, Ken, try to fit in some short trips, usually with their pop-up camper, when they can and last year visited Virginia; Frederick, MD; Delaware beaches; and the Hudson River Valley and the Catskills. They also celebrated their 30th anniversary by taking their sons along on a vacation to St. John, US Virgin Islands, which was wonderful!

Patty Carroll Wilson and Tom enjoyed a quick visit to **Becky Volans Akins** and Mark's farm during their summer trip to the St. Lawrence River. A new pit-mix puppy is keeping them very busy since their daughters are off at school in Philadelphia and Brazil.

Becky Volans Akins continues to teach high school math. She and Mark celebrated their 30th anniversary in the fall with a getaway to Boston. This March she is looking forward to becoming a grandmother! Becky has the Ago actives and new members over to her farm once a semester. They enjoy a farm tour followed by a farm-to-table meal! She also oversees the Community Service portion of the actives and new members, making sure each of the girls fulfill their 10 hour/semester requirement.

Class of 1989

Laura Boyd lives in Woburn, MA (outside Boston) with her boyfriend, Tim. She is in her 6th year working as the VP of Program Management for Brightcove, an online video software company. During the winter of 2019 she enjoyed some amazing ski adventures in Maine and Lake Tahoe with feet of snow to play in. She enjoyed a family vacation week on a cruise from Boston to Bermuda. It was a great way to celebrate with a large multi-generational group. Laura and Tim spent many summer weekends relaxing on the beach in York, ME. She is in Maine quite often, so please reach out if you have plans to travel to the area.

Daphne D'Agostino Valentine lives in Liverpool with her three sisters and their families. She is in her 13th year as an elementary principal and is looking to retire in three years. Steve (AXP) is working for a new company and adjusting to a boss after working on his own for many years. Owen is a junior at Syracuse University at Newhouse, broadcasting for football, soccer, basketball and lacrosse. Loving the social aspects of college life. Ryan is a freshman at UAlbany studying digital forensics. He has adjusted to college life and wonders why all kids don't start classes at noon? Olivia is a sophomore at Liverpool High School and is a busy little girl. She works at Wegmans, plays soccer, and lacrosse and runs track. They are enjoying having her at home. Daphne is excited to say that she recently caught up with Julie, Desiree, Kim and Jill. #Blessed

2019 was a year of change for **Sue Young**. She started a new job as CFO of Q2 Solutions, a clinical trials lab in Durham, NC. Her cat Buddy passed away so she and Sparky welcomed little Josie to the family! She had an amazing time on her annual birthday trip to Borneo this year. She finished the year by becoming bionic with a double disc replacement in her neck!

In July, **Andrea Newhouse Frascatore** visited her big sister, **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin** in Tampa, FL. They reminisced about Potsdam days, while making new memories as they toured the town. Their friendship continues as if no time has passed. In August, Andrea enjoyed her annual family vacation, with her sister Lisa Newhouse Melveney at Cape Hatteras on the Outer Banks. They enjoyed jet skiing, horseback riding along the beach, and late night beach fires. Andrea's daughter, Miranda, is graduating early from Oswego State, while Marisa completed her first year of high school. Marisa continues her gymnastics, having a strong finish to her competitive season, as they travel to support her.

Class of 1990 30th REUNION YEAR

Stephanie Allen Manuel is still residing in Charlotte, NC. Her boys, Harrison and Manuel continue to get older but feels lucky that she remains fabulous! She has been fortunate this year to see **Pamela Muraco Simons** and shared some quality best friend time together.

Jennifer Douglas Steinberg is living in the Boston area. She and husband, Scott (AXP) have recently become empty nesters. Jenn spends her time now doing yoga, taking pottery classes and began taking grad classes in the evenings. Their girls are close by and son, Sean is living in the DC area.

Ren Hallinan Reagan is enjoying life in Pittsford, living with a house full of boys, as daughter, Caleigh continues her PA studies at Daemen. After 14 continuous years of children in elementary school, this past spring she officially graduated from her various volunteer duties at school and switched gears a bit to take on the roles of AAA Treasurer for Ago and AAA hockey team manager for her youngest son, Casey. She is looking forward to a longer than usual vacation in Nantucket this summer, as well as catching some upcoming country concerts.

Kelly Wright O'Brien is down to just one child at home. Owen is a sophomore in high school and continues to play football, basketball and track. Her oldest, Cassidy finishes her studies at Clarkson this May and will be working in Rochester following graduation. Carly is a freshman at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Life has been full of niece and nephew weddings and she and husband, Jim, welcomed their first grandnephew this year.

Class of 1991

Aysha Rodriguez has lived in Brandon, Florida about 21 years and has been a mortgage underwriter for a major bank for 12 years. Outside of work, her life is consumed with her 16-year-old daughter who goes to a Performing Arts high school for chorus. Aside from concerts, her daughter keeps her busy with school soccer and flag football.

Wendy Deisseroth Constantine and Mike (TDK) live in Weston, CT with their 3 kids: Rob 18, Julia 15, and Ben 11. She works at Pepperidge Farm in their product development group where her team develops all of the new Milano cookie flavors. Yes, she eats cookies at work every day! When she isn't working, she is busy watching the kids swim and play baseball, softball and hockey.

Class of 1993

Laura Sweet says after 14 years in Albany, Laura moved to Delmar, NY (not far in distance but miles in neighborhood!) She hosted seven of her Ago sisters this fall at her house and had an absolute blast. Laura is still working from home for DocuSign and travels every chance she gets including trips to Greece and Costa Rica last year. She looks forward to seeing her Ago sister's whenever she can!

Kelley Marsh Trembley was married to Mike Trembley on Jan. 1, 2020. The Saratoga Day Spa is going well. They added two nurses to the staff for botox, filler, IV hydration and medical weight loss. Jordyn Bloem is working at The Children's Home of Jefferson County working with foster children, adoption, etc. Jack Bloem is a sophomore at SUNY Potsdam playing hockey and studying Business. Mason Bloem is a Jr in high school. Life is pretty good!

Debbie Rose Urban still lives in NJ with her husband Scott and two kids. Jude started high school and is very busy with soccer and ice hockey. Alex also loves soccer and is a cadette in the Girl Scouts. Life is busy but great!

Heather DiMaio Boudreau is an educator, artist, activist, and serious hiker living in Colorado.

Class of 1994

Nicholle Francis is enjoying life in Brooklyn with husband, Bryant and enjoys spending time at their weekend home in Poughkeepsie. The love of her life, Simone, just turned 13 and Nicholle is overjoyed at how she continues to evolve into an incredible global citizen. Nicholle has been working at Bellevue Hospital for 19 years! Vacations to Hawaii, Palm Desert, and West Palm Beach as well as visiting family and friends are critical for her happiness. She LOVED hanging out with her Ago sisters last summer and looks forward to more adventures with them this year.

Jessica McAllister and husband Dan have been living in Atlanta for 22 years now. Kelly, 18 graduated high school and is attending University of Vermont as a psych major. They toured several northern schools during the decision process, including St. Lawrence, so she was able to take her on a grand tour of Potsdam including Crane and all of the sights around town. Fun! Claire, 13 still keeps her busy at home with school carpool, theater and ice-skating. Jessica started playing in a community orchestra last year. It's been fun getting back into the swing of things after taking 20 years off. She was promoted to 2nd chair this Fall! She has traveled a lot this year- Miami (twice), Vermont, New York, Ireland, Czech Republic and Austria -21 trips in all. Check these out on www.footlooseandfancyblog.com. Find her on Facebook (Footloose and Fancy) as well as Instagram (thefootlooseandfancy), Pinterest and Youtube.

Class of 1995 25th REUNION YEAR

Gina Bernardo Michalski is having a busy year! She helped start up a new preschool at Felician University where she is the lead teacher. It has been very demanding but also exciting! Her oldest, Ella, is starting to look at colleges! It brings her back to all the fun memories in AKPhi!! Gina also has loved her shopping excursions with **Eva Dechario McGee!**

Michele Bulleigh-Vishon is still a 3rd Grade teacher at Tortuga Preserve Elementary School. She is in her seventh year of teaching in SW Florida. She recently moved to Cape Coral on a canal that leads to the river. Michelle loves having their boat right at their house so they can go out anytime they'd like. Last summer they bought a small place in Akron, NY as they spend 8-9 weeks up north & love it! She still spends two weeks in Canton and at Trout Lake with family. Michelle is headed to Ireland in July for two weeks and she cannot wait!!! She is hoping Spring 93 ladies are doing well and she would love to catch up sometime!

Eva Dechario McGee is still enjoying the Jersey Shore lifestyle. She is in her 21st year of teaching, having spent the last 11 years teaching 8th grade English, and now also works at the beach in the summer-which isn't really work! She is delving into the college search with Ryan, 17 and is gloriously entrenched in the dramatic teen years with Laura, 14. Eva has been fortunate to spend some quality time with **Gina Bernardo Michalski** this past year! Looking forward to some upcoming get-togethers with other Agos as well!

Class of 1999

Amanda Moore and her husband Neil live in Saratoga Springs. She is a Saratoga Springs based real estate agent serving the Greater Capitol Region. Amanda would love the opportunity to help fellow Ago sisters with any real estate needs they may have! When she's not working she is riding/showing her horse and traveling.

Class of 2002

Erika Dey Sykes accepted a job as a courtroom clerk in December. She was working for child welfare but decided to step away from that job to have a bit more normalcy in her life.

Class of 2004

Congratulations to **Dr. Mandy Agnew** on her receipt of a National Institute of Justice Grant for trauma-related forensic anthropology research. Mandy is an affiliated anthropology faculty member, director of the Skeletal Biology Research Laboratory (part of the Injury Biomechanics Research Center), and a leader of the Forensic Anthropology Case Team (FACT) at The Ohio State University. Dr. Agnew's research interests focus on bone biomechanics, skeletal biology, and functional anatomy. She will be using this research in her current grant to improve court testimonies on forensic cases.

Class of 2005 15th REUNION YEAR

Leta Leguri and husband have quit their jobs and are traveling the world! They left for South America in December and the adventures have been amazing so far.

Class of 2006

Lindsay Buchta recruits for an engineering program at SUNY Binghamton. The college can never find anyone willing to dress up as the bearcat mascot until Lindsay volunteered!

Class of 2007

Lindsey Connors (Gonzalez) bought her first house with her husband this year!

Liz Henderson is still living outside the Washington, D.C. area with her husband, daughters (Emma & Raye), and doggies (Charlie & Joey). She and her husband are both celebrating promotions this year. She is so looking forward to upcoming trips that include a week in St. Thomas, a trip to Disney World with the Jones family, and Jamaica for a best friend's wedding. She would like to send "Congratulations from Alpha Kappa Phi!" to her Big, **Liz Franklin Wegner** on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Tenley!

Nicole Jones (Brust) is a special education teacher at Saratoga Springs High School and the special education adviser of the Best Buddies Club. She and her husband Matt (ATO alum) live in Corinth and spend summers on the Sacandaga. Gracie is 9 and Molly is 5. Both girls love taking dance class at Nicole's old dance studio and Gracie is excelling in soccer, basketball, and little league. She loves her girls' weekends with her Ago sisters and is looking forward to going to Disney World with **Liz Henderson** and her family. She LOVED returning to Potsdam in October and visiting all her favorite spots. Visiting the house and meeting some of the active members was so special to her. She hopes to get back up there again soon!

Serena Krauz suffered pretty serious health complications from a surgery last spring, but is now feeling stronger than ever. Her family recently grew by one – she adopted a special needs kitten, One-Eyed Jack. She plans to go to Germany this summer to visit her boo. She bought a house a year ago and still works for the Defense Health Agency at Fort Drum. She drinks lots of wine in her spare time.

Class of 2008

Kathleen Hoyt lives in Saratoga Springs, NY with her 18 plant babies. She is currently working at General Electric in Schenectady as the Pension Plan Administrator. She dedicated her focus to her career and led a team of 50 to execute a 2.6 billion dollar project of the Pension Plan in 2019. 2020 kicked off with a spiritual retreat in the ADK's and now Kathleen a devoted hot yoga yogi. Travel is a top priority this year. She is headed to the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany this March with more trips in the books!

Rowan Kelley Sickles was born on August 19, 2019 to **Angela Kelley** and Dave Sickles.

Class of 2009

Rachel Gebhardt is still living in Lake Placid and celebrated 10 years of service at North Country Community College over the summer. She and John welcomed their first child last April, John Edward (Jack), and are enjoying every minute watching him grow, which is happening way too fast!

In 2019 **Cheryl Halsey** got engaged, moved to Phoenix, Arizona and bought a house. It's been a big year! She also started a new job at Honeywell in their Aerospace division. Cheryl loves Phoenix (especially during the winter months) and is looking forward to her wedding coming up in September of 2020!

Maureen McCullough lives in Boston, MA and works for investment bank SVB Leerink LLC.

In 2019, **Lindsay Mermell Brock** and husband, Tom bought their first house (and hopefully forever home) in Greensboro, NC. They love their new southern lifestyle and have plenty of extra bedrooms for visitors! Lindsay is a Financial Advisor, CFP practitioner, and a level one Chartered Financial Analyst candidate. Lindsay is now also teaching Pure Barre and still finds time for plenty of snuggles with their “pocket pit” mix, Zoe.

Jenna Naylor Fernandez lives in Glens Falls, NY with her husband Mike and their two daughters, Maiven (4) and Remi (2).

Sarah Paparella lives in Albany, NY. She has a cute dog named Cooper and enjoys traveling.

Christina Rawady finished up her third year teaching at Potsdam Middle School last year and has since relocated closer to home to accept a position as Instrumental Music Director in the Alfred Almond School District. She and her boyfriend, Mike bought a house in Hornell, NY this past summer where they live happily with their two cats, Janis and Bobby.

Amy Rich Crane is living near the coast in NH and still loves working as a pediatric occupational therapist. She and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Sophia Elizabeth Ann, last April. They couldn't be happier watching her grow! They recently lost their beloved fur baby, Riley to cancer.

Jacqueline Petit Smith lives in Houston, TX.

Heather Taylor currently lives in Asheville, North Carolina, playing music as often as possible. She and her housemates take care of ten chickens, two cats and two angora bunnies. Her boyfriend is a keeper. She plans to do more traveling this year. Heather sends love to AKPhi.

Erin Wilkinson Kearns lives in Rochester with her husband, Matt, and daughter, Lily (18 months old). In December 2019, Erin and family welcomed a new addition to their family-baby Jackson!

Lauren Zona Hearne is still living in Rochester, NY with her husband Kenny and 3 kids: Stella (6), Nathan (4), and Leo (1). She recently took a new job teaching 6th grade band in the Greece Central School District and loves it so far!

Class of 2010 10th REUNION YEAR

Lauren Bisio DuBois resides in Amsterdam NY with her husband RJ, son Lincoln, and dog Finnegan. Lauren advanced her Social Work career by accepting a hospital liaison position with Centers Health Care. Lauren and her family have enjoyed spending time with their 1-year-old son, Lincoln.

Jessalyn Blackburn and her boyfriend Jimmy purchased their first home together in Syracuse, NY. Jessa advanced her nursing career by accepting a nurse manager position at Loretto Health and Rehabilitation.

Kaylee White Allen resides in Liverpool, NY with her husband and two children. Kaylee continues her work as a dental hygienist. The Allen family grew by four legs this summer as they welcomed their new puppy, Tilly.

Tiffany Lambertson Graves lives in Mannsville, NY with her husband Danny and dog Kaiser. Tiffany and Danny celebrated their marriage in September (2019) and honeymooned in Niagara Falls. The Graves family is growing, as they are expecting their first child in July 2020 and couldn't be more excited!

Rachael Thompson Kinlan and husband Barry moved into their forever home this past year. Her son Maxwell has been keeping the Kinlan clan busy, it is hard to believe he will be 2 in February. Rachael is happy to announce that her family will be growing as they welcome their second son in May. Rachael's life is thriving with work, family, and friends.

Hilary Zaparzynski Charlton and husband Richard spent the holidays with his family over in the UK. During their time overseas, the Charlton's celebrated their marriage with family and friends who were not able to attend their ceremony in September 2018. Hilary and Richard returned from their overdue honeymoon in Switzerland, which was a great time, except when Richard slipped on top of a mountain only to be saved by chicken wire. Who knew chicken wire was so strong? Hilary moved from Boston to Philadelphia, and is excited to be working in Fundraising at Temple University and very happy to be closer to family.

Class of 2011

Sarah Mackey Fraker is currently a stay-at-home mom living in Northern VA with her husband, Rob, their two daughters, Mila (2) and Madison (4 months), and their three rescue pups. It was an exciting year adding a new baby to the family, but Sarah always has time for Bachelor Monday with pledge sister, **Meghan Stewart**.

Meghan Stewart is currently living in Fairfax, VA working as the Marketing Manager for Sleep and TMJ Therapy. She helps patients with TMJ, sleep apnea, movement disorders and craniofacial pain. She absolutely loves her job which has allowed her to travel all over the world! She is currently working on a three day presentation/training for an upcoming conference in Warsaw. Other than that, Meghan's beta fish turned one (haha) and she hopes to see more of her Ago's this year. Love in AKPHI!

Brooke Welch and her three children live in Salisbury, Massachusetts. Brayden 10, Julia 6 and Jackson 2. Brooke is working at a K-6 elementary school as a STEAM teacher and works at a local bar. Brooke spends time painting and sells her artwork at local craft fairs.

Class of 2012

Katie Beck is living in Raleigh, NC and still teaching first grade! When not teaching, Katie is enjoying a cycling or barre class, experiencing new parts of the city, or exploring nature!

After finishing some continuing education last year in CO, **Gwen Legendy** spent a few months living in Spain to learn Spanish (which was a goal of hers for some time). Now she is back in NYC and working as a Marketing Manager for a software platform that provides executive coaching for women looking to advance their career (check out Tone Networks!) Gwen loves being back on the East Coast and wants to see if we can get an Ago reunion in the works.

Elise Pacitti Lee is currently living in Erie, PA and working as a Financial Aid Counselor at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She and her husband welcomed their son, Alexander, to the world in August 2018. Elise is staying busy and enjoying every moment as a new mom!

Laura Pohl Peterson married her best friend, Blake, in Napa Valley, California. She was incredibly lucky and humbled to have her pledge class – Audrianna, Katie, and Chelsea by her side through it all. She is so grateful to her other amazing Ago sisters who were able to attend and make her wedding day even more special. Laura, her husband and their cute dog, Mack, then moved to Chicago for a new job opportunity! Life is good in Lincoln Park, Chicago and she can't wait to see what 2020 will bring. Sending love to you all!

Kelly Snyder Bigsby married her high school sweetheart in August of 2018! They moved to NYC and live in Manhattan. Kelly is teaching second grade at Saint Ignatius Loyola School. She loves the city but makes trips to the Adirondack Mountains as much as she can!

Audrianna (Vahue) Krajewski is still living in Lincoln, Nebraska with her husband, Brian, and their two puppy dogs, Oshie and Deke. Audrianna is teaching 9th-12th grade math at an alternative behavioral high school and she loves her job! In her spare time, Audrianna enjoys CrossFit, reading a good book, and relaxing at home.

Chelsea Whiteman recently moved to Ballston Spa, NY where she bought and renovated her first home. Professionally, she will be celebrating eight years with her investment firm in May.

Class of 2016

Clare Reilly has lived in Oneonta, NY since May with her boyfriend. She works as a program coordinator for ARC helping people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Class of 2017

Rebecca Fletcher is doing well with a busy life. She is in graduate school for her MBA. She recently got a promotion and started a new position as a Digital Access Liaison at Boston Children's Hospital.

Bonnie Zellner is still in Cutchogue NY, working at her local town library as a full time clerk and working her way up to Librarian. She is going to grad school at Queens College for Library and Information Sciences then getting a Certificate in Children's and Youth Services in Public Libraries. She hopes to be a children's librarian and then the head of a children's department in the future.

Class of 2018

Brittany Van Tassel completed her Literacy Educator MSed degree in 2019 and she is engaged to be married in June 2020!

Julie LeVonne started her PhD in biology at Syracuse University in summer 2019.

Gabriella Guarasce lives in Sandy Creek, NY. She completed her ABSN Nursing Program in December and began her new job at Golisano Children's Hospital at Upstate in January. She plans to move to Syracuse this summer! She plans to attend school next fall for her Masters to become a Nurse Practitioner. She is very happy but misses Potsdam a lot saying, "It's nice to visit but it's also nice starting a new chapter in life."

Class of 2019

Tessa Tanner had the opportunity to co-teach alongside a fellow Agonian sister at West Carthage Elementary. A maternity leave position was posted at her dream school and dream grade level. For seven weeks she worked closely with **Morgan Lyndaker**, an experienced teacher. From this opportunity, she was able to secure a position as the building long-term substitute for the remainder of the school year. Tessa was grateful to network with a fellow alum, which is unlike any other connection.

Rebecca Nielsen applied to Bennington Potters after graduation, got the job and has been working there in the store and in direct mail. She loves that both her major and minor are helping her in her job

A huge thanks to our class reps that work so hard to provide the class news. We couldn't do this without you! The Alumnae Association is truly grateful to Cathy Ellia Bennett for her continued help as Anchor editor and publisher and to Sharon Keating Heiligman for coordinating the printing and mailing.

SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association's Minerva Award 2020

The Minerva Award is presented annually to an alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated outstanding professional achievement in his or her field. It is the highest honor that a SUNY Potsdam graduate can receive from the Alumni Association.

Eileen Whelley is an expert Human Resources (HR) Executive with over 40 years of outstanding business success having served as Executive Vice President and Chief HR Officer in multiple companies. After "retiring" in December 2019, Eileen has been working as a consultant to other corporate executives. Besides being a successful executive, Eileen has successfully raised a family and remained active in her community as well as initiatives at SUNY Potsdam including the Potsdam Foundation and multiple scholarships aimed at supporting women in Business as well as supporting student internship programs.

Eileen will receive the award at the July 2020 Alumni Weekend at the SUNY Potsdam Alumni Awards Dinner. We hope that many Ago Alums will be there to cheer her on.

SUNY Potsdam Annual Florida Luncheon

On Friday, March 6, 2020, about 20 SUNY Potsdam alums met in Naples, FL for an Alumni luncheon meeting co sponsored by two Ago Alumnae: **Bonnie Betters-Reed** ('73) and **Lynne Boles** ('74). Seven other Ago Alumnae from the classes of 1947 through 1976 joined Bonnie and Lynne for the luncheon. Agos were by far the largest group attending.

We had a wonderful time catching up with each other and hearing stories of each Sister's favorite College memories.

-front row left to right (seated) are: **Sophia Constantine Guidi** (1947), **Sandy D'Arienzo Geagan** (1964) and **Shirley Kincaid Eagan** (1964).
--second row (standing) left to right are: **Barb Putman Cregg** (1975), **Lynne Boles** (1974), **Bonnie Betters-Reed** (1973), **Dorothea "Dotty" McNichol Pratt** (1959) and **Cathy Lennon Nealon** (1976). Missing from photo: **Elizabeth "Betty" Meehan Ellwood**(1957).



Opportunities to make a difference

The Agonian Alumnae Association only functions because of people like you! Stay involved and connected with the gold, white and blue and the friends and memories from your time in Potsdam by helping out in small ways. The AAA is looking for help with *The Anchor* and a number of other projects so we can continue to maintain contacts and help support the Agonian Board of Directors.

Check the activity or area of interest, or include a talent or gift you'd like to share with your sisters

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Here is my latest news:

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