

2021 Reunion Switched to Virtual

It is with a heavy heart that, in order to continue to keep everyone healthy and safe, we must report that the **Ago 2021 Reunion** set for July 8-11th will not occur and has been switched over to virtual. This means that we will be unable to gather together as usual this summer.

We will send updates via email, as well as post notices on the website and social media as we learn more about this new virtual reunion and what it means for Ago.

We encourage you to talk to your classes especially the ones celebrating a BIG reunion year and find a way to celebrate in a virtual way. We are more than happy to help coordinate with your class a fun yet safe way to celebrate this year's reunion.

The college will be holding special virtual events July 6th-10th. You can look forward to virtual connections, nostalgic memories, and an incredible amount of Potsdam pride!

We can't wait to gather together, hold our annual AAA meeting, see old friends and make new memories as we so love to do.

Stay safe and healthy and see you in 2022!

Preserving Our Ago History

Sisters, If you have Ago memorabilia (pins, rings, mugs, hats, glasses, event souvenirs, scrap books, photo albums, anchors, blazers, etc.) that you don't want anymore.... don't throw them away! Our Historian, Sue Wajda, has been collecting Ago memorabilia to preserve and share.

They are displayed at the house during Reunion to reignite memories and often appear at regional Alumnae gatherings. Composites are being photographed, hopefully years of newsletters as well, to be preserved and electronically accessed. If you share her love of nostalgia and wish to assist, please contact Sue Wajda '74 at swajda1@aol.com or 585-704-6844. And please share your treasures!



Find us online!

Website: www.agopotsdam.com

The website has been completely redesigned, and it should launch soon! Watch for emails with more information.

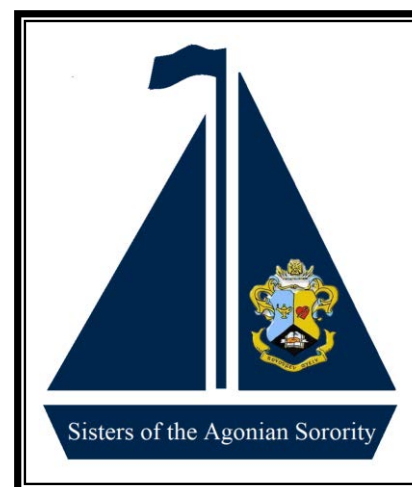
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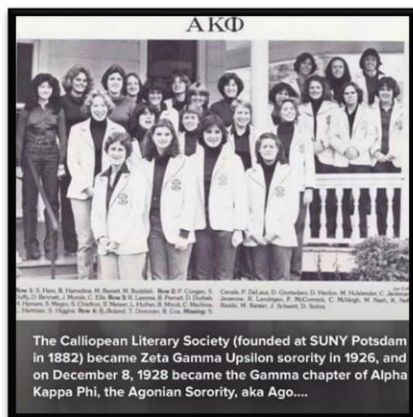
Throughout the year we send important communications via email regarding gatherings and other exciting news. If we do not have your email, please send us an email to:

Alumnae@agopotsdam.com

You can also send emails to your sisters from specific classes using the format: AgoYear@agopotsdam.com. For example, the class of 1994 would be ago1994@agopotsdam.com. Keep in touch!



Memories of Ago Potsdam



"I may be 87, but I still have many happy memories of Potsdam and Ago. I graduated in 1955 with a masters in 1960. I was there when you had to graduate as a school teacher or music teacher. Though I was a school teacher, I tried out and sang with that wonderful music group for all four years. What a thrill with those students, amazing music teachers and well known musicians. I loved living in the Ago house my senior year. I went back in 1980 for my 25th "anniversary" with my class and returned many times, but always saw fewer classmates. Many are gone now and I haven't been back since 2015 when we went to our 60th reunion. We had tried to go every 4 years after 1980. I met **Betty Lou Miga Frye** in Potsdam. She lived in Whitesboro but I had never met her. She was a wonderful music student but we became friends right away and have remained very dear friends. She came to Whitesboro, eventually, and married her high school boyfriend and we've been friends forever. Betty Lou, her husband and my husband and I always went together to the reunions. I am sorry to say that only 4 couples came to the 2015 reunion, but we had a wonderful time. Anyway, I loved all my time in Potsdam and Ago and am proud to have been a graduate. I loved my 29 years of teaching (8 years were at home with our 2 children) and I know I learned a lot at Potsdam. God bless all of you and I hope that Ago does many wonderful things. My best wishes to all of you."

Wanda Grygiel Gregory '55

"It was 50 years this Spring since Elaine Whitehead Pauly and I along with 15 other pledges sang to :

"Hey, look us over; Ago is here. We are the pledges, 17 of us here. Ames, Bodman, Carhart, Chick, Dapson, Lamb, Donaldson, Gentile, Lamb again, Maloney, Lord and Rice, oh man...

Stanford and Stone, Wajda too,
Whitehead and Wirges,
Now our list is through.

We're the 17 pledges of AKPhi and since our song is done,
It's look out world, here we come". Bah bah bah
(Repeat w Ed Ames tap dancing in front)"

Sue Wajda '74

"I recall the memory of how Ago won the prize in my freshman year at the skating arena for having the best show. I was one of the skaters. In addition, my dad, who had been away for three years in the South Pacific, came to the show and surprised me by showing up at the event!"

Patricia King Connor '49

"The Anchor newsletter allows me to drift happily back to my days as 3rd VP of Ago being in charge of Alumnae affairs and working with Brownie Badger at her house and her treasured card files. Laurena Ramsdell was my off-campus supervisor and Ago's Faculty Advisor. Brownie was even my mother's teacher at Potsdam Normal School and Laurena and her sister, Josephine, were my mother's classmates!"

Mary Carr Melkonian '59

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

I welcome all of you to participate in what I hope is evolving into the NEW Agonian Alumnae Assn, inclusive of all ages, all regions, all talents. Already I feel fortunate to steer with a winning team of pit crew officers and project leaders from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s, and class coordinators/ reps from Sophia '47 through Isabel '20. We can only succeed with new contributors sharing the unique gifts each one of you brings to the table. The leading role of President and my second term is up next 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, please consider running for this position.

We have great talents behind us including the incredible drive, data-tackling and organizational expertise of '84 Susan Dixon; '84 classmate Cheryl Johnson Welles brings both structure and pizzazz to our scholarship offerings. Young Katrina Surdyka of 2020 shares welcome creativity and an unusual blend of old soul, tradition, and high tech. Newsletter experts Sharon Heiligman '79 and Cathy Bennett '82 act as advisors to the newsletter team. Treasurer Ren Reagan '90 continues to keep our finances in check, our membership growing. And Spring elections brought us new life, fresh ideas, and continuous reaching-out efforts by 2016 graduate Clare Reilly as Comms Director, also the organization and sweetness of Vice President, 2020 Samantha Twing Markham.

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. I personally spearheaded projects to obtain class reps from the 2000s as well as the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s, a drive to connect with our many Alumnae without emails, and a special reach out to our Ago/Zeta Gamma Upsilon sisters over 90 years old for their stories and assurance that every one of them indeed are gifts to our community. And just imagine the critical importance of maintaining communications and providing ongoing support during months of this incredible pandemic!

We could all benefit from fresh faces at Reunion events, behind the scenes tasks, 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 **Samantha Twing Markham '20**

My 1st year as Vice President and a recent college graduate has been a huge learning curve. My main responsibilities are obtaining and communicating with Class Reps, facilitating the Newsletter and Reunion. 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, newsletter, social gatherings, Reunion weekend) please email us at Alumnae@agopotsdam.com. If you haven't come "back home" to Potsdam in a while, consider coming in 2022 when we reunite at 11P!

AAA Treasurer Report **Ren Reagan '90**

My name is Renee "Ren" Hallinan Reagan, and I completed my first term as 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 association! As many of you know, our largest expense continues 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 Rreagan3@rochester.rr.com

Communications Director Report Clare Reilly '16

I was welcomed with open arms following the 2020 election when I became the Communications Director. It has been wonderful getting to know the other AAA officers and the members of the Board of Directors. Since I came into office, I have reached out to our many sisters who do not have email addresses, updated our 1500 Alumnae database, worked on a major redesign of the website that will launch soon and have met so many wonderful sisters of all ages. This position has been so rewarding for me and I hope others will continue to get involved!

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Ago Gratitude

The Agonian Alumnae Association is truly grateful to everyone that helps make this newsletter possible. We would like to thank:

- **Clare Reilly '16, Sue Compton Dixon '84 and Sue Wajda '74** for their help in Anchor writing, editing, formatting, coordinating printing, emailing, mailing, and posting to the website.
- **Cathy Ellia Bennett '82 and Sharon Keating Heiligman '79** who graciously shared their years of expertise with us.
- AAA Officers and Agonian Board Members who supplied reports of their work.
- Alumnae and Active Members who shared Ago-related stories.
- **Katrina Surdyka '20** who shared her artistic talents on both the website and the newsletter.

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From the Helm (or the Board conference room) Shelley Ives '83

2020 has been a busy and challenging year for Ago. We are excited to have 4 New Members from Spring 2020 and 3 from the Fall 2020 New Member Program, with a total of 19 members. We are looking forward to more New Members this Spring. There were 11 members living at the house last Fall, the most we have had since the relaunch. There have been some challenges with COVID – Rush was virtual, with the exception of 2 in-person events and our New Member Education program was virtual. We held Bid Day, Initiation from last Spring and Initiation this Fall on Zoom with the COVID constraints and the members did a great job.

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.

This past year we have had another big upgrade 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 are looking for volunteers for our Nominations Committee, Alumnae Advisory Committee, as well as other committees. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out. Thank You to all the Alumnae and your donations to help keep our Ship Afloat.

Yes, We Are In First Class Order! Licia Urtis Murrell '82- House Repair Manager

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 a huge necessary repair of our Hallowed Halls this year.

During the past year, we did a full remodel of the downstairs bathroom. Along with the floor being secured, new piping replaced the old. The update sports a beautiful shade of medium blue on the walls to compliment the new white porcelain bathtub and pedestal sink, all in a slightly different floor plan allowing for a storage cabinet to be added. The light gray porcelain floor is the finishing touch.

This year, we are looking 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 a fundraiser. We welcome any class of sisters who is considering making a class gift donation. Every little bit will help.



Again, thanks for keeping our ship afloat!!!

Covering Your Face Will Help The Kitchen Get Replaced

Since masks will be part of lives for the foreseeable future, why not show your Ago spirit with an anchor printed mask?

As part of our fundraising efforts to help keep our house afloat, we are offering handmade masks in navy with white anchors to anyone who donates \$20 or more to the kitchen renovation. Those who donate \$40 or more may receive two masks etc. Karen is on the Ago Board and is very passionate about keeping our wonderful Ago home up and running and we can't do it without the support of ALL of our Alumnae. So, show your Ago spirit while helping to stop the spread of COVID and make your donation today!

We will be accepting cash, check or PayPal (via the Agopotsdam.com website) Please send your donation (If paying by cash or check) and your mailing address to: **Karen Lorenz Walker '82** 143 Summer Wind Loop Suite 150-329, Murrells Inlet SC 29576
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You can also donate and receive a mask on the www.agopotsdam.com website by using this link

http://www.agopotsdam.com/?product_cat=donate

or by going to www.agopotsdam.com Click "Keep Our Ship Afloat", "Donate" and "Kitchen Renovation Fund".



Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge the members of the **Class of 1981** who donated funds for the purchase of additional dining room chairs: **Susan Duffy, Lynda Aylward, Denise Bennett Haines, Liz Hartmann Scraba, Cheryl Machina Mackey, Patrice DeLaus Scully, and Robin Landrigan Smith.**

Thank you to the Class of '81 for your continued support of Ago and 11P!

We encourage other classes to sponsor a class gift as we are in dire need of assistance with the major kitchen renovation. We have owned our home at 11 Pierrepont since 1946; that's **75 YEARS!** We hope to continue to provide a cozy and safe home away from home for generations of Agos to come.

Active New Member Educator Liaison Denise Bennett Haines '81

I serve on the Board of Directors as a Member at Large. I am currently the liaison to the New Member Educator, the now "Pledge Mistress", so we have open communication between the Actives and the Board.

The rush process has changed a bit, and especially during the pandemic as many gatherings are now through fun-themed Zoom meetings. Bids are still given and when these women accept our bids, they become "New Members" of our sorority. They complete a 4-5 week New Member Education program to learn our history, songs, people, Constitution and Bylaws, branding guidelines, the Greek alphabet, and more. They are tested each week to ensure they are mastering the information. This is done through six 2-hour meetings that I am also a part of. The NMs also interview each Active member, a member of the BoD and AAA, and speak with their assigned Alumnae Mentor weekly (and then monthly once they are initiated).

They also participate in 10 hours of community service, make a class banner, write a class song, and present a scrapbook of their time in the program. Imagine them coordinating all of this and doing it all online! One of the New Members in Fall '20 was doing the NM program from her home in Central New York! The Actives plan the secret Initiation date where the NMs then become "Active members" at that time. I need to give credit to one of our newest Actives, Audrey Brown, a senior and the New Member Educator, who was only a NM herself this past Spring '20 and whose program was interrupted by COVID. Samantha Twing Markham '20 (previous NME), was able to teach all the information they were missing through Zoom and lead them to membership soon afterwards. Spring '20 was formally initiated when they returned to school in the Fall! Audrey did a great job as NME this past fall and 3 New Members were initiated in Fall '20.

We will post the upcoming Initiation date for Spring '21 as we get closer and hope some of you will be able to Zoom in to see our membership in action. We all look forward to building our membership in Spring '21 as the college continues to guide us through these difficult times.

It's Election Time Again!

Our Governance documents strive to make the election process very transparent. We have limited consecutive terms and term limits. (Terms begin August 1st). Nominees for Board of Director positions are strongly recommended but not required to have served in an office or committee for a year.

Agonian Alumnae Association Open Positions:

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

Responsibilities:

1. Facilitate the Reunion Weekend Committee and the Newsletter Committee
2. Recruit Class Representatives to collect news for the newsletter
3. Participate in regular meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. with the officers of the AAA
4. Assist the President and perform the functions of the President if absent or unable to perform them

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

Responsibilities:

1. Oversee the annual budget and the budget process
2. Supervise withdrawal of funds; ensure that all bills are paid
3. Collect dues and donations and make deposits in a timely manner
4. Maintain a shared, updated list of AAA members and contributors
5. Participate in regular meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. with the officers of the AAA



Board of Directors Open Position:

Member at Large- Three-year term, limit of two consecutive terms. Possible responsibilities could include:

1. Work with the Agonian Alumnae Association Communications Director to update Agonian website information
2. Serve as a liaison to the Potsdam Community and SUNY Potsdam College/Clarkson University
3. Assist Board of Director officers on key projects, as needed
4. Serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and other committees such as the Advisory Committee, the Community Service Committee, the AAA Scholarship Committee (if requested by the AAA) and any ad hoc projects of committees required by the board.

If you are interested in running for an Alumnae Association or Board of Directors position, contact **Clare Reilly '16** at alumnae@agopotsdam.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 leadership.

Please watch the Ago website www.agopotsdam.com and your email for voting information in June. If you do not have an email address or access to a computer and are a member of the AAA we will contact you in June so you can cast your vote for AAA Officers.

2020 Agonian Alumnae Association Scholarship Cheryl Johnson Welles '84- Scholarship Chair

Annually, your AAA votes on whether to give a special scholarship or multiple scholarships to benefit the Actives. This year, despite the COVID pandemic, three scholarships were approved and two of them were given during the Fall 2020 semester. The third, the Eunice "Brownie" Badger award for Community Service, will be offered Spring 2021.

The Scholarship Committee was made up of Cheryl Welles, coordinator and 5 judges: Denise Aiello Bukovan, Terry McSweeney, Jane Judson Mistur, Mindy Poupore, and Jacquie Shellman.

Our first scholarship was created to highlight a special Active Agonian's academic strengths in honor of Laurena Ramsdell. Laurena was a 1929 graduate of Potsdam with an education major and later became Ago's Faculty Advisor. Our **Laurena Ramsdell Scholarship for Academic Excellence** recipient is **Kaitlyn Rivera**.

Kaitlyn is a Junior pursuing a double major in International Studies and Anthropology with a minor in Social Justice. Kaitlyn is on the President's List and a member of the Honors Program. She takes on a large credit load and big social responsibilities in Ago because she loves being involved and loves being around her sisters. She is currently the 1st VP/ Academic and Judicial Affairs Officer within the house and outside of Ago, she is the Academic Chair for the All-Greek Council and the Jr. Rush Chair for Inter-Sorority Council. After graduation from Potsdam, she plans to take some time before beginning her Master's program and join the Peace Corps, then attend Syracuse University or Boston University.



Our second scholarship was created to highlight excellence in leadership in honor of Suzanne Wajda. Sue is a 1974 graduate from Potsdam and continued her education at Clarkson where she received a Master's degree in Industrial Management. As an Ago Alumna, Sue founded the Agonian Alumnae Association, was President and served on the Board of Directors for many years, as Chairperson. This year's winner of the **Suzanne Wajda Scholarship for Leadership Excellence** is **Hannah Thurston**. Hannah a Junior studying Childhood Education and Literature. Since coming to Potsdam she has had many opportunities for leadership experiences. She has been the assistant stage manager for a student written production. She attended NGLA (National Greek Leadership Association) Conference which took place in Baltimore, MD. Her leadership roles include: Ago's e-Board as House Manager, the All-Greek Council's e-Board as Public Relations Chair and serves as President of the Inter-Sorority Council.

As you can see, both winners are true examples of ideal Agonians through and through. Our congratulations to both Kaitlyn and Hannah. You are inspirations to your families, school, fellow students, Agonian sisters, and community!

Graduating During a Pandemic Katrina Surdyka '20

The best part of this Spring in Ago was finding my little, Kali McCracken. Unfortunately, she was not able to make the original Bid Day, but she is still the perfect little. Kali found it challenging to get closer to sisters with so much distance between them. When I asked Kali about her experience she said:

"The best part for me was of course, finding out you were my big, and I have loved the time I got to spend with my Spring '20 class. They made everything fun. The hardest part was being sent home and not getting the chance to get to know the other sisters".

When the pandemic made it to SUNY Potsdam I was still in La La Land. The pandemic had not registered in my brain until every sister had left. So many thoughts that I may never see any of these girls again ran through my head. At first, I busied myself by putting together the New Member education books. As time went on, my brother convinced me to come home.

Driving home was a goodbye to the memories I was supposed to make in my final year in Ago; this was my last semester to make memories as an Active, singing, laughing, and loving with my Ago sisters. The hardest part of leaving was everything finally felt real. It was the final strike to say it was all over. My senior year was done and without the planned goodbyes. It broke my heart that I finally found people who I love so dearly and who love me so dearly. Worse of all I never got to take photos with sisters in our graduation caps and gowns.

What it means to be an Ago has not changed for me. It is a family where I can always lean on others and they can lean on me. Like the word "sisters", we will not always get along but that is natural. At the same time, there is so much love being spread and received. Part of the disagreements are made from love. Not everyone is perfect but for the most part sisters care and do what they believe is best for others and the whole Ago family.

Navigating Uncharted Waters Amber Reynoso- Active President

My name is Amber Reynoso; I joined Ago in Fall 2018 and I am currently the President of the Agonian Sorority. Leading our house during a pandemic has been one of the most difficult tasks I have ever taken on. Before I was elected to become President, I was given the opportunity to shadow the previous President to ensure that this position was something I wanted to take on, something I could handle. However, no one predicted we would be in the middle of a pandemic and no one really took into account how different being President of a house is, compared to being the President of a house during a pandemic, which has proven to be an entire new ball game. Everything I thought I knew was wrong and I had to learn how to lead a house that was not made to fit COVID-19 guidelines.

How do you have sister bonding without being able to step foot in the same room?

How do you make sure no one feels alone or isolated when we are being told that is what we should do because wanting to be in the company of your sister is not recommended?

Though last semester was a huge challenge we did it, not without hiccups and mistakes but we overcame one of the biggest hurdles of our lifetime. Each week we had to adapt in order to accomplish what almost seemed impossible, with the support of our Alumnae and I cannot stress this enough, TECHNOLOGY!

Though Fall semester was very hectic and unpredictable we accomplished a lot! During the semester we were able to move our entire rush process and other necessary house meetings to a platform called Zoom. During the rush season we delivered the necessary items needed to participate in our events to those who RSVP'd. We ran our events completely virtually with the exception of two rush events, which we had to follow strict COVID-19 guidelines and could not exceed 25 people with sisters included. Through this process we were able to welcome three amazing young women into our sisterhood. We also made it into the local Potsdam paper for our group community service hours; we decorated and packed goodie bags then donated them to the dogs in the local humane society. To bridge the division within the house, since those who did not resided at 11P were not allowed to come over, we got together often played virtual games such as "Quiplash" and "Among Us" and had virtual house dinners. Each sister had their own meals in order to follow COVID guidelines and we would eat together and catch up via Zoom. Lastly, as a house we were able to gain and bring new expectations and relations to Ago that many of us may have taken for granted or had not necessarily felt before, with both Active and Alumnae. You do not necessarily realize the importance of being present not in terms of just physically but also mentally until you can no longer be together. Many join a Sorority without understanding what it takes or means to be a sisterhood, but this semester I think we accomplished true sisterhood. When it seemed like everything around us was crumbling, we were able to learn how to be just what each other needed and overcome the inevitable.

I would like to thank my Active sisters for being so understanding and supportive this semester; the traditional reasons for joining a house were taken away and we created new ones, constantly finding creative ways to work with the new guidelines. I would also like to thank the Alumnae for the constant love, support, and the endless phone calls. I know it was not easy; sometimes there was no answer for our questions or solutions for our problems, but the Alumnae found a way to adapt and work with us and our new technology, just as we did.

Much Love In AKPhi, Amber Reynoso

A few of our Alumnae read Amber's article prior to publication. Here are some of their reactions:

"Wow what a remarkable young woman! I am forever amazed by these young women that are carrying on our wonderful sisterhood!"
~ Joann Koch-Quon '77

"That is so sweet and so brave.....Ago at its best."
~ Lynne Boles '74

"So heartfelt...great example of relational leadership during our challenging times, thanks for sharing."
~ Bonnie Betters Reed '73



Ago Thrives Despite COVID Pandemic Samantha Twing Markham '20

The initiation of the class of Spring 2020 was going to wrap up, not only the fourth New Member class I brought into the house, but also my 7 semesters of being an Active. I was so excited for that day of celebration, for, not only being able to take a picture in front of all the New members I had taught and brought into the house (all but 2 of the Actives), but to celebrate our becoming Alumni with my fellow 2020 sisters. But when we left for March break, we didn't know we wouldn't be coming back.

For a bit it was chaos. Chapter meetings were held over Zoom where the Hymn could not be sung as tradition due to others being quarantined in the same room. The five-week New Member program turned into a two-month correspondence between Actives, Alumnae, New Members, and the Coordinator of Greek life, mixed with program proposals, Zoom meetings, and conference calls. Eventually, the Coordinator of Greek life, Ariel Adams, sent a message saying that the New Members were technically now Actives and we had to finish teaching our materials ASAP and an initiation would be held for them in the beginning of the Fall semester. Working with Denise Haines, we came up with a game plan to teach the rest of the materials and songs over a conference phone call and I shipped the New Members their Constitutions. Unlike previous classes, there was no culminating test to show Ago knowledge learned, no serenade where they receive their anchors, and no presentation of their first pair of letters from their Bigs. Their certificates of membership already made, packet of song lyrics and miscellaneous papers sitting on a chair in my room and their unity sweatshirts waiting to be picked up at Great Northern, all now paused until the first week of September.



Rushing and Becoming a New Member of a Sorority during a Pandemic Angy Howard- Fall '20

This semester I decided I wanted to rush a sorority for a few reasons: my mom was a Greek in college, and I wanted something outside of my major and Crane. The Rush process during a pandemic was really weird and different. The first rush event, as well as most rush events, were on Zoom. This made it harder to personally get to know the sorority members.

We were fortunate, however, to have a couple of in-person rush events like tie-dyeing and painting canvases. After going to the tie-dye event at Lehman park I realized I wanted to be in Ago and decided I would then rush only Ago. I felt really at home there. The event itself was very different from what you would expect though. We all were wearing masks and social distancing and had our attendance taken by a higher authority from the college to make sure we were following all of SUNY Potsdam's rules. At this event though, I was so awkward at first and after some time went by I felt very comfortable and started making friends with the sisters. I also formed a great friendship with another one of the rushees, Mia.

During the whole rush process, I felt very happy and decided I only wanted to rush Ago so I "suicided" it (put my eggs in one basket and after required virtual visits to all sororities only went to Ago rush events and Ago final tea). This made it very nerve wracking since I was only rushing one sorority; it was worth the risk. After rush was over, I got a final bid from Ago on Bid Day. Bid Day was not what I expected; it was on Zoom. This was not the worst-case scenario because we were all still allowed to rush during this pandemic. I was so excited to finally be a New Member of Ago and start the New Member education process.

This process has also been very different but still amazing. The hardest part about this whole process is not being able to have the social experience and spending time with my Big Sister before she graduates. Even though this process has been different I am so excited to have the opportunity to be a part of something bigger.



Active Community Service Becky Akins'87- Community Service Advisor

I am happy to report that the girls found a way to complete their 10 hours of community service during Fall '20 under the outstanding leadership of Catherine Gagnon (Catt), Chaplin. The girls had a challenging job of completing hours following strict guidelines during the pandemic. Hours were completed by volunteering at COVID testing sites, painting rocks for Breast Cancer Awareness, and making goodie bags for the Potsdam Humane Society. Catt did a great job organizing and recording their hours and providing unique ways to fulfill their community service requirement. Well done, ladies!

Community Service from an Active's Perspective Kyra Byrnes- Fall '20 New Member

Fall of 2020 was a little different than any other semester. Students were given the choice to either go back on campus, or study virtually at home. I was one of the people who chose to stay home. Not only was college a challenge, but communication and working together became harder than it ever was. Though online meetings and responsibilities were different than other semesters, our Fall 2020 class was up to the task. Our group has a unique sense of creativity. All three of us are very artistic, whether it came to our ideas or our painting skills. That is why painting happiness rocks and Halloween bags were a great way to give back to the community while social distancing and showing off our secret talents.



Mentorship Connection Bond Sisterhood Sandra Van Pelt Robinson '01

This is what participating in the Mentor program means to me. I have connected with Alumnae sisters and Active sisters building lifetime bonds. Where there is a minimum commitment for communication between Mentors and 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 and have a rich relationship with my first Mentee, Olivia Scata '20. Here are the words of current Active, Abigail Duncan '22, on how the Mentoring Program has impacted her life.

*"My experience in Ago is better because of my amazing connection with my Mentor **Joann Koch-Quon '77**. Joann is such an amazing Mentor because she checks in every couple of weeks and she's always so supportive of me. She knows not to set up too many meetings because I'm busy with school. We've talked on phone several times over my breaks and she's always there to help me. Joann is the best Mentor and it's even better because she's in my family line. She also lives near me and my Big. Before COVID we were able to grab breakfast together before my Big and I headed back up to school."*

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 Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 Mentors: **Jane Morale'80, Keira McPherson '94, Susan Young '89, Jocelyn Zorn '13, Andrea Stellato Kinsella '03, Adrienne Buckley Hancock '02 and Jessie Flores McClintock '89.**

Mentors Needed for Spring 2021 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

2020 Annual Alumnae Association Meeting

An impact of COVID-19 was the cancellation of the Summer 2020 Alumni Reunions at SUNY Potsdam, Clarkson, our Agonian Reunion and, consequently, our "in-person" Agonian Alumnae Association meeting. Our AAA Officers considered different virtual formats and without urgent concerns plus large numbers, chose to hold a leader Zoom, tabling new business until we could be together again in person to discuss and vote. A few routine business items (minutes, budget, and scholarship) were voted on and finalized by the Officers after allowing members a 10-day window to supply feedback. We sent a summary of our 2019-2020 accomplishments and activities to all our AAA members. A copy of this summary may be requested at Alumnae@agopotsdam.com

We are hopeful that developments in vaccines and treatments will allow the reunions to proceed in the future. We look forward to seeing our Ago sisters again in Potsdam.

In Memory

"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."

Barbara Silver Eriksen '35
Inez Briggs Forbes '37
Ruth Boyce Hogan '38
Dorothy Hyde Maville '38
Eloise Schermerhorn Oliver '38
Jean Kettler Triumpho '39
Altsie Fairchild Butterfield '40
Dorothy D'Amour Dupree '40
Florence Harrison Gramse '40
Lucille Johns Eggers '41
Miriam Sanford Krebs '41
Jeanne Wendell Davies '44
Elsie Cole Freeman '44
Polly Wilson Mcguire '44
Betsey Ross Skeirik '45
Barbara Jenks Adgate '45
Rita Reynolds Denno '45
Helen Menard White '45
Frances Fradenburgh Phillips '46
Jane Berlin Rittman '46
Margaret Scanlon Minotti '46
Patricia Finch Erickson '47
Lila Dean Hamilton '49
Nancy Rankin Harris '49
Doris Webb Walsh '49
Beverly Lavarney Budde '50
Jeanne Gebo Maggi '50
Betty Ann MacGill Washburn '50
Patricia Plumb Bretscher '51

Margaret LaVine Clarke '51
Nancy Spencer Harris '51
Norma Jean Lamb '51
Carmeta Mason Muller '51
Marilyn Watkins Bliss '52
Marilyn Dorn '52
Mary Ann Landon Stanton '52
Jane Craner Westbrook '52
Shirley Bell Andrews '53
Rita Carrier '53
Joanne Toohill Paul '53
Mary Lou Taylor Pronteau '53
Marjorie Jenks Anthony '54
Nancy Wilson Forsyth '54
Keitha Carhart Ames '55
J. Marilyn Shott Gorman '56
Nancy Brooks Willis '56
Jacqueline Anthony O'Donnell '57
Dorothea McNichol Pratt '59
Dianne Schug Basch '60
Diane Falkenbury North '65
Sandy Diringer Tayler '65
Marlene Wheren Finn '66
Nancy Fitzpatrick Graybill '66
Myrna Denny Kidman '68
Charlotte Seymour Butler '72
Maureen Lamb Venus '74
Joanne Taggart Thetga '78
Mandy Mashaw Boyd '01



"We will always be united, even after we must part. For the closeness felt in Ago lies deep within our hearts. And someday when life will take us, down many different roads, we will all stop and remember when we see a yellow rose."

2020 AAA Member List

Isadora Ide Ullrich '44
 Agnes Helen Garvey Kennedy '47
 Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec '49
 Patricia King Connor '49
 Shirley Secor Bush '50
 Laurna Millard Hoffman '50
 Agnes Drake Smalley '53
 Joan Petteys Mullin '55
 Joanna DiCroce Farra '56
 Marlene King Towne '56
 Susan Smykla Udell '57
 Julie (Jewel) Eisenstein Hirsch '57
 Janet (Jonni) Schneider Hogan '57
 Elizabeth Meehan Ellwood '57
 Dorothy Runkel Dronkers '58
 Norma Jean Luce '58
 M. Sue Fenton West '58
 Sylvia Miga Anable '59
 Priscilla Scheib Gibbs '59
 Mary Carr Melkonian '59
 Marlen Ferguson Deveans '59
 Melba LaLonde Lomonaco '60
 Dorothy Noyes Sharrow '60
 Judith Bennett Mayo '60
 Julie Krum Kennaugh '60
 Eleanor McKillop Russell '61
 Catherine (Kate) Merrill Karshick '61
 Elizabeth Gibson Venator '61
 Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62
 Susan Johnson Aceto '62
 C. Sharon Mooney Wolcott '62
 Judith Schorge O'Reilly '62
 Patricia Clerkin Swanson '62
 Ruth Hammel Gove '63
 Beverly G. Smith '63
 Nancy Weber Richardson '63
 Susan Tincknell Rossi '63
 Joann Haley Maguire '64
 Jocelyn Smith '64
 Sandra D'Arienzo Geagan '64
 Cynthia Coonrad Jankowski '65
 Mary Pesez Kames '65
 Johanna Riesmeyer McConaghy '65
 Andrea Wolfe Long '65
 Gayle Volpicelli Banks '66
 Karen McKean Danielson '66
 Sharon Burns Cook '67
 Catherine Ormiston Boldon '67
 Patricia Martin O'Driscoll '67
 Christine Bolton Aiken '69
 Veronica Slivinski Holmes '69
 Jacquie Morse Shellman '69
 Diane Swan Dudley '69
 Sandy Sturbin Kochman '70
 Karen Simons Johns '71
 Alice Brock Topa '71
 Marie DuPell Caschera '72
 Florence (Flossie) Mitchell '72
 Michele Lord Aspinall '72
 Charlotte Stone Aiken '72
 Paula Thompson Moore '72
 Marilyn Matzke Stephens '73
 Sandra Linsky Simpson '73
 Bonita Betters-Reed '73

Janine Locatelli Erickson '74
 Lynne Boles '74
 Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74
 Suzanne Wajda '74
 Patricia (Patti) Gentile Ludwiczak '74
 Kathy Ames Kieta '74
 Donna (Dee) Stanford Morris '74
 Elizabeth Johnson Ketcham '74
 Shelley Killian Hatzfeld '75
 Jan Whitfield Doolittle '75
 Helen Hallahan Byrnes '75
 Lori Misicka '75
 Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75
 Denise Aiello Bukovan '76
 Eileen Goss Whelley '76
 Judith Fabic Verbanic '76
 Cathy Lennon Nealon '76
 Elizabeth O'Connor Utzig '77
 Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz '77
 Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco '77
 Karen Kittelsen Stefanski '77
 Sharon Cooney '78
 Vera Thurston Gibbs '78
 Nadine Gager Compisi '78
 Susan DiFulgentiz Dee '78
 Jean Quattrocchi Finnegan '78
 Pamela Pendleton '78
 Jean Lennon Schuhle '78
 Mindy Mospaw Poupore '79
 Deborah Williams '79
 Susan Cancilla Witkowski '79
 Sharon Keating Heiligman '79
 Janet Polsinelli '79
 Jane Morale '80
 Jennifer Schwert Nassivera '80
 Robin Landrigan Smith '81
 Mary Liz Hartmann Scraba '81
 Denise Bennett Haines '81
 Licia Urtis Murrell '82
 Cynthia Tettamant Francisco '82
 Karen Lorenz Walker '82
 Ellen Bartis Gambee '82
 Shelley Ives '83
 Cathleen Marietta Niehaus '83
 Susan Eigenmann McBride '83
 Cheryl Williamson Fisher '84
 Sue Ann Strich Neenan '84
 Susan Compton Dixon '84
 Debra Foell Dower '85
 Elizabeth Ernest Gilroy '85
 Mary O'Neill Horigan '85
 Kathleen Smith Gorman '86
 Linda Dolanch Longhouse '87
 Becky Volans Akins '87
 Stephanie Bakyta Baldwin '87
 Patricia Carroll Wilson '87
 Sue Boulter Jackson '87
 Kathleen Catlin Briggs '88
 Lisa O'Brien George '88
 Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88
 Kelly Underwood '88
 Wendy Schmitt Kowalczyk '88

Kimberly Peverly Lenta '88
 Heather Williams Biche '88
 Deborah Sorge Siegel '89
 Monica Fisher Kussmann '89
 Julie Clark March '89
 Theresa (Terrie) Gentile Wehse '89
 Laura Boyd '89
 Barbara Anne Ferguson Wallace '89
 Cherri LeGro Paluch '89
 Jessie Flores McClintock '89
 Desiree Moody Franciamone '89
 Kelly O'Donnell Corman '89
 Kimberly Bingham Meusel '89
 Andrea Newhouse Frascatore '89
 Susan Young '89
 Renee Hallinan Reagan '90
 Sue Nims Bell '90
 Kelly Wright O'Brien '90
 Stephanie Allen Manuel '91
 Aysha Rodriguez '91
 Amy Kunsman Ross '92
 Amy Kiessling '92
 Laura Sweet '93
 Mary Karen Eckardt Petroske '93
 Aimee Fisher Passino '93
 Karen Smith Davis '93
 Kelley Marsh Trembley '93
 Heather DiMaio Boudreau '93
 Nicholle Francis '94
 Keira McPherson Clark '94
 Meggan Tokaryk Hahn '95
 Eva Dechario McGee '95
 Nija Branca '96
 Virginia (Gina) Bloom Ludwig '96
 Kelly McKenna Gennoy '96
 Amy Alexander Siewert '96
 Jeannie Heinsohn '96
 Gina Galini Salerno '96
 Michelle Williams Boyle '96
 Melissa Dennis Fasse '96
 Edessa Hartman Hunter '97
 Mindy Carlin Cervoni '99
 Edie Sohigian '99
 Devon Cummings Natapow '00
 Sandra Van Pelt Robinson '01
 Adrienne Buckley Hancock '02
 April Kellogg Dow '03
 Bethany Brittain Youngs '03
 Lindsay Mermell Brock '09
 Sarah Paparella '09
 Kaylee White Allen '10
 Christina Vullo '11
 Chelsea Whiteman '12
 Clare Reilly '16
 Rebecca Fletcher '17
 Bonnie Zellner '17
 Abigail Sexton '19
 Olivia Scata '20
 Samantha Twing Markham '20
 Nicole Hernandez '20
 Isabel Wildflower '20
 Samantha Markham '20
 Katrina Surdyka '20
 Ashlie Dolphin '20

**Thank you to all of our
 2020 AAA Members and contributors**

Class News

A huge thank you to our class reps who work so hard to provide the class news. We couldn't do this without you! If you don't hear from a class rep, you can always send us your news to news@agopotsdam.com. If you are interested in being a class rep, we have years that are not covered, and we always welcome volunteers. Email us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com. The job entails reaching out to your class in the Fall to gather changes in contact information, and then after the New Year to gather news. It is fun and rewarding to hear from everyone. If you have an email address, and are not receiving an occasional email from the Alumnae Association, send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com and we will make sure you get added to the list. We won't send you spam and we won't sell your email address.

Class of 1944

Isadora Ide Ullrich just celebrated her 98th birthday at the Fox Run Retirement Community in Orchard Park NY. The Alumnae Association gives a special shout-out to Isadora for her continued membership in the AAA and her contributions toward the house repair fund. Happy Birthday and Thank You Isadora!

Class of 1945

Lena Laverghetta Spadafore is happy to share the news that her first great grandchild, a girl, is two years old. Congratulations Lena!

Class of 1946 75th REUNION YEAR

It is with great sadness that we report that **Margaret Scanlon Minotti** passed away in early February. Margaret was a beloved Professor at the Crane School of Music for over 35 years. She was credited for developing the Music Appreciation course that delivered music education to all students, including non-music majors.

Class of 1949

Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec was active up to the time of COVID, but managed to keep busy anyway. She likes going up to her family home in the Adirondacks several times a year. As class rep, she could not contact **Jeanne Johnston Brown**, **Jane Baumer Moore** or **Mary Smith**. She did, however, talk to **Ruthie Rose Many** who said that **Winifred Stoker Pusey** was still in Florida. Ruthie, herself, is in excellent health and still living in Hobart, NY. She travels as well; she has gone to Hawaii seven times to see her daughter and lots of other places in the world.

Patricia King Connor missed going to Potsdam (her hometown) this year. Her daughter, Candice, always takes her to Potsdam for her brother's birthday, however this year, they wanted to avoid staying in a motel due to the COVID risk. Patricia was a member of the class of '49, although she left school before graduating to be a TWA flight attendant until she married her husband from Iowa (flight attendants could not be married back then). In 1966, after living in Texas and Colorado, they moved back to New York. They have 3 sons, one daughter, 7 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Sadly, she lost her husband ten years ago.

Class of 1951 70th REUNION YEAR

It is with great sadness that we relay that Jessica Spatto, niece of **Carmeta Mason Muller**, has informed us of Carmeta's passing in December 2019. Jessica tells us that Carmeta often spoke of her time at Potsdam, and shared many of her memories and mementos. The AAA offers condolences to all who knew Carmeta. May her memory be a blessing.

The AAA got a very nice phone call from **Shirley Fisher Pool** who is 90! We are overjoyed to be reconnected to Shirley through email. Any alumnae who don't get occasional emails from the Alumnae Association can send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com to get added to the list.

Winifred Toelke Peer reports that she is doing ok, maybe just a little slower. She did manage to cross off an item from her bucket list; she enjoyed a voyage cruising through the Suez Canal in February and March just before the world changed. She arrived home on March 3, just in time to be quarantined. Thankfully, she never became ill. Now, she's been fully vaccinated.

Class of 1955

Joan Petteys Mullin writes "Love to all Agos; hope you have a wonderful year!" So good to hear from her and we appreciate her financial support of our AAA programs.

Class of 1957

Each winter, **Joan Clarke Roochvarg** spends 3 months in her Florida home. She has 2 sons. One, who lives in Paris, is able to visit every couple of years; the other visits frequently when she is in Florida. She has found new friends in Florida and when she's back home in NY, she often plays bridge with her longtime friends. Joan is still in contact with some of her Ago sisters, and reports that she is happy to have her health.

Bunny Sideman (Bunny Beck) hopes her Ago sisters are staying healthy and safe during this horrendous period in our lives. Last April, she was diagnosed with squamous cell lung cancer that led to being in and out of the hospital for various treatment of symptoms. She's trying to live as normally as possible but continues to have shortness of breath. Despite this, she took Juilliard's Advanced Orchestration course in the fall, finished writing a string quartet, and hopes to continue to orchestrate a percussion piece she wrote in 2018; this goal is a labor of love.

Susan Smykla Udell has been sheltering with her husband, Jon, at their farm home, returning to Madison once weekly for groceries. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and the holidays with only a few of their family present. Wisconsin's winter wonderland is providing the beautiful scenery they've missed in the past years when they would spend time in Florida. She sends her best wishes and fond remembrances to all her '57 sisters.

Jean Schaffler reports that she's not been doing much...staying home like the rest of us. She's retired, but due to high mileage, needs a bit of body work! Although a friend helps her navigate her computer, she prefers phone calls and would welcome hearing from friends. Call her at 607-734-6673.

Sue Gernold Miller says she has no news except that she's coloring, cooking, and complaining. She still walks and drives but there's nowhere to go! She talks occasionally with **Janet Mandell Davies** and **Mary Jane Flewellin Fisher** and although they all graduated more than 60 years ago, they still have something to chat about.

Class of 1958

Betty Duffy Charles volunteers at the food pantry at her church three times a week; she says doing so is rewarding and the need is great. Meeting nice people is an extra bonus. She misses getting together with friends for bridge or going out to dinner. Betty looks forward to the birth of her third grandchild. Optimistically, Betty says she has a lot to be thankful for and is looking forward to a better 2021.

Congratulations to **Sue Fenton West**! She wins the prize for being the first '58 to send her news and does so every year. Like most of us, she hasn't gone anywhere in the last 16 months, but she says that, under the circumstances, being stuck in Venice FL is the best place to be as she can still enjoy golfing, triking, visiting and water exercise. Sadly, she lost Tim, her Lambda man, over a year ago, so that prompted a major adjustment in her life.

Sue Conant Young was happy to fly to Florida over the New Year holiday to join **Mary Carey Munhall** at **Dot Dronker's** home in Estero. This trip continued years of tradition when a group of Agos and their husbands came together to celebrate the New Year. From there, Sue went on to visit her brother in Ormond Beach before returning to Cincinnati, Ohio. She would like to know if any Ago sisters are in Cincinnati as she'd love to meet them for coffee or lunch. Her email address is sueconantyoung@aol.com.

We could all echo **Sylvia Amarel Infantine's** opening statement "What a year!" She was lucky enough to see her family at different times. Those visits included her daughters Johanna from San Francisco, Maria from lower Manhattan, and Francesca from Brookline. She also sees her son, Tony, more often as he lives in S. Portland. Sylvia says she's reading a lot of books and like the rest of us, thinks the vaccine can't come soon enough. If anyone is near Maine in the summer, Sylvia would love to see you - with a special prod to **Norma**.

Dotty Runkel Dronkers thanks everyone who sent news as we all adjust to the new rules and situations dictated by COVID. She indicates that life has been quite routine which is probably a good thing. She broke the monotony by falling and breaking her hip last summer, but she's back to herself. Besides Mary and Sue, she enjoyed a visit from her Las Vegas niece for Thanksgiving. Her spare time is occupied by reading and crossword puzzles. If anyone is in Florida, she would love to see you (using social distancing and masks). And just a side note.... remember that if any of you has ever had an urge to be a thief, now is the time. The newspaper will say "Money stolen in bank heist. Help the police identify the culprits. They should be easy to spot; they were wearing masks". Hah!

(Martha) Susan Williams Cloer is enjoying a fabulous life in Broken Arrow, OK. She has had a wonderful marriage to her husband, Larry, for over 30 years and despite her Long Island roots, she is enjoying Oklahoma. She and Larry have a deep connection to the Victory Christian Center where Larry works. Susan has wonderful memories of her years in Ago. She would love to hear from Ago friends, and welcomes visitors for anyone who ever travels to her area.

At nearly 85, **Jane Murphy Coburn** has reached out to give a quick update. After growing up on Long Island, NY, she attended Potsdam College. She joined Ago her freshman year; she loved her time in Potsdam and made many very special memories. After graduation, she went back to Long Island and taught in the grade school she had attended. She married and moved to Connecticut. She has 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She is loving life. She can't resist rescuing animals and has many dogs, cats and goats. She sends her wishes that everyone is well and happy.



(Pictures of the Ago House and Ice Carnival Sculpture circa 1958)



Class of 1959

Mary Carr Melkonian said she is so proud of the Alumnae and all the Actives who have breathed new life into her beloved 11P. Mary is happily living in Reno, NV and recently has become interested in plant medicine at Rythmia.com in Costa Rica and recommends the movie, "The Reality of Truth" for more info. She has been to Costa Rica 8 times in the last 4 years, and was planning to return in February 2021. Two years ago, she started taking voice lessons and had her first recital in Nov 2019.

Class of 1960

Wendy Stratton Bailey lives in Los Alamitos CA and sent 2 great photos: a family photo taken next to the backyard patio with 4 granddaughters and a photo of Wendy and twin sister Nancy, taken a few years ago.

Fran Mider Biedler is having fun living with her daughter Dawn, husband Greg, and their two children, aged eleven and fourteen. Fran is also the dog walker; she writes that she needs the walk as much as the dog, Sandy, does! Fran and **Wenda Carter Paton** share Kent, Ohio in common - both their husbands came from Kent.

Jolie Smithem Haug had a visit from a long-time friend from China and joined their annual Baha'i festivities at the end of February. Jolie's 3rd great-grandchild, Gweneth Haug, was born on the 4th of July. Gweneth's parents brought her from Pendleton twice to spend a few days in Jolie's neighborhood. COVID precautions were taken, but they at least got to see her. In August, Jolie and Peter drove west across the Cascades and visited an 'open' game park with the Hamiltons. They are looking forward to returning to Wales with daughter-in-law, Sarah Woodbury.

Julie Krum Kennaugh and Terry celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary in July with son Eric, wife Diane, and granddaughter Grace. They now do group waves instead of hugs. At the end of October 2020, Julie and Terry drove their RV to Florida. In Florida they hike, ride their bikes, social distance with friends and occasionally eat outside at restaurants in warm weather!

Linda Bailey Kinne and Dave moved this past year into a townhouse a few streets away. They enjoy getting Christmas cards from Clarkson and PSTC friends and treasure so many memories from college days. Her family is fine though no one lives nearby.

Eileen Patch Knapp and husband use Instacart for groceries and enjoy several activities on Zoom including: Tai chi, recorder ensemble, Lyceum classes, book groups, Board meetings, and Church Advent/study groups. Eileen just received a copy of Richard Fritzky's "Unfading Light: The Sustaining Insight and Inspiration of Abraham Lincoln" which contains quotes from Eileen. She also received a copy of her new book entitled, "This from George" about George English, her father's uncle, a Union army sergeant in the Civil War. Eileen does family Zooms on Fridays.

Wenda Carter Paton shared her saga entitled "*How I Joined My Daughter's Family COVID Bubble*". Wenda self-isolated from March to August. She phoned her nurse and asked if she could hug her daughter if she wore a new rain jacket, mask and gloves and the nurse blessed her plan. Over a series of three cookouts, she managed to hug her daughter, hug her granddaughter and touch her great-grandson's shoulders. YEAH! Wenda also spends time Zooming with family, attending St. Anne's in-the-Fields Episcopal Lincoln, MA, and Petaluma, CA churches, bird watching in wildlife refuges, and social distancing outdoors at local restaurants with patios.

Dotty Hirsch Sellman has been keeping busy with trips to the grocery store, the pharmacy window, and doctor appointments. She has been Zooming with her children and grandchildren, learned to use Amazon and loves seeing packages arrive at the door! Dotty and George are waiting for information on how they can get the vaccine. Good News! Dotty is celebrating the birth of their first great-granddaughter and got a peek at her when she came home from the hospital.

Dottie Noyes Sharrow has been spending extra time at her cottage in the Adirondacks, which is year-round. She takes day trips to Vermont and Massachusetts with picnic lunches, keeping in touch with older neighbors and friends. Dottie had to cancel her Viking River Cruise on the Danube to celebrate 60th Wedding Anniversary. We all hope Dottie gets to take that trip in 2021!

Class of 1961 60th REUNION YEAR

Carolew Rinfret-Broadhurst was surprised by her family with a wonderful birthday dinner party when she turned 81 on November 14, 2020! Her sister, Margie, made an album with pictures of them at the restaurant in New Jersey and she will always cherish the memory. Carolew is retired from 35 years of nursing and still continues playing the piano, playing each Sunday at church. She sends a donation to our Veterans in memory of her husband, Donald Broadhurst, who graduated from Clarkson and became an Army helicopter test pilot. She will always remember giving the graduation speech at Patuxent River, Maryland when the pilots graduated. She remembers her happy days at Potsdam and looks forward to 2021.

Class of 1962

2020 has been a year like no other and we hope all of our Agonian Sisters have stayed safe and well during this global pandemic in which we find ourselves.

We, the Class of 1962, have deviated from the norm for our news communication this year as seems appropriate under the circumstances. **Fran Sardina Bliet** challenged the Ago Class of '62 to "Describe your life in six words and share what you learned in 2020". This was inspired by reading an article in the Sunday NY Times a few weeks prior. Their responses are preceded by an article written by the Class of 1962's writer-extraordinaire, **Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman**, who has written a short article about our place and time in history. Joyce was the editor-in-chief of the SUNY Potsdam newspaper "The Racquette" during our tenure at the college. We hope you enjoy our contributions.

Article by **Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman**:

Despite the chaos and destruction which has occurred around us this past year, do we have an obligation to write *something*, maybe just anything, that shouts, “**We have made it this far**”?

It does seem trivial to highlight personal activities no matter how challenging they might have been or still are, no matter how joyful they made us feel as we engaged in useful, productive activities, or escaped into isolation either in reality or figuratively; the **major** significance is that we are experiencing history as it plays out around us.

I am celebrating that I’m alive to be part of this “new normal” as it is being constructed; we are all part of the test case of this mighty innovative Renaissance!

Describe your life in six words and share what you learned in 2020:

Susan Johnson Aceto

“Finding meaning of life thru pandemic”

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell

“Learn to adjust, no matter what!”

“While Vacations were Disbanded, Relationships Expanded!”

Fran Sardina Blied

“Zoom facilitates family and friends fellowship”

Elaine Fallon Boyrer

“Let us always meet each other with a smile,” Mother Theresa.

Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman

“Found joy reaching out to others”

Kate Sheldon Cox

“Music, Music, Music. I hear music!”

Mary Lee (Mandy) Kent

“Grateful major flute performance was 2019!”

Kathie Canapary Kiernan

“Home is where the heart is ♥ “

Amanda Gorman, 2021 Inauguration Poet

“For there is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”

We ask our fellow Ago Alumnae: What are your 6-word memoirs? With love in AKPhi from the **Ago Class of 1962**

Class of 1964

Once the state of PA reopened real estate offices, **JoAnn Haley Maguire** was very busy with sellers and buyers. She enjoys real estate, and it keeps her engaged with people of all ages, clients and colleagues; beautiful Bucks County is an easy sell. With her children and grandchildren safe, happy and working/schooling, she feels very blessed. For those of us who are still working, a second career is a wonderful challenge. It puts money in your pocket, but more importantly, it provides essential social interaction. After leaving teaching, JoAnn missed the colleagues she had taught with, and has found a new group of colleagues in her second career as a realtor. Find her under “Realtors” at <https://www.aarp.org/secondcareers>. JoAnn hopes to be able to meet up this year with her Ago friends...live, not Zoom!

Rayola Purcell Pederson and Rog retired to VT where they are enjoying the colder temperatures and snow after 50+ years of heat and humidity in MD. Rog gets to play with his toys - a snow blower and a Kabota with a bucket on the front. They have one son in WI and one in Rochester, NY. They have one granddaughter out of school and working, one in her last year at Columbia Law School, one in high school in Irondequoit along with her older brother who is a junior this year. Law school is online since last spring and the high school kids go to school two days and are online for three. Rayola is just happy she is not trying to teach through the pandemic and is looking forward to getting her COVID vaccine.

Anne Rapp Refermat reflected on a recent horoscope: “The people from your past are important to you. You like to keep in touch.” To her, that represented her gratitude for the relationships she has with her Ago sisters. Anne reports a “crazy year!” It forced her to slow down, “follow the rules”, and become more contemplative. During the summer and fall, they visited with friends at a distance and were able to see their eight grandchildren (ages 8-18) almost every week, again at a distance. During walks along the Erie Canal path, they encountered many happy people wearing Buffalo Bills hats and masks, who greeted them with “Go Bills!”

Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell and Bob are breathing a sigh of relief having received their COVID vaccines. They felt lucky to live in the “bubble” of Bonita Springs where their friends are working hard at “doing the right thing” to stay safe; they feel blessed to wake up safe every morning. All of their family is fine. Both of their college-aged grandchildren contracted COVID over Christmas break but had mild symptoms. They are thankful to have mastered Zoom and Facetime. Elaine is looking forward to resuming some normalcy so she can visit with her Ago sisters again.

While mostly avoiding travel this year, **Barbara Stoneham Law** was able to visit Cape May, NJ with her son’s family in July and spend a brief time at her family’s cottage in Keuka Lake in August. She feels luckier than her sister who was in complete lockdown in her nursing home and contracted (and recovered from) a mild case of COVID. Barbara was thankful to be able to continue playing tennis, while still maintaining social distance. She watches church online, although she misses the choir. Barbara is still able to ski, and enjoys skiing with her 10-year-old granddaughter. She Zooms with her Hearing Loss Association of America friends and participates in online courses to continue learning.

Marilyn Davies Clary is doing well, living on Canandaigua Lake. Her neighborhood celebrated Christmas Eve with luminaries. She tries to walk three miles, three days a week with different friends. She plays bridge online with her friends, takes turns with her friend George making dinner and participates in church online. She is looking forward to getting back out and traveling.

Marlene Johnson Villiger is happy to report a joyous visit to the doctors to get her COVID vaccine; everyone was “all smiles”. Many things were cancelled this year: a Greek Island cruise with **Sandy D’Arienzo Geagan**, her grandson’s graduation, her own High School reunion, and three of her grandchildren missed a precious year of college to make memories and lifelong friends (like her sisters of ‘64). Like many Agos, Marlene has been reading, streaming, binging, mahjongging, Zooming, cooking, walking, wine-ing, singing and dancing. However, she is ready to leave the “alternate reality” created by COVID and return to a time when we can all gather.

In December 2019, **Karen Singer Miller** and Lew traveled the Norwegian coast to find the Northern Lights (instead of watching the National Geographic channel). Lew likes adventure. In January 2020, they went to Arizona for a surprise 80th birthday party for Rick Torriani, class of ‘61 and his wife, Almeda Stuart, in our class. In February, they headed to Florida and a dance cruise around the Caribbean. Karen returned to continue her music activities, but everything halted in mid-March. Since then, she has done about ten thousand jigsaw puzzles and played Bridge on Bridge Base with friends. Karen and Lew are scheduled for their vaccines, and are looking forward to a time when everyone can gather again.

The newsletter staff was happy to hear from **Jocelyn Klapetsky Smith**, who graciously thanked us for the work we put into the newsletter. You are very welcome Jocelyn, and thank you for joining the AAA which supports the cost of producing the newsletter.

Class of 1965

Thank you to **Ginny Kelly Granzin** for agreeing to help us update her class address information and gather news from her classmates for this newsletter. We depend on help from our alumnae.

It was wonderful to hear from alumnae **Mary Pesez Kames** from Freehold, NY and thanks for your support of the AAA!

Jean Stahl Heaton and her husband, Dick Heaton (OPO ‘66) are retired and live in Bolton, MA. They have two grown children and 7 grandchildren. Before COVID, they spent much of their time travelling to Colorado and Michigan to see them as often as possible. They love to travel and before the pandemic, spent time in Europe, Russia, Alaska, the Mediterranean and South Pacific. They also lived for three years in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Now social distancing, they have discovered the great joy of cooking together and found they still really like each other a lot. After teaching vocal music and piano lessons for 20 years and then 25 years in college/private school admissions, Jean retired in 2009. Dick retired in 2017, working 23 years for Digital Equipment Corporation and then founding his consulting firm. They recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Jean offers a “Hello to all sisters” and treasures all her memories of her time in Ago.

Class of 1967

Anita Osborne Clark reports that life is pretty much the same for her except, like everyone else, she stays home and stays safe. The AAA extends a special thank you for helping us find “missing” alumnae **Ann McCormick Sweeting**.

For **Nancy Salzer Hessler**, COVID has brought many opportunities. Fortunately, no one in her family has been infected, but three of her friends had it and thankfully recovered. COVID helped her family save money by forcing them to cut their Western skiing experience in half, and provided her time to focus on exploring the 40 years of files she had. She was able to make 14 family photo albums, find new recipes, enjoy solitude and make many Zoom calls. On nice days, she enjoys biking and kayaking while her trip around the world is put on hold.

Margaret Buchanan Fini is nicely adjusting to her move from Clarence, NY to Flagstaff, Arizona and is enjoying being near her daughter Kristen and family. She continues to spend six months in the valley near Sun City to enjoy the winter months. Her good health allows her to enjoy the activities in the park. Nineteen years of retirement has passed so quickly. She wishes good health to all.

Sharon Burns Cook shared the following joint news for both herself and **Gwen Huestis Brewster**: after graduation, Sharon’s husband Peter, and Gwen’s husband Bill, were both stationed in Washington D.C. Over the summer of 1967, they got together several times before Sharon and her husband were deployed to Seattle Washington, while Gwen and Bill were deployed to Germany. Several years later, when both Bill and Peter fulfilled their military obligation, they all returned to MD. Sharon and Peter settled in Ft. Washington (and later Annapolis), while Gwen and Bill settled in Crofton. Gwen has survived a non-malignant brain tumor, breast cancer and diminished lung function; she is definitely a survivor. As Sharon wrote last year, Peter died in 2009 and she remarried in 2014.

Diane E. Fini remained in Florida until the middle of June due to the virus. Thankfully, she and her 99-year-old mother are well and back in NY. Diane continues to keep busy baking bread. This winter she used 95 pounds of flour. She is also learning Italian, along with her brother and sister. Diane uses the online Duolingo program and you can often find her in front of her iPad, disgusted with her stupid mistakes while trying her Italian phrases. Non hai paura, tutto va bene.

Kate Ormiston Boldon tells us that **Judy Van Zandt Schermerhorn** is now **Judy Litto** and is managing the Litto Gallery in Brooklyn New York.

Linda Hummel Fitzharris is glad to reconnect with her Ago sisters after more than 50 years. After graduation, she and her husband lived in Albany, NY, Boulder, CO, and Charleston, SC, where they settled to raise their two children. Currently, Linda lives in Mount Pleasant. Professionally, Linda has been a classroom teacher, a central staff administrator, a college professor, and earned her doctorate degree. She started her own consulting company, but recently closed it to pursue other interests. She is enjoying her three grandchildren, often traveling with the oldest, Charles, on Road Scholar grandparent/grandchild trips. The last one was to Costa Rica. She misses the fall foliage and the crisp fall air. Like many others, she is waiting for a viable vaccine and has participated in the Oxford vaccine trials. For fun she belongs to a book club, the World Affairs Council of Charleston, a Great Decisions discussion group, plays pickleball, swims and takes walks on the beach. She hopes everyone is safe and healthy.

Patti Martin O'Driscoll and Mike have been in Bradenton, FL for 20 years. They really don't miss the snow at all. They look forward to a positive resolution of the pandemic so they can return to their favorite pastime—cruising. Their older son, Michael, his wife and their only grandchild (11-year-old Connor) have been in Bahrain for 5 years and will head to Japan next summer. They keep in touch by Facetime and hope to see the family during the change of deployments. Younger son Jamie lives near them in FL, but because of COVID, they have only seen him a few times. Prayers that there will be a return to normalcy and that all sisters and their families will be safe and healthy.

Class of 1968

The **Class of 1968** celebrated their special 50th reunion in Sept 2018 in coastal Massachusetts with 12 sisters able to attend. It was wonderful to greet friends as if 50 years were yesterday. They reminisced, laughed, and shared an array of life stories which unfolded throughout the weekend with promises to stay connected. Amidst plenty of chatter a dinner was held to honor the strong bonds of sisterhood...a delightful and meaningful experience.



Participants: Front L to R— **Paula Valerio Russell, Sue Cuddeback Kinnamon, Kathleen Clarkson, Janice Peck Mason, Deb Goodfellow Converse**; Back L to R **Mary Beth Aquini Wildner, Rita Ricklefs Kahute, Trish (Pat) Kelly Dooling, Paula Fryer Healy, Claudette McHugh McLennan, Nancy Chicken Merchant, Sue Leghorn Fletcher**. Several spouses also attended and were anointed “The Ago Boys”.

Several sisters corresponded, but were, unfortunately, unable to attend the reunion: **Ann Lingenfelter Sandstrom, Beth Muggleton Watkins, Danan (Bunni) Barnett, Janice Corletta Plummer, Liz Bradley Quillinan, Louise Johnson-Toth, Sue Agresta Jenkins, and Sue Campbell Glidden**.

The Class of 1968 has been unable to connect with **Anne LaFleur Lynn, Anne O'Connor Martin, Bev Tomlinson Adams, Carol Harnum Bentley, Janet Stark McOmber, Judy Barkley Jonson, Louise Stumpf Owellen, Mary Lee Castellani Martelli, Pam Eldridge Hameline, and Sherry Vader Pfenniger**. If anyone has any knowledge of or contact information for any of these sisters, please send a note to the class of 1968 via the AAA (alumnae@agopotsdam.com).

Ann Lingenfelter Sandstrom and Ted are doing well. Ann is keeping busy, including doing some sewing. She has made about 50 holiday facemasks for friends to lighten spirits. She is also helping their Hawaiian friend's granddaughter, who is working in a preschool. She is having fun sending her ideas and making visuals for books. Hoping COVID will end soon. Her best to all.

Liz Bradley Quillinan and Bob are enjoying life. After living 18 years in their beach house on Kiawah Island SC, they made a short move off the island to the plantation at Stono Ferry, a great small community. The holiday was grand and will culminate on Jan 22 when daughter, Meghan and family (Hudson 8, Keegan 5) return to Ardsley, NY after a 5+ week visit. Liz's son, RJ, an attorney, lives in Charleston. He has a wonderful wife and a 1-year-old, Magnolia Rand. Liz wonders where the time goes without traveling, socializing and volunteering. She hopes to return to those activities soon and wishes all sisters in AKPhi happiness, health, and adventure in 2021.

Beth Muggleton Watkins and Joe continue to live in Rochester and spend most of their summers in Clayton, NY. Beth still works part time at the RMSC preschool. Their youngest daughter and her husband just moved to Rochester from NYC and are expecting a baby. Their oldest daughter and her family live in Cooperstown. Their son and his fiancée have a high-end lighting business in NYC.

Paula Fryer Healy and Scott celebrated 51 years of marriage in August 2020. Scott has his own business as a consultant in higher education, and Paula is the CFO. They have 3 children (2 boys and a girl) and 6 beautiful granddaughters (ages 7 – 22). All three of their children work for their firm, which is extremely rewarding. By dividing their time between their homes in Clinton, NY, and Naples, FL, they have the best of both worlds.

Danan Barnett is a ceramist and water colorist who depends on both these pursuits for sanity these days. Health setbacks come and go but basic sanity luckily sticks around. Danan and **Kathleen Clarkson**, both San Francisco residents, have been meeting up in various locations and strolling the streets of SF together during the pandemic...at a respectable distance and masked, of course. Kathleen is staying busy with lots of classes and lectures, connecting via Zoom, and hiking. They both wish all good health and some fun.

Despite the pandemic, **Deb Goodfellow Converse** and Jeff have been active socially (saving their sanity). There is a swing dance group of about 20 who have been getting together over a 20-year period. They have managed to have out-of-doors and garage parties (socially distanced and masked), or drive-by birthday celebrations, and Zoom contact with friends in Florida and Connecticut and for New Year's Eve. It has helped them get through the isolation and stay sane. The difficulty is not being able to hug family and friends.

Mary Beth Aquini Wildner and Chuck have both recovered from mild cases of COVID. They are in Florida now. It is quiet there compared to the usual activity level, but they still get out, play tennis, walk, and see people, even from a distance. Such crazy times! They hope for a return to normal at some point! Perhaps some of the sisters will make their way to Naples. If so, give Mary Beth a call. They get together with Scott and **Paula Fryer Healy** and have seen others now and again. Stay healthy.

Nancy Chicken Merchant lives in Scotia and spends summers at Sacandaga Lake with the whole family, including her son Corey (and wife Michelle and sons Brayden and Dylan) from NH, and her daughter, Jennifer (and husband Brian and daughters Hannah and Hailey) from Chicago. Hannah plays the violin (just like Nancy). Nancy reconnected with Alan Kaufman (of the Potsdam Band "The Group") at the 50th Potsdam University reunion. They keep in touch and enjoyed a cruise (pre-COVID) to Alaska!

"It's been a hell of a year, but Susan is well". **Susan Leghorn Fletcher** retired from the Planning Department in Danvers, Massachusetts about 6 months before the pandemic hit – which has turned out to be a very good thing. Susan has two grandchildren (Izabel is 18 and Colin is 15) who live in Sweden. Her son works at the American Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden. She usually gets over there a couple of times a year and they visit her once a year. Last year they went to the Bahamas after Christmas and had a marvelous time. Susan is very grateful for that time because after that, the world changed. Hopefully, she will get to Sweden this summer!

Class of 1969

Kathleen Hopkins Spencer and John are in their own pod in Providence as they weather this time in history. Sarah, their elder child, is devoted to her work at Hasbro Children's and contracted the virus in early March. She has now received her two full doses of vaccine. They are content in their life and grateful for their health and resources which so many do not have. Kathleen is continuing to work for the Pittsfield Public Schools as a consultant to the administrators as they support teachers in adding even more to their already full practices. She is looking forward to greener spaces, cleaner air, and increasing real progress towards equity in our schools.

Jacque Morse Shellman said if it were not for her connections with New York State Women, Inc. (www.nyswomeninc.org), Zooming with her Young Living Essential Oils friends, and acquiring a kitten (Whisp), she does not know how she would have kept her sanity. Jacquie is President of New York State Women, Inc., an organization of 400+ whose mission is to connect and build women personally, professionally, and politically. She met up with **Sue Wajda** last year and found out that Sue passes Jacquie's home on the way back to Rochester. So now, they enjoy many evenings on the patio sipping the Finger Lakes best, Riesling. Jacquie has become a member of the Ago Alumnae Association Scholarship Committee. She participated in the Fall 2020 2nd Initiation of Active New Members, attended the Zoom, found it very creative, and enjoyed it all with song, video and banner!! What an impressive group of young driven women. And yes, Jacquie still has time to work in the sugar bush and make maple syrup. Life is good!

Linda McIlvain Cooper and Tom have a 2nd home in Ashburn, VA where they have been staying since October. They enjoy their retirement community there with lots of walking trails and great facilities – it especially helps with COVID limitations. While there, they enjoy their daughter's children - 11, 12 and 18. They hope to be back home in Cassadaga by early April and enjoy their new pontoon boat on their lake. Their oldest daughter and hubby live in Omaha so they have not seen them in over a year. They have missed all their volunteer activities through United Methodist Church Volunteers in Mission and Children's Disaster Services and the Red Cross. They are looking forward to seeing **Linda Moore Rogan** after they return home.

Karen Miller Kelley has read a lot, completed several quilts, and helped tutor three of their grandchildren in Valley Forge, PA. She and Larry were all able to spend a week in the Adirondacks in July in a cottage on Fourth Lake, a tradition since her childhood. With masking and quarantining, they were able to fish, snorkel, kayak, and play lots of games. They did make their annual trek to the St. Lawrence to see **Nancy Beck Misenko** and Jim. There are no friends like old friends, always such cordial fun-loving hosts! Karen hopes we all stay well, stay happy, and that our lives will soon return to "normal". God bless you all!

Jane VanDeusen Rogers reports that she and Keith have been spending most of their time at their vacation home in Albemarle Plantation in North Carolina but were able to go back home to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Their family was all able to get together at their house for both holidays because everybody tested negative for the virus beforehand. They made up for some lost time by getting lots of hugs from their three grandchildren.

Barb Stevens Sharpe is happy to report that she and Dave are doing well, wearing masks, social distancing, etc. in Florida. They have not traveled in the past year, but in 2019 she and her sister-in-law took a 16-night Panama Canal cruise from Los Angeles to Ft. Lauderdale. It was an awesome experience; they are glad they did it then! They have not seen their kids in over a year now, other than on video chats. Meanwhile, Barb keeps busy with various needlework hobbies and walks through the neighborhood.

Diane Swan Dudley reports that family is all healthy and hopes it continues. They have been following Dr. Fauci's rules and staying home. She and Jim have done a great deal of reading, walking, and puzzles. Last summer they did get to their boat for much needed time away. Once school started for the grandkids, there was occasional babysitting for the toddler. In September, they said goodbye to Jim's mother, who at 95, still lived at home and, until the end, played a little golf.

Nancy Beck Misenko reports that the St. Lawrence River sustained Jim and her during this upended COVID year. They were happy to have their two grandsons (10 and 12) there for most of the summer. The family also escaped to Buzzards Bay, MA in July for boating and even fishing "the Rips" off Martha's Vineyard for flukes and sea bass. They once again enjoyed **Karen Miller Kelley** and Larry's visit to the River in the Carriage House. It was so good to spend outside time with good friends.

Chris Bolton Aiken and husband Bill Sickels have stayed close to home this year. They are fortunate to be in a community on Skidaway Island, just outside of Savannah, that has kept them very safe during the pandemic. They have had restrictions, but have been able to enjoy many of the facilities that are on the island along with all the walking and biking trails. Chris is continuing as Chair of the 2021 P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization) GA State Convention, but it will be all virtual the first weekend in May; this makes for many, many changes. The P.E.O. is in all 50 states and Canada. There are 69 chapters in Georgia, with 5 in Savannah! They raise funds to help support women in education. Chris wonders if anyone in Ago belongs to a P.E.O.; it is a great experience. Chris hopes to get back to traveling later this year. She thanks to all her Ago sisters for submitting their news!!!

Class of 1971 50th REUNION YEAR

Linda Taggart Boardman keeps tabs on **Sue Wajda** through Sue's sister Kathy (they worked together teaching for 20 years). Fifty years since graduation doesn't seem possible. Her former roommate has been asking her to attend the reunion, however, given the pandemic, she's unsure about this year. Sadly, her real sister (also an Ago), **Joanne Taggart Thetga '78**, heroically battled breast cancer for four years, but lost the fight this March. This has not been a great year.

Karen Simons Johns will help with Reunion 2021. Rich and Karen have been back to Potsdam many times and look forward to returning again this summer. Karen encourages all sisters from the '70s to attend; she would especially like to reunite with **Shirley Larsen** and **Ronnie**.

Alice Brock Topa says Reunion Weekend has always been so much fun and she looks forward to attending in 2021.

Since retiring from teaching in NY in 2006, **Brenda (B.J.) Stevenson** has subbed for 5 1/2 years, and spent four years in NH where she provided daycare and early education for three babies. She then moved to NC, where she continued subbing and proctoring. She has been living in Tampa, Florida since March of 2019, sharing a house with her older daughter, who, in September 2020, adopted two brothers (ages 6 and 10) from Haiti. Because of COVID and the boys' lack of English and limited schooling, Brenda is homeschooling 7 days a week. Her younger daughter is getting married in October 2021 in Maryland. She has very fond memories of her years at 11 Pierrepont and the "confidence she gained from being a part of the sorority".

After an early graduation, **Joanne Jackson LaPierre** married Bill LaPierre, and they worked mostly in northern NY until retirement, Joanne teaching, and Bill as a professor at Canton College. They spend winters in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, but now have a cottage on the Raquette River so they can be near their 2 children and 3 grandsons in Colton and Rochester. They are awaiting their COVID vaccines so they can safely attend the reunion.

Susan Tanner Andruzzi and husband, Nick, had lived in Poughkeepsie for 46 years before moving in 2020 to Marlborough, MA to be closer to their grandsons, 10 and 6. Their son lives in Poughkeepsie and they will soon have their 3rd grand. They are loving Massachusetts and busy with their new town home. They like being just 40 minutes from Boston. Sue says she "cherishes her wonderful memories of 3 years in Ago. Happy 50th!"

Barbara Young Chatigny and Vic will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August. They have lived in Valley Forge, PA and Corning, NY, before moving to Williamsburg, VA in 2002. They love the sweet, small college town. Because of COVID, instead of traveling north to Potsdam, they plan to visit their son Neal's family in Atlanta and their son Jason's family in Dallas this summer. They have 4 grandkids, ages 11-14.

Fran Williams Isaacs married her college sweetheart, Bob, and they are celebrating their 50th. They have 3 daughters, 2 granddaughters, and 5 grandsons. Her oldest is close by and the other two are in MI, so Fran and Bob travel there frequently as well as to Ravenna (the Buffalo area) where her family lives. Fran retired from U at Buffalo after working in the Grants Department. She also spent time with Girl Scouts and substitute teaching. She loves retirement in the beautiful NY summers and travels to Marco Island for two months in the winters.

Kathy Keegan Cummings and Ken (Sigma Tau) live in Martin Co. Fla. She retired in 2003, after 34 yrs. of teaching, and they have traveled to NZ, Australia, Europe, Turkey, and Ireland, even taking one granddaughter to Europe for 2 weeks. Kathy enjoys genealogy (especially her Irish roots) and has helped others find their birth families. She loves being a grandmother and sings in a community choir.

After grad school at SU, **Ronnie Ritter Flansburg** and her husband, Craig, moved to Tega Cay, SC and have remained there. Their daughter and husband and 3 grandkids live very close, and that's where they spend lots of happy time. Ronnie retired after 33 yrs. in education, but continues to volunteer at the grands' school, substitutes, and now homeschools 2 neighbor kids during the pandemic. She sewed over 300 masks this year, has been active in Children's Theater, and loves going to the beach. She likes telling the kids about the deep snow and frigid weather of Potsdam and her fun memories of Ago. Ronnie has not yet returned to Potsdam, but she has expressed excitement over the possibility of attending and encouraging other sisters to attend this summer's reunion.

Class of 1972

In spite of COVID, **Paula Thompson Moore** and Roy hosted a mini-version of their annual family TN gathering for just one brother and niece. They also fit in some motorcycle touring in several nearby states that they had been meaning to explore for years. Paula is still involved with Healing Touch for Animals (HTA) and recently completed Level 2 practitioner. She does work healing dogs, cats, and horses and also volunteers at various local shelters becoming the official "kitty" photographer at one of them.

Prior to COVID, Tony and **Marie DuPell Caschera** traveled to her sister's in Colorado for a double family celebration. It was a delightful whirlwind weekend. Tony spent much of the summer, fall and even early winter golfing with the same group of guys. The rest of the year was filled with helping out with the grandchildren and some distanced visits with family and friends. They both enjoy their time outside: yard and gardening, hiking trails and walks in local parks. Marie kept busy reading, doing jigsaw puzzles, and enjoying her new bird feeders along with the visitors – especially an abundance of cardinals! She is looking forward to some "normalcy" later this year and maybe some travel to neighboring states.

Class of 1973

Marilyn Matzke Stephens is slowly adapting to living alone after losing her husband three years ago to cancer. She is fortunate to have all her children and grandchildren living nearby. COVID has been challenging, but they have been able to celebrate birthdays and holidays. Marilyn would love to hear news from some of her fellow '73 alumnae.

Marjorie Rice Fulmer is retired from teaching. She has 3 children and 7 grandchildren. When she is in NY, she plays in a local orchestra near Rochester. Marjorie has been spending winters in Florida.

Class of 1974

Kathy Ames "Amsey" Kieta announces that in February, just before COVID, Sarah gave birth to a sweet baby girl, Grace Kathryn, their first child. She and Eric live about 35 minutes away from mom and dad which makes get-togethers easy and frequent. They managed to "sneak" into NY this summer for a few weeks staying at their place in the Thousand Islands. It was quite different cruising the St. Lawrence on the American side only; hoping summer 2021 is better. Unfortunately, a trip to Eastern Europe/St. Petersburg with Clarkson friends Goettels and Lanzos was cancelled, but they considered themselves lucky to have stayed healthy. Aside from that, there was lots of cooking, reading, and doom scrolling twitter. Ugh! She, like the rest of the world, is looking forward to a return to normal, whatever that may be. Until we meet again, stay healthy!

Peggy Northrop Mann now lives outside of Charleston, SC, and is retired after a counseling career in mental health, crisis care and substance abuse. She is enjoying the sport of pickleball in her retirement although she has had to move her game outdoors because of COVID. Peggy is married, content, and happy!

Nothing would keep **Elaine Whitehead Pauly** homebound as 2020 found her in Jackson Hole for a ski weekend with husband, Greg, daughter Dana, and friends, trips to San Francisco to visit Dana once the fires were extinguished, and a family trip to Nantucket in September. Biking became her passion there with daily rides from the east to the west coast of the island. Dana announced her engagement to Nicholas Ryder, perpetuating the family tradition of slightly late marriages (Dana's now 32). Greg's business has had its ups and downs, reflective of the pandemic, but continues to work through it nicely. Elaine continues her health coaching practice with on-line talks and study, coaching, and expanding her website, elainepauly.com. Little companion, Mr. Mosley, their 5-year-old yellow lab, spends his days under her desk at her feet. Best buddies!

Lynne Boles was happy to ring in the New Year. She feels blessed that she, husband John of 40+ years, family and friends stayed healthy during the year. Although Lynne is usually a Florida snowbird who only spends the summer and fall on Skaneateles Lake in NY, 2020 was different. She and John were in Skaneateles from mid-July through December—first time they've ever spent the Christmas holidays there. 2020 found her: cooking up fabulous meals courtesy of the Barefoot Contessa Cookbooks (WITHOUT weight gain), binge watching movies and TV shows, reading voraciously, overdosing on the news, staying in touch with Potsdam friends via text, email and calls, and continuing her service as a Trustee on the SUNY Potsdam College Foundation Board via numerous Zoom sessions. Lynne can't wait for the next Reunion Weekend that will be held "live" so she can see her Ago sisters in person again.

April Bell Devaux and her family are grateful to have safely made it through 2020! They were lucky to spend some time in sunny Sarasota, FL before COVID came crashing down. With all of the lockdowns, April has kept busy teaching Computer Science courses through SUNY online. Bruno retired in July and they spent a peaceful summer at the lake in upstate NY, rotating their children and 8 grandchildren in and out, one family at a time. They are hopeful for better days ahead and for reuniting with friends and family.

Janine Locatelli Erickson reports a year of quietude and challenges. While she missed her classroom, her focus turned to more exercise, reading, and – like the rest of us - Netflix! Schitt's Creek was a perfect distraction. Janine is looking forward to reuniting with grandkids, family and friends and sends her best to all – “Hope everyone stays well!

Sue Wajda's first priority is her Mom, who will, hopefully, hit the 100-year milestone in May. Sue is in Utica mostly; she also visits Tim and the pup in the Southern Tier lake cabin, and Rochester to refresh the “chuck wagon” and repeat. She has been unable to see the Canadian kids and family all year and the subbing has stopped. She loved getaways to Safety Harbor, FL, Whits in NJ, NH Neubauers, and RV glamping in the Adirondacks. She has garage parties for sanity and socializing. Ago's in her blood, alums in her heart. Sue is very proud of the AAA and thanks all Agos for its success.

The year 2021 couldn't get here soon enough for **Ellen Dullmeyer Fox**. She and husband Jerry are still very happy living in East TN. In hindsight, she reports some positive changes, thanks to the pandemic. She took up kayaking and adores it, hikes at least once a week with 3 other women, and has many friends who she walks with to get her 10,000 steps every day. She's now friends with some of the “locals”, who she Zooms with weekly, and has been introduced to socially distanced driveway drinking! Ellen hopes everyone stays safe, happy and healthy.

Jackie Wirges Johnson is happy to report that she has 5 grandchildren now with number six due in July. She's giving up her wonderful piece of paradise in Anna Maria Island, Florida to spend more time with her family, which takes her to Atlanta, Denver and Buffalo. The next chapter will be remodeling a carriage house in Orchard Park, NY. Jackie keeps tabs on and often sees **Patti Gentile Ludwiczak**, also a Buffalo, NY Ago. Jackie sends her love to all.

Patti Gentile Ludwiczak reports a safe year with much of it spent caring for Mark's 99-year-old mother. Reading and gardening were favorite pastimes – and loving all the colors her garden brought. Inspiration came from socially distant garden walks and spending much time outdoors. The highlight of the summer was the wedding of Patti's niece near Lancaster, PA (Patti visited lots of quilt shops!). She's become an avid quilter, taking classes online and honing her skills! She also reports many family “zooms” and connecting a group of friends to help keep in touch with one battling cancer. Numerous neighborhood walks had her worried that her neighbors might consider her a stalker??! She sends love and wishes that this will be over soon!

Betsy Johnston Ketcham didn't think she had enough to write about . . . boy, was she wrong! She's alive and well, even after her first dose of the vaccine. Not seeing her son and family in Texas, including her 4-year-old granddaughter in over a year and a half, was incentive enough. She's also eager to see her daughter who has been teaching in person since September. How strange, she says, to be put in the “at risk” category despite being healthy and active! Despite it all, Betsy has always been active and continues to be, running every morning with the dog, directing a wave to her neighbors from a respectable distance. She's also enjoying reading, skyping with family, and book club Zooming.

Susan Lamb King is excited for the New Year ahead and hopes to travel to San Francisco and the East Coast to visit family and friends. Sue sends love to all!

Donna “Stan” Stanford remains in Connecticut, equidistant from her son and his family in Yardley, PA, and her twin daughters in Portsmouth, NH. Jane was married in July 2020 (Bob and **Tami Maloney Whitbeck** attended, making it even more special), and Kate will be married in June 2021. Annual vacations to Martha's Vineyard and the family cottage on Lake George continued in spite of the pandemic; following COVID protocol kept everyone safe. Stan plans to attend the 2024 reunion and hopes that all of the sisters listed in the Spring '71 pledge song, “Hey, Look Us Over” will be there, too!

While 2020 has been quite a nightmare for everyone, **Barbara Wuerdeman Wood** had a bright spot in the year with the arrival of her 9th grandbaby in June. Congrats! Baby Rose arrived in Boston a day before her birthday, and was the best gift ever. She now has 5 boys and 4 girls and are counting down the moments to see them in person safely again! She hopes everyone is surviving this wild year, and she sends her best wishes to all!

Tami Maloney Whitbeck and her family remained healthy and busy despite restrictions during the pandemic. Bob (Whipper) is still working and back to the office after many months of working from home, and Tami spends time with her grandsons who live nearby. Summer was great, in spite of COVID lockdowns. The most perfect golfing weather gave way to LOTS OF GOLF – thankfully! Tami attended Stan's daughter's wedding in the beautiful White Mountains of NH. It was like a fairy tale wedding! They also joined a CSA last summer, and have tried various ways to prepare all kinds of vegetables in every combination imaginable! Most experiments, she reports, worked out well and the best part - they're eating so healthy – despite getting “darn sick of zucchini!”

For **Janet Fraser Teixeira**, the pandemic was not a huge transition because Cancer Care Connection, of which she is Executive Director since 2009, has been working virtually for the last five years. Work there has changed dramatically, with all face-to-face clients being converted to tele-counseling, a seamless transition as these services were previously offered. So, work life has stayed pretty much the same with the addition of lots of Zoom meetings. Her company's merger with a larger nonprofit has kept her busy. Janet invites you to visit the Cancer Care Connection website (<https://www.cancercareconnection.org>) as they help anyone who could use a hand either navigating or dealing with cancer-related distress. Their staff are all Licensed Clinical Social Workers (including Janet) who specialize in oncology. Janet's family is doing well although they are currently living in a rental house while they rebuild their home after a gigantic tree fell on it, a slight addition to the pandemic pandemonium. The great news is that everyone is healthy and they've done a good job finding ways to safely see each other on occasion. Janet's saving grace has been continuing to take ballroom dance lessons, working with a personal trainer on Zoom, and staying connected to friends with weekly Zoom sessions. “Feeling very fortunate” were her closing words!

Deborah Donaldson McCullough says "Hello" and reports that her family is all healthy and happy and totally looking forward to 2021. Debi sends love and best wishes to all.

Lynn Ballasus Sabine reports a quiet year, but the most perfect year to enjoy her four-year-old granddaughter. "She's a doll and keeps us busy!" She reports that they missed two trips this year, that hopefully will be made up in 2021. Fingers crossed that they'll head to Hawaii and the Scandinavian countries. Lynn sends her best to all in 2021!

The AAA is deeply saddened to receive the tragic news of the death of sister, **Maureen Lamb Venus**, after a battle with cancer. We extend our condolences to her classmates and her family, especially Agonian and real-life twin sister, **Susan Lamb King '74**.

Class of 1975

Donna Longenecker Neubauer had fun visiting her son Spence, and his family, in Colorado; she was able to stay a week and a half. She said the trip out in an RV was awesome. She and friend, Sharon, stopped at Lake of the Ozarks (Missouri), Palo Duro Canyon (Texas) and Santa Fe (New Mexico). Beautiful scenery! Upon seeing face masks created by Donna, her little sister **Dief** writes that Donna's talents learned at Clarkson came to the rescue! Who would have thought that the sewing skills they used to create all of those halter tops made from leftover Ago curtain fabric, would be put to good use during a pandemic?

2020 reminded **Helen Hallahan Byrnes** how very precious family and life are. They are blessed to have all of their family in Cazenovia, where they wear masks, socially distance and visit in small groups outside. Phil caught COVID from a fire call, but they are now both looking forward to their vaccines! Their escape to their camp at Owl's Head was wonderful. They saw Double Axel play on Brantingham Lake while socially distancing on a boat! Stay safe my friends! We will all be stronger and wiser when this time passes!

Jane Murray Wolff and Bill and family are alive and well in Boston, MA. They are eagerly awaiting their COVID vaccine and having life come back to some sense of normalcy. Hopefully, they will see some of their Potsdam buds in 2021.

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary were in FL hosting Spring Break with their nieces when the pandemic hit. They headed back to NY to find Amanda's family already in quarantine. Remote learning became the norm for Amanda's 1st graders and Ben (9) and Henry (7). Allison and Brian found their work altered when in-patient counseling and elective surgeries ended. Skaneateles Lake brought them all together for some summer fun! Summer's end meant finding safe, creative ways to celebrate holidays. In January, Debbie's mom died of COVID complications. May 2021 bring good health to all of us!

After losing both of her jobs, **Carol Baitup Sweet** is blessed to now work part time with a chiropractor and at Barnes & Noble. Kevin graduated Army basic training at Fort Jackson, completed combat medic training at Fort Sam Houston, and then joined the 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning. In 2021, he reported to Fort Bragg for Spec Ops Combat Medic training, and his wife Lauren finally got to join him. Meghan and James work from home in Atlanta, and Jonathan is still living and working in Atlanta. Carol enjoys regular Zooms with Mike and **Kathy Farrell Kane** and Barb O'Neal. She hopes to see everyone in 2021!

2020 started out well for **Anne Gallagher Timpano** and John with a trip to Florida in January and a trip to Cancun in February. But after that, they were in lockdown with books, puzzles, and TV (Outlander being a favorite!). In May, they were able to move to the lake and life was so much better! Sun, water, bonfires, and frequent visits from granddaughters Caitlin (7) and Tessa (3) made summer really good. They hope 2021 will be both happy and healthy.

Class of 1976 45th REUNION YEAR

Denise Aiello Bukovan is glad to still have her health. The highlight of the year was the marriage of her daughter Dominique to Jake, a most welcome son-in-law. Also good is her continued work (remote) for a national search firm that assists colleges with executive searches. In February, Denise will launch into the next life chapter and adventure when she moves to Texas to be near her family (brother, sister, nephews, niece, spouses, and kids) who have all migrated there over time. Woohoo! Saying prayers for everyone! Love in AKPhi.

Dale Engle Skivington and Peter hope everyone is healthy and staying safe! They spent most of their quarantine in the Adirondacks but managed to do a white-water trip down the lower Colorado which was amazing. They were sorry to miss the reunion in Potsdam as sister **Eileen Goss Whelley** was honored, but will make it up as soon as they get their vaccines!

Judy Fabric Verbanic and John have been sticking close to home, seeing their daughters and grandkids, but being really careful about it with masks, testing, and no hugs! They are making plans for a family vacation in Orlando/Disney with everyone at the end of 2021. Fingers are crossed that life will be more normal by then!

Nancy Geis Wilcox and Doug left western NY in June and moved to Asheville, NC. Nancy loves hiking and can't get enough of the beautiful area and plans to continue hiking and biking (16 mile on the Swamp Rabbit Trail) in 2021.

Cathy Lennon Nealon and Bob are officially "snowbirds", spending the summer in the Rochester, NY area and winter/spring in Bonita Springs. This year, with COVID, they are staying put. Lennon had been looking forward to going to the reunion and clapping as **Eileen Goss Whelley** was honored. Next time!

Amy Hind Henry and Guy have been hunkering down in CT during the pandemic, but still seeing their son and daughter and grandkids. They have enjoyed many Zoom happy hours with some Agos and DK'ers.

Claudia Locatelli May and Jim are happy to be back social distancing in NY instead of TX. Also, thankful that Ryan and Kelly are with them and all of them are well.

Laurie Kaylor Lorenzetti and her husband live in Western NY. Her husband will be retired as of the beginning of March this year. Once the pandemic is under control, they are looking forward to some traveling to visit their out-of-state grandchildren. Laurie has been home schooling (pre-K) their granddaughter, Isla, who lives up the street. She's loving it! Their big project this year will be renovating their cottage on Cayuga Lake and spending much more time there with family!!

Jill Mayhew Ryan, Jim, and their beautiful yellow lab Bryn live in the Rochester area. Jill happily retired in June, the perfect time as most of education went to virtual learning. In May, her son Sean accepted a position back in Rochester working as a corporate analyst for Wegmans. Jill is looking forward to traveling with Jim and socializing with other Agos as soon as the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Pam Moore writes that being in touch with **Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco**, **Cathy Lennon Nealon**, her Little Sis, **Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey** and **Susan Rice** demonstrated how friendships forged years ago can help Ago sailors weather the uncertain seas of the present and future.

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

Betsy Osterhout Washam writes that she is enjoying and thankful for life. Both her folks are still living and are 20 miles away and her first grandchild (Julien) arrived March 2020. Betsy enjoys gardening. They bought a travel trailer to explore the US at some point.

Class of 1977

The AAA was devastated to hear of the passing of John Bucco, husband of **Mary Ellen "Sully" Sullivan Bucco**, beloved sister, after a terrible battle against cancer. Below is a reflection on sisterhood submitted by Mary Ellen:

Flashback to Spring of 74: Rush parties, Final Tea, yellow roses, bid night, big sister (**Anne Gallagher Timpano**), pledge sisters (there were 11 of us!), the pub and drinking out of Anne's Ago mug, pledge books, anchors, sailor hats and blues, entertainment for functions, hell night, Ago auction, DK-Ago beer blast (and of course the Macaroni party the night before), serenades, Organizational Sing, Ice Carnival and everything that went with it, little sister (**Eileen Washburn Hannay**), pledges kidnapping me, Senior walkout, Senior breakfast....too many things to name them all. So many things that built the foundation of our sisterhood and friendship while we were in college as well as helping us develop skills to be used later in life.

Fast forward to the present: We have all gone on our own journey, had families, made new friends, lived our own lives. I always looked forward to the newsletter to see what everyone was doing, and then of course Facebook has given us a venue to reconnect. Never in a million years did I expect that a decision I made almost 47 years ago would provide my foundation for coping with probably the most challenging time in my life. Words can never express the gratitude for the cards, notes, phone calls and stories (my kids now look at me a little differently...LOL). I have been overwhelmed by my sisters' support, humbled by their friendship and so thankful for each and every one of you. I thought I understood the meaning of sisterhood when we were at Potsdam, this year taught me it is so much more.

I have no news to share because you all were part of my family's journey this year. My plans are to drive cross country this spring and be at the reunion in July and, hopefully, be able to give each and every one of you a hug.

For **Roxanne Gaudin Holland**, 2020 represented living in a constant state of fear and realizing what is truly important in life. She was blessed to have a COVID-free lockdown along with her son and his girlfriend. During their several months together, they enjoyed working out, planting, cooking, learning to master the art of bread making, sewing dozens upon dozens of masks, and realizing that their health and the love they have for one another is by far the most important aspect of their precious lives.

Patty Abernethy Sohl reports that there is "Not much to tell...it has been a slow year". Her highlight was the arrival of their grandson, Griffin Michael Sohl, born in November. He joins their 3 granddaughters; he will be so spoiled. Patty is still working. Her husband is hoping to scale back next year, but she will continue as long as they will have her! She is praying the reunion still happens!

Liz O'Conner Utzig says "It has been a very tough year for all". Liz had a light of hope in her life on September 14th when grandson, Matthew Emmett, was born to her son, Michael, and daughter-in-law Danielle; he is a bundle of joy and love. Liz's travel plans have been sidelined until she can get the vaccine and feel safe. She was vacationing in Fort Meyers Beach in March 2020 with sister Cathy, when all hell broke loose. They were nervous and full of anxiety on the two flights home. Two words, "Spring Break", brought terror to them, much different from those words 40 years ago during college. Liz hopes our world will be a better place from the lessons we have learned from being on lock-down. She wishes you and all our Ago sisters a healthy and happy 2021!

Laurie Wood Cooper is doing well - both retired and enjoying life.

Karen Kittelsen Stefanski started the year having a knee replacement at the end of January and returned to work for 3 days before retiring at the end of March. She was fortunate enough to make her annual trip to Cape Cod over Labor Day week with Tom, her sister Gail and Dad. They ended up making most of their meals in their rental and ordered take-out a few times. Any thoughts of travel were squashed; they are hoping to plan something for 2022. In November, they adopted "Blue", a Catahoula Leopard Mix, from Mississippi. He's a rescue dog, about 2 years old, that keeps them busy with lots of walks every day.

This year saw **JoAnn Koch-Quon** doing a lot of home improvement projects, from having trees removed, to indoor and outdoor painting, and of course the best was the fire pit that her son and daughter in law gave for her 65th birthday! She missed being able to go to Potsdam for reunion and with the Canadian border closed, was unable to spend time at their happy place... the cottage on Tilden Lake! JoAnn is looking forward to this summer! Get your vaccine shots ladies, so we can dance to Double Axel!

Patti Short Wilkins relished a trip to Mexico in February; all other trips were cancelled. Her youngest son got married with a reception in November, by the grace of God. Patti has enjoyed time spent with family, who fortunately live close by. Presently, she is running Nana and Poppy's day care for the four grandchildren due to virtual learning since Mommies and Daddies are working. She is back to teaching, supervising and entertaining the little ones; needless to say the days are busy. She prays everyone will stay safe and healthy; blessings to all.

Susan Spencer Maloney has been working remotely and going to her office at UAlbany about 3 days a week. She is planning on retiring at the end of May. She plans to continue with her choral group and her church choir after retiring. She wants to take a Master Gardener class, learn to quilt and see more of the world (not necessarily in that order!). Her oldest son lives in Western Australia, and although they visited him once, she needs to get back there to see him. It's been over a year now since he was able to come home. She also plans to take a trip to Italy and stay in a villa where she can take some cooking classes. She is thinking of taking trombone lessons (only half kidding!). She has been learning Italian online, and has done a lot of crocheting and reading. She hopes to get back up to the old party ground! In the meantime, she asks everyone to stay safe and well!!

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Linda Taggart Boardman '71 sadly reports that her "real" Ago sister, **Joanne Taggart Thetga**, heroically battled breast cancer for four years, but lost the fight in March 2020.

For **Susan "Defo" Difulgentiz Dee**, 2020 started out with an awesome trip to Peru with her daughters. They spent a week in Lima, hiked the Sacred Valley ending at the Sun Gate of Machu Picchu, such a great cultural and physical experience. In March, after having COVID, Deirdre came to SC and quarantined with them for 5 months; it was a very special time spent together. They were all blessed to be working through the pandemic. Defo says this last year has been her worst year teaching in a 21-year career. A definite bright spot was her boat; they went out on the water many, many days! A second bright spot was Turtle Patrol from May-October. Defo still is planning her trip to Dominica in April.

Sharon Cooney had a wildly good time with **Pam Pendleton** in Florida in March. Lots of laughs as they navigated through daily reports from COVID panic. Both were able to make their flights back home safely and without incident! Sharon has had some non-COVID related hospitalizations since the summer but is slowly recovering at home.

Nadine Gager Compisi and Tony are in Florida. Yea sunshine! Booo 40-degree weather! They will stay until the end of March so she's counting on putting away the jeans and getting the shorts on! In 2020, Nadine says she walked a lot, played Pickleball three times a week, played golf with Tony and friends (even caught up with **Amy Whalen Sadlik** and Craig at Crooked Pines GC once), cleaned out closets and the basement, drank a lot of wine and thanked God for family, friends and their fun Zoom calls. Already 2021 is off to a solid start.

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim and Tom were able to enjoy a wonderful vacation in Napa and Hawaii in February. During quarantine, they spent time doing puzzles and delivering meals for the local Senior Center. In August, they made a quick trip to Gatlinburg. In October, they visited Tom's sister and husband near Myrtle Beach, then traveled on to Hilton Head for a week. On the way back, they visited the Biltmore. COVID made it more of a challenge but it was beautiful and they plan to go again post-COVID. They visited Brandon near Philadelphia in November.

When the virus hit in March, **Vera Thurston Gibbs** was lucky in regards to work since the Carrier Dome was shutting down on March 1st for renovations, so there were no events to cancel. She traveled to Ocean City at the end of June. Syracuse University put them to work during the summer helping Auxiliary Services pack up students' rooms. Imagine those 90-degree days in non-airconditioned dorm rooms that had not been opened since March; it was disgusting, use your imagination! The Fall was all about making meals for the students in isolation and quarantine and filling in at the dining halls because of lack of staff. Many international students could not re-enter the US. Vera is thankful that SU has continued to keep them employed through it all. Her family has all escaped the virus. Steve has been able to work from home. God is good. Zoom has kept Vera "seeing" her 6 grandkids but she really misses their hugs! She's hoping the Ago reunion will be held in person in July. She shares: "I didn't realize how much it means to me to go up there until it couldn't happen last summer. Hoping to see you all there!"

Kathy Lynch Eddy says "Hello class of 1978!" Kathy and Bob have worked at home since March 13 and have survived! Bob was lucky enough to take an early buy-out package and retired December 31. Kathy hopes to hold out until the end of July. Their immediate "COVID bubble" consisted of their 2 sons, 1 daughter-in-law and beautiful granddaughter, McKenzie. The bubble will be growing by 1 in June with another grandbaby (a bright spot of 2020)! Because of her job, Kathy was lucky to be able to get an early COVID vaccine. She closes by "Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and Safe 2021 - Love you Sisters!"

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan went on a trip to Europe in February. She went cross country skiing in Austria and downhill skiing in the Dolomite Mts. in northern Italy. She came back March 1st. Six out of eight ended up with the Coronavirus; she was lucky she didn't get it. Zelalem, her 19-year-old "daughter", is a senior at Albany high and has been with Barry and Jeannie since May 2019. Her English continues to improve. She is a joy.

Susan "Suzi" Scholterer is living her best life with her adorable pooches Fiona and Gabby. Suzi still lives in Buffalo and you can catch her FB posts for missing and adoptable animals. Great work!

Donna Passarella Bonomo feels that being isolated in a beautiful coastal community in Southport, North Carolina, has been a blessing. She spent her time outdoors walking or playing tennis while Bob was on the golf course. In January 2021, they headed North to Vermont to do some skiing and outdoor activities in the snow. Planning an April 2021 wedding for their daughter Amy has been an ongoing challenge with COVID, but they are sure it will be a day to remember. Donna sends her best to her Agonian Sisters; she hopes to continue Zooming with **Nadine, Jeannie** and **Vera**. She would love a Class of 78 Zoom!

Pam Pendleton traveled to Florida as usual for baseball spring training and sunshine and had the added bonus of having **Sharon Cooney** join her for the 2 weeks. They arrived March 10th and on March 13 everything shut down although they were able to go to Disney before it closed. They spent their days by the uncrowded pool, reading, tanning, and chatting with new friends. Upon returning, Pam was busy with two School Boards, Zooming nearly every day with the constant changes from State Ed! By May, she was back at the fur coat store where she works, helping the owner close the business at the end of 2020. She looks forward to more time to herself. In July, she moved her sister back to NYS from FL (she drove the moving truck – no small feat!). She spends time with Maxx (her 4-year-old yellow Lab) and has coffee at Dunkins with **Sharon Keating Heiligman** every few weeks; **Cathy Ellia Bennett** joined them in May!

Class of 1979

Terry Lane McSweeney was really looking forward to the July 2020 Ago Reunion after having such a wonderful time at the 2019 40th Reunion and connecting with so many Ago sisters. She can't wait to attend the next in-person Ago Reunion. Granddaughter Emilia Grace was born in April 2020 to son Conor and daughter-in-law Meredith. She now has 5 grandchildren, 4 girls and one boy. She still works at NYSUT and has great admiration for all of the educators working through the pandemic in various modes of instruction. She hopes everyone is safe and well.

Debbie LoBello Burhans was in Florida visiting Ago sister/cousin **Linda Connelly** when the COVID shutdowns started in March. They stayed safe and spent some relaxing time at the beach. She reports that she's had a challenging year keeping her law practice going during the pandemic and misses being able to travel to see her children and granddaughter, Cecilia. The highlight of 2020 was being able to spend a week at Keuka Lake in August with the entire family. Looking forward to 2021 with a new baby grandson arriving in April and youngest daughter, Lauren, getting married in August. She misses seeing her Ago sisters and hopes that everyone has a safe and healthy year ahead!

Of course, everyone has had a tough year, so there isn't a lot of exciting news on **Melinde "Mindy" Mospaw Poupore's** home front. She and her husband were able to complete a renovation of their home in Malone that was LONG overdue with lots of starts and stops. However, all the repairs have proven to be a wonderful decision and they're very grateful to have it completed. Their children are healthy and so far, they all have escaped the COVID nightmare. Mindy has learned this year to take more time for gratitude and not take their lives for granted. She hopes that everyone gets through this unscathed! Hugs to her Ago sisters!!

All is well with **Becky Monckton King** and her family. So far, they have all been able to stay healthy and manage the challenges of 2020. Becky is still working full time and keeping busy with Sweet Adelines, although everything is adjusted for living in a pandemic. Love to all her Alpha Kappa Phi sisters.

Barb Lanzano Combs and DB spent most of 2020 at home like everyone else. Even with Wills (29), KC and Jackson (2) just 10 miles away, they didn't see them for 2 months to be safe. Andrew (27) left NYC mid-March and stayed with them in VA during most of the year since they all were and still are working from home. They did take their "bubble" to Isle of Palms at the end of June for a week at the beach. KC has been teaching virtually with some hybrid since September, so Barb is back to taking care of Jackson during the week. Andrew went back to NYC for 2021 but left his kitty, Stella (1) with them. Their dog, Fergie (13) wants to be friends, but Stella wants no part of it - so they stay on separate floors. They are hoping to get vaccines sooner than later, but plan to continue staying in their "bubble" until it's safe.

Sharon Keating Heiligman is thankful she and Dan did get in one cruise, a long weekend in Lake Placid and a trip to FL, all before COVID hit! Yes, a tough year for all. Her MIL passed away on Easter Sunday. Then, Sharon was luckily able to see her Dad in NC the day he passed away in September, since he was in hospice. A bright spot is being able to babysit her 2 beautiful grandchildren every week! Her son-in-law Dan continues to be monitored - but is doing well with his 'new to him' kidney!! Sharon is hoping for a better 2021 for all!

Retirement during COVID! **Cookie Scalise Balme** planned to retire for a second time in May 2020, but due to the pandemic, stayed on as the first female President/CEO of Rochester Hearing & Speech Center in RHSC's 98 years! Finally, Cookie retired on December 31 and is looking forward to retirement. Chip and Cookie purchased an adorable cottage on Seneca Lake this past Fall. It is a cozy 2-bedroom, 1 bath cottage with reliable internet and a great spot to work from home while relaxing with a gorgeous view from the sunroom. (For rental info, message Cookie on Facebook Messenger: MaryCookie Scalise Balme). Lisa and her family purchased a house in Webster, so it will be good to see grandson James more often, and as soon as she can. Rob has been working on the front lines at URMC Strong and finally received his vaccinations, so Cookie is much happier now. Her 86-year-old mom is busy crocheting blankets for all of them to keep warm. She calls them her COVID blankets! She taught herself to crochet during COVID from a YouTube video! Cookie wishes everyone a great and healthy 2021!

Class of 1980

Jane Morale is so grateful to **Dennise Gruttadaro** for all the love, care, and support she has given during Glen's cancer treatments. Such an amazing friend and Sorority Sister!

Patty Coogan Huntington has been thankful for Facebook to help keep in touch with the Agos throughout the pandemic. She and husband Jim (Tang) are planning to move to Honeoye Lake permanently in the late spring. She's hoping that we all can get back to "real" socializing soon. Tang retired at the end of 2020, and they are looking forward to enjoying the lake year-round (with some travel to a warmer climate in the winter months). Two weddings planned in 2022, two grandbabies, too much fun in 2022!

Sue Hein Bailey retired August 2018 and is loving it!! She took up Pickleball and often plays 5 days a week. She has met over 100 people and had so much fun with it! Her oldest daughter, Sarah, is getting married in fall 2021. Sue still gets together with **Patty Coogan Huntington** when they can. She misses traveling due to COVID.

Gale Niederhauser Bayen and her husband Kevin are loving retired life and enjoying teaching privately and adjudicating for NYSSMA. After their cross-country trip last year, Kevin was diagnosed with prostate cancer and they have been on that journey and praying that the worst is behind them. They look forward to being able to travel again and spending time with their 4 adult children and spouses. Each day is a gift!

Rosie Javarone Brown and Steve have been enjoying the great outdoors this year be it hiking, biking, boating, or just exploring! They even visited Montana and Wyoming in August for a second year in a row. She is still loving retirement and spending time with family, especially her precious grandson. And for even more exciting news, Rosie's son Alex is engaged!

Tara Donovan Deines and Dale still live in the mountains of Western North Carolina. During this time of COVID, they have stayed close to home. In February their daughter Callie was thrown from her horse and dislocated her elbow. She rehabbed for several months, and happily is "back in the saddle". Dale retired from dentistry in March 2020. He keeps busy with building projects, barn renovations, and making improvements around the farm. Callie started college in the fall of 2020 and enjoyed being on campus. It was certainly very different from the experience we all had when we started our freshman year of college! After leaving her career in Human Resources to be a stay-at-home mom, Tara re-entered the workforce two years ago as a part-time preschool teacher and loves it! Tara and **Sue Ann Charlton Carpenter** speak frequently, catching up on family and current events.

Becki Minoli has started her slide into retirement by cutting down her work schedule to four days a week. Her daughter is in Boston finishing up her master's degree and working in a lab that processes COVID samples. Becki is looking forward to being able to get together with others sometime in 2021.

Margie Riester Seeger reports that there was some good that came out of 2020! She retired and took up biking and hiking! Abbie left NYC from April through September and lived with Margie and Fred. They went to Cape Cod with their pod a couple of times. No trips planned for 2021, but hopefully soon.

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Denise (Dede) Bennett Haines is still in the vintage business in the Orlando area and travels from Tampa to Clermont weekly to do so. She and Tom are finally serious about selling their Clermont home in 2021. Dede and Tom spent their annual week-long summer adventure in June with their 6 youngest nieces and nephews in Tybee Island, GA and spent a day in Savannah being tourists. Dede also continues to serve on the Ago BoD as an "at large" member and is the affiliate to the New Member Educator.

Patrice DeLaus Scully lives in NJ. She is about to celebrate 40 years with IBM. Her biggest accomplishment this year was planning a COVID-safe wedding for her daughter Jacquelin in August. Although it was much smaller than planned, and held in a backyard under a large tent, it was a beautiful wedding! She hopes to see a lot of her Ago sisters at our 40-year reunion in July!

Robin Landrigan Smith and her husband John DeRossi live in Marco Island, FL and on Lake George, NY. 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 – just enjoying life in their hometowns with family!

Class of 1982

Laura Huther Farnham is enjoying "retirement" in Naples, Florida, although she continues to consult for a client in Boston and teach yoga at a Marco Island studio. When not "working", Laura can be found on the tennis courts, playing on 3 or 4 teams each season. Laura's parents recently relocated to Naples, so she enjoys having them close by. For her 60th birthday in September, her family surprised her with an intimate party of a few close friends and both her sisters flying in from CA and VA.

Cathy Ellia Bennett and Jim visited Arizona and Hawaii before the pandemic and shutdowns began. They ended up renting an RV to return to NY. It would have been a fun trip, but they were focused on getting home. This year, Cathy and Jim played a lot of golf and are now walking and practicing yoga for winter activity. Not much snow for skiing yet, but they hope to ski soon!

Ellen Bartis Gambee and Mike celebrated the arrival of their second grandson in May. When schools went remote, Ellen happily babysat her 2-year-old grandson while her daughter-in-law worked from home. Ellen and Mike spent most weekends in New Hampshire until the travel ban was issued. They did travel to Florida in December for their son's wedding. It was a wonderful escape from the pandemic.

Last year, **Karen Zagrobelny Davis** and her husband moved to Falls Church, VA to live closer to their oldest daughter and her family. They get to see their (almost) 3-year-old grandson all of the time! Their middle daughter graduated from LIU Brooklyn as a Doctor of Physical Therapy and works and lives near them. Their youngest daughter, who went to Villanova, also graduated in 2019. She lives in LA where she is working as a production assistant and getting into cinematography. She got engaged this past summer and plans to get married in Maine in June. Karen is the wedding planner! Bob started teaching math at a local parochial school in a hybrid program which is keeping him very busy! Karen is working as a construction manager in Capital Facilities for Fairfax County. She's been able to work remotely for the most part, but looks forward to things getting back to normal post-COVID.

In December, **Judy Biviano Lloyd** started her new job as Area Chamber of Commerce President in her town of Danville, California.

Licia Urtis Murrell lives in Marietta, Ga where she is in her 18th year at McCleskey Middle School teaching Chorus and Music Theater. Outside of school this year, Licia remodeled the last room in her house with some help from her son. She also spent time in the garden and does a large amount of photography. Ago repairs kept her busy as well; the downstairs bath at our beloved 11 Pierrepont was remodeled. With the pandemic, traveling has slowed down for her kids as well. Her 3 sons and their girlfriends are safe and healthy, but she is missing the two couples that live far.

Class of 1983

Maria Salisbury-Healy and husband Jim celebrated their 34th Anniversary in 2020. She is "surviving hybrid teaching" third grade in the Marcellus, NY school district.

Donna Reynolds is living in Seattle and leading a quiet life during COVID. She can't wait to travel again!

Karen Dickenson Robb is semi-retired and has started up an internet clothing line for women sailors, Sailgirls.com. She and husband Alex live up on Lake Ontario and sail their Catalina 30 out of Point Breeze, NY. They had a great golf season while social distancing together on the course. Tennis has been great this year, too, as the club has been open for the winter.

Paula Douglas Miller spent a lot of her time during the early months of the pandemic sewing quilts, blankets, burp cloths, and bath towels in preparation for her first grandchild's arrival. She also did a makeover on their camper interior updating it by three decades! Baby girl Henley, born in June, was the brightest spot of the year. Other highlights included the 30th Anniversary of wedded bliss to Rich, babysitting, camping, and spending time in the beautiful Berkshires at the end of September with the kids, DIL, and baby.

Brenda Reinhardt continues to operate Brenda's Naturals in Rome, NY, but was forced to downsize and relocate the business due to the impacts of COVID. Her café was closed and the shop is now solely a retail operation. Brenda enjoys playing her drum kit daily, and jams with three guitar players once a week, with plans to play in public once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Class of 1984

Lori Dietz and Ron were lucky to fit in a trip to the Caribbean before the pandemic shut everything down. Since then, she has been working mostly from home, keeping up with her running and trying to stay healthy. She and Ron were able to do a few camping trips over the summer and made some short trips to the Adirondacks and Saratoga Springs. They are hoping that they will be able to travel again this year; time will tell. Lori hopes everyone is well.

Sue Compton Dixon and Mark were out in San Diego, working on the sailboat, when the pandemic started. They made a "quicker than usual" cross-country drive, especially since the baseball parks were closed. The silver lining of this year was spending many weeks with granddaughter, Ryleigh, while Sue's older son and wife worked remotely from their home in NH. Mark and Sue got to witness many milestones (first steps, first words, learning to count, etc.) that they would have otherwise missed; they are excited for the arrival of grandbaby #2 in July. Their younger son got married last September, although the festivities are delayed until this September. The newest project is fixing up a 1988 trawler to take through the Great American Loop. Their first attempt this year will be to get as far as Massena on the St. Lawrence River. Let her know if you are on the loop and they'll try to connect.

Sue Hope Atwell and her husband, Dave, decided (pre-pandemic) to sell the place in FL and look to move someplace closer to home. They settled on Hilton Head, SC and bought a place there just as the pandemic was ramping up. They moved that household in May (yikes) but spent the summer at Cayuga Lake where things weren't quite so crazy. They've been enjoying the Hilton Head home since October and are very glad they made the move. It's nice to be back in driving distance of grandkids and family.

Karen Dworaczyk had a crazy, busy 2020. In January, she started a new job as Chief Revenue Officer for PayQuicker LLC, a fintech company in Rochester NY, leading the sales and marketing teams. She was also Board Chair for the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and a member of the international Board of Directors for PDMA - Product Development and Management Association. With these roles she had little free time. She would have never made it through the year without the restrictions on other activities and the ability to work from home most of the year. Because of this, the tumultuous year went by quickly - it was all a blur. In 2021, she hopes to bring more balance to her life. This January 2021, she made the decision to downsize to a smaller maintenance-free townhome in an active lifestyle community. She is in the process of moving and simplifying her life. In 2021, Karen looks forward to spending more time with her Mom, who is 82, and her two adult children - as soon as travel is safe and lower risk. She hopes you all are well and offers her best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Cheryl Williamson Fisher completed biking the Erie Canalway Trail (all 350 miles plus) from Buffalo to Albany on October 20. She was part of a team which began the bicycle ride on July 4 and finished on October 19. What a great way to enjoy the outdoors in New York!

Ellen Murphy sold a house and bought a house during the pandemic. It was quite an experience. She and her husband had to pack up in March and were in competition to buy boxes because so many "non-movers" were motivated to clean out their homes! In August, Ellen joined her husband in retirement; he had retired in 2017. They are spending their first retirement winter in Florida. Winter 2022 will be Scottsdale! Their plan is to spend winter in different places for the next many years. When they get too old for New England weather, they will permanently move to a warmer climate.

Despite having polar opposite personalities, **Anastasia Glasheen** has kept in touch with **Sue Compton Dixon** every year since graduation with Christmas card photos, phone calls, and get together in New York, New Hampshire, California and Texas. One particular opposite character trait that they have found amusing is Anastasia's inclination to speak to anyone anywhere, while Sue remains more private and reserved. Fast forward to 2020: While shopping at Costco, fully armored with a mask, a shield, and latex gloves, Anastasia started a conversation with a random shopper, later to realize (through all the COVID garb) that the voice and beautiful blue eyes belonged to classmate and Ago sister **Irene Jezik Rauchenberger**. Sue got a kick out of the story...

Class of 1987

Sue Boulter Jackson had a rough 2020 but for a different reason than everyone else! Her chronic illness, an immune disorder, worsened significantly in mid-March 2020. On the plus side, she published her new book, *Finding a New Normal: Living Your Best Life with Chronic Illness*, in February 2020! Freelance writing took a backseat last year, as Sue focused her limited energy on publishing and promoting the book and maintaining her two blogs. Her youngest son, Craig, graduated from University of Delaware with a degree in Operations Management from the Lerner School of Business. He works for TTI and lives in Delaware. Her older son, Jamie, moved to Long Island in the fall to be with his girlfriend. Sue and Ken's nest is empty again!

Patty Carroll Wilson and husband Tom live in Howell, NJ and thankfully have both been working and healthy throughout 2020. Their active puppy, Harper, has kept them busy going on walks and filling holes that she now creates with a new dog friend, Marielle, who their daughter Allie brought home from Brazil. Their youngest daughter, Kayleigh, graduated from Bryn Mawr College and is now venturing into social work.

Linda Dolanch Longhouse has been staying positive throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It was nice to have their daughter Olivia home at the end of her third year of college and again for the beginning of her second semester of Dental School. Linda's husband, John, works for a company that developed a COVID testing workstation that is in very high demand. Unfortunately, Linda has been unable to see her mother in Florida since January of 2020. She is looking forward to seeing her at some point in 2021 when it is safe to do so. Linda is also looking forward to seeing her Ago sisters at Reunion Weekend this summer.

Becky Volans Akins became a grandmother in March 2020. Eloise has been such a fun addition to the family and the best news of this last year! Becky is currently in her final year of teaching high school math at Lisbon School and will retire in November 2021. She has started making a bucket list for retirement! Becky's husband, Mark, is hoping she will take over some office work at the farm. Their son Ryan, wife Emma, and daughter Allison are all doing well. Family dinners are frequent and filled with love and laughter!

Class of 1988

Colleen Palmer Beaudoin is still teaching Math at University of Tampa; she also chairs the Education Dept this year. She was elected for a 2nd term on the Pasco City School Board. Colleen had fun with **Sue Wajda** in Safety Harbor on Superbowl Sunday and enjoys Zoom happy hours with Agos **Diana Carroll Kaufman**, **Annette Bratek Saxman**, **Kelly Underwood**, **Laura Perry Bridge** and **Lisa O'Brien George**.

Class of 1989

Terrie Gentile Wehse asks "Wow, are we in our mid-50s? Where did the decades go?" Her boys are 22 and 24 (yep, the age when she may have last seen some of you). Terrie and Jon are doing well and Vermont has done well with pandemic management, and they feel so fortunate to live there. They spend almost every morning hiking with their two girls (Bernese Mtn Dogs). If anyone is in Stowe for outdoor play...or for a Heady Topper, please let her know! She would love to grab a hug!!

Julie Clark March has been managing life's 2020 craziness. Of course, teaching is all messed up due to COVID. Andy's bank job is in commercial lending so he has been swamped with getting PPP loans from the government for his customers. Ethan graduated last May (no ceremony) and has been working for EZCater since then. He and his girlfriend moved into an apartment in Somerville. Abbey is in her final semester at FIT as a marketing and advertising communications major. She was supposed to study abroad in Paris in the fall but, of course, that didn't happen. She is in NYC trying to extract at least a little fun out of her senior year of college.

Laura Boyd lives in Woburn, MA (outside Boston) with her boyfriend Tim. She was laid off from her job at Brightcove in June 2020 after almost 7 years. After a summer and fall job search, she was very happy to start a new job at iRobot (they make the Roomba!). They purchased a new vacation home in Bethel, ME - a huge upgrade from the condo. House projects were a welcome distraction and escape during 2020. They have lots of room for visitors - so please come to Maine when the world gets back to normal!

Andrea Newhouse Frascatore reports on the happiness in 2020. Her oldest daughter (Miranda) graduated from Oswego after 3 years and moved to CA. Her younger daughter (Marisa) is home more often due to the COVID impacts on school. Her family (of 3 now) bonded by playing a lot of games, cards, working out, taking walks, bike rides, and ordering take-out on Fridays. They did manage to vacation in the Outer Banks, NC with her mom and sister's family (**Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87**). Andrea is teaching her classes remotely, although she is still going into school to teach. It has not only been challenging, but stressful and time consuming. She feels like a first-year teacher all over again, working nights and weekends.

Susan Young is still living adventures (despite COVID) by checking off items on her bucket list. She drove a tank over a car for her birthday and made a trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, staying safely in cabins, for a much-needed adventure. She made two trips to NY via car (insanity) to visit mom and bring her down to NC for visits. She is looking forward to catching up with Ago sisters once we've all gotten shots!

Class of 1990

Stephanie Allen Manuel is still teaching middle school music in Charlotte, NC. Her oldest son, Harrison, now 20, is working with her husband, Michel, trading for FOREX. Their younger son, Jackson, is set to graduate from high school this spring. Stephanie sends her love to all Agonians and hopes they stay well!

Renee "Ren" Hallinan Reagan has kept busy this year with more of her children home than expected. Her oldest, Caleigh, is in her third year at Daemen studying to be a Physician's Assistant. Declan started Clarkson last fall and loves college so far, even with all the restrictions in place. Mac is a junior and Casey just turned 13. The Reagan family still managed to travel to Nantucket last summer and they have another trip planned this year. This past year also marked the end of an era as Ren and Drew, after 15 years, sold their children's hair salon, Snip-its.

Sue Hallman Ewart and husband Pete have now been married 27 years. They reside in Ellicott City, MD where Sue has been teaching for 25 years. Their son, Alex, now 23, is in graduate school studying physical therapy and younger son, Jake, is a sophomore at the University of Maryland. Sue has been very nostalgic this year, especially as Jake pledged a fraternity. She has fond memories of her times spent in Ago.

Sue Nims Bell and husband, Scott, still live in Watkins Glen, NY. Anyone in town visiting, please look them up. She would love to see her Agonian sisters.

Kelly Wright O'Brien and husband, Jim, still reside in Binghamton. Their eldest, Cassidy, graduated from Clarkson last May and is now at University of Buffalo in a graduate program. Carly is a sophomore at Drexel and Owen will be finishing his junior year of high school this spring. As their nest is soon to be empty, Kelly and Jim are now looking into a possible second home in, perhaps, a warmer climate.

Class of 1992

On September 26, **Lisa Pettinelli MacKenzie** completed the Virtual Beast of Burden, a 100-mile run! It was a 26+ hour event during which Lisa was up and moving all night. There was a 30-hour time limit and no stopping the clock once she started to run.

Class of 1993

Karen Smith Davis and Bill are still living near the Seattle area. The family took the road trip of a lifetime! Karen and hubby along with daughters Meghan (11) and Maggie (14) left Oak Harbor, Washington and jet-setted part-way across the country. They picked up an RV outside of Cleveland and headed to NY to visit family and friends. After NY they headed to VT, NH, and Maine. That was just the beginning of their trip! After many more stops with lots of memories made, they are home. Karen is teaching and enjoying doing long term substitute teaching jobs. Bill is flying for Alaska Airlines. The girls are busy with lacrosse, soccer, and horseback riding. They also enjoy lots of time on the lake.

Lisa "Coco" Hirshey Olsen and her daughter Laryssa are now also Agonian sisters. Her daughter Laryssa is a member of the spring '20 class at Geneseo. Coco is beyond ecstatic that Laryssa now shares in the bonds of Agonian sisterhood.

Debbie Rose Urban and her family continue to live in South Jersey. Scott works in the hospital and has had a stressful year with COVID, but thankfully he's gotten the vaccine. Jude is a sophomore and loves soccer, ice hockey and street hockey. Alex is in seventh grade and keeps busy with soccer and Girl Scouts; she's also an excellent student.

Carolyn McCauley Buchleitner is a real estate agent in Annapolis, MD. She is part of the Keller Williams team so if you need help, give her a call.

Class of 1994

Anna Gordon Risse and husband Fred are so excited to be grandparents! Their daughter Hali and husband Trice are expecting their first child in August 2021. Fred and Anna can't wait to shower this baby with lots of love.

Class of 1995

Tammy Buchner Foley and Sean are still happily married, going on 22 years, still living in Burke, Va. Skyler is a freshman at the College of William & Mary, enjoying college life even with all the COVID restrictions. She doesn't have a major yet but as a hobby she is a singer/songwriter. Jessie is a junior in high school and getting ready to visit colleges and apply in the fall. She loves theater and hanging out with her friends. Sean works for a security systems company and plays golf with his buddies in his free time. Tammy also plays golf (not as well as Sean), loves Orange Theory Fitness, volunteers in the community and school, and hosts dogs through Rover.com for families when they are out of town.

Gina Bernardo Michalski has had a busy year so far, even though life is still crazy with this pandemic. Life doesn't stop or slow down... so, Ella is now a senior and is in the process of choosing which college admissions to accept, and Olivia has turned 16 years old! Gina has been enjoying the year as the lead teacher at Felician University's Child Care Center/ Preschool; the little ones keep her active and on her toes! Gina wanted to travel to celebrate all the fun milestones happening in her life this year, however, like everyone else, she will just need to wait and see what happens. Gina misses her Ago friends very much and wishes everyone well for the new year!!

Eva Dechario McGee is trudging through the virtual/hybrid teaching debacle (as so many of us are!). It has to get better! Ryan will soon turn 18 and has been accepted to his lifelong dream school, Notre Dame. Laura, 15, continues her hobby of cake/cookie decorating. She has started a thriving little business!

Class of 1999

Jessica Radloff Lanifero got engaged to Marty on January 1st!

Class of 2000

Kelly Doane Gunderson lives with her husband, Dustin (Sigma Pi alum), and 2 children in the Finger Lakes. She is currently working as a librarian at Skaneateles Middle School with 6th-8th grade. She spends much of her time outdoors, hiking in the ADK's, on the lake or skiing with her family.

Although they weren't able to travel much this year, **Danielle Masciale Brady** and her family enjoyed learning new things. They purchased a green screen and had fun making videos, designed shirts using their new Cricut and even wrote a Christmas song and recorded it. They are looking forward to things getting back to normal ASAP especially their upcoming vacation to Disney!

Class of 2001 20th REUNION YEAR

Sandy Van Pelt Robinson and her family braved a cross country move from WA to TN while pregnant, with a toddler, 2 Boxers and a global pandemic. Sandy is proud to be serving as a member at large on the Agonian Sorority Board of Directors, in addition to her positions as Mentor Coordinator, Ago Advisory Chair, and Ethics Committee Chair. If anyone is interested in participating as a Mentor for future Active sisters, please contact her.

The year 2020 kicked off with a celebration of **Marci Berman Blaszkas**'s 40th birthday, celebrated Agonian style! Then things took a turn.... although Marci's year had its ups and downs, she is looking forward to some upcoming vacations and starting construction on a new home. Marci's husband was made a partner at his practice, and they welcomed their kitten Lula into the family this past summer.

Lisandra (Liz) Adorno Mendez is successfully balancing mom/professional/hybrid learning life this past year and is eagerly awaiting her promotion to Director of Operations at Phelps Hospital this April! She is also looking forward to some upcoming vacations and celebrating birthday milestones with her fellow Agonian Sisters.

2020 was a learning curve for the Britts! **Stephanie LaRock Britt** and Eric (Sigma Pi alum) opened Ives Park Investments in July of 2019 and have been busy navigating a growing business, 2 kids' virtual learning schedules and a dog that never stops. They were able to take a few trips to Steph's hometown in the 1000 Islands this year and fell back in love with the area, so much so that they purchased a 145-year-old cottage on Wellesley Island on the St. Lawrence River. They are looking forward to spending much of the summer there in 2021! They will also be renting out the 6-bedroom, centrally located cottage. If you are interested in renting, contact Diana at dim4448@yahoo.com.

Class of 2003

Andrea Stellato Kinsella is a proud mama of a spunky 2-year-old boy who certainly keeps her on her toes. She is loving raising her boy with her hubby in Saint James, Long Island and, hopefully, growing her family in the near future. Andrea is going strong in her 18th year of teaching band. She will be celebrating her 40th birthday "COVID style" with her Agonian sisters.

Emily White-Eckstrum and family bought a cabin in Stewart Landing, NY on the lake. They named it "Rachel's Way" in honor of Emily's Mom. The family is so excited for the memories they will make there with friends and family.

Class of 2004

Jasmin Phillips Stelluti continues to work at SunRiver Health as a certified Appalachian counselor for NYS as well as managing a literacy program for children throughout the Hudson Valley. She is busy at home with her two boys Leo (4) and Ben (2). Jasmin and her husband celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary as well as her 40th birthday in Newport, Rhode Island.

Class of 2005

Shelissa Cook has been rehabilitating since her September bicycle accident and totally crushed her January Peloton long distance event. In one weekend, she rode over 63 miles! Congratulations!

Class of 2006 15th REUNION YEAR

Elizabeth (Wegner) Frankin and the rest of the Frankin clan welcomed Tenley Joan into the world January 8th, 2020, pre-pandemic. They enjoyed winter days at home and binged on countless Netflix shows and movies. The pandemic hit and Liz worked from home, taking turns with her husband to see who could scream louder over each other during endless Zoom meetings. Don't forget about the screaming children and animal noises in the background as well. Fast forward a few months and the family was able to escape (driving) to Cape Cod where they enjoyed a nice beach vacation, maintaining COVID safety regulations. Liz is excitedly looking forward to visiting some of her Ago sisters for a family vacation this July in North Carolina!

Rachel Cajigas is living in Alabama where she and her husband have been teaching archaeology at the University of Alabama for the last couple of years. They welcomed baby Gabriella into their family during the pandemic, and she and her big brother Gael (2 years old) have been home since March 2020. It has been difficult (almost impossible) to balance teaching five college classes each semester with the little ones home full time, but they are happy and healthy and counting down the days until the summer and vaccine availability!

Lindsay Buchta is living in Endicott with her daughter, Mattea, and her childhood crush turned fiancé, Dan. Lindsay has been working at Binghamton University, recruiting graduate students for SSIE, and part time at a hotel. When the pandemic hit, she transitioned from travel and office life to "at home" life, but maintained working at the hotel. She even picked up another part-time job as a contact tracer. When life slowed down, Lindsay and her daughter decided to start BC Bite, which helps promote supporting local businesses. Mattea's travel softball slowed down for a few months, but her national team kept them going. They recently attended tournaments in Florida and Texas, and will head to Georgia in a few months. Going forward, Lindsay is not in any rush to plan her wedding and is just enjoying time spent together as a family.

Class of 2007

Nicole Brust Jones is a special education teacher at Saratoga Springs High School. Additionally, she is the special education adviser for the Saratoga Springs High School chapter of the Best Buddies Club, an organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Nicole and her husband Matt (ATO alum) live in Corinth and still spend summers on the Sacandaga. Gracie and Molly are growing fast. Gracie is 10 and in 4th grade and Molly is 6 and in Kindergarten. Both girls have taken after their mama and love taking dance class at Nicole's old dance studio. Gracie also excels in soccer, basketball, and little league. Nicole loves her girls' weekends with her Ago sisters and is looking forward to OBX in July with some Agonians and families.

Lindsey Gonzalez Connors is still working for the City of Saratoga Springs as their Community Development Planner. She is grateful that her position enabled her to take real action to protect the homeless and low-income citizens in her community during the pandemic. Work and surviving her daughter's preteen years keep her very busy, but she is SO looking forward to safe travel in the near future!

Liz Henderson is still living in the D.C. area with her husband, daughters (Emma and Raye), and doggies. She feels extra lucky this year for the close and meaningful friendships she has with her Ago sisters and is so excited to spend a week in the Outer Banks with some of them this summer.

Serena Krauz Kiriscioglu says 2020 has been the best! She married her best friend and soulmate, Christopher! She tries to visit **Rachel Lewis DePaulis** in Syracuse ANY chance she gets. She hopes to travel to Europe with her boo in the summer. #truth&trust&love&joy

Julia Quinn Burge gave birth to beautiful, healthy and happy Lilian Grace at 9:07 am on Wednesday June 24.

Class of 2008

Jessie Dematteo Githens and husband Andy made it through the busiest quarter of their real estate career (so far) and earned the #1 spot in their brokerage in October! If you are in the Texas area and need a realtor, be sure to contact them.

Erika Brown Small and husband Jim were married on Sept 12, 2020. They celebrated their honeymoon by conquering Erika's 17th Adirondack High Peak and Jim's 46th.

Class of 2009

Cheryl Halsey lives with her husband James in Phoenix, AZ. Unfortunately, COVID impacted their original wedding plans, so they decided to tie the knot in Vegas in September 2020. They are enjoying the warm weather in AZ and exploring everything the southwest has to offer!

Maureen McCullough lives in Boston, MA and works for investment bank SVB Leerink LLC. She has enjoyed doing virtual workouts with her mom, Ago alum **Debbie Donaldson McCullough '74**.

Lindsay Mermell Brock and husband Tom are expecting their first child in April 2021. Psst... it's a girl! Lindsay is a Financial Advisor in NC, volunteers in the community as the Treasurer of the Junior League and enjoys teaching Pure Barre for fun (and hopes to stay in shape!).

Jenna Naylor Fernandez lives in Glens Falls with her husband Mike and daughters Maiven (4) and Remi (2). They're looking forward to welcoming baby number 3 in March 2021!

Sarah Paparella is living in Albany, NY with her boyfriend and their dog. She is the Administrator of a nursing home and urges you to do your part and get vaccinated for COVID!

Christina Rawady is the Director of Instrumental Music Grades 4-12 at Alfred-Almond Central School. She lives with her boyfriend Mike in Hornell, NY with their cats Janis and Bobby and their newly adopted fabulous geriatric pooch, Smudge.

Jacqueline Petit Smith lives in Houston, TX.

Amy Rich Crane is living in NH. She is a Pediatric Occupational Therapist and the Clinical Coordinator of a non-profit rehabilitation clinic. She loves spending time playing with her daughter Sophia and exploring New England with her husband too!

Heather Taylor is living in North Carolina in a little pink house with a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance. She writes and plays music every day and is still for someone, anyone, to follow her on Spotify.

Rachel Gebhardt is still living in Lake Placid, still working at North Country Community College, still married to a Phi Chi alum, and still loving being a mom to 2-year-old Jack! Pandemic life has treated them well, and just like most other dogs in America, their dog Millie, has been enjoying it the most!

Erin Wilkinson Kearns lives in Rochester with her husband, Matt, and their children, Lily and Jackson.

Lauren Zona Hearne lives in Rochester, NY with her husband Kenny and three children Stella (7), Nathan (5), and Leo (2). She teaches middle and high school band at Greece CSD. She is looking forward to post-COVID get together with her pledge sisters!

Class of 2010

In December, **Danielle Cardello Cahill** was honored as finalist for the Best Local Car Salesperson by the Observer Dispatch newspaper. If you are in the market for a vehicle, you can find her at Carbone Honda of Yorkville.

Tiffany Lambertson Graves and husband Danny welcomed their son, Ryder Lee, on July 9, 2020. He was born 11 days before Tiff's due date and he is growing like a weed.

Jessalyn Blackburn and Jim brought home their sweet English Bulldog puppy, Davey, on September 26. He passed his doggy training in January.

Class of 2011 10th REUNION YEAR

Sarah Mackey Fraker currently lives in Northern Virginia with her husband, Rob, and their two daughters, Mila (3) and Madison (1). Sarah is currently a stay-at-home Mom with the hopes of getting back into the music classroom once all the little ones are elementary-age.

Meghan Stewart is living in Northern Virginia and works as a Marketing Director at a TMJ/ Sleep Apnea and Craniofacial Pain Office. She recently moved into a townhouse with her significant other, Daniel, and is looking forward to future travel adventures with her sorority sisters.

Ashley Cheney is living in Rochester, NY with her 8-year-old miniature poodle Jaxx. She had a job lined up down south in May 2020, but then COVID changed her course. During the pandemic, she spent much of her free time exploring the Adirondacks and added Phelps and Tabletop to her list of completed Adirondack High Peaks for a total of 7 (out of 46) along with 8 other Adirondack Mountains in Old Forge, Lake Placid and Lake George. In a way, she is grateful for COVID for launching her on mountain adventures that she hadn't planned. She also started contact tracing for NYS in December, and has enjoyed educating people on how they can stay healthy during these times.

Brooke Morse Welch lives in Adams, NY, with her three kids Brayden (10), Julia (7), Jackson (3), and kitten Twix (9mo). She is working as an elementary art teacher at the Watertown CSD. Brooke also works as a professional artist affiliated with the Fibonacci Gallery. Her website is brookeelizabethann.com.

Class of 2012

Katie Beck is living in Raleigh, NC with her 2-year-old lab Winnie! Katie is still teaching first grade in Chapel Hill and was recently named her school's "teacher of the year." In addition, Katie is helping lead her school's transition to a STEM/Mandarin Magnet School. In her free time, she enjoys hiking and visiting her niece and nephews back in Rochester, NY.

Elise Pacitti Lee is currently living in Erie, PA and working as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. She and her husband have a 2.5-year-old son, Xander, and are expecting a baby girl in May 2021.

Gwen Legendy, like most people, had quite the year! She made the most of working from home by finally having a long overdue knee surgery. As soon as her recovery allowed, she went ahead and got herself an adorable (COVID) puppy. Jäger has served as a constant source of entertainment and the best adventure buddy anyone can ask for. She just started a new job, heading up marketing for a software company in Philadelphia and will be moving there in March 2021.

Laura Pohl Peterson now lives in La Jolla, CA with her husband, Blake, and their dog, Mack. She continues to work in Healthcare for Herman Miller. This year, she has been enjoying the beautiful weather of San Diego and exploring the West Coast whenever possible!

Kelly Snyder Bigsby and her husband Artie welcomed their first child, Fallon Rose, in July! Kelly is enjoying every minute of being a mom!

Audrianna Vahue Krajewski is currently living in Lincoln, NE with her husband and dogs. She is still working (in person!) for Lincoln Public Schools as a high school math teacher at Lincoln's alternative behavioral program. Audrianna continues to love CrossFit, but quarantine brought her two new hobbies... plants and tools! She's excited for all of the home projects to come in 2021.

Chelsea Whiteman spent the last year renovating her home and searching for the perfect "work from home" robe. She celebrated her 30th birthday in Lake Placid and looks forward to the day she can step on an airplane again!

Class of 2014

Lindsay Burress got engaged to Nick Palmer on October 11, 2020. Their wedding date is September 11, 2021.

Class of 2016 5th REUNION YEAR

Clare Reilly lives in Oneonta, NY with her boyfriend of 5 years and two cats Millie and Winnie. Clare became AAA Communications Director in August and loves connecting with Ago sisters of all ages. She was able to travel to Florida and South Carolina before the pandemic and looks forward to more traveling in the future. In the summer months, Clare enjoys golfing and being outdoors and in the winter months she enjoys going ice fishing. Clare occupied her time during the pandemic by doing a lot of DIY projects especially redoing furniture.

Class of 2017

Rebecca Fletcher graduated from Simmons University in May with her MBA. She works at Children's Hospital in Boston, which is one block away from Simmons. It was a challenging road given the cost of living in Boston, working full-time and navigating the difficulties of a full-time online program. Becca feels blessed to be the first in her family to earn a Bachelors (and now a Masters) degree. While she would have loved a big celebration, the state of the world required a more subdued event. **Bonnie Betters Reid '73** is Becca's Ago mentor and a very proud one at that. She says that Becca is an incredibly humble young woman and given the pandemic, will graduate without any fanfare. Becca actually worked on the day of her virtual commencement, hoping to catch her name being read. This was a far cry from our Potsdam super star's experience just a few years ago. Please join Bonnie and the entire Ago Alumnae Association in congratulating Becca on her achievement.

Class of 2020

Taylor Vlad continued to take her classes during the pandemic and officially got her BA. She is continuing to paint while applying to potential jobs.

Isabel Wildflower studied abroad in the beautiful city of York, England for her last semester. Although she was sent home early due to COVID, it was an extraordinary experience. She saw beautiful places, made lifelong friends, had unforgettable experiences, and fell in love with a remarkable British girl. Since graduating, she's been able to go back to the U.K. multiple times and even moved there for the winter. Her first apartment is in England! When she returns home, she'll be moving to Boston to start her career as a police officer and take on the next chapter of her life.

Congratulations to **Samantha Twing Markham** who was married on October 10, 2020. After graduation, she began work in Human Resources at a Nursing Home in Ghent, NY, but is now the Assistant Manager at Trustco Bank in Chatham, NY. She and her husband are currently looking to buy a house.

Ashlie Dolphin is the 9-12 English Language Arts teacher in the Exceptional Learners Division at the F. Donald Myers Center in Saratoga Springs. She has a passion for literature and writing and is committed to helping students with special needs, so this position is a perfect fit.



Ago Summer Reunion 2019

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Collecting news for Anchor | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring Active Members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing Anchor | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Recruitment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WordPress | <input type="checkbox"/> Formatting Anchor | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing the AAA Organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Database Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Class Representative | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Comparison | <input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Regional Gathering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Searching for Missing Alumnae | <input type="checkbox"/> Help during Reunion Weekend | <input type="checkbox"/> Ago Alumnae Association Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending Local Events in Potsdam | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manage a Social Media Account | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Help keep our database up to date:

Your Name: _____	Class Year: _____
Address: _____	Big Sister: _____
_____	Little Sister: _____
Phone/Cell: _____	Can we switch
Email: _____	you to online
	newsletter only? Circle: YES or NO

Annual Dues Structure: You can pay via check (payable to Agonian Alumnae Association)

- \$50.00 Gold Level (includes \$25 Agonian Alumnae Association Dues, along with additional \$25 toward House Repairs)
- \$25.00 Blue Level (base Agonian Alumnae Association Dues)
- Additional Amount of _____ designated to:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Reunion Weekend | <input type="checkbox"/> Website Development Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Fund | <input type="checkbox"/> 11P House Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Area of Greatest Need |

Additional benefits to paying your dues is getting to vote in elections and other voting at annual AAA meeting, and the ability to run for office. Contact us for more information at alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

Please complete and return to: Clare Reilly at 101 Spruce Street, Oneonta, NY 13820, checks payable to the "Agonian Alumnae Association"

Here is my latest news:

News can also be sent by email or mail to your class representative or to the Ago Alumnae Association Communications Director at news@agopotsdam.com. Please contact the AAA officers if you have any questions.

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