

Agonian Sorority Celebrates 140 Years

You are cordially invited to the **2022 Reunion Weekend**
July 14th- July 17th at 11 Pierrepont Avenue, Potsdam

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

If attending, please RSVP to Alumnae@agopotsdam.com by July 1.

Thursday July 14

- 4:00-5:30 pm Early Bird Reception (Becky's Place)
- 6:30-7:30 pm Greek Gathering (Townhouse Quad)

Friday July 15

- 4:00-10:00 pm Porch Party with Sergi's Pizza BYOB (11P)
Sponsored by the Class of 1977

Saturday July 16

- 8:30 am Breakfast at Wajda's townhouse on campus
- 10:00-11:30 am - Ago Alumnae Association meeting (Mtg room TBD)
Coffee and Bagels Sponsored by the Class of TBD
- 11:45 Greek Photo (Minerva Plaza) Wear your letters (Navy, White & Gold)
- 12:30-2:00 pm - Taste of Potsdam
- 2:00pm - Porch party BYOB (11P) *Sponsored by the Class of TBD*

Sunday July 17

- 9:00 - noon Coffee and Bagels (11P) *Sponsored by the Class of TBD*

This year we will be celebrating the classes ending in 2 and 7 as well as 0 and 5 and 1 and 6 as those missed out the last two years.

Rooms book fast so make sure you plan ahead. Talk with your classmates and start making plans to come to this year's reunion.

2022 Alumnae Reunion Community Service Project

Since one of the many things we strive for as Agonians is community service, we will be partnering with the local Renewal House and the Potsdam Animal Shelter, collecting items for them during Reunion.

The Renewal House assists with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Some of the things they are in need of include: non-perishable food items, household supplies, paper products, toiletries, baby items, cleaning and laundry supplies, small kitchen appliances, adult and children's clothing, gift certificates and activities for children.

See the following website for a full list of items <http://slvrenewalhouse.org/getting-involved> (Contact Jacquie Shellman- Jacquie.shellman@gmail.com with questions.)

Some of the items the Potsdam Animal Shelter is in need of include: laundry supplies, canned cat and dog food, treats, toys and paper products.

See the following website for a full list of needed items: http://potsdamhumanesociety.org/wp/?page_id=152 (Contact Honorary Leila Thurston- LeilaThurston@hotmail.com for questions.)

Monetary donations are always welcome as well. Items will be collected during Reunion.

Note from the Reunion Chair

This summer will be our first back at 11P since the pandemic started and we are hoping to break records with the biggest turnout in our history. We'll be starting with a welcome back porch party on Friday with tours of the renovations that have occurred since your last trip to the house. There will be singing on the porch and of course Double Axel, hopefully both nights. On Saturday, our annual meeting will take place at SUNY Potsdam followed by the annual Greek photo shoot. After that an all afternoon catch up with your sisters and friends on the porch, at the craft and street fair in town or your favorite place. The memories will be flowing and that evening, we will have the award dinner on campus or a pizza party on the porch. Last year's event for Double Axel's 50th was epic and the guys are planning on outdoing it this year. We know some of you think you can't go home again but I am here to tell you that these 3 days will allow you to do just that. Ago is your HOME and we will embrace you and make your memories of your "run" to the house alive again. See you in July. Love in AKPhi!

JoAnn "Jojo" Koch-Quon '77



2022 Reunion Shirt Order Form

Order due by June 1!!

100% Polyester T-Shirt, Screen Printed

\$20.00

Mail completed order form with check payable to Agonian Alumnae Association to:

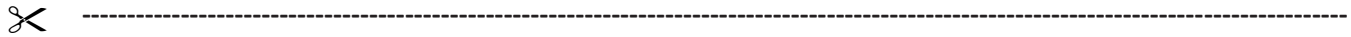
Bonnie Zellner
128 East Main Street, Unit 2
Riverhead, NY 11901

**** Orders and payment must be received by June 1st. ****



Orders will be available for pickup at the Reunion.

Note: Any profits from apparel sales will go to the Ago Alumnae Association



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Additional Notes: _____

	Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL	Total Quantity	Price	Amount
Quantity								x \$20.00 ea	



Find us online!

Website: www.agopotsdam.com

The website has been completely redesigned. Take a look!

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

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/agonian-sorority-at-potsdam/about/>

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!

Agon Alumnae Association (AAA) Leadership Team Officers

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President	Sue Wajda '74	Swajda1@aol.com	585-704-6844
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Treasurer	Renee Hallinan Reagan '90	Rreagan3@rochester.rr.com	585-455-9057



President Report- Sue Wajda '74

I am thrilled and honored but also a bit saddened to sail into my last hurrah of two allowed terms in office. With amazingly talented and dedicated women I barely knew, I think we have explored new avenues, tackled new challenges and left deep footprints in the sands of sisterhood.

Our main mission was to locate and stay connected with every precious ewe in our flock. With Brownie's index cards recorded on paper in the late 70s, then typed onto 1000 often-dumped computer punch cards leading to '79 Colleen Filiak's printouts, '80 Jane Morale's care and feeding of alums, working reunion tables and class reps, automation by '89 Susan Young with constant enhancement by Susan, '84 Sue Dixon, '16 Clare Reilly and our fabulous class reps, we today know where most of our alums are. Sadly, we lose some and others move without telling us. It's a huge undertaking to track you guys down.

Our move to technology is with great consideration to those without it. Our database can provide numerous aspects of alumnae info, by class, region, and family tree to name a few. Our website has an evolving look and features for current news, communicating, and fundraising. Brownie's newsletter, now The Anchor, is online, saving delivery time, your dues and trees. Your officer team connects monthly via Zoom, the same method used last July to see many lovely faces and hear your ideas during our annual meeting. We still have a checkbook yet can access and provide financials on a dime, gladly accept your dues and generous donations online. Our growing coordination by a volunteer shepherd from most graduating classes called a "rep" is done in an instant with the touch of a Send button. I often hear Brownie's giggle with our efficiency yet picture her sweet smile of confidence that we are carrying on her wishes. That was my promise to her.

We strive to provide support and services to our growing older population, especially hoping to capture their memories both in souvenirs and in stories as we are rich in our 140 years of history, yet we hope to welcome and engage our youth in some way. That is indeed a challenge as we are few and far apart, fitting in our Agonian volunteer responsibilities around jobs, family, and life. We gladly entertain your ideas, expertise, and willingness to enhance what we bring to your portion of your world that cherishes still, the special moments once shared in the Hallowed Halls of 11 Pierrepont Avenue.

Vice President Report- Bonnie Zellner '17

As I'm making my way through the first year of my 2-year term as Vice President, I continue to be amazed by all that the AAA does and all the wonderful women that I've gotten the chance to work with. Although I was only in Ago for a short time before my graduation, I am so happy that I get the chance to help out more through this position. In my time as VP I have had great success with reaching out to Class Reps, connecting with the Potsdam Alumnae office and the committees for the Anchor as well as this year's reunion.

Treasurer Report- Renee Hallinan Reagan '90

My name is Renee "Ren" Hallinan Reagan, and I am continuing to serve as your AAA Treasurer. It has been an unusual couple of years, but I am so proud of the Agonian sisterhood and how all of you continue to keep the AAA sailing strong together. We have made great progress with our current team. Although our largest expense continues to be the publication and mailing of our Anchor newsletter, we have been able to reduce our mailing costs. The AAA also funds 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. 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 am now a little over a year into my 2-year term; I am so happy with what I have accomplished as Communications Director and have thoroughly enjoyed it! There have been many sisters of all ages I have come to know and many sisters who have helped along the way. This position has been so rewarding for me and I hope others will continue to get involved. Over the last year we have cleaned up the database; found missing and deceased sisters as well as worked on regions for each sister so regional events can be held. The Ago Potsdam website has also been completely redone and updated, making not only dues/donations easier but also adding some great features. I look forward to seeing what else will be accomplished before my term is over.

"Masking up" for a New Kitchen

Last year, through the generosity of Agonian Board Member **Karen Lorenz Walker '82**, Ago sold handmade "anchor masks" to raise money for the future kitchen renovation. Not only did Karen sew over 200 masks, but she personally donated all the materials, as well as providing the postage to send them out, so that all of your mask donations could be channeled toward the future kitchen renovation at 11 Pierrepont. Approximately 30 masks were sent to 11 Pierrepont for the Active members. And YOU, as Alumnae, did not disappoint! Not only did many of you order multiple masks for a \$20/mask donation, dozens of you sent additional house donations ranging from \$50-\$1000. Between your mask purchases, extra donations and the payment of "Gold Dues" (half goes to the house), several thousand dollars were raised last year for the kitchen fundraiser, general fundraiser and house repairs.

The Alumnae Association and the Board express their deepest gratitude for Karen's dedication and the continued generosity of our Alumnae.

Regional alums gather in Utica

My favorite part about Ago was being able to gather and talk about anything and everything while laughing for hours. Graduating hasn't ended this period of my life, but rather expanded my outreach.

I became an Alum in '19 and went back up to 11 Pierrepont this fall '21 to view our newest member's bidding ceremony. While there, I ran into Sue Wajda, and learned that she takes care of her mother, (who is 100!), nearby where I now reside in Whitesboro, NY.

This past weekend, I gathered with Sue, and several other Ago Alumnae from '71, '72 and even '16 at Sue's Mother's house. We got together for a night of sipping wine, looking at old yearbooks, comparing our experiences in Ago and where we are at in our lives now, all while having lots of laughs.

It feels great to know that even after graduating, one can expand their network within Ago and continue to grow in life with your sisters by your side. I had so much fun and can't wait to keep meeting more Alumnae from the past and into the future.
Emily Dean '19



Alumnae Clare Reilly '16, Sue Wajda '74, Mary Miller Leahy '71 & Flossie Mitchell '72 at a get together in Whitesboro





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.

If you are interested in running for an Alumnae Association or Board of Directors position, contact Renee Reagan '90 at Alumnae@agopotsdam.com by June 1st. Include information about why you would like this position and any relevant experience.

Board of Directors Open Positions

Secretary: 3-year term, limit of two consecutive terms

Responsibilities:

- Keep current on all correspondence of the Sorority.
- Record accurate minutes at all Board of Director meetings and disseminate them accordingly, prior to the next meeting.
- Ensure completion of all Corporate filings.
- Maintain the list for the Board of all Board Officers/Members who signed the required Agonian Sorority Code of Conduct Exhibit 1.
- Keep a list of proposed changes to the Bylaws for the next Governance Document Review Committee.

Member at Large: 3-year term, limit of 2 consecutive terms

4 positions open

Possible Responsibilities to include:

- Work with the AAA Communications Director to update Agonian website information.
- Serve as a liaison to the Potsdam Community and SUNY Potsdam College/Clarkson University.
- Assist Board of Director Officers on key projects, as needed.
- Serve as 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 or committees required by the Board.

Agonian Alumnae Association Open positions

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

Responsibilities:

- Oversee AAA Officers.
- Lead annual meeting and any other mtgs required for the AAA including phone calls, conference calls, emails.
- Submit a report at the annual AAA meeting.
- Enforce the Agonian Code of Conduct.
- Be an active participant on the Agonian Board of Directors.
- Authorize ad hoc teams as needed. Recruit all team chairs.
- Be impartial on all AAA business matters and votes. However, in case of tie or one less than required vote, the President will vote.
- Work with the AAA Treasurer to annually review and oversee a regular audit of financial books for the AAA.
- Communicate with the Active Sisters about newsletter and scholarship, coordinate and communicate with appropriate Board members.
- Enforce Risk Management Policies at Alumnae gatherings and when Alumnae are interacting with Active members.
- Appoint a Parliamentarian for the annual AAA meeting who shall have Robert's Rules of Order present. If the Communications Director is not present, appointment a Sister who is present to take meeting minutes, read aloud the minutes of the previous meeting and take attendance.
- In conjunction with the other AAA Officers, appoint an Alumna to temporarily fill an office that is vacant until the next term.

Communications Director: Two-year term, limit of two consecutive terms

Responsibilities:

- Maintain the Agonian website, including information from the AAA, Board of Directors, and Active Sisters.
- Maintain an updated database of addresses and emails of all Agonian Alumnae.
- Coordinate all social media accounts.
- Write thank you notes for dues, donations and any other correspondence on behalf of the AAA.
- Maintain records of the AAA Officers and members who sign the Agonian Sorority Code of Conduct Exhibit 1.
- Submit a report at the annual AAA meeting.
- Submit an annual budget proposal to the Treasurer.
- Participate in regular meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. with the officers of the AAA.
- Email the Anchor working with the Newsletter Team.
- Email requests for dues, Reunion, etc.
- Keep a list of all the proposed changes to the AAA Bylaws.

Board of Directors

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Board of Directors Chair Report Shelley Ives '83

This past year was a challenge with Covid-19. We had several members living in the house. Our members were back on campus for some classes last spring, while still virtual for other classes. The member Chapter meetings, Rush, Bid Day and Initiation were held on Zoom in the spring.

We were glad to be able to have Chapter meetings, some Rush events, Bid Day and Initiation at our house at 11 Pierrepont Avenue last fall. There were 4 new members in Spring 2021 and 1 new member in the Fall 2021 with a total of 15 Active members. We are looking forward to more new members this Spring 2022. We have 6 members living in the house this year.

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 not had any big upgrades to our home at 11 Pierrepont Avenue. See Licia Murrell's article on the repair highlights that need to be done in the future.

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 Mentors each semester and 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.

House Repair Manager Report Licia Murrell '82

First, I would like to thank everyone for all the generous class donations and individual donations made to keep the house in good shape. We were able to move forward with necessary repairs for the safety and security of our Hallowed Halls.

During the past year, all bedrooms and racks were painted. This year we are looking to remodel the kitchen. This will be a large project. We welcome any class that is considering making a class gift donation. Every little bit will help.

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



Donations are always welcome as well as Agonian Alumnae Association \$25 dues which help with the Active Scholarship, Newsletter and Reunion.

Please see the www.Agopotsdam.com website to pay dues and/or donate.

You can also send a check for dues made payable to Agonian Alumnae Association to Renee Reagan 217 Royal View Dr Pittsford, NY 14534 or donations to Colleen Filiak 711 Cascade Rd Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

Thank you for your support of the Agonian Sorority and Agonian Alumnae Association!

**Member at Large/ New Member Educator
Denise "Dede" Haines '81**

Serving on the Board of Directors as a Member at Large, I am currently the liaison to the New Member Educator, no longer called "Pledge Mistress", which allows for open communication between the Active Membership and the Board of Directors during the New Member Education program.

With Covid numbers falling, the Fall 2021 semester allowed the Actives to get away from Zoom for Rush and were able to finally meet for in-person activities. Bids were distributed and with only 8 Rushes either eligible or open to taking bids, we welcomed our lovely Emily Esack, a junior at Potsdam.

Just a reminder that when these women accept our bids, they become "New Members" of our sorority, not "pledges". New Members (NMs) complete a 4-5-week New Member Education program to learn our history, songs, important people, the Constitution and Bylaws, branding guidelines, the Greek alphabet, and more. This is done through six 2-hour meetings that I virtually attend. The NMs are tested each meeting to be sure they have learned and retained the information in their previous meetings. The NMs also interview each Active member, a member of each the BoD and AAA, and speak with their assigned Alumnae Mentor weekly (and then monthly once they are initiated). The NMs also go on a Scavenger Hunt after learning about the important people of Ago and the history/locations of our past Agonian homes.

The Actives also plan a few activities at the house with the NMs, so they have a chance to mingle and get to know one another better as well as have song sessions to help the NMs learn their songs. The Actives secretly plan Serenade where the Big Sisters present their anchors to their Littles.

The NMs must also perform 10 hours of community service, some of which is alongside the Active membership. During their program they must also make a class banner, write a class song, and prepare a scrapbook of photos of their time in the program. The Actives plan a secret Initiation date where the NMs become "Active" members and are presented with their first Ago hoodie and pin. Initiation is followed by the NMs presenting their banner and scrapbook, and then sing their class song.

Our New Member Educator this school year is Hannah Thurston, an education major at Potsdam, who will be student teaching locally this Spring semester.

We are always looking for alumnae to run for Board positions when terms end. If you are interested, please reach out to any of us on the Board. In addition, we are always in need of alumnae to serve as mentors to our incoming members.



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 I still have a rich relationship with my first Mentee, **Olivia Scata '20**.

Here are the words of current Active, **Emily Esack '23**, on how the Mentoring Program has impacted her life.

"Joining AKPhi in Fall '21 was a fantastic experience, not only did I gain great sisters, but I have also gained a great mentor. My mentor Marci is so welcoming and always stays in touch. I know that if I'm having a tough time in school or need advice with anything I can come to her. We have been paired up great because I would like to go into a similar career! She embodies everything that this wonderful sisterhood represents, and I enjoy exchanging experiences from her time as an Agonian and can't wait to get to know her so much more."

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 2021 Mentors:

Marci Berman Blaska '01, Cindy Tettamant Francisco '82, Licia Urtis Murrell '82, Bethany Brattain Youngs '03, Allison Autry Zukoski '06.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact Alumnae@Agopotsdam.com.

Initiation Fall '21

On Oct 30, 2021, the Active Sisters of the Agonian Sorority invited all Alumnae to attend the fall 2021 Initiation Ceremony for Emily Esack.

It was a solemn and also joyous occasion which was celebrated with lots of singing and gift opening. President Kaitlyn Rivera presided over the meaningful ceremony while New Member Educator Hannah Thurston and her team organized a wonderful celebration including a delicious spread of food. Photos of our new Agonian were taken along with an entire group shot and Ago family photos.

Our newest Sister, Emily, couldn't wait to try on her AKPhi letters for the very first time. It was a thrill for her and for all who attended. She also presented her banner and class song. Many thanks to Advisor, Beth Goolden Todd and alumnae, **Audrey Brown '21, Nicole Hernandez '20, Jane Morale '80, Julie Radde Reagan '80, and Amber Reynoso '21** for attending.

Becoming a New Member during the Continued Pandemic

These past few years have been a whirlwind for us all! Our lifestyles have been totally flipped upside down, and we've had to adapt to the times in a unique way due to COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, sorority recruitment was very different across the country, as well as SUNY Potsdam. Everything got moved to virtual. Now being back in person I was very nervous to go through recruitment. As soon as I went to open house, I knew that I had found my home away from home. All the girls were so welcoming and positive. As Bid Day came, I was so excited, yet nervous but I couldn't have asked for a better sisterhood. From the moment that I met my big, I couldn't have been more blessed. She has helped guide me through my process and encourages me every day to be the best version of myself. My New Member process was great, and I had so much support from every sister in the house. I am so fond of the process and all the traditions that Ago continues to do year after year. My only regret is not joining Greek life sooner!

As we look forward, I cannot wait to welcome more wonderful women into the sisterhood in Spring'22.

Emily Esack- Spring '21

Save Greek Life and Ago in Potsdam

After 140 years in Potsdam, Ago is sadly affected by negative trends we face globally, including: dangerously low membership, distrust/reputation/lack of college support of Greek organizations, COVID isolation, impact on bonding and a new student population lacking desire to participate, lead and socialize. Ago welcomed only 2 New Members this entire year to their already low membership.

Suggested strategies for an alumnae team kicking in NOW could include:

- Helping Actives create effective recruitment materials.
- Coaching Actives on networking, ice breakers, connecting with diverse others.
- Tabling and teaching Actives how to table effectively in Union.
- Supporting, attending Active Bid Day, Initiation, Scholarship, Community Service activities.
- Set up a mini reunion with the Actives to bond, set examples, to see alumnae as more than rule setters.
- Strong connection with Greek Life Coordinator.
- Meeting with ISC/AGC with reps from all sororities/fraternities.
- Hold a special meeting at Reunion w/other Greek alumnae leaders.

The target is getting talented alums to help us change the image of Greeks in Potsdam. This is a crisis for all Greeks and this Fall could make or break Ago. If you are interested in helping, please contact:

Alumnae@Agopotsdam.com.

Pandemic Ups and Downs- What I Have Learned

As in previous years, **Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62** (editor-in-chief of "The Raquette" in college) shares her writing skills with her Ago sisters. She says this reflection was initially accompanied with far less enthusiasm than in other years. It wasn't until she began to contemplate how this pandemic has impacted our lives, that she realized how much she appreciated the life she leads:

Despite living pretty much center-city here in Rochester, it is a privilege to have a home with a decent-sized yard so that contact with others happens only by choice; Covid-19 does not have a chance to cause us a problem if we follow safe practices!

We also have a small summer place in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains, where in the warmer months, we can escape city-living and continue social distancing - swimming, kayaking, fishing, or just hiking the hilly roads overlooking the lake. Staying safe is easy! BUT:

There are so many others throughout the US and around the world who live in extremely crowded situations, where 'staying safe' means struggling to just live, to find food, shelter and clean water. Their lives are far from easy! I try to imagine living in a crowded situation during this pandemic - an apartment building where encountering others is to be avoided for safety's sake, opening an apartment door and checking the hallway before leaving so as to avoid another person in an inside space not able to social-distance. Then, needing to use the elevator with limits to number of people allowed, needing to return to your apartment to wait until there is room in an elevator or choosing to chance the stairway and when reaching the exterior of your apartment, being up-close and personal, face to face with others, waiting at bus stops, riding crowded public transport and always wearing a MASK!

It's been a year since Fran last asked for our "news" or more precisely, our lack-of-news...! It's also been a year of anticipation -- thinking this pandemic is just rounding the bend for its final stretch, but then another lap keeps being added. So.... considering the alternative consequences of this past year, the basic fact that I'm alive, Covid-free, with no health complications is fantastic!

I've never considered that being social was an important part of my life – I am equally happy socializing vicariously with a good book! But 2 years of a pandemic puts socializing into a very different perspective! I miss going to an exercise class, a book discussion, playing bridge with friends, attending a concert, a play, a movie, a church service, a memorial service, a wedding, smiling at others ... I never considered these activities as a necessity; they were a choice – a delightful one, but never a vital necessity – but now, I just want to have a choice of what to do in a day – I'm like a spoiled child ... as soon as I am not allowed to do something, I want to do it!

- Avoid close social interaction and wear a mask
- Social distance but also wear a mask
- Small group gathers should be outdoors, wear a mask!

Soooooo - about these MASKS:

Yes, colds and flu were at an all-time low, there is no argument that they are preventing transmission - but they are also preventing me from the joy of smiling and greeting others ... people who I do not know - and do not need to know - just other social humans!

It's these MASKS! They are making all of us into human robots, losing our social skills, avoiding interactions – I've forgotten how to initiate a conversation; my interactions are only the bare minimum. It is annoying to even attempt to request some information from another 'MASKED' individual when the reply is unintelligible and involves replying "huh?" after every other word uttered through these MASKS!

It's these MASKS...

They are preventing me from recognizing others! Currently, I make no effort to even look at anyone I encounter while doing errands. I've tried and what do I see? Just eyes ... and those eyes are not looking at me. They are just as unconcerned with any social interaction as I am - we are trying to avoid each other!

The MASKS are preventing any casual interaction with others! This avoidance of social interaction is taking a devastating toll on all of us; it is creating a society of isolated individuals avoiding others, no longer welcoming strangers to our shores. Is this how the pandemic ends?

This is our 60th Reunion year! Joy, excitement, celebration are words which have lost their meanings as life has been encouraged to become so mundane! The joy of celebration no longer exists in our day to day lives. Now here comes our 60th Reunion – a time for joy, excitement, and celebration!! – wish I could encourage participation, but until Omicron is in decline, we won't be venturing into any Reunion gathering or encouraging others to do so either!! Let's keep our fingers crossed and Stay Safe!

~Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62

Ronnie Ritter Riverfest & Double Axel's 50th Reunion

A few Class of '71 Agos decided to organize a get together in celebration of our 50th anniversary. We gathered on the bank of the Raquette River for an afternoon of reminiscing and photos. We even modeled some truly vintage Ago blazers!! Thanks to **Sue Wajda '74**, we were joined by many Agos and friends, so there were lots of fun stories to share. The Saturday night concert by Double Axel was the highlight of the weekend. They were celebrating 50 years of playing together, and they were fabulous. We danced for over 3 hours under a gigantic tent in front of Mama Lucia's Restaurant. It was a fun and memorable time together that I hope can happen again!
~**Ronnie Ritter Flansburg '71**



Well, I initially planned on attending my 50th reunion at Potsdam and then it went virtual. Enter Ago's biggest cheerleader **Sue Wajda '74** who assured me that even though it wasn't official, there would be many Agos headed to Potsdam and a major event, Double Axel's 50th reunion tour concert. A minor amount of arm twisting and I'm on my way to Potsdam.

First impressions, downtown has changed a great deal. Laws in the 60's allowed 18-year-olds to drink so the action was downtown with multiple bars to easily move in and out of, as well as lots of live music. The fraternity houses were famous for weekend beer blasts. Now it is difficult to find a frat or sorority house. Most seem to have become offices or housing. As alumnae, we are very lucky to have 11 Pierrepont still active. The house looks the same from the outside. Construction inside meant no tours this year.

The college campus brought back some wonderful memories. First, the clock tower of Raymond Hall (I know they changed the name, but it will always be Raymond Hall to me) is as welcoming as ever. The new buildings blend well with the original and there are so many more facilities to keep up with the 21st century. Even the quad is still partially preserved for that open space for chilling'. The performance center is just amazing.

Time for some Ago time. **Ronnie Ritter Flansburg '71** and **Karen Simons Johns '71** also made the trip to celebrate our fiftieth. Ronnie rented an apartment on the Raquette River that made it possible for about 30 of the Agos from multiple classes to get together outside. Lots of memories shared as well as memorabilia of our time at Potsdam. Just an uplifting afternoon to share with great people.

Finishing out the weekend, Double Axel in concert. We danced like it was 1971. You know we stayed moving and grooving until the last song. There were special performances from multiple artists of our era. Even a five-piece brass section to close the show. Just a marvelous time.

- **Linda Taggart Boardman '71**

Axel 50th Reunion 2021 Attendees

Ronnie Ritter Flansburg '71, Sue Wajda '74, Renee Hallinan Reagan '90, Karen Simons Johns '71, Linda Taggart Boardman '71, Jacquie Morse Shellman '69, Sharon Keating Heiligman '79, Sharon Cooney '78, Vera Thurston Gibbs '78, Susan Scholterer '78, Brenda Reinhardt '83, Paula Douglas Miller '83, Terry Lane McSweeney '79, JoAnn Koch Quon '77, Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75, Amy Hind Henry '76, Patty Abernethy Sohl '77, Pam Pendleton '78, Eileen Goss Whelley '76, Dale Engle Skivington '76, Cathy Lennon Nealon '76, Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey '77, Sue Rice '77, Liz O'Connor Utzig '77, Susan Duffy '81, Jane Murray Wolff '75, Linda Brescia Vangellow '70, Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco '77, Kathy Farrell Kane '76, Anne Gallagher Timpano '75, Cathy O'Connor '76, and Claudia Locatelli May '76



Reminiscing on good times at 11P

We'll not stray from thee, Remembering days now past. When we shared in one sisterhood, Love and friendship and all that's good. Alpha Kappa Phi.

I remember vividly building ice statues on the Ago house lawn, in fact I still have the scar on my nose from running into the clothesline during one of these ventures.

Beverly Gates Davis '59

I remember getting up at dawn to work on ice statues, sleeping in the unheated top floor of the Ago house in our bunk beds, and sharing the one phone line into the house. I say "We (Agos) are the ones who share these memories, and they are good ones!"

JoAnn Haley Maguire '64

One of my fondest memories was our "Guest off the Street Party" that followed the 1986 Christmas Party. Our Party Carpets helped keep the new carpets clean and provided entertainment too!

Patty Carroll Wilson '87

One evening we snuck out of dorm (dorms were locked back in those days) and snuck into the house (who left door unlocked?). The members living at house all slept on 3rd floor. We went to the 2nd floor and switched dresser drawer contents. I think some sisters were late or completely missed church that Sunday morning! Either on that excursion or another we decorated the Christmas tree with our boyfriends' underwear. I put my boyfriend's (Jerry Aiken, PsiPhi'69) clean jockstrap on the Christmas decoration hanging between the two living rooms.

Jacquie Morse Shellman '69



11 Pierrepont was a very special place for me. There are too many memories to count but here are a few:

- Running down Pierrepont Ave from Macvicar Hall to accept the bid from Ago. Hearing all the girls hollering from the porch.
- Being accepted to live in the house my junior year. It was quite an honor because there were just 6 of us. We actually lived in the hallway leading up to the racks. I had a dresser and a few hooks, That's it! But I loved living there!
- Senior year, I lived in the room on the right at the top of the stairs. We painted the woodwork and made new curtains, white with red trim.
- Everyone had a "chore". Mine was mopping and waxing the dining room floor every Saturday morning. Other jobs included helping to prepare dinner or clean up after dinner or sweeping the porch, etc.
- There was no TV but our housemother, Mrs. Decker, might invite you into her room to watch something special on her TV (Sputnik?)
- We built ice statues on the front lawn and shorted out more than one electric iron.
- I remember sliding down the "luge" track on Sig's front hill.
- I appreciated our location across the street from the Clarkson Library and the nearby Psi Phi and Sigma Delta houses.
- I remember the excitement when someone was "pinned" or was engaged. Particularly when my roommate, Carol Bossung, was engaged to Clarkson Hockey goalie Wayne Gibbons.
- I loved singing along when **Ruth Hammel Gove '63** played her lute.
- Sharing laughs with **Barb Laino '63** as we wrote poems about each girl for Senior Breakfast at the house.
- I remember being serenaded on the porch by the Lambda/DU guys. 11 Pierrepont was a special place indeed!

Nancy Weber Richardson '63



Preserving our Ago History

If you have Ago memorabilia that you don't want anymore.... don't throw it away! Our Historian, Sue Wajda, has been collecting Ago memorabilia to preserve and share. If you share her love of nostalgia and wish to assist, please send an email to Alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

2021 AAA Member List

We would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all 2021 AAA Members! You still have time to become a 2022 AAA Member.

Isadora Ide Ullrich '44	Nancy Weber Richardson '63	Shelley Killian Hatzfeld '75	Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88
Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec '49	Ruth Hammel Gove '63	Cathy Lennon Nealon '76	Karen Sarbou Richardson '88
Winifred Toelke Peer '51	Susan Tincknell Rossi '63	Cynthia Worden Lee '76	Penny Zonneville '86
Agnes Drake Smalley '53	JoAnn Haley Maguire '64	Denise Aiello Bukovan '76	Patty Carroll Wilson '87
Lenora "Lenny" Clark Sears '53	Jocelyn Klapetsky Smith '64	Eileen Goss Whelley '76	Stephanie Bakyta Baldwin '87
Barbara Laley Platner '54	Karen Singer Miller '64	Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz '77	Sue Boulter Jackson '87
Wanda Grygiel Gregory '55	Johanna Riesmeyer McConaghy '65	Joann Koch Quon '77	Kathy Catlin Briggs '88
Joanna DiCrocce Farra '56	Gayle Volpicelli Banks '66	Karen Kittelsen Stefanski '77	Lisa O'Brien George '88
Marlene King Towne '56	Sharon Burns Cook '67	Cristy Charlton Sisk '78	Andrea Newhouse Frascatore '89
Barbara McMahon Newcomb '57	Claudette McHugh McLennan '68	Jean Lennon Schuhle '78	Barbara Ferguson Wallace '89
Betty Meehan Ellwood '57	H. Elizabeth "Beth" Muggleton Watkins '68	Nadine Gager Compisi '78	Cherri LeGro Paluch '89
Donna Secor Guiher '57	Janice Corletta Plummer '68	Pam Pendleton '78	Laura Boyd '89
Janet (Jonni) Schneider Hogan '57	Kathleen Clarkson '68	Sharon Cooney '78	Susan Young '89
Janet Scott Burwell '57	Louise Johnson-Toth '68	Susan DiFulgentiz Dee '78	Renee Hallinan Reagan '90
Jean Schaffler '57	Mary Beth Aquini Wildner '68	Vera Thurston Gibbs '78	Aysha Rodriguez '91
Dorothy Runkel Dronkers '58	Roberta "Bunni" Barnett '68	Becky Monckton King '79	Amy Kunsman Ross '92
Jane Murphy Coburn '58	Christine Bolton Aiken '69	Debbie LoBello Burhans '79	Cecile Grapard Retrosi '93
Mary Carey Munhall '58	Diane Swan Dudley '69	Debbie Williams Laminette '79	Karen Smith Davis '93
Norma Jean Luce '58	Jacquie Morse Shellman '69	Sharon Keating Heiligman '79	Stephanie Bettcher Buydos '94
Suzanne Conant Young '58	Cathy Kenneally Schutz '70	Terry Lane McSweeney '79	Emily Gerepka Whelan '95
Sylvia Amarel Infantine '58	Fran Williams Isaacs '71	Jane Morale '80	Kelly Reardon Bovi '99
Joann Hodgkins Sheets '59	Jane Davidson McEwen '71	Julie Radde Reagan '80	Mindy Carlin Cervoni '99
Katie McCullough Perry '59	Joanne Bodow Brandt '71	Martie Hulslander Dixon '80	Kelly Doane Gunderson '00
Marlen Ferguson Deveans '59	Karen Simons Johns '71	Patty Coogan Huntington '80	Marci Berman Blaszka '01
Mary Carr Melkonian '59	Linda Taggart Boardman '71	Denise Bennett Haines '81	Sandra Van Pelt Robinson '01
Priscilla Scheib Gibbs '59	Mary Miller Leahy '71	Linda Aylward Robey '81	Kelly Best Palmeri '02
Sylvia Miga Anable '59	Alethea Carbone Pratt '72	Liz Hartmann Scraba '81	Rene Mulhern Capron '04
Dorothy Noyes Sharrow '60	Ann Johnson Congdon '72	Patrice DeLaus Scully '81	Allison Autry Zukoski '06
Jolie Smithem Haug '60	Florence "Flossie" Mitchell '72	Robin Landrigan Smith '81	Liz Henderson '07
Julie Krum Kennaugh '60	Marie DuPell Caschera '72	Cindy Tettamant Francisco '82	Angela Kelley '08
Linda Bailey Kinne '60	Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett '72	Ellen Bartis Gambee '82	Lauren Zona Hearne '09
Wenda Carter Paton '60	Michele Lord Aspinall '72	Karen Lorenz Walker '82	Lindsay Mermell Brock '09
Carolew Rinfret Broadhurst '61	Paula Thompson Moore '72	Cathy Marietta Niehaus '83	Sarah Paparella '09
Judy Herrick Richardson '61	Bonnie Betters Reed '73	Cheryl Johnson Welles '84	Kaylee White Allen '10
Kate Merrill Karshick '61	Sandy Linsky Simpson '73	Cheryl Williamson Fisher '84	Ashley Cheney '11
Mary Lee Alles Caggiano '61	Barb Wuerdeman Wood '74	Colleen Law Tefft '84	Clare Reilly '16
Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell '62	Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74	Sue Compton Dixon '84	Bonnie Zellner '17
Fran Sardina Blik '62	Ellen Dullmeyer Fox '74	Annie Bryant Geiger '85	Samantha Twing Markham '20
Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62	Janine Locatelli Erickson '74	Elizabeth Ernest Gilroy '85	Amber Reynoso '21
Judy Schorge O'Reilly '62	Lynne Boles '74	Kellie Walsh Neils '85	Catherine Gagnon '21
Susan Johnson Aceto '62	Suzanne Wajda '74	Lisa Lucitti Doerner '85	Jade Balser '21
Bev G. Smith '63	Helen Hallahan Byrnes '75	Kathy O'Hern Gilbert '86	Kayla Covey '21
	Lori Misicka '75		Molly Magee '21

Ago Gratitude

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

- **Sue Compton Dixon '84** for her help in Anchor writing, editing, formatting, coordinating printing, and mailing.
- **April Devaux '74, Donna Stanford '74, and Flossie Mitchell '72** for proofreading our articles and news.
- AAA officers and Agonian Board Members who supplied reports of their work.
- Alumnae and Active Members who shared Ago-related stories.

AAA Scholarship Award Fall 2021

On Sunday, November 7th, two representatives from the AAA Scholarship Committee, **Mindy Mospaw Poupore '79**, and **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88**, along with AAA President, **Sue Wajda '74** traveled to Potsdam to award the "Golden Anchor of Excellence" award.

The Scholarship Committee, under the leadership of **Denise Aiello Bukovan '76**, met virtually to assess the three outstanding applications and decide on a winner. Committee members represented our alumnae family from the 1960s through 2000s: **Susan Canale Hostetter '81**, **Rebecca Fletcher '17**, **Jacquie Morse Shellman '69**, **Mindy Mospaw Poupore '79**, **Bonnie Zellner '17**, **Clare Reilly '16** and **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88**.

The \$1000 award given by the AAA honored **Megan "L" Johnson '22** for Excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.

LJ is a senior studying Dance and Arts Management from Fulton NY. She is an Active member of the house, holding the offices of Social/Alumni Secretary and Treasurer. Last semester, her GPA was 3.94 and she has an extensive history of volunteerism at school, in the Potsdam community and her hometown.

After the award ceremony, the members enjoyed dinner provided by the alumnae participating. All the Actives were in attendance, and were gracious hosts to Mindy, Kathy, Sue, and Beth Todd, their Faculty Advisor.



Summary of Annual AAA meeting July 2021

7:01 meeting called to order by President Sue Wajda. 14 alums (4 officers) attended from '59-'20.

Communications Director, Clare Reilly:

- Major updates to database. 2 postcard mailings to alums w/out emails, gaining 80 updates- new addresses, emails, deceased.
- 50 hardcopy newsletters returned: many resent w/good info. # hardcopies sent past 3 years: 765, 624, 506 thus savings in postage and printing.
- Database has 742 online + 506 hardcopy alums, 276 missing, 579 deceased. Region being added for local gatherings.
- Ago Potsdam website revamped, updated w/ new look, features, launching soon.

Vice President, Samantha Twing Markham:

- Thanks to class reps (some contacting multiple years). Classes needing reps: '45, 46, 48, 50-56, 65, 66, 70, 2010. Reps check classmate address info and collect news for newsletter.
- 2021 Anchor newsletter sailed early; 2022 issue started.
- Reunions not held for 2 years; July 2022 hopeful especially for classes ending in 2 and 7 as well as 1 and 6, 0 and 5. JoAnn Koch-Quon '77 will chair this huge, long-awaited celebration.

Treasurer, Ren Reagan:

- 3 account balances shared. Major expenses: \$1300 to help 11P housing operations, \$1718 newsletter (\$200 less than last year), \$1000 scholarships plus insurance, website, Paypal, elections, postage, totaling \$9460.
- 140 AAA members (178 1 year ago w/190 end 2020)
- Budget submitted and approved with 1 scholarship of \$1000 combining leadership, academics and community service.

President, Sue Wajda:

- 2021 election results: AAA Treasurer Ren Reagan, Board member at Large Clare Reilly. AAA Vice President position open.
- Sorority memorabilia desired by Historian Sue Wajda.
- Board of Directors report by Vera Gibbs: 7 new Active members, 15 total members with 6 11P residents; low numbers due to current culture/interest + Covid restrictions (e.g., non-resident members cannot enter 11P). Repairs: downstairs bathroom remodeled, dining chairs from class '81. Future plans: repaint bedrooms, kitchen floor and lighting (eventual major renovation). Fundraising team desired.
- Over 200 anchor masks made by Karen Walker as fundraiser.
- Interest in capturing stories, memories of older alumnae for newsletter, website, etc.

-8:04 meeting adjourned.



"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."

1928 Eleanor Woods Bell	1954 Carolyn Hale Duke
1935 Dorothy Notary Shulman	Jane Blodgett Hurley
1942 Lorraine McCarthy Shay	Patricia Hewitt
1944 Rosanne Munro Allen	Patricia Ludington Travis
Janet Wells Hanff	1955 Carol Foster Gibbons
Isadora Ide Ullrich	Anne Snell Sullivan
1946 Lillian Wasko Cusack	Genevieve Abdallah Turner
Marion Parker Brown	Wilma Maple Olsen
Phyllis Moose Matthie	1956 Katherine Bury Busler
Virginia Mayhew Smith	Joanna DiCroce Farra
1947 Sophia Constantikes Guidi	Lillian Mastronardi Galbornetti
Marion Forbes Loomis	J. Ann Tscheiller Levy
1948 Helen Crump Fellendorf	Nancy Solheim Smith
Audrey Baker Vail	1957 Rae Ann Pendergast Crum
Ann Martin Zimmerman	Marilyn Smith Dobson
Dorothy Miller Zollweg	Carmen Illidge Hughes
Grace Holland Londraville	Joan Opika Anderson Dunton
1949 Jeanne Johnston Brown	Suzanne Balcom Layne
Jane Baumer Moore	Fredrica Sideman Levinson
Marilyn Benedict Petrucelli	Eileen Hewitt Spelman
1950 Margaret Curtis Aquino	Adele Faber Strelchun
1951 Jane Hobkirk Batchelder	Barbara Maneely Ellis Boissey
Jean Clark Burns	1958 Lorraine Brooks
Fay Guhring Davis	Gretchen Trask Rose
Norma Vescovi Disinger	1959 Joyce Horwath Berg
Suanne Selman	Ann Hilbert Gorton
1952 Carolyn O'Brien Larsson	Gaile Kameron Stewart
Joan MacIntyre	1961 Judy Herrick Richardson
1953 Jean Sherry Geraghty	1968 Sherry Vader Pfenniger
1954 Mary Ellen Walkley Frackenpohl	1974 Pam Silk Culver
Joanne Hurley Hall	1976 Cindy Heinbockel Ogulnick

"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."



An Agonian Who Made a Difference: Jane Blodgett Hurley '54

The Agonian community is saddened to announce the passing of **Jane Blodgett Hurley '54**, one of our Alumnae that continued to make significant contributions to Ago well after leaving college. Jane married Daniel Hurley, who later joined the faculty at SUNY Potsdam, resulting in Jane's return to Potsdam where she taught Kindergarten at St. Mary's School. Dan eventually became Dean of Men (later renamed Dean of Students). In his role as Student Government Advisor, Dan interacted with many of our Ago sisters of the '70s, inviting them into his home where they also enjoyed spending time with Jane and their five children. Visits to the Hurley household became standard for many students, including Ago sisters, over the decades. Jane served as Advisor to Ago and served on our Board of Directors. Jane became a very important fixture to the Agos of that time period and when word of her passing circulated, we received several reflections from our Alumnae on how they depended on her for guidance and wisdom during their college years. Alumnae report that their visits to the Hurley household continued for decades, as they would stop in to visit each time, they visited Potsdam for Ago Reunions or to serve SUNY Potsdam in some capacity. Below are a few of the comments received by the Anchor team:

-I have great memories of Dean Hurley and his wife. When I was Purser, Mrs. Hurley was a great local resource. Dean Hurley also was of great help when I inherited a lot of room and board debt from the previous year; he persuaded these people to pay in only the way he could do it with kindness and a smile. ~ Vera Thurston Gibbs '78



-Maybe it's because Jane was a devoted teacher and/or had 5 kids... but it never seemed to bother her that all these college students would arrive at the house unannounced. She'd invite us to stay for dinner or rustle up a snack. She was laid back and had a great sense of humor. It was always fun for us Alums to stop at the house to visit Dan AND Jane during Reunion

Weekends. Jane never lost her love of Ago and her Ago sisters. She would talk about the Agos from her class who were in town for reunions. She would also talk about the number of times that she and/or Wajda had to handle some emergency at 11 Pierrepont! I seem to remember a story about some beds/mattresses needing to be replaced quickly. Jane just grinned when I asked her why she had a "mattress emergency". ~ Lynne Boles '74

-Jane and Dan were especially proud of their kids and grandkids. In fact, their sons played in a local band, the Gigolo Aunts. They played many times on Main Street in Potsdam as part of the Village Festival that Potsdam puts on at the same time as the SUNY Potsdam reunion weekend. The Hurleys were so cute, enjoying the hard rock; they were adorable together. ~ Sue Wajda '74

-Dan was my advisor my freshman year and I met Jane when I pledged in Fall 1970 - fifty years ago. Dan was also the advisor for SGA hence our deep connection. We have stayed in touch these past five decades and visited whenever we were in town for the Potsdam Foundation (or anything else). I can't really count the number of times Jane welcomed us into their house, the times we had dinner together, their incredible support through the years and mostly their love of family. Even when Jane was ill and her memory was fading, she would share stories of their children and grandchildren. A beautiful woman, in all senses. We were very fortunate to have our Ago sister with us in Potsdam. ~ Bonnie Betters Reed '73

-We all miss Jane, and our hearts go out to Dan. Lynne (Boles '74), many summers back, hosted a reception at her home in Skaneateles to recognize Dean Hurley. Jane shared a lot of great memories about his career and their family. They influenced so many of us! How wonderful to have them in our lives. ~ Deborah Diefendorf Hind '75

Jane passed away on February 5th, 2022. Please join the Ago Alumnae Association and Ago Board of Directors in sending condolences to her family and recognizing her for the important contributions she made to Ago. Cards may be sent to Dan Hurley at 63 Leroy Street, Potsdam, NY 13676-1738.

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.

Classes 1930-43

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Cicily Clark Donovan '30, Lillian Langley Adams '30, Marjorie Streeter Smith '30, Mazie Latham O'Brien '30, Varena Whiteford Slater '30, Jessie Reese Gillett '31, Ruth Douglas Parker '31, Alice Hourihan Merriam '32, Margaret Welden McDonough '32, Mary Ketchum Magee '32, Delight Rahn Walker '33, Violet Horr Elliott '33, Alfrieda E. Sakowski '34, Glenna LaPatra Caswell '34, Marguerite Wilkinson McWhorter '34, Adelaide Davis Osmundsen '35, Caroline Leonard Murname '35, Doris Converse Larocque '35, Elizabeth Hallock Brown '35, Elizabeth Sheffield Allison '35, Jane Wells Hanff '35, Kathleen Linetti '35, Marian White Thomas '35, Phyllis Williams McDonald '35, Anne Cronkleton Manfredi '36, Barbara Boomer Tompkins '36, Barbara Tiffany Bouck '36, Fran Fairchild Ridgeway '36, Harriet Cornell Siecken '36, Kathryn Smith VanWinkle '36, Marchion Cannon Rogers '36, Muriel Meade Holdridge '36, Rita Finnegan '36, Roxianna Huson Joy '37, Dorothy Culbertson Consaul '38, Elgitha Wilson Ramage '38, Frances Edwards Cromie '38, Frances Jones Hart '38, Jean Smart Sawyer '38, Margaret Borland '38, Mary Burt Dover '38, Ruth Merrill Strang '38, Sophia Constantikes Duskas '38, Catherine Sanschagrin '39, Helen Lindley Charlebois '39, Norma Schosl Rennison '39, Ruth Ahles Ditton '39, Virginia Thompson '39, Amelia Clohosey Healey '40, Beulah Wood Richardson '40, Gwendolyn Erwin Kelley '40, Jacqueline Boyer Riley '40, Jean Cournan '40, Lois Jacot Giordano '40, Margaret Smith Fairchild '40, Marian Lee Frazier '40, Barbara Bateman Henry '42, Gertrude Thomas Elliot '42, Lodine Backus Hook '42, Marian McCorn Lyman '42, Martha Cline '42, Virginia Gorse Harse '42, Betty Virkler Bowler '43, Marilyn Jenkins '43, Mary Weer '43, Ruth Howell '43, Ruth Ward Piper '43

Class of 1944

The AAA announces the passing of **Isadora Ide Ullrich**, who held the distinction of being the oldest member of the Agonian Alumnae Association in 2021. Isadora was predeceased by her husband William. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. The AAA appreciates Isadora's commitment to the AAA and the Ago House over the years.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Dorothea Townsend Mikelson, Margaret Piper Ziegler, Pat Blackmon May, Ruth Currie Gilman

Classes of 1945-46

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barbara Geigetter Lane '45, Helen Gorke Flynn '45, Jane Carl Konka '45, Malvina Mitchell Westin '45, Arleen Burgess Carroll '46, Catherine Post Duffy '46, Dorothy Green Dart '46, Elaine Day Fredenburg '46, Janet Rockefeller Pfluecker '46, Lillian Patterson Shepardson '46, Marjorie Huntley '46, Patricia McHenry '46

Class of 1947 75th REUNION YEAR

The AAA is saddened to report the passing of **Sophia "Connie" Constantikes Guidi** at the age of 96. Sophia served as the '47 Class Rep for the Agonian Alumnae Association and was instrumental in helping us locate and keep track of her classmates. "Connie" will be remembered for her lovely singing voice, her love of the arts, and her skill in mastering any musical instrument. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond, after 57 years of marriage and is survived by her four children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Grace Frink Reinman, Pat Parkurst Manwaring, Pat Rice Drake, Phyllis Corbin Raville, Phyllis Fralick Curry

Class of 1948

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Alice Merrill Countney, Ardella Crittenden Jenkins, Lois Hoyte Fowkes, Pauline Desgagnea Gates, Rita Trudell Wolber, Violet Neuberth

Class of 1949

Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec lives in NJ but travels to her Adirondack house in the summer, where she and her family still conduct family reunions. In her role as '49 Class Rep, Marguerite would love to get updates from classmates **Mary Smith** and **Winifred Stoker Pusey**. Anyone with information on these ladies can send it to alumnae@agopotsdam.com. Marguerite reports that she and **Ruth Rose Many** "carry on" at the age of 94.

Ruth Rose Many is still active and enjoying life around her family in Hobart, NY. Ruthie keeps in touch with many of her classmates and is a primary source of information for Class Rep, **Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec**.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Constance Trumbull Shepard, Eileen Nevis, Helen Lane Milvaney, Marjorie Holmes, Mrs. Croncher, Norma Reed

Class of 1950

Laurna Millard Hoffman shared the sad news that her dear friend and Ago sister **Margaret Curtis Aquino '50** passed away in September 2021. Laurna recalls that she and Margaret were inseparable at Potsdam Teachers College and remembers that some of their professors weren't sure which one was which. She and Margaret lived in the same house for 3.5 years, the final year as roommates. Laurna turned 93 in December and reports that she is in stable health (thanks to good doctors and medicine). She wishes the best to her classmates and friends.

Shirley Secor Bush shares the unfortunate news that she lost her dear husband of 71 years, Phillip Bush, in November. The AAA extends its condolences for her loss.

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Marion Donnelly

Class of 1952 70th REUNION YEAR

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Agnes Timerman White, Geraldine Richards Morton, Margaret Krien, Patricia Measaw Barr, Peg Fuller Steele

Class of 1953

Agnes Drake Smalley turned 90 years young in 2021. She shared her memory of snacking on toast with honey butter when she visited the house and wonders whether they still serve it at the house.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barbara Core Moran, Joan Mitchell, Lois Audrey Natterer Wheeler, Nadia Lawrence Dachinger, Rosalie Podoba

Class of 1954

Jane Blodgett Hurley served on Ago's Board for many years. We are saddened to hear that she passed away on Feb 5, 2022. We offer our condolences to her husband Dan and her family and deliver a sincere thank you for her many years of service to Ago.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barbara Dalton Johnson, Elizabeth Yerry, Marcia Conklin Rossitto, Mrs. Ray Smity, Winifred Foss

Class of 1955

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Ingeborg Goebel, Janet Allegretti Moore, Joan Gardiner Nieckarz, Patricia LaVallee Branch

Class of 1956

The AAA is saddened to announce the passing of **Joanna DiCroce Farra**. Joanna had served as AAA '56 Class Rep and we appreciate all she did to retain contact with her classmates. When she became too ill to perform that role, her husband, Ron (Psi Phi '57) stepped in for years to serve as Ago class representative. Many readers may remember a very sweet tribute Ron wrote for the 2020 Anchor, detailing the events of the evening in 1956 when he arrived at the Ago house, accompanied by his Psi Phi brothers, to offer Joanna his fraternity pin. Joanna is remembered for her active participation in music, cultural events, and athletic activities. Joanna was survived by Ron, but sadly, he passed away 4 months after his beloved wife of nearly 65 years. Joanna was also survived by her four children.

Joyce Tuck DeWitt sent memories of her former roommate and Maid of Honor, **Joan Ross Sauter '57**, who moved with her husband to Switzerland to work in her husband's father's factory. Joyce remembers Joan as an English teacher and singer, and shares that they performed together with Crane Collegiate Singers, with Joyce's future husband Donald accompanying on the clarinet. Donald went on to a career in music education until his passing in 2018. Joyce reached out to AAA to get Joan's contact information, and while we have an address in Switzerland, we aren't sure that it is current. We ask anyone with a working email for Joan to forward it to the AAA at alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Ann Butler, Barb Schauble Van Audenhove, Carol Johnson, Carolyn Youker Boynton, Joan Bracket Meeker-Kennedy, Marilyn Bennett Larabee, Mary Jo Avery, Phyllis Soloway Brickman, Sandra Stout

Class of 1957 65th REUNION YEAR

Muriel Stoker Bodley is teaching 59 violinists and 4 cellists in K-6th grades at Catholic Elementary School in Fayetteville, NY. She also plays the piano for Masses. She's having too much fun and says she'll someday really have to retire!

Sue Gernold Miller celebrated Breast Cancer Month by dying a strip of her white hair pink! That prompted lots of comments and she says it's been fun. She is grateful to be a 4X survivor of breast cancer.

Jean Schaffler enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the Holiday Inn in 2021. She says she'd probably fall into the oven if she tried to lift a turkey at home as in former times! At Christmas, Jean showed her natural generosity by adopting a family, providing dinner and gifts for their home and well-being. Unfortunately, soon after, she fell and broke her hip, needing extensive recuperation.

Pat Adams Sundell has been healthy and tries to walk outside daily. Occasionally, she drives to East Aurora, NY where she enjoys being with three generations of family including six lively great-grandchildren.

Susan Smykla Udell and Jon were grateful to be able to isolate at their farm outside of Madison, WI during the pandemic. Gardening, wine-making, playing piano and tennis helped keep them occupied.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Anita Albrecht, Annette "Nettie" Gregerson Friedner, Antoinette D'Aulby Lange, Barb Durr Seaman, Constance Brown, Gail Reimer, Judith Cohen, Kathleen Burgess, Margaret Murray Greco, Marjorie Shanfelter Boylan, Mary Guerin Ein

Class of 1958

We were happy to hear from **Donna Secor Guiher** who hasn't shared news since graduation. She reports that she really enjoys reading the newsletter. After teaching for 25 years, Donna has stayed busy traveling, quilting, studying archeology and now, genealogy.

For **Betty Duffy Charles**, volunteering is her way of preventing cabin fever. However, she tripped over some boxes at the food pantry, had to have stitches in her head and has a lingering sore shoulder. Her family is doing well. Two of her granddaughters got married - one of them on New Year's Eve. For that event, she even stayed up until midnight!

Dotty Runkel Dronkers would like to thank all who sent news for this year's edition of "The Anchor". She says "At our ages, it's especially good to keep in touch and know how each other is surviving this fast-changing world. It amazes me to think that we've known each other for over 60 years, and I look back on those years with the fondest of memories". Life for Dot and Dan has become quite "daily" and they suspect that's a good thing as surprises at their age can be dangerous. They've enjoyed having family and friends as guests. Among them was **Mary Carey Munhall** who spent New Year's Eve weekend; there are 3 friends out of an original group of ten that shared this annual tradition. Dot tries to exercise her arthritic old bones as much as possible, reads a lot, keeps in touch with friends via email, and does crossword puzzles.

Gail Roach Davi and Sal have left Ocala, FL and moved to Texas to be closer to their daughters.

Sadly, **Marilyn Gaggin** lost her best girl, Maggie, a Welsh Terrier, and hopes to get another of that breed. She also hopes to get a new computer as she misses hearing from friends.

Ellen Gold loves living in the city and has become a "culture vulture" going to the ballet, opera, NY Philharmonic, Broadway shows, etc. She's a member of the Peace of the Heart Choir, giving concerts at places such as nursing homes and homeless shelters. Ellen has a busy psychotherapy practice and loves it, so she has no plans to retire. Two of her kids are theater-connected professors and the third is an energy healer.

Stu and **Sylvia Amarel Infantine** continue to enjoy their retirement in Portland, Maine. They would welcome any and all visitors! Sylvia has five adult piano students and subs occasionally on the organ in local churches. They have four grandchildren, two each in Boston and Portland. Their own children are in San Francisco, Hudson Valley, S. Portland, and Brookline.

Like the rest of us, **Norma Jean Luce** marvels at the fact that we've known each other for about 66 years. As of early January, Oneida was having a mild winter and Norma hadn't done any skiing yet. Earlier in the year, Norma Jean reached out to the newsletter team to express her thanks for keeping the newsletter going, as it reminds her of her friendships from Potsdam.

Marilyn Miller Robertaccio taught for 28 years before retiring. She and her husband, Frank, have two children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Marilyn said she likes to do gardening and canning. One of her kids has a tree farm so she and her husband help out by making wreaths.

Last summer, **Mary Carey Munhall** spent three months at Lake George and had the pleasure of seeing her eight great grandchildren - but not all at once. She spends her winters in San Antonio, FL where she enjoys playing bridge and mahjong. An extra room is available for anyone who would like to come to FL. She has closed her kitchen and enjoys eating out instead of cooking as much as possible. Mary said she keeps in touch with sisters **Sue Conant Young**, **Betty Duffy Charles**, **Gail Roach Davi**, **Pat Hammond Freebern '59** and **Dot Runkel Dronkers**. She spent this past Christmas in Orlando, FL at a family reunion including about 20 people.

Sue Fenton West feels that Venice, FL is the perfect place for her as a single. She is blessed with thoughtful neighbors and the Gulf is just 10 houses away. She has access to a pool and a trike to exercise her failing leg muscles. Sue repeats the mantra that 85 is the new 75, which she almost believes, but there's no more extensive traveling in her future. All Agos can agree with Sue's reflection that Ago was such an important part of our college lives all those decades ago.

Sue Conant Young gets this year's Energizer Bunny award by working full-time as a cashier at a farm market-type store near her home. It's what gets her out of the house and to a place where she can meet people. Currently, her grandson, Matthew, is sharing the apartment with her. He is strongly considering getting into politics in Ohio, so watch for the name Matthew Fisher.

Judy Dermody Zangas reports that she still lives in St. Louis and is aging in place. She shared that both of their children live elsewhere; John and his family live in Cleveland and Rosemary lives in Chicago. She keeps in touch with **Marilyn Gaggin**, **Norma Jean Luce** and **Sue Fenton West**. Judy said that Sue is a friend from high school and that they've been friends for 67 years. That's special!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Margaret Wilsey, Marilyn Fuller Morgan, Norma Kulbs

Class of 1959

Joann Hodgkins Sheets retired 20 years ago and has lived in the same house in Albuquerque since 1971. She has one son, 2 daughters, 2 step-daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. Sadly, in 2010, Joann lost her second husband. She writes poetry and will begin singing in choirs and playing bridge again soon. Joann has two books on Amazon: "Summertime in Tourist Town" (About growing up in a family-run lodge) and "Citrus Sunset" (poems about her marriage, her husband's illnesses, and her 1st year as a widow). Joann has an in-law apartment that can accommodate Ago Visitors and would love to connect with other sisters living in the Southwest. One of her daughters is retiring to Schroon Lake, where Joann grew up. Bob Clause (PSTC 1958) also lives there.

Pat Hammond Freebern enjoyed her years at SUNY Potsdam and especially being a part of AKPhi. She married Don Freebern, (St. Lawrence, 1958), and they moved to Glens Falls when he graduated law school. They raised two sons and were active in the community. Don passed away in 1998 and Pat retired from teaching in the South Glens Falls school district with a total of 37 years. After retiring, she spent her time volunteering, traveling in the U.S. and Europe, and being a part of her grandchildren's lives. She has been fortunate to be of good health and have many good friends. Some of them are sorority sisters from the class of 1958, **Betty Duffy Charles**, **Mary Carey Munhall** and **Sue Lester Ford**.

Marlen Ferguson Deveans and Dick celebrated their 58th anniversary last year. They have lived in the same house in Buffalo for 53 years. Their son, a West Point graduate, retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2019 after 22 years of service. He now works for the State Department in Washington, D.C. He and his wife have 2 teenagers. Their other son passed away from cancer in 2010. He leaves his wife and their two grandsons and one great-grandson. The Covid-19 pandemic surely has changed their lives... less out to dinner, no swim exercise classes at the Y, less volunteer work at church, and canceled travel plans. **Gaile Kameron Stewart's** daughter lives in the adjacent town so Marlen used to visit with Gaile each time she came to the area. Gaile had several bad falls in the past few years. She broke her hip in May 2021 and never fully recovered. Sadly, she passed in October of 2021. The AAA thanks Marlen for the update and sends its condolences. Marlen would enjoy talking with 1959 Agos!

Katie McCullough Perry and Paul are still living in Akron, Ohio. Two of their three daughters, Karen and Meg, live in the Akron area and their middle daughter, Marian, lives in Nantucket, MA. Katie and Paul now have 8 grandchildren ages 12 to 24. Karen's oldest, Ben, played football with the Ohio State Buckeyes at the Rose Bowl this year. He is a very big boy at 6'6" and 315 pounds of muscle; he is an offensive lineman and does well in school. Karen's second son, Tom, is a junior in high school and the youngest, Brooks, is in 6th grade. Meg and John have Mary, at Kent State, and Andrew who is still in high school. Marian's son Jack is at Maryland. Her daughters are in the Boston area; one is about to graduate from B.U. and the other from Miami University of Ohio. Katie reports that she and Paul have visited England, France and Ireland and more recently, Tanzania. Travel broadens one's horizons and teaches one more about our world...all good stuff! She talks with Marilyn Paul Rees and **Liz Sing Wu** and always enjoys their conversations. Katie says "Potsdam was a very important influence in my life and the memories are still clear and very satisfying. It prepared me well and I am grateful."

Beverly Gates Davis relays that after attending Potsdam, she had a successful teaching career of 32 years including a two-year period in the Peace Corps in Honduras. Her husband, Marty, a retired elementary school principal, built their solar house in the country and they spent the years filling it with antiques. After retiring, they vacationed by visiting most of the national parks in the U.S. They also discovered the fun of travel by train to various out-of-the-way places in the states. They have two adopted daughters, four grandkids and one great grandkid to keep them on their toes. They had two backyard pet horses, which they have outlived, and have had various cats and dogs. Betty hopes her sisters have great memories and are aging well.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barb Barnes Wiley, Bernice Fellman, Claudia Dunnett Olpp, Connie Delong Mosher, Jane Andre Sullivan, Jeannette Linern Short, Linda Murphy, Suzanne Strickland

Class of 1960

Fran Mider Biedler wrote she is well and living with daughter, Dawn, outside Richmond, Virginia. She sends the message: "Take good care of (yourselves) and a big hug!"

Last February, **Julie Krum Kennaugh** and Terry bought a little house on a creek in their retirement community in Nokomis, Florida. In May, granddaughter Grace graduated from Northern Vermont University with a BS in Wellness and Alternative Medicine. Julie and Terry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July and are staying well. October saw them return to Nokomis, Florida for the winter. Julie says "We wish you a healthy 2022 and beyond."

Wenda Carter Paton stayed busy this year. She saw son Eric and his family in Columbus, OH and visited his alma mater, Capital University, where, as Assistant Professor at Conservatory of Music, he founded an Ethnic Percussion Ensemble featuring music from Cuba, Haiti, Brazil and Japan. Wenda saw son Stuart (who founded Burlington Taiko 25+ years ago) perform at the Von Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT. She celebrated great-grandson Dewayne's 3rd birthday, emailed nature photos to neighbors and friends, and took daytrips to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, MA and L.L. Bean in Freeport, ME. Wenda hired a personal trainer who set up exercises and dumbbells for this busy 79-year-old.

Eileen Knapp Patch's son, Dennis, and wife Julia, visited with Chelsea and Zachary. Both enjoyed roller skating in the driveway. May and June were spent sitting on the porch, enjoying azalea bushes and listening to a small water fountain, chimes and birds. In November, son, Kevin, and wife Noi, returned from 25 years in Thailand and joined the household, including preparation of delicious Thai food. Eileen wishes "all friends a new year filled with peace, joy and love."

Wendy Stratton Bailey's most fun moments in 2021 were family times at Christmas, a Big Bear Lake cabin with fishing, and time in the Colorado River swimming and boating. Twin sisters Nancy and Wendy spent their birthday in Cancun. Wendy continues to enjoy bridge, longevity stick practice and senior exercise. With a new RV, she and her husband are planning family trips. Patio parties also played a big part in their happiness!

Dorothy "Dotty" Hirsch Sellman got together with family outdoors in the summer. She had Zooms with her kids, grandkids, 2 great-grandsons, 1 great-granddaughter (and another due in June). Her clubhouse opened so she plays bridge, mahjong and canasta. In between condo board meetings, she attends book club and coffee hour. She and George are fully vaccinated and wear masks. Dotty wishes all her Ago sisters a happy and HEALTHY year!

Jolie Smithem Haug, and 6 others of her 3-generation family, spent October in Wales. The grandkids called it (daughter) Sarah's "Forced March Through Wales." They didn't "climb every mountain" but made a noble attempt. Jolie is sorting through 1200 photos of Wales!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Linda Lewis, Susan Marie Brooks

Class of 1961

[Due to a technical error, news from the Class of 1961 was missing from the 2021 Anchor. Because these sisters had worked so hard to get participation last year, this year's Anchor contains the news submitted in both years]

NEWS submitted for the 2021 Anchor:

Betty Gibson Venator and her husband, Richard, have been Florida snowbirds since 2013. They love Siesta Key! When not in Florida, they live in Williamsville, N.Y., a suburb of Buffalo, just seven minutes from their son and family. Betty still substitutes on the pipe organ and plays with church choirs whenever asked. She's also very involved with the Friends of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, the Breast Cancer Network of Western N.Y., the Hope Chest/Dragon Boat Program for survivor fitness, and her church. She keeps in touch with other grads, both Ago and non-Ago. She sent the following obituary of her dear friend and Ago sister, **Mary Ann Miller Valaitis Whaley**:

Mary Ann Miller Valaitis Whaley passed away July 29, 2014 in Belfast, Maine after a valiant struggle with cancer. After graduating from SUNY Potsdam in 1961, she attended the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, where she received an Artist's Diploma in voice. She met and married her husband, Vygantas Valaitis, spent a year in Munich, and then moved to Rowley, Massachusetts where their daughter, Rachel, was born. She taught voice at Phillips Exeter Academy and was on the voice faculties of many universities. She spent summers on the musical theater circuit. Her gift of singing allowed her to travel the world and join many singing groups. She and her second husband, Fred Whaley, had a happy life in Stockton Springs, Maine. Sadly, Fred passed away the month after Mary Ann and a joint memorial was held in August.

Mary Lee Alles Caggiano reports that she and her husband sold their home of 25 years and moved to an over-55 apartment complex close by. Before Covid-19, she kept busy by volunteering at a preschool two mornings a week and at the food pantry. Now, they're doing lots of walking! They've been spending March in Siesta Key, Florida. Their big news is they have become great-grandparents. They have six granddaughters and now have a great-grandson.

Carolew Rinfret Broadhurst says she'll always remember her Potsdam days! She is still playing the piano and provides the music each Sunday at the Methodist Church in Sloatsburgh. Her family is all well, and granddaughter, Amanda, is newly married. Her nurses at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern gave her a surprise "grandma" baby shower when Amanda was born there 30 years ago! She will always treasure her years as an Army Officer's wife.

Kate Merrill Karshick is thankful to turn 80 and be a living antique! Living on the lake in Rochester helps to soothe any Covid-19 anxieties. She tries not to feel like a burglar with a mask and sunglasses on while on her only outings (food shopping and pumping gas). She kept in touch with **Eleanor McKillop Russell** and sent her obituary below:

Eleanor McKillop Russell, wife of Reverend John K. Russell, died of natural causes after a lengthy illness on December 4, 2020 in Gorham, New Hampshire. A well-known, prolific artist, El will be truly missed by her family and numerous friends. (Especially Kate as she was a "sister" from the time they met in 9th grade in Massena, New York.)

In August 2019, **Arlene Lindstrom Dahm** moved to Leeds, MA to join daughter Kathryn and family. In Fall 2019, Kathryn decided to downsize and re-locate near the water. The family bought property with an existing house on Pequot Pond in Westfield MA, planning to demolish the house and build a new structure to suit their family. Sadly, Covid-19 restrictions brought their plans to a halt. In April 2020, the Leeds home sold (the first day it was on the market). In July 2020, they moved to a 3-bedroom apartment in Windsor, CT to wait out the tearing down of the existing house, permits, environmental requirements, dead tree removal, etc. In September 2020, ground was broken for the new home. Arlene feels like a rolling stone gathering no moss, after being a New Yorker all her life. There has been little opportunity to build new friendships with all the seclusion, but hopefully they will all stay safe, well and sane.

Joanne Beaty Snyder writes that she and her husband are working on their hobbies while stuck at home: slot cars for him, miniatures, scrapbooking and gardening for her. All of the family live nearby and are doing well.

All is well in the household of Jack and **Amy Coolidge Perry**. Covid-19 has not had much of an impact as they live in a rather isolated area, so they carried on as usual. Restaurants were closed for a while, so they supported them with take-out. Jack continued to deliver meals-on-wheels every Friday and Amy and her daughter, Julie, helped. Julie, a missionary in Abeche, Chad, Africa was scheduled for a furlough this year and she got out before Covid-19 struck. They, of course, have loved having her here with them since February. They've done a lot of wilderness camping, ATV riding, hiking and short road trips. When you live in the mountains the only restrictions are bonfires! Their son, Grant, and his family live in Victor, NY. In Victor, they have been much more restricted, but they've been well. Amy (like all of us) is very tired of the restrictions.

Sandy Clark Samuels and husband, Dick, have moved permanently to Venice, Florida. She says 2020 has been a challenging year.

Patricia Scheu Blackwell sadly lost her husband, David, in 2018. Her home seemed empty until the oldest of their three sons came to live with her and found a job in the Skaneateles area. Her youngest son is also in the area and her middle son is in Rhode Island. She has nine grandchildren, six in college this year. Earlier this year she was in the hospital because of a fractured vertebra. She's doing well now and is happy that her book club and bridge are meeting again.

Marian Couch Cooper and husband have been living in Indianapolis since 1974, but they make many trips back to NY to visit family and friends. They have five grandchildren. Their daughter also lives in Indiana, with three boys in high school and college. Their son lives in Oswego and has two children. Marian has special ties with **Sandy Clark Samuels** and they visit frequently.

Joan Kupiec Janowsky lives in Huntington Woods, MI, with her two cats. Her husband Max, who played the bass in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, passed away seven years ago. In 2018, she went to the Salzburg Music Festival. She reread Camus' Plague and found it more meaningful than when she first read it 40 years ago. She'll be moving to Georgia next year with a niece and nephew from New Hampshire.

Annette Johnsen says that 2020 started out the same for her as it probably did for all of us... New Year's celebrations followed by Covid-19... and then the hunkering down because our class of '61 is so vulnerable. She prays that we've all made it thus far. Annette had more challenges in 2020, a TIA on July 3rd and a full-blown stroke on August 12th. She is pleased that if it had to happen, it was ischemic, and she was at the hospital within 4 minutes, treated with tPA followed by therapy at home. Within 2 weeks she was discharged from therapy at 100% capacity. Her family celebrated with her. She is so grateful she's able to get out safely, able to exercise, and able to enjoy Zoom and FaceTime.

Gloria Gonda Grocock is thankful she lives on the North Fork of L.I. on a salt-water "creek" the size of a small lake so there's a lovely view plus kayaking and crabbing during the summer as well as swimming at the nearby beach. She gardens, knits and crochets, and has been doing a lot of reading and watching TV. Due to Covid-19, she kept up with her French conversation group, chair yoga, historical society, and garden club via Zoom. Her oldest grandchild (24) had gone job-hunting in San Francisco and when lockdown loomed, he returned to live in Cutchogue for six months. At the end of August, he left for a job in cybersecurity in England. Gloria was very happy to reconnect with him again and fed him well! Her daughter, Gwen, and her partner started a successful grass-fed beef business on his farm. In Kenya, daughter Julia, husband, and granddaughter (22) were in lockdown until August, but businesses and tourism have slowly re-opened. Son, Jonathan, and family (14,12,9) in England had online school through two long lockdowns, just recently returning to school. Near Buffalo, son Geoffrey, and wife work at their veterinary practices, while her mother babysits the 2- and 7-year-olds. Gloria can't wait for travel restrictions to be eased so she can travel again to see her far-flung family.

NEWS submitted for the 2022 Anchor:

Sandy Clark Samuels and her husband, Dick, both had Covid-19 and survived! They've just scheduled their booster shots. They have a cruise scheduled for January with **Marian Couch Cooper** but are wondering about canceling it. Sandy hopes it happens.

Pat Scheu Blackwell has moved into an assisted living facility in Skaneateles. Pat enjoys playing bridge, the book club, and the good meals. One of her three sons lives nearby with three of the nine grandchildren.

Annette Johnsen sends cheery greetings to all for 2022. Her son is always involved with his work at the university and her daughter has just returned from another visit to the UK (when you're named Scott it has to include Scotland as well!) Her granddaughter and husband love their London home with so many travel opportunities.

Arlene Lindstrom Dahm has moved with her daughter and family into their new home in Massachusetts. She enjoys her new surroundings.

Amy Coolidge Perry has enjoyed visits from family and friends to their home in Colorado. Everyone enjoyed camping trips, hiking, and ATVing. They drove east in June to visit their son and family in Red Creek, relatives in Malone, and then to Oil City, PA for a family get-together. Daughter Julie returned to Chad last January and is teaching English and doing finances for the team. Their grandson is starting his second year of PT school and their granddaughter is a junior at Marist College.

Gloria Gonda Grocock had a Zoom 80th birthday celebration in January with children and grandchildren in Kenya, England, and Buffalo. Delivered gifts of flowers, a Fortnum & Mason hamper, and a caviar tasting basket, finishing with a lobster dinner at home, made it a very special day. Son Geoffrey and family visited for a week in July, returning for daughter Gwen's (re)marriage at the end of August. Julie and Denis came from Kenya for the wedding and a month's visit. Grandson Orion came over from England. Only Jonathan and family were missing but they saw the ceremony virtually. It was a lovely outdoor event on a hot, sunny day in between two hurricanes. Gloria's first trip off L.I. in two years was to Buffalo for 10 days over Thanksgiving. She hopes to travel to see her son and family and old Peace Corps friends in England in the spring.

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Eileen Shea Burgoyne

Class of 1962 60th REUNION YEAR

Greetings from the **Agonian Class of 1962**. We treasure our friendships through the years and the memories we share from years at The Ago House and SUNY Potsdam. We reflect on the past year of more Covid-19 isolation and restricted movement. It is not the way we want to spend our waning years, but we will make the best of it, keeping our loved ones as close as possible. We are hoping the world will soon have it under control. Please take a minute to read the contribution from our own **Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62** on page 9 of the Anchor.

Kathie Canapary Kiernan and Bill send wishes to all with a hope that Covid-19 exits stage right for a safe and healthy 2022!

Bev Eccles Levy sends the sad news that her beloved husband, Gail, passed away peacefully with family by his side on January 13. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and were blessed with his friendship. Gail filled the lives of those who loved him with much joy and laughter.

Sue Johnson Aceto shares that last May, when returning to their home in Maine from Tucson, there was a "moment of pure joy" when folks working at the local Hannaford were able to remove masks as soon as they had two vaccines. The number of Covid-19 cases in Maine at that time was relatively low and they once again felt safe grocery shopping or sitting inside at their favorite restaurant in Machias. However, a big turnaround happened even before they left Maine to return to Tucson. Sue and Tom are now boosted and recently tested negative. They are able to attend live concerts, theater, and movies (albeit masked and with proof of their vaccination status). They feel it is a small enough price to pay to have this cultural outlet to help them through these trying times. Sue wishes all her sisters the best of health and good wishes for 2022.

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell was pleased that 2021 held less Covid-19 challenges for them after two vaccinations and a booster shot. Their family members remain in good health, for which they feel blessed. Grandchildren Cooper and Royce, both 14, keep busy with soccer, school, or gaming while granddaughter Livvy (8) keeps everyone smiling with her energy and loquacious personality. Despite the lingering effects of the pandemic on travel, they did manage several trips to Florida, one to South Carolina and one to Wyoming. They also enjoyed a trip to Mesa Verde in September and another to Virginia in October. In June, their entire family met at a resort in Minnesota to enjoy family time.

Fran Sardina Blied and Dave have found these past couple of years challenging with no "Opening Receptions" at Art Galleries, limiting in-person events to a few people in their "pod", canceling of events and the absence of concerts and shows. Dave's flying has been curtailed and Fran's watercolor classes were postponed from January to February. Fran had 20 students sign up so she had to split them into two separate groups; whether they will meet is still in question. The BRIGHT SPOT was during a lull in the pandemic, in early fall, when their grandson, Eric, and his bride, Sarah, had their wedding celebration on the shores of Lake Ontario. It was a beautiful and memorable event for their family.

Kate Sheldon Cox broke her right wrist and wasn't able to type so she thought she had missed our class news. Thankfully, she did not. Kate is on the Jersey Shore and spends days walking on the boardwalk and hopes the snow won't blow in and end that. At the time she wrote it appeared to be a mild winter and that was appreciated; she is not excited about any boring days. Kate will be visiting Pete's condo at Loon Mountain in NH. Kate thought she would love to ski while there, but he thought that might not be a good idea. Ha, ha... she wonders why? Kate misses all of the good times with her sisters! She asks that you stay safe and keep your masks on... for a long time, she fears!

May Simpson Kemp reports that she has no important news to share, but she wants us to know she is still alive and still quarantined!

Judy Schorge O'Reilly sends Greetings from California. The entire O'Reilly family has not contracted Covid-19. YIPPEE! They have had a lot of plans that had to be canceled during her 80-year-old year and she declares "that was a bummer". This summer, Judy and John were still able to get back to Hannawa Falls and the lovely Raquette River. This year, they'll be traveling to visit family and go to Hawaii for a couple of weeks at the end of April. Judy sends virtual hugs to her Ago sisters.

Class of 1963

For **Ruth Hammel Gove**, this year ended up much like last year. During the year, things started to open up and some of her activities were live again. Then came the Omicron virus. Just about everything went back to Zoom. Sadly, she had to put down their 13-year-old dog, but 3 weeks later, a 9-year-old terrier came into their home. He is full of life and loves to ride in the car and go for walks. Ruth's activities still include tennis in the winter and golf in the spring, summer and fall. She does yoga twice weekly and exercises with weights once a week. She sings in the church choir and in a Sweet Adeline chorus. She also teaches Religious Education to Kindergarteners. Ruth hopes everyone has weathered Covid-19 and is staying well.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Joyce Ramsey Darby, Joyce Ramsing Miles, Louise Kelly Johnston, Mary Lynne King Sande, Randy Becht, Randy Langdon, Rosemary Maugeri Szmczak, Susan Allen Goss

Class of 1964

The year of the lockdown was challenging for **Karen Singer Miller**. She feels like she has been in groundhog mode for two years. Staying in touch with friends and keeping a daily routine was important. She wished she had practiced her bassoon more but both orchestras were shut down, and solo bassoon playing can be lonely. Karen played lots of online bridge for fun and competition. Once Spring arrived, Karen had more opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities. She is planning to play more golf, but no more leagues. Karen had a great flight to Florida and spent time with friends who were vaccinated. Her husband's plane had no restrictions so they came and went as they pleased. She is going to a relative's wedding in San Antonio in February and returning to Florida in late March to visit friends.

JoAnn Haley Maguire is alive and well in Churchville, PA, in a house where she has lived for 50 years... and has the "stuff" to prove it! JoAnn is enjoying having her 3 sons, 2 stepsons and 6 grandchildren nearby. She keeps busy as a realtor in lovely Bucks Co, and finds it a pleasure... even though today's real estate market is very challenging. JoAnn's grandchildren range from 12 to 19; the first is now in college. JoAnn was grateful that all were able to come visit on Christmas Eve, an event which did not happen in 2020. JoAnn spent time with her sister and **Barb Stoneham Law** on a bus trip in Maine in August, and had a lovely lunch at **Marilyn Davies Clary's** house in November, along with **Lorraine Gringer Gluck, Shirley Kinkaid Egan, Judy Goble Darrer, and Barb Stoneham Law**. It was grand to be together! JoAnn invites her Ago sisters to visit if they are in her area.

Marilyn Davies Clary is living in her home on Canandaigua Lake where she has been for 21 years. She has been to Colorado several times to visit her daughters and granddaughter there. They visited Marilyn for three weeks this summer, her granddaughter swam across the lake, a bit more than a mile. Every evening, Marilyn has dinner with her friend George, and since recuperating from her fall (her local daughter and her husband helped a great deal), she is back to walking outdoors most days. She had great fun visiting with a few Ago friends for a lively lunch last fall.

Molly Boulet Carroll has lived in the country near Auburn, NY for two years. She has two of her three sons living nearby and six grandchildren in the Skaneateles Schools. She looks forward to resuming her music with the Amherst Symphony but rehearsals are currently suspended. She misses her trips of former years, but considers that driving solo in France at her age might not be a good plan. She studied French with language majors in her early seventies; her professor was English and á delight. Molly's husband travels to Buffalo for his healthcare at Roswell Park; Molly's health is good, but she states she needs to be more active. During the summer, the Skaneateles Festival and concerts are nearby, as is her Ago sister, **Jocelyn Klapetsky Smith**. Molly says "I review my rich life, and am grateful."

Sandra D'Arienzo Geagan is recovering from spinal fusion at her home in Sarasota, Florida. The surgery was on November 9 and she was hospitalized for three days and then transferred to a rehabilitation facility for 16 days. After she returned home, in the care of her wonderful friend, Susan Weston Violi, she had some trouble breathing and returned to the hospital for a CT scan and treatment for blood clots in her lung. After another stint in the hospital and rehabilitation, Sandra was released on blood thinners and continues her post-op treatments including stem cell infusions. Sandra is a Florida resident for 8 months and spends June through September back in Massena, renting a cottage on the St. Lawrence River. Her sons and their families are wonderful and know that when it is safe to travel, they will visit. Sandra has been blessed with another grandchild, Thomas Grey Geagan, who was born March 12. She gets pictures and videos of him almost every day which lets her see him grow. She is hoping to be able to get together with **Shirley Kinkaid Egan** and **Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell** this year, after missing last year, trying to stay safe and healthy. She hopes, that in another year, they can have an Ago gathering and encourages her sisters to start thinking about a location.

Joanne Oster Horvath and Al have lived on the seacoast of New Hampshire for 16 years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. They celebrated Al's 80th birthday in July and have decided to downsize. They have looked in Pittsburgh where their youngest son lives and are on a waiting list at the Woodlands in Lebanon, NH. Their oldest son lives in Enfield, a short 20 minutes away and is on staff at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. They are also on a waitlist at the Baldwin in Londonderry, NH, but they would prefer the Woodlands. Time will tell. They entertain frequently and enjoy the friends they have made in NH. They would welcome anyone who would like to visit.

Despite Covid-19 keeping them close to home in Bonita Springs, Florida, **Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell** and Bob managed to celebrate Bob's 80th birthday and their son's 50th birthday this summer out in California. They feel blessed to enjoy each day and love to see and hear from college friends.



**Elaine
Petykiewicz
Birrell '64
and Family**

Rayola Purcell Pederson and Roger are both well and living in Richmond, VT. They moved here from MD seven and a half years ago and have been enjoying the proximity to several ski areas and the much cooler and less humid summer weather! So far, they've happily managed to avoid Covid-19. They have one son in Rochester, NY and one son in Menasha, WI. Their two oldest grandchildren are both out of college and living and working in Boston; their two youngest are in high school in Irondequoit. Rayola enjoyed having everyone home for Christmas this year... ten people and four dogs!

Marlene Johnson Villiger is still living in Fairfax, VA and loving the life she has there. Ron passed away ten years ago, but she has managed to find a nice circle of friends and participates in many activities. She plays bridge and mahjong, belongs to two book clubs, and is active in her P.E.O chapter. She also takes OLLI classes at George Mason University. In 2021, she ventured out and traveled to Cancun with friends. She also visited her sons and grandchildren in Atlanta and Greenville, SC. She has three sons and seven grandchildren. She sees her oldest son in Baltimore quite often, and she loves seeing her twin granddaughters when they are home from college. Marlene also spent time with her bridge group at Dewey Beach, DE and drove to Jamestown, NY to celebrate their 70th birthday (for the 10th time) with her high school friends. She supposes they will finally have to start celebrating their 80th this year. They always rent a cottage on Chautauqua Lake. For Marlene, it's been a year of balancing the risk of Covid-19 against the need for social interaction with family and friends. So far, so good.

Anne Rapp Refermat is thinking about the blessings of friendship she has shared with her Ago sisters. Counting her blessings has sustained her during the past two years. Anne and Stan continue living in their Pittsford home. They enjoy having their two sons and their families (with 8 grandchildren) nearby. Rebecca and John, their 10-year-old twins, attend the village school where Anne taught for 20 years. Anne and Stan enjoy outdoor activities with their family and friends. Hiking, canoeing, croquet and kick-ball are family favorites. Daily walks in their neighborhood or nearby trails keep them active year-round. Anne reflects that spending time with Ago sisters always feels so good with lots of fond memories and laughter. It makes our 55+ years seem like not so long ago.

Barbara Stoneham Law is still living in her home in Fairport, NY and enjoying adventures with friends, family, and three granddaughters (11, 13, and 16). They are such fun! Two girls live nearby in Farmington; the oldest is in Carmel, Indiana. Barb just returned from a 3-day ski trip to Okemo Mountain Ski Resort in Vermont with her ski club. She plays tennis year-round, golfs in the summer, takes OSHER online classes, and stays busy with her Hearing Loss Association, Rochester Chapter meetings. Zoom classes are good on wintry days, like the day she got a foot of snow from winter storm Izzy. She misses seeing everyone in person, however, her church is now holding in-person services and the choir sings occasionally (with masks, of course). Barb sees the Rochester '64 Agos often and keeps in touch with **Marty Adsit Hannon '65**, **Cindy Coonrad Jankowski '65**, **Ginny Kelly Granzin '65**, and **Andrea Wolfe Long '65**. Barb traveled to Maine last August with **JoAnn Haley Maguire**, her sister, and a close friend on a Covered Wagon Bus Tour. It was foggy two out of three days. She also spent a week in Cape May, NJ, and a few days at Keuka Lake, so Covid-19 did not hamper her summer plans. Barb enjoys each day and is grateful for her life.

Shirley Kinkaid Eagan and Tom, once again, migrated to Marco Island in January. They do enjoy being able to be on the lanai. Their son, Thom, and his family of six, are still in NYC, but building a home in Boca Raton. The children are all ages... preschool to UCLA grad. Their daughter, Melissa, near Rochester, has four children ages 13-17. Both families' youngest are twins. Shirley and Tom spend their summers at their lake house on Skaeateles Lake, NY. In between, they stay in Victor, NY at their townhouse near their daughter and the hospital where Shirley receives medical care. Unfortunately, Tom was attacked by a dog on his daily exercise in June causing a broken hip, femur, and wrist. Unlike Humpty Dumpty, the doctors WERE able to put him back together again! Tom cannot run, but he walks 4 miles daily, and they are thrilled with his progress. The pandemic has definitely changed their lifestyle. They loved having many, many guests both in Skaneateles and on Marco Island, but for the last two years, that has not happened. Due to Shirley's compromised immune system, they keep their social bubble small. Shirley misses the contacts but still feels fortunate, happy, and content.

Lorraine Gringer Gluck just accepted a bid on her house in Florida. She will now be taking up residence at a cottage in a senior independent living complex in Rochester, NY. The best part is she will be a short distance to Agos who live in the greater Rochester area. Lorraine is grateful to still be in touch with her sisters.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Alice Allen Reid, Barbara Wendt, Elizabeth Showers, Judith McLean, Kathleen Kelly, Mary Haley Reed, Marylee Bradley Wallace, Rosiland Aversano, Virginia Kohler Schoemer, Wendy Wendt Oehme

Class of 1965

Johanna "Jonnie" Riesmeyer McConaghy lives in Salida, CO and has for the last 24 years. For years, their children lived in other states like Louisiana, Oklahoma and Washington but now they are all here in Salida! After teaching became "not an option", Jonnie began weaving, took up knitting more seriously, started training llamas and participating in many church activities. She is still doing all the above except the llamas and weaving. The winters in Salida are cold so they have been heading south for the winter months. This year it is Arizona, Lake Havasu City and Green Valley. They have 5 grands and as of today 1 great-grand but February will bring number 2. That's it in a nutshell.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barbara Hubbard Rice, Joann Farnholtz Mullen, Linda Farnhotz Winegard, Sharon Woodworth Scheiweiller

Class of 1966

After retiring from teaching elementary school in Scarsdale, NY, **Gayle Volpicelli Banks** and her husband moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL near Jacksonville 23 years ago. They love living close to the ocean. Retirement has brought many interesting travel and volunteer opportunities that they couldn't pursue all those years working. They certainly don't miss winter in the northeast!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Cynthia New Briggs, Karen Knight Sky, Kathy Shregel Tillotson, Lois Mader, Marcia Dickinson

Class of 1967 55th REUNION YEAR

Margaret Buchanan Fini and Thom have adjusted nicely to their move from Western New York to Flagstaff, AZ. It is a pleasant place to live and affords them lots of time with their daughter, son-in-law and three wonderful grandsons. They still enjoy spending six months down in the valley at a golf resort. They have many activity choices and, of course, great weather. Margaret wishes you all a healthy, special 2022.

The highlight of 2021 for **Sharon Burns Cook** and her family was celebrating her twin grandsons' 13th birthday at "Nana's house." The boys live in Idaho and it was wonderful having them visit Annapolis, MD. She lives in a condominium and the boys loved their rooftop pool which they believed was "Nana's private pool!"

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Ellen Murphy Merry, Judith Van Zandt Litto, Martha Gaudern Wheaton

Class of 1968

Janice Corletta Plummer retired from RCSD in 2014 and finally retired from substitute teaching in 2021. As of 2020, she reported "No grandchildren yet!"

Paula Fryer Healy and her husband have finally retired from their Educational Consulting business, Scott Healy & Associates. Business will go on with their son, Chris, as President, their daughter, Danan, as Vice President, and their younger son Ryan. Paula and Scott look forward to some travel, good books, new hobbies, and free time to relax by the pool, both up in NY in the summer and in FL in the winter. Life is good.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Anne LeFleur Lynn, Anne O'Connor Martin, Beverly Tomlinson Adams, Judith Barkley Jonson, Lynda Fleming Spaton

Class of 1969

Linda McIlvain Cooper enjoyed the summer in Western NY with lots of boating and swimming with family and friends. The rest of the year, she spent time in Northern Virginia. Linda is proud to report that she logged over 20 hours of swimming by July! She and Mike traveled to New Mexico in September where they volunteered through Save the Children and Children's Disaster Services working with Afghan children at Fort Bliss. They hope to be able to travel to Seattle, WA and the San Juan Islands in May.

Jane VanDeusen Rogers doesn't have much to report, but the good news is that they are all healthy! She and Keith were able to spend two months over the holidays with family and friends. Jane is hoping everyone stays well!

Diane Swan Dudley visited **Beth Muggleton Watkins '68** over the summer and caught up with her expanding family. She is sad to report she lost her dear sister, Carol, in September after suffering with COPD for the past few years. She and Jim finally bit the bullet and headed to Sanibel Island, Florida for ten days after Thanksgiving. This was their first vacation in almost two years; it was pure heaven and hard to come back. Three grandkids are in school this year, the youngest is in preschool 5 days a week and Diane has child-watching duties for three of those days.

Veronica (Ronnie) Slivinski Holmes still lives in the Rochester area. She says she either loves it there or her feet are glued to the ground. She is very retired from teaching high school English, and her husband Robert, from teaching philosophy at the U of R. They live in a special historic house that keeps them busy, but has been a blessing during this pandemic. She enjoys gardening, watercolor painting, baking, and reading but she and Robert did venture to an Adirondacks cabin last fall. Looking back, she is especially glad she went to the last two Class of '69 Ago reunions in Potsdam as she still has warm, lasting memories (and photos) from seeing some of her sisters! Take care, dear sisters, and stay strong for better days ahead!

Barb Stevens Sharpe shares that husband Dave has been sick with gallbladder issues since December 20th. He's been in and out of the hospital twice, including Christmas and New Years! He's home now, recovering well, and getting ready for surgery to remove it on February 4th. They hope to leave on a cruise March 5th, keeping fingers crossed. On a more positive note, they were able to gather with family in June to celebrate Dave's 75th birthday and enjoyed lots of fun times at the beach, as well as in their neighborhood. It was wonderful!

Joan Seward DiGiacomo and husband Dick, have enjoyed time in Rochester and their vacation home in Florida with family and friends. Their daughter, Taryn, has remarried and added a new grandson to the mix which keeps them hopping and renews their spirit at a time when things look quite bleak. They enjoyed a visit from their family from Denver over the summer, plus did lots of outdoor activities including traveling down to Geneva to watch their youngest daughter, Megan, compete in an Iron Man event on Seneca Lake. Travel continued to Florida in October, and Rochester and Denver for the holidays.

Karen Miller Kelley and her husband Larry, have been vaccinated and boosted, but isolate when peak breakouts occur. In the meantime, they go to church, book club, quilt shops, see family, and enjoy restaurants. Karen walks every day, enjoys time with neighbors, reads, and produces more quilts and wall hangings. They had a delightful visit on "The River" with Jim and **Nancy Beck Misenko** last August. They look forward to some snowshoeing in Letchworth Park and on Genesee Valley trails, time in the Adirondacks this summer, and hopefully more time with the Misenkos.

Chris Bolton Aiken reports that husband, Bill Sickels, had a knee replacement in mid-November and is recovering nicely. He is no longer calling her Nurse Kratchet! She is enjoying classes at their Wellness Center, being Treasurer of her P.E.O. Chapter, golf, Bocce and life in general. They have only traveled to Atlanta for 2 days in July. Chris hopes to do more traveling up north this summer (she has also been vaccinated and boosted), but unfortunately, as she writes this, she is fine, but husband Bill has been diagnosed with Omicron. She thanks all her Ago sisters for their great notes!

For **Jacque Morse Shellman**, 2021 was certainly more "normal" than 2020. She was installed at her on-site annual conference as 2021-2022 President of New York State Women, Inc. for a second term. Veterans escorted the new executive team into the installation banquet and were thanked for their service. Without their sacrifices, we would not have our freedoms and choices. (www.nyswomeninc.org). Jacquie continues to chair the NYSWI Region 7 Career Advancement Award Committee. She is honored to again participate on the Grace LeGendre Fellowship Award Committee, selecting 6 women from New York State who are pursuing their graduate degrees (<https://www.gracelegendre.org/fellowships>). Jacquie happily participated in the Agonian Alumnae Association Golden Anchor of Excellence Scholarship committee and selected 3 deserving Actives. She is still an active Young Living Essential Oils Brand Partner (www.youngliving.com). Her daughter, Rachel, now teaches 5th grade ELA in Warsaw, NY. The saddest news from 2021 was the death of her maple syrup producer, Jesse. He passed away in November from Covid-19. She is sad that this chapter has closed. Who said retirement was dull?

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Alison Setchell, Kathleen McHenry, Kathryn Davis Rogers, Mary Lee Castellani Martelli

Class of 1970

Shirley Larsen retired 7 years ago and is living in Elizabethtown, PA.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Deborah Shayler Jones, Denise "Denny" Gunn Chase, Lois Gerber Bulger, Sharon Sanborn

Class of 1971

Veronica "Ronnie" Ritter Flansburg had a fabulous time in Potsdam for the informal reunion. She couldn't believe they were dancing to Double Axel! Ronnie says "So fun to see several of my Ago sisters! Wish more could have attended!" She and Craig now live in NC right near their daughter and her family. Ronnie continues to sub at the nearby Montessori schools where her grandchildren attend. Life is good.

In November 2021, **Donna Rogers Winters** released her first family history book, *The Rogers Family of Western New York, 1805-1995* (<http://bigwaterpublishing.com/>). She's enjoyed learning much about her ancestors and connecting with second cousins she never knew. She and her husband, along with their two rescue dogs, enjoy motorhome trips to fascinating parks within a couple of hours of their New Mexico home. When Covid-19 declines, they hope to visit Michigan again.

Kathleen Keegan Cummings retired in 2005 after 34 years of teaching Middle School World Geography and American History in Martin County Florida. She and her husband (Ken Cummings, SUC Potsdam 1971) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. Kathleen recently joined 2 community choral groups and is singing again after over 50 years! One of her groups has a 1972 Crane graduate! Small world! Before Covid-19, Kathleen and her husband enjoyed traveling, and spending time with their granddaughters. She's an avid genealogist, researching her own Irish family, and she has helped several people find their birth families. They hope that the world becomes safe enough again soon so they can take their other granddaughter on a trip to Europe next year.

Joanne Bodow Brandt is living in Rockport, MA with her husband of 43 years. Their daughter lives an hour away which is perfect. She loves it! It is beautiful in Rockport; there are beaches everywhere. Joanne is working three days a week from home; she is doing healthcare recruiting. She is in touch with **Karen Wirges Meeker**, **Ruth "Ruda" Renkins Nicholson** and **Francine Costintini Stuart** on Facebook. She hopes everyone is smart, vaxxed and safe!

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Marcia Litz Greenberg

Class of 1972 50th REUNION YEAR

Pam Donaldson Ryan Donohoe retired after teaching Spanish for 34 years (7 in Oneida and 27 in Cazenovia). She loved teaching and her students loved her (well, most of them). She wanted to retire before they were all asking "When will that old hag retire?" Pam had great adventures, taking her Spanish students to various Spanish-speaking countries like Spain, Mexico, Costa Rica, Peru, and Ecuador. After retirement, Pam received a "hot tip" from her sister, **Debbie Donaldson McCullough '74**, that connected her with a group that took people to the Catholic Shrine of Lourdes in France where many miracles have taken place. Using her language skills (she had to learn French) and her group travel experience, she jumped into a position with a non-profit Catholic apostolate, Lourdes Volunteers. For the last 16 years she has traveled to France 8-10 times annually for 10-day stints, taking volunteers to provide assistance to those seeking healing. While not all receive a miraculous cure, there are miracles of the heart including peace and grace to deal with whatever ails them. No one leaves empty-handed or "hearted". Pam indicates the job was both exhilarating and exhausting. When Covid-19 hit and travel stopped, Pam was able to stay home and find time to develop and nurture a relationship with a wonderful man. They were married this past year and have been very happy splitting their time between Syracuse and sunny Florida! Pam is planning on attending the Reunion along with **Flossie Mitchell** and **Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett** in July!

Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett can't believe it has been 50 years since graduating. She doesn't feel older than 50. For Mary Ellen, it certainly has been a quiet couple of years, but she feels fortunate to have her health. After 34 years of teaching mostly first grade, she has the ideal retirement job. She is a coach/teacher of cross-country skiing, kayaking, mountain biking, snowshoeing and hiking (not all at the same time), at an outdoor education program in Boonville, NY. Mary Ellen is eager to have the "world go back to normal" after missing a year and a half. She and Bud still enjoy golf and skiing, but they have missed their Utah trips because of Covid-19, however, they are hoping to go this winter. Mary Ellen had a chance to visit with **Marie DuPell Caschera** and Tony in October and it felt like they had never been apart. She is hoping to go to the 50th reunion in Potsdam in July if big gatherings are allowed again. She hopes everyone will stay healthy and get vaccinated!

Paula Thompson Moore reports that after 2020, life returned mostly to "normal". In March, her brother from Ohio moved nearby in TN and she is enjoying having family around for more than just short visits. Her brother rides a motorcycle and they had the opportunity early in 2021 to enjoy a motorcycle tour in Ecuador. During the trip, they witnessed a volcano eruption one night from their restaurant patio. Thankfully, it was far enough away to not pose a danger and it was beyond spectacular to witness. Over the summer, they enjoyed a lot of local motorcycle day-riding and even took a multi-week trip into the central Appalachians in the fall. Paula is still involved with Healing Touch for Animals (energy work) and advancing her Practitioner status. She also still volunteers at a couple of shelter-related venues to help with their many needs. Last but not least, she adopted a senior kitty, Abbey (12), who was going to be euthanized. Abbey is the sweetest kitty EVER and seeing her living a happy 2nd chance is beyond words. Paula reminds us to please adopt (don't shop), and spay and neuter your pets.

Charlotte Stone Aiken still lives in Massena for 6 months of the year. The other 6 months are spent in Hilton Head, SC, playing golf and escaping the winter. Charlotte says "hello" to her big sister, **Ronnie**.

Marie DuPell Caschera's life revolves around family activities with all of her adult children and grandchildren living nearby. She loves spending time with all four grandchildren and having Sunday dinners with the whole crew at least twice a month. She has special times with three of her sisters who live within 30 miles, and they plan get-togethers with their guys on a regular basis. One of her sisters lives in Colorado and when she and her husband visit "home" they plan special activities all together. This past year, they said good-bye to their sister, Annette, who passed away in February after a long illness. They celebrated her life in June at an outdoor venue with family from Colorado and Arizona. Tony enjoyed his golf outings until a torn rotator cuff sidelined him in July. He limped through the rest of the golf season with the help of cortisone; shoulder surgery might be in order this winter or spring. Travels were limited in 2021 but they managed a week in Myrtle Beach with friends in May and a long weekend in Maine in July (great seafood and ocean beach walks). In late September they spent a long weekend in the Adirondacks with Marie's sisters and brothers-in-law on Fourth Lake where they enjoyed lots of time around the fire pit, great food and drinks, and a Sunday brunch cruise on Raquette Lake. A highlight of that weekend was a meet-up with **Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett** and her husband, Bud. It was so much fun to reminisce and get caught up on each other's lives. After almost 50 years, they enjoyed sharing memories, family news, and indulging in a few Ago Sister hugs!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Karen Philhower Gobetz, Roberta Ciera, Terry Bubniak Lyczko

Class of 1973

Marguerite Lord Quinn lives in Rochester; her two children also live in the same area. She keeps busy tutoring high school students and is a volunteer docent at the Memorial Art Gallery.

Bonnie Betters Reed splits her time between New Hampshire and Florida with her husband Gary. Bonnie's daughter, Ally, got married last year. Bonnie is retired but continues her social justice work with diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) through her church, community programs and writing.

Marjorie Rice Fulmer splits her time between New York and Florida. Her travels include visits to her sons in Reno and Minneapolis and her daughter in Rochester. She is blessed with 7 grandkids. She keeps herself busy playing the flute, sewing, and playing tennis and golf.

Judy Spencer Gyger has moved from northern California to southern California and has been busy renovating her new house, meeting lots of new people and exploring new community activities. She enjoys visiting her oldest son and 3 grandkids in northern CA and her youngest son and 3 grandkids in southern CA.

Marilyn Matzke Stephens lives in Colorado and enjoys having all of her kids in the same state. She has a new grandbaby and now has a total of 14 grandkids to keep her busy. She decided to retire again and is no longer substitute teaching. Says it's nice to be able to sleep in!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Denise Dickensheets Canestrano, Jill Richards Walker, Lynda Scire Hungerford

Class of 1974

Susan Lamb King and Bill will be celebrating at the Bellagio in Las Vegas this June. They are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary and both of them are turning 70 in 2022. Many family members and friends are joining them. They are planning trips to Rochester, NY, Albany, NY, Chappaqua, NY and Hartford, CT in July! They also bought a 2022 Prius Prime and are enjoying the hybrid and plug in benefits! Susan shares that her dear sister, **Maureen Lamb Venus '74**, will remain in her heart forever. A memorial service is still being planned for the future. Maureen's family has added two grandchildren since last summer.

As with most years, 2021 was filled with the good and the difficult. On the positive side, **Lynne Boles** and her husband were able to get the Covid-19 vaccine early in 2021 while still in FL. They stayed healthy, got boosted and limited their contacts to those who were also jabbed. So far, so good. No Covid-19. Lynne was happy to attend the first in-person SUNY Potsdam Foundation Board meeting in two years. The Ago House looked great from the street. Lynne helped to plan her 50th high school reunion weekend in Syracuse. It was a major success with record numbers of classmates attending. The timing, before yet another central NY Covid-19 surge, was perfect. As Lynne's husband says, Lynne becomes bored when not on Boards. After 15+ years, she continues to serve on the SUNY Potsdam Foundation Board. To avoid being really bored, she is now on the Board of her condo association in FL, boring even deeper into Board-dom. Lynne is hoping we can celebrate Reunion Weekend in person this year. She is looking forward to seeing many Ago sisters there.

Happy 2022! In April, **Kathy Ames Kieta** headed west on old Route 66 and made it to Needles, CA before heading to Utah for some hiking in Zion and Bryce Canyon. So much kitsch. They even found themselves “standing on the corner in Winslow, AZ”. Kathy also made several trips to the Thousand Islands this summer and was joined by their daughter, Sarah, and her family. In November, their youngest daughter, Kristen, made her first trip to the US since 2019, and they were thrilled to have her home until the new year. Canadian travel restrictions have eased, so they are planning a trip to British Columbia and Seattle later this year to visit both Kristen and their son, Andrew, and family. Dennis is busy making plans for the upcoming maple syrup season. He and his buddies are on year seven of this endeavor, and the syrup gets better every year. Kathy hopes 2022 brings health and happiness to all.

Patti Gentile Ludwiczak had a very dull year because they haven't gone anywhere! The highlight was a new 4-legged member of the family, their new Maltipoo Callie (Patti's first puppy!). She brings them such joy and a lot less sleep. She is definitely the boss in the relationship as she leads Patti five houses each way before she heads home from her "walk". Patti's afraid some neighbors think she's a stalker. She is still enjoying her quilting (lots of quilts this year!) and reading; the best books were “The Splendid and the Vile”, “The Madness of Crowds” and “State of Terror”. Hmm, sounds like Patti needs more upbeat reading material. She was so sad to hear about **Pam Silk Culver**. She hopes Pam wasn't ill for very long. Seems too young. Patti and Mark celebrated his mom's 100th birthday; they spend a lot of time helping her out. Both boys live in town but no new in-laws in sight. Always hopeful! May 2022 be happy and healthy for all!



Sue Wajda bunks 6 days each week in Utica caring for her 100+ year-old mom, often supported by fellow Agos **Mary Miller Leahy '71**, **Florence "Flossie" Mitchell '72**, **Clare Reilly '16** and others. It's wonderful to have this network of sisters. When not in Utica, Sue “RV glamps” with Tim and the pup in the nearby Adirondacks, travels to NJ to see **Jan Whitfield Doolittle '75**, and NH to see Ago little sister **Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75**. This year, Sue rented a small house near Tampa, seeing **Denise “Dede” Bennett Haines '81**, **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88**, **Jackie Wirges Johnson** (fellow Spring 71 pledge sister). She celebrated Double Axel's 50th in Potsdam with scores of Agos, roomie **Jacquie Morse Shellman '69** and gobs of precious friends. Sue celebrates 50 years in Ago with strong bonds of friendship with alums and Actives who live our values and maintain our traditions.



Janet Fraser Teixeira sees so much going on for everyone. She has such fond memories of her time at Potsdam - not to mention memories of extremely funny and outrageous partying! She knows she hasn't been good about staying in touch; she'll do better in the future. In the meantime, she is sending everyone strength, courage and resilience. If there is any way that she can help through her connection to Cancer Care Connection, please let her know or call her at 302.294.8554.

Donna "Stan" Stanford has a short update this year as she was caught off guard when reminded of the newsletter deadline via **Sue Wajda's** email while skiing in VT with her family. Donna still resides in CT but her kids are in PA and NH so these meetups are precious and SO much fun! Her daughter, Kate, married Jared in June. Alas, **Tami Maloney Whitbeck** could not attend the wedding, as the birth of her own twin grandchildren was imminent. Tami did travel to the shower and oh, how Stan appreciated that Ago sister love! For her birthday in November, Stan's daughters whisked her to California (she had NO idea) for a romp through Sausalito, San Francisco, Sonoma and Napa. She hopes to see everyone at the 50th!

Ellen Dullmeyer Fox had an easier year in 2021 than 2020. They still love living in east Tennessee, and the warmer weather accommodates walking, hiking & kayaking. In early 2021, most of the people they know got vaccinated (and later boosted) so they began to gather inside, which was great. Ellen's husband planned an awesome road trip to visit her mom (at assisted living in Oregon) in July. They took mostly back roads, so they got to see parts of this country they'd not yet seen. Luckily, they had great timing and were able to safely visit Cabo in November with three sets of friends. Ellen is still trying to slow down a little with very mixed success. She wishes everyone "Happy 2022 and stay well".

This year, **Lynn Ballasus Sabine** finally went on a vacation. She spent 10 days in Maui enjoying the beautiful island over Thanksgiving. She has also reconnected with Roger and **Judy Spencer Gyger '73** who moved to Mission Viejo and are enjoying Southern California. If anyone is in the Mission Viejo area, please give Lynn a call. She would love to see you!

Elaine Whitehead Pauly's big news is that Dana, now just about to turn 33, is getting married in June. It will be a small wedding, a week of celebration for the families. They're all excited and will be in San Luis Obispo for the event. Dana is marrying Nick Ryder, a NJ boy she met in NY while working there. Dana is currently working for Earnest Financial Services, a student loan provider. Nick is a project manager for Boston Properties. Both have great jobs and live in Sausalito with Elaine as a regular visitor. The views and weather there can't be beat!

For **April Bell Devaux**, 2021 was the year of Covid-19 isolation followed by "home management". With the loss of parents, they found themselves with 4 properties. They spent 6 months attempting a kitchen reno in one family cottage, cleared out another family cottage, sold that, bought another property in FL in 24 hours on FaceTime, drove to FL to see what they had done, and then drove across the country to CA to sort through another property. It is now 2022 and they are in sunny FL with no furniture, four properties, a healthy family they are grateful to be seeing again, but no clear plan on how to simplify their lives!

Jackie Wirges Johnson moved back to the Buffalo area. Last year, she sold her house in Florida, south of St. Pete. She's spending this winter in Arizona, then on to Atlanta for a cornea transplant. She hopes to see everyone this summer in NY.

Betsy Johnston Ketcham and Jim have been able to avoid Covid-19 so far. They have been super careful because of Jim's dad and a good friend and neighbor going through radiation and chemo after being diagnosed with brain cancer. Betsy exclaims "If it's not one thing, it's another."

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Class of 1975

Congratulations to the thirteen members of the Class of '75 who pledged in Fall 1972! Fifty years ago, this spirited, energetic, dedicated, dynamic group made the great decision to join Ago. They earned a place in Ago's history, as their Pledge Class included our first Clarkson members: **Donna Longenecker Neubauer, Candy Platt Burkert, Somchay "Sunshine" Syravahn, and Jan Whitfield Doolittle.** Potsdam pledges were **Sue Holland Brzozowski, Sally Loe Aubrey, Lori Misicka, Jane Murray Wolff, Barb Putman Cregg, Sue Rhow Todd, Donna Waliszewski Fallon, Kathy White Finnerty, and Sue Wohlheuter Beadnell.** We proudly recognize our 50-year Sisters! Friends, friends, friends!

Sally Loe Aubrey lost her husband Jim to Covid-19 on 2-1-21. **Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco '77** was of great support to Sally in AZ. Three weeks later, Sally's daughter and husband were blessed with the birth of their twins George and Gwenyth. After visiting the babies, Sally decided to leave Phoenix and move back to NY. Sally made the move in September, and a few days later joined Ago sisters and DK brothers during their brewery run in Rochester. Sally and **Cathy Lennon Nealon '76** have enjoyed some happy hours as Sally adjusts to a new life. Sally's holidays were so special celebrating the babies' first Christmas!

Helen Hallahan Byrnes and her family are well and busy. She continues to substitute teach at her school and has the good fortune to teach granddaughters Olivia and Emma. So much fun! Her family has grown to 18 and everyone lives in Cazenovia. She and Phil watch the grandchildren in sports and concerts. There are always calls for rides and sleepovers. Life is good!

Anne Gallagher Timpano and John canceled several trips in 2021 due to the Covid-19 state of affairs, but they did travel to Potsdam in July. They drove with **Cathy Lennon Nealon '76** and Bob to attend Double Axel's 50th anniversary event. What a very special time! Grandchildren Caitlin (8) and Tess (4) visit often and keep them smiling.

Sue Rhow Todd and Mark are now living in the Baltimore/DC area to be closer to their daughters and their families. They enjoy spending so much time with their seven grandchildren, who keep them very busy. Sue enjoyed seeing so many of her college friends last fall when she was visiting Rochester. She sends wishes that we stay safe and healthy!

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary hosted Amanda's family for spring break in FL. They moved to Skaneateles Lake for the summer, only to evacuate back to Albany every time their point flooded. They celebrated Double Axel's 50th in Potsdam, and Gary played a few songs with the band. Their family celebrated her niece's 2020 wedding with a 2021 reception, along with a memorial service for Debbie's mom. Then Covid-19 took away their end of year celebrations. Debbie declares "2022 has got to be better!"

Carol Baitup Sweet has left her work with the chiropractor and is now working for a florist as well as the bookstore. Kevin and Lauren are based at Ft. Bragg, NC, though Kevin was trained to treat gunshot wounds in Camden, NJ. Jon is doing well. Meghan and James are renting a cute house in nearby Roswell. All of them were together on Christmas Eve, which hasn't happened in a LONG time! It was wonderful! Carol says "Blessed be to all my sisters!"

Jane Murray Wolff and Bill are in Boston where life is good. Their 2021 highlights were being visited by **Mary Ellen "Sully" Sullivan Bucco '77** on her US tour, dancing at Double Axel's 50th, welcoming **Sally Loe Aubrey** back to the East coast, and enjoying a DK Finger Lakes wine weekend. This year they will be beach bums for two weeks in Gulfport, FL, cruise to Norway (already pushed off 5 times since Covid-19), and attend weddings for niece, Gillian, in June and step-daughter, Stephanie, in the summer.

Donna Waliszewski Fallon, Rick, and family are doing well. The entire family was able to spend a week together in Ocean City during July. Donna and Rick spent time on outdoor activities, day trips and traveling to Chelmsford and Baldwinsville to help with the grandchildren.

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Class of 1976

Kathy Farrell Kane was busy. She embraced a new crew of folks passionate about plants and landscaping in a local gardening club. When the ski season ended at Gore Mt., she and Mike moved from clunky kayaks to age-appropriate, ultra-lightweight, Hornbeck canoes for their paddling adventures in the Adirondacks. Both of her daughters, Darcey in NYC, and Caitlin in Washington, DC, purchased new homes. The last few months were spent helping Caitlin plan her September 2022 wedding in Sandy, Utah. There was a wee bit of travel: Letchworth State Park, DC, NYC, Potsdam for Double Axel, San Diego and another zoo visit. The year ended with a new red Tesla in the garage.

Denise Aiello Bukovan moved to Texas almost a year ago from NC to be near family and escape the devastation of pandemic loneliness being suffered by so many, especially those that live alone. Texas is a huge, diverse and fascinating state. She is living her best life, exploring, meeting new people, still working part-time as a consultant for a national community college executive search firm, and joining a few activist causes close to her heart (now that she doesn't have a child or employer to protect, so she is standing up for her beliefs!). It warmed her heart to host **Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco '77** in August on route to her fabulous adventures! Stay well and connected, Ago sisters!

After 21+ years at the corporate office of American Eagle, **Judy Fabic Verbanic** finally retired on 2/2/22. She is still getting used to the idea, but thinks she'll figure it out without too much trouble. John has been retired for a couple of years, but does some consulting. Now that they're free, they plan on more time with the grandkids, some travel, and whatever else they figure out. They ended 2021 with a family trip to Disney; they left on Christmas morning, and returned on New Year's Eve. They had a blast, and were fortunate considering that Covid-19 concerns kept them home a lot of the year. They are hoping 2022 puts those concerns to rest!

Cathy Lennon Nealon and Bob had a great time at Double Axel's 50th Anniversary Concert in Potsdam. It was so much fun to see so many alumni and the class of '76 was there in force: **Claudia Locatelli May**, **Amy Hind Henry**, **Dale Engle Skivington**, **Eileen Goss Whelley**, **Kathy Farrell Kane** and **Cathy O'Connor**. Lennon loved being reunited with pledge buddy and college roomie, **Mary Ellen Sullivan "Sully" Bucco '77** this summer, and is also thrilled that **Sally Loe Aubrey '75** moved back to Rochester. She is hoping to see more Agos in 2022.

Claudia Locatelli May, Jim, and daughter, Kelly, had a great time in July at the Potsdam Reunion and the Double Axel 50th. The four of them had a wonderful time in Manhattan in late November when son Ryan was visiting from Austin, TX. Claudia continues to see and spend time with life-long friends and Ago sisters, **Cathy O'Connor** and **Liz "TT" O'Connor Utzig '77**.

Pam Moore is glad to be traveling again – beginning with a niece's wedding in NC in July and just returning from a three-week trip to Florida, with several other trips in between. Seeing **Mary Ellen "Sully" Sullivan Bucco '77** on her summer trip back to Rochester and environs was such a joy! Pam is still working full time in her law practice, but spending more time as a volunteer as a Genesee County Master Gardener and for programs benefiting veterans and their families.

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 O'Connor Utzig '77** and **Claudia Locatelli May**.

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Class of 1977 45th REUNION YEAR

Patty Abernethy Sohl is still working part-time. Billy went from full-time to part-time with his job, so now he has a 4-day weekend. They have been helping her mom's best friend, who was 95, move into assisted living, but she only lasted there 2 weeks and passed. Now, their chore is to empty the house that she lived in for 82 years. They went to Potsdam for Double Axel's 50th anniversary and had a great time seeing all their "Groupie" friends. Patty is praying for Covid-19 to disappear so we can all enjoy 2022!

Barbara Hall Kellerman had a good year in spite of Covid-19. Both of her granddaughters are in college now, one at SUNY New Paltz, the other at D'Youville in Buffalo. Last semester, both made the Dean's list; she is so proud of them! They did manage to go on their annual trip/reunion at the beach, this time to Hatteras. Over the summer, their oldest son got married to his longtime girlfriend. They had been waiting for restrictions to be lifted so they could at least have immediate family together to celebrate. Barbara decided to retire after 42 years working for the state. Working from home was not bad, but having time to spend with family, grandkids and hobbies was even better! In the fall, they found out that they will have another grand baby in late February and Barbara will have lots of time for spoiling! They have been very careful during Covid-19, due to her husband's health issues, and have been fortunate to stay well in spite of everything. All in all, it was not a bad year. They are looking forward to hearing how everyone is doing and hopefully getting to the reunion this year since Barbara won't have the annual conference that always interfered.

JoAnn Koch-Quon sends greetings from Sullivan County, NY. This past year saw her finally being able to get to her family cottage in Ontario, but not until August, and there was a massive amount of work to be done. This was a wonderful summer in Potsdam for the 50th Anniversary of Double Axel and dancing under the tent in the Mama Lucia parking lot. She got to stay with **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79, Pam Pendleton '78, Paula Douglas Miller '83, Brenda Reinhardt '83 and Susie Scholterer '78** at the Inn and stopped to see DA play at the Dancing Dog in Alex Bay on her way back from the Cottage. JoAnn's granddaughters are now 12 and 5 and Rosie is LOVING Kindergarten and Mrs. Smith. JoAnn says: "It is our 45 reunion this year so let's see how many of us can get there!"

Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz is ready for this virus to leave town! She and Bob are living full-time now at the lake house in Cazenovia, NY, just trying to lay low until this nightmare is over.

It has been a busy year of traveling for **Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco**. Her trip started at the end of April and she arrived back in Arizona in mid-October. She drove over 17,000 miles on her new car; it is obvious she did not take a direct route to any of her stops. She was able to spend time in 12 National Parks, even working for 8 weeks in Yellowstone at Old Faithful washing dishes and pots and pans this fall. She suggests Helping Hands in Yellowstone to anyone that wants to truly experience living in a national park. They require you to work 20 hours a week; this year they provided a free room (think of dorm living) and she paid about \$50-70 a week for meals (think of Thatcher cafeteria... LOL). She would love to do it again but has other plans for the time period it is offered. In her travels, she was able to see many Agos including **Karen "Kittle" Kittelsen Stefanski, Amy Durgin '76, Denise Aiello Bukovan '76** and of course the crazy ones (too many to mention and she's afraid she might miss one) that were in Potsdam for Double Axel's 50th Anniversary celebration! Special thanks to **Jane Murray Wolff '75, Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey, Patty Abernethy Sohl,** and Denise for being such good hosts and providing her a place to sleep. While she was working in Yellowstone, **Sandy Linsky Simpson '73** was vacationing with a Geneseo Ago, Ann Studley Hilbert, and Mary Ellen was able to spend a couple days showing them the sights! It was a wonderful year and she plans on continuing to travel, so this is fair warning she may show up on your doorstep!

Karen "Kittle" Kittelsen Stefanski has curtailed her travels due to Covid-19 and but she looks forward to doing more in 2022. She managed to see a few Agos for lunch and catch up with **Mary Ellen "Sully" Sullivan Bucco and Amy Durgin '76** in Plymouth this summer. She also spent a long weekend with **Sue Gagnier Jennette** and Sue Zinger visiting Burlington, VT and taking the ferry to Plattsburgh, NY in August. She spent a week on the Cape with her family and celebrated her dad's 90th Birthday. They moved her dad into Baywinde, a Senior Living facility, in December, and he has been happy there as they have many activities as well as preparing most of his meals. She thinks they will be selling his home in a few months so she will be traveling back to Rochester to get it ready to be sold in the coming months. She is looking forward to traveling more in 2022 once Tom retires in March.

In February, **Patti Short Wilkins** traveled to Charleston, SC, a beautiful city everyone should explore. She went to Savannah and also spent a week in Hilton Head. She biked quite a bit and enjoyed the surroundings. Patti spent 10 days in March in Mexico enjoying beautiful weather and some snorkeling; she mainly enjoyed the beach and meeting new people. In July, she spent a week in the Outer Banks with the whole family. In October, she went on a trip to the Finger Lakes with friends, enjoying wine and several waterfalls. She also went on a trip to Shenandoah National Park which was breathtaking. They drove 85% of the park and stopped at almost every overlook. They have enjoyed watching their grandchildren since they live close; they feel truly blessed. Grandchild number five is due at the end of January. Patti loves staying in touch through Facebook. She wishes health and happiness to all and invites her sisters to visit any time.

Class of 1978

Since graduating, **Bonnie Johnson See** has gotten married, worked in corporate NY, had two kids, earned her Master's in Education to teach elementary school, moved to the NC mountains, bought the home her grandparents built, got into real estate, and bought a travel franchise. Her children are married, have had babies, and now she and Gary are the proud grandparents of five, including one set of twins. Bonnie and Gary are celebrating 45 years together, plus their time together in Potsdam. They continue to play tennis, golf, hike and ski. They own their own businesses so they have lots of flexibility to enjoy being with family and friends. Bonnie recalls that she met Gary on bid night and thanks Ago for providing that opportunity.

The clan of **Vera Thurston Gibbs** is doing well and she and Steve are both still working. Steve works from home doing radiant design work and Vera is still working for Syracuse University at the Carrier Dome. They are expecting grandchild #7 any day. Like everyone they have been dealing with Covid-19, they both got it back in October with mild symptoms. Vera is looking forward to Potsdam this summer to see many familiar faces.

Susan Scholterer is working on her certification for serving as an End-of-Life Doula. It's focused on helping people experience a peaceful (emotional) death; working with family members to help them understand the death process, and to advocate for individuals to be able to die at home. It's very heartwarming and she's honored to help people with this transition. A peaceful death is usually about letting go of anger and old hurts/disappointments and focusing on positive aspects of their legacy.

Donna Passarella Bonomo's big news is that her family was able to pull off a wonderful wedding celebration of her youngest daughter, Amy, and her husband, John, back on April 10, 2021, in Oakland, Kentucky. Despite Covid-19 and the long distance, they were thrilled to celebrate this weekend with Steve and **Vera Thurston Gibbs** who made the road trip from Syracuse. It was at Vera and Steve's wedding that Donna met and later married her husband, Bob, so, it was extra special having them there to celebrate. Along with their new son-in-law, John, they got the bonus of his two sons, Hunter (7) and Revan (5). What a joy it has been becoming instant Grandparents. They recently got to celebrate the first Bonomo Family Christmas at their cabin in Vermont. They celebrated a few days before Christmas, but it was perfect because 8 inches of snow fell which made for great sledding, skiing and snowboarding. Later in the week, the family traveled to NJ and celebrated with her 99-year-old Dad. Due to Covid-19, he was unable to attend the wedding so it was extra special having him spend some time with Amy's boys. Currently, Bob and Donna winter in Vermont with trips to NJ to see daughter, Lisa, and Matt, who are busy with work and house hunting. Donna is always looking forward to hearing from her Potsdam friends and family and hopes to see some of them in person soon. Blessing to all, especially the ladies of Spring 74!

Sharon Cooney had a blast getting together in Potsdam last July for an unofficial reunion and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Double Axel. After all these years, they're "Still the One"! She is looking forward to spending a few weeks in March in Florida with **Pam Pendleton**.

Nadine Gager Compisi and Tony were fortunate enough to spend 3 months in Florida during the first part of 2021. They stayed one month in each location: The Villages in January, Longwood in February & Orlando in March. It was wonderful to enjoy good weather, family, friends and meet new friends. They golfed and Nadine played pickleball (her new obsession), relaxed and explored all the areas they visited. Summer saw them playing more golf, welcoming the 19th great-grandchild (on the Gager side), and focusing on home repairs (which are endless it seems these days.) Her other highlight was traveling with her sister and 2 of her brothers in September to visit their 95-year-old uncle and 92-year-old aunt in San Francisco. They stayed at a gorgeous place in SF and walked everywhere! Her uncle is in declining health, and they were intent on capturing some family history as he is the last remaining relative on her mother's side. It was a wonderful experience both from the perspective of having this unique time with just the siblings (no spouses) and their uncle & aunt. Nadine is truly grateful for the good health God has blessed her with and for the scientists that have created the vaccines to keep us all safe during this wacko time. She hopes all our Agonian sisters are well.

Sue "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee's plan is to retire from teaching in 2022, but plans to pursue a career in outside activities. She's not yet sure what the new career will look like, but she's excited to begin this chapter of life. For Sue, 2021 was full of difficult times, sprinkled with good. Her mom passed away in May after a battle with dementia. She went back to in-class teaching which has proven to be extremely frustrating, hence the decision to retire. Even with Covid-19 restrictions, she did manage to travel to Dominica in April and over Christmas with her daughters. She loves this island and will spend 2-3 months of retirement there. Volunteering on Sea Turtle Patrol HHI took many hours from May to October. Sue also took a trip to upstate New York and connected with **Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz '77** and Bob, **Sharon Cooney**, **Nadine Gager Compisi**, and spent a few days with **Sue "Hoff" Hoffman Ospelt**. She loves her visits with her Ago sisters - it makes her feel young again! Sue sends prayers for good health!

Despite Covid-19, **Lori Gremmels Wackenheim** and Tom were able to travel quite a bit. They went to Florida at the end of March. Over 2 weeks in April, they visited Tom's sister and husband in Myrtle Beach, Brandon near Philadelphia, and then to NY to see Tom's parents, kids and their grandchildren. They drove over 2,200 miles! May took them to Las Vegas so they could see an artist they follow, JD Shelburne, who plays at Gilley's. In July/August they took an amazing trip to Breckenridge, Colorado then onto Arches National Park, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park, and then finished up at Park City, Utah. They took a Jeep trip in Moab that went to Hell's Revenge. Not what she thought it was going to be but it was awesome! If she knew ahead of time, she might have had second thoughts. When someone says Jeep trip, what do you think? If you want to know, Google or YouTube Hell's Revenge in Moab, Utah! Every place was beautiful with different landscapes in each. They were awestruck at the beauty of God's creation. Her son Brandon visited at the end of August. He loves his job at Honeywell and his apartment. They took a quick trip to Myrtle Beach again in September so Tom could play some golf with their brother-in-law. Tom's daughter and family visited at the end of September. The grandkids are getting so grown up, three of them visited, ranging in age from 10-14! In October, they went to Orlando with Tom's son and family for a Disney trip. What fun it was to see their faces at the Magic Kingdom. The grandkids are 6 and 8. They loved spending some quality time with them. After they headed back, they stayed and enjoyed some time in Orlando and then Stuart. They plan to take a quick trip in March to celebrate Tom's dad's 90th birthday. They keep busy volunteering in the community and with their church. Lori wishes everyone a healthy and happy 2022!

Pam Pendleton had a busy July. The 1st week she moved her sister from Newark, NY into an apartment 2 miles from her house. A few days later, she went to the reunion weekend in Potsdam and had a great time rooming with six Agos in a cabin – just like 11P! She left Potsdam, headed to Cooperstown for a conference for her Board of Education work for 3 days, came home and took her dog, Maxx, for a walk to play with his "girlfriend" next door. That's when summer ended! Her neighbor's dog ran full speed into her knee, broke the tibia, requiring tibia plateau surgery. After a plate, 3 screws and cadaver "mush" were placed and everything else in her knee was put back in its proper position, she spent the next 80 days in a hip-to-ankle brace, on the couch unable to put any weight on that leg until the bone healed. Hopping on 1 leg is not easy! She is blessed to have such wonderful friends, family and neighbors who helped out during that time. **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79** made many visits, **Sharon Cooney** kept her laughing on their phone calls, and emails and cards from many really kept her spirits up. The bright spot is after 3 months of PT, she's worked up to walking with a cane. Still more strengthening to do, but she hopes to be walking "on her own" by spring. It's a full year of recovery from this injury! She is still on the WFL BOCES BOE, is on the Upstate Institute Board, still has season tickets for hockey, and hopes the Bill's camp is open this summer as she drives one of the courtesy carts. She is looking forward to a trip with Cooney to FL!

Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan's Ethiopian daughter of three years, Zelalem, graduated from high school this year and got her driver's license. Yikes! She is continuing to learn English and is working. Jeannie trained for 7 months and did her first (and probably only) Half Ironman in Geneva, NY in July. It was a great experience. They stayed at a place the night after the triathlon where there was a wine spigot with free wine right outside their room. Perfect! They have spent some time in California, Barry's "Happy Place". They are heading to Utah in May where **Lisa Gratton Niles'** youngest daughter, Danielle, is being married. She and her fiancé, Tom, asked Jeannie to be their wedding officiant. She is honored and counting on Lisa to get her through it!

Class of 1979

Debbie LoBello Burhans and family had a great year in 2021, despite all the ongoing Covid-19 challenges. Debbie and Mark's second grandchild, Jay Philip Colangelo, was born April 17, 2021 and joins big sister, Cecilia, who turned 3 in August. Youngest daughter, Lauren, was finally able to get married in August, after delaying her wedding a full year due to Covid-19. The wedding was at the Thompson Inn, in Durham, NH, where Lauren and husband, Will, went to college. After the wedding, Debbie and family, including cousin/sorority sister, **Linda Connelly**, spent a fun and relaxing week in Maine....and ate a lot of lobster! Debbie is still working but is threatening to retire and wind up her law practice in 2022 if all goes well. She sends love and best wishes to all Ago sisters!

Becky Monckton King is thrilled to finally be a grandmother. Her daughter gave birth to a healthy son in 2021. Becky has left the office working world and is now a full-time daycare provider for her grandson. The change was a bit challenging, but she is completely happy with her decision. Her family is all doing well and looking forward to more time together this summer.

Cookie Scalise Balme and Chip are doing well. Both now retired and happily renting out their two vacation homes. One is in Geneva, NY on Seneca Lake and the other in Bonita Springs, Florida. They never intended to do this but it is fun, they are enjoying it, and meeting many nice people. Their children are doing well. Lisa is teaching and Rob is a senior nurse manager... both are very busy with their careers. Cookie and Chip spend some time during the week with their two-year-old grandson, James, who they find a joy to be with. Cookie's mom is also enjoying her great grandson when visiting.

Mindy Mospaw Poupore is alive and well and still living in Malone, NY. She and her husband, Kevin, try to get to their vacation home in Scottsdale, Arizona as much as possible. Mindy is still working with her husband in his dental practice and will be adjudicating this Spring for NYSSMA. Her oldest daughter, Kelly, just got promoted to Chief Assistant District Attorney for Franklin County (first woman to achieve that goal - proud Mama she is!). Her younger daughter, Haley, is still working for Crescent Crown in Scottsdale, Arizona and living the dream. Mindy got to spend some precious time with her Ago little sister, **Gale Niederhauser Bayen '80** at the NYSSMA Music All State Conference this past November which was very special. She attended Double Axel's 50th anniversary performance in July and saw many dedicated "Ago groupies" there dancing the night away! She also was in attendance at 11 Pierrepont for the awarding of the Ago scholarship this past fall. (The house looks great and the gals there are terrific!) She still occasionally plays her clarinet and sings for weddings and funerals, but is mostly interested in improving her golf game! Mindy says "It would be great if we could all see one another this summer!" Big hugs from Mindy!

Val Dixon Thompson has been married to her husband, Bob, for 34 years and retired from Lockheed Martin in Owego, NY over 5 years ago. Retirement is wonderful. They still live in Candor, NY where they enjoy hiking, XC skiing, going to the Finger Lakes wineries, and usually one or two trips to the Adirondacks a year. They have two sons. Christian and his wife, Paige, live outside of Chattanooga, TN and have given them 2 beautiful grandchildren - Landon 2 and Colbie 7 months old. Pat and his wife, Whitney, live just outside of Charlotte, NC. Bob and Val have a second house in Maggie Valley, NC which is about halfway between the two of them and in the mountains so it doesn't get so hot in the summer. Val starts melting at around 75 degrees. It has all Val's priorities nearby in Waynesville - good grocery stores, quaint downtown, great places to eat and a couple of breweries.

Sharon Keating Heiligman and Dan celebrated their 40th anniversary with a cruise. They continue to travel as much as they can. Florida every winter is a given, and this year, they have 3 more cruises planned! Sharon loved attending Double Axel's 50th in July with some very fun Ago sisters! Six of them rented a big lodge about 30 minutes south of Potsdam and had a ball together. Sharon and Dan doubled the number of their grandchildren when their daughter and husband (Sharon's kidney recipient) welcomed twins six weeks early in November. Piper and Declan are doing wonderfully. She looks forward to caring for them 1 day a week starting in April. Sharon is looking forward to seeing lots of Ago sisters in Potsdam this summer!

Anne Marie Bianchi Sellitti retired from Vonage Technologies in early 2021 after a long career in IT Strategy and Program Management. She is enjoying a break from the corporate world and is using the extra time to catch up on her long "to do" list before deciding what comes next. In the meantime, she vacationed in Santa Fe with her sister and began volunteering with an international organization called 'Lasagna Love' (really! - google it!) She and husband Mark live in Manalapan, NJ with their two dogs, Taffy and Tango.

Holly Curtis Perdan is currently suffering through a kitchen remodel. If it is ever finished, she will have a true cook's kitchen. In the meantime, the refrigerator and everything else are in the living room, which got a little crowded when it became time to start burning in the wood stove. On the bright side, she discovered the joys of an air fryer. Life in Iowa continues serenely.

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Tara Donovan Deines and husband, Dale, continue as empty nesters. Daughter, Callie, started her second year of college this fall and is attending in-person classes for the first time. Tara and Dale are taking care of themselves and have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. They did some traveling over the summer; they spent time with family in New York and had a blast! It was so good to see family after having to quarantine for so long. They spent several weeks last spring and summer on Hilton Head Island with friends and family, soaking up the sun and the surf. Another huge highlight was spending a week with her dear Ago Sister **Sue Ann Charlton Carpenter** and her husband Brian. This was also a beach vacation (there seems to be a theme here). Sue and Tara sang many Ago songs while together, much to their husbands' chagrin! It was a week filled with many laughs and memories and was such a joy. Dale and Tara live in the mountains of western NC, near Asheville. If any Ago Sisters travel that way, get in touch. It would be wonderful to reconnect.

Sue Hein Bailey is enjoying retirement, doing a little traveling: South Padre Island, the Finger Lakes (visiting **Patty Coogan Huntington**), and Myrtle Beach. Sue is playing a lot of pickleball. Her oldest daughter, Sarah, got married this past September. Sue went to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic in January with girlfriends and to Florida with **Patty Coogan Huntington** in February. Life is good!

Sue Ann Charlton Carpenter is at that phase of recalling and reflecting on "where the time has gone", and is shocked that 2/3rds of her life occurred after she met the Ago girls. Her two lads have grown into fine young men, and Sue Ann and husband, Brian, are happy and healthy. Who could ask for anything more? They had a fantastic week at the ocean with her Mother Agonian, **Tara Donovan Deines!** They tortured their husbands the entire time as they sang every Ago song they could remember! Here is a great idea – how about a Zoomfest of Ago songs?

Gale Niederhauser Bayen is an angel, taking care of the love of her life, Kevin. He is her husband, best friend, and soulmate. She reminds us all to make memories while we can.

Rosie Javarone Brown always makes time to drop everything and drive to Kansas City to visit daughter Amanda and grandson Beckham. She loves her "GiGi" time! Rosie also is involved with "HavaHeart Rescue" where she volunteers as a helper for dogs in need.

Sue Magro Carroll is "mother of the year", helping daughter Brittany settle into her new home in Rockville Center. Sue is planning lots of trips from Rochester to visit.

It was a joy to hear from **Dennise Gruttadaro!**

It has been a year of changes for **Patty Coogan Huntington** and her family. It looks like 2022 will also be full of excitement. Patty and husband, Jim "Tang" Huntington (Clarkson DU '81), both retired this year. They also sold their house in Penfield and moved to their Honeoye Lake house. While it is a little "quiet" in the winters, they are embracing winter outdoor activities and hoping to do more entertaining once Covid-19 settles down. They have 3 granddaughters who live nearby and are looking forward to two of their sons' weddings in 2022.

Marie Barrett Mahany promises to send in her Ago dues this year! Thanks Marie!

Like many of us, 2021 was a quiet year for **Becki Minoli** and her family. Work was busy, but at least Becki was able to work from home – two years and counting. They did manage to get to Cape Cod to visit family a couple of times, which was so nice to have a change of scenery. Becki's daughter moved back to Vermont to pursue her PhD in Cellular, Molecular and Biomedical Science at the University of Vermont. Becki is enjoying having her close by. Becki hopes 2022 will allow everyone a little more freedom to reconnect and to finally get back to Potsdam.

Jane Morale and husband, Glen, are celebrating a year of no cancer! They are also mourning the passing of Jane's mother who lived with them for 11 years as she battled vascular dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Barb Cox Walczak and husband, Ron, are looking forward to the birth of their grandchild in July! Their middle son, Chris, and wife, Erin, are expecting. Barb and Ron would like to retire in a year or two, so they are keeping their eyes open for a house in Hilton Head.

Class of 1981

Denise Bennett Haines is finally saying goodbye to her antique/vintage business in the Orlando area and is selling their home in Clermont. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family in Tampa, getting some home projects done, and planning some well-deserved travel with Tom.

Patrice DeLaus Scully became a grandmother on September 8th with the birth of her granddaughter, Madeline Nicole. On December 31, Patrice retired from IBM after 40 years to become Madeline's full-time nanny. Patrice is thrilled to be able to spend so much time with Madeline who only lives 2 miles away! Patrice is hopeful that the pandemic will end so she can attend Ago reunions again.

Margaret Farrell Benedetto will retire from Fairport Central School District at the end of the school year. She plans to spend more time visiting her girls and traveling. Her daughter, Caitlin, is working on her PhD at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Daughter, Audrey, is working on her Art Therapy Master's Degree through NYU. (She observed how much creative opportunities helped Tom's outlook as his cognitive and physical abilities declined and thinks she might like to work with an older population). Daughter, Elissa, has been very busy at Epic Health Systems in Madison, WI where her work has largely been tied to Pfizer vaccine implementation. Elissa is coming up on her sabbatical year where her company gives employees a month to go out, explore and recharge every five years. So cool! Margaret has been a part of the Pfizer vaccine trial out of Rochester Regional Health and University of Rochester since Spring 2020. All in all, life has been good for the Benedetto women!

Robin Landrigan Smith and her husband, John DeRossi, live in Marco Island, FL and on Lake George, NY. Robin recently sold the marina that she had on Lake George, a bittersweet moment but such freedom to not care about the weather! Next on the agenda is to wind down her IT consulting business for complete freedom. No big travel plans this year - just enjoying life in their home towns with family and friends (along with 2 new grandchildren due in March and July)!

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Class of 1982 40th REUNION YEAR

Karen Zagrobelny Davis's daughter, Sarah, married Will in Maine last summer, and they are living in LA working in film. Jenny moved to Jersey City and got engaged to long-time boyfriend Ryan. Kristen, Stan, and big brother, Ezra, welcomed baby Leo in September. They are sharing Karen and Bob's house as they renovate their house. Bob is teaching middle school math as his second career. Karen is building community centers for the county and developing her wedding planning skills. It's been a wonderful, busy year for Karen and family!

Licia Urtis Murrell is in her 26th year of teaching chorus and music theater, 19 of those years at McCleskey Middle School in Marietta, GA. Licia is working on her Specialist in Instructional Technology degree as teaching chorus during the pandemic inspired her to find a better way to do it or to blaze new trails for virtual choral conducting. Her hobbies still include all facets of art, gardening, cooking, remodeling and photography. She still serves as the House Repairs Manager for our beautiful 11 Pierrepont.

April Shelton and Joe are still in Orleans and enjoy spending time in Bradenton, Florida.

Ellen Bartis Gambee and Mike moved to New Hampshire in October where they love to ski, hike, boat and entertain.

Class of 1983

Maria Salisbury-Healy is living the dream. She will retire in June 2023 after 20 years of teaching. She invites anyone passing through Oswego to come visit.

Brenda Reinhardt turned 60 in November and **Paula Douglas Miller** attended her birthday celebration. Brenda was forced to close her business due to changes caused by Covid-19. She is calling herself "semi-retired" now, working part time as a bartender/hostess at the pub where she does stand-up comedy. Stand-up comedy, karaoke, and playing the drums in 2 bands will fill her time.

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Class of 1984

Karen Dworaczyk has news hot off-the-press. She is leaving her position at PayQuicker and moving from Canandaigua (Rochester) to Atlanta on February 1st. She accepted a new job as EVP of Sales and Marketing at a fintech company called KyckGlobal. After being hit with 2 feet of snow in one of this winter's nasty gusty storms, she declared that she should have done it sooner! Karen is interested in connecting to anyone living in Atlanta. Let her know if you are there!

Lori Dietz and Ron managed to take all their postponed 2020 trips this year including Hawaii, 2 cruises and Punta Cana. Traveling in the age of Covid-19 is extremely stressful given all the constantly changing rules and testing requirements. They are planning to stay home for a while now. Their biggest news is that they have decided to purchase a second home in the Hilton Head, SC area, so that they can escape Central New York winters once Lori retires. The house is currently under construction so that will be their focus for 2022. Lori hopes everyone is doing well.

Colleen Law Tafft spent the past 2 years working through the ups and downs of managing a public library in a small town through a pandemic. Like many others, the ability to remain flexible and continually "think outside the box" in order to serve library patrons has become exhausting. Through it all, she still loves her job. The other piece of her work life has been directing the high school drama club for the last 23 years. Normally she would be directing two shows per school year, but since 2020 she has only directed one show. She's hoping that things will get better and that a spring show can happen this year. Colleen and her husband, Mike (Clarkson '88), are planning a major renovation this spring in their 1850's Victorian home where they have lived since 1995. They plan to update and enlarge the kitchen and surrounding area, plus solve a water leakage problem that has plagued them for a few years. They are also planning a 30th wedding anniversary trip to Scotland and England this fall.

Anastasia Glasheen bought her parents' old house in Smithtown, NY, but is still working with the Pacific Chorale in California; she's living a bi-coastal lifestyle with her work in California. Back in 2019, Anastasia performed at Disney Hall with the Pacific Chorale and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Her performance of Mahler's 8th symphony, conducted by Gustavo Dudamel, was recorded to a CD which dropped in July 2021 and has been nominated for a Grammy Award. She will be performing from Feb to April at the Fireside Theater in southern Wisconsin playing the role of Mother Abbess in the Sound of Music. All Agos are welcome to attend. Other trips have been to Cancun for "dental tourism" and Florida to party. Anastasia sees **Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger** frequently in Smithtown and they got together for a Christmas celebration.

Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger's childcare business has been going strong for 11 years; most of her client families have been with her long-term. Steve still works at Marsh McLennan in NYC. Jackie graduated from George Washington University and is in Washington, DC pursuing physical therapy school. Gregory is in 10th grade; he keeps busy playing travel soccer. Irene would love to connect with anyone who visits the NYC/Long Island area.

Sue Compton Dixon and Mark started the Great American Loop on an '88 Albin trawler, motoring from Myrtle Beach, SC to Plattsburgh, NY. Their original plans to end last year's adventure in Massena were scuttled because there was no room in the Massena Marina. So instead, they spent much of the summer in Plattsburgh, driving to Massena regularly to check on the in-laws. Plans for this year are to motor up to Montreal and then down to Massena. Granddaughter #2 (daughter of Mike) arrived in July. In the Fall, the entire family gathered in Maine to celebrate the marriage of their younger son, Kevin. When not on the trawler, or their old '78 Tayana sailboat in San Diego, they reside in the mountains of NH. Come visit!

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Class of 1985

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Class of 1986

It has been an interesting few years for **Penny Zonneville**. Out of the blue, in June of 2019, she was diagnosed with AML Leukemia. She went to Sloan Kettering in NYC, where she was able to receive top notch healthcare including a bone marrow transplant. She is continuing to build her new immune system and return to full health. Penny retired in Feb 2021! She is now enjoying the cold winter months in Ormond Beach, FL, golfing, learning to play pickleball, gardening and reading. She hopes to start some US travel in 2022.

Kristin Allen Newton and Jamie continue to enjoy life with two adult children (with one still at home) and their adorable Australian Terrier, Kora. They've spent the past two years binge watching shows (favorites include Broadchurch, Ted Lasso, Schitts Creek and Mare of Easttown), cooking together, acquiring a taste for honey whiskey and commiserating over the state of the NY Giants. Annual Chicks Weekend, which is slowly turning into Chicks Week, is always a great time to connect with **Kathleen Sheridan Brewer, Caroline Downing, Carol Richter Deninger, Kathy "Gunny" Smith Gorman, Penny Zonneville, Patty "Splat" Carroll Wilson '87** and other non-Ago besties.

Julie Cunningham Sanbeg is still in Seattle, but ready to get out... she is starting to look around in Florida and needs that sun. Seattle is so beautiful in the summer, but the other months can be a killer. Katie, 24, has graduated and is working! Thomas, 22, is still in school. He took off a semester during Covid-19 so now he has an extra semester; Julie thinks he is working on finagling an extra year! Julie still works at Oracle; she is torn between exploring a new opportunity or just riding it out for the next few years. The grass is always greener. Julie played some golf this year after not having played in many years; she remembers how much she likes it as long as she doesn't keep score! She is considering pickleball next. Her last big trip was to Ireland and it was great. She is SO ready for another fun trip, hopefully this year. She says "GO BILLS" even though it will be old news by the time the newsletter comes out, but she wants us to know that she's still a fan!

Carol Richter Deninger is loving life as a grandma to Julien and excited for another grandchild due in 2022. She has been fortunate to spend time with her sister, friends, and family all around the US. She is looking forward to this next chapter in life and excited to figure out where and when to retire. Currently, she is still at Bose and will reach a 33-year milestone in 2022.

Kathy Smith Gorman had a great time celebrating her son's wedding at Notre Dame in July. She tries to get to Chicago as often as possible since all 3 of her children are there. She is also trying to catch up with college friends. Currently, she is still working, but thinking about retirement.

Caroline Downing and **Kathleen Sheridan Brewer** had a grand time helping **Kathy Smith Gorman** select her mother-of-the-groom dress which involved mail order, wine and a selection game to choose the top vote getters. They highly recommend the process but they aren't sure if Kathy feels the same. **Kathleen Sheridan Brewer, Kathy Smith Gorman, Caroline Downing,** and **Kristin Allen Newton** had a Fall excursion to Saratoga to visit their AEPi pal and were able to meet up with **Mary O'Neill Horigan '85** in a bar, of course. Great to catch up!

Kathleen Sheridan Brewer is celebrating that her older daughter is off of the family payroll and gainfully employed and working in Boston. Her younger daughter graduates this year so college tuition is almost in the rear-view mirror. Kathleen is trying to figure out where to go next. She enjoys summers in Maine, but wants a year-round vacation destination as a home base; she just isn't sure where that is yet.

Leigh Dolan Nicholson and Mike are getting used to being empty nesters. They plan on getting back to traveling more après Covid-19. For now, they are having fun visiting their kids in Chicago, Austin, and their youngest, at MSU. Leigh got her wine sommelier certification and has a really fun part-time job running a small wine shop within a home furnishing store.

After spending 20 years in Peachtree City, GA, **Anne Donato Chrzanowski** and her husband moved to Woodstock, GA. They are currently renting, but looking for a home in this crazy market. Anne spent 13 years coaching high school cross country and track, and because of the move, has retired. She continues to coach individuals for triathlons.

In April 2021, **Dori D'Agostino Wrobel** started her new journey into retirement with her husband. Her favorite parts are living in the moment and giving back to her community. She kept busy in the warm months playing golf, cycling and spending time at their Sandy Pond summer home. In the cold months, she switched to skiing, pickleball and traveling to warmer weather. Her daughters are doing great. Kristin just got a new job at Budweiser as an environmental health and safety manager. Dori and Joe are both very excited with the two cases of free beer a month. Courtney is living in NYC and landed her dream job at Gucci. Her passion for fashion is paying off. The sorority sisters she stays most in touch with are **Vicki Denny Voyer, Daphne D'Agostino Valentine '89** and **Melissa D'Agostino Walma '92**.

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Class of 1987 35th REUNION YEAR

Becky Volans Akins retired in November 2021 after 30 years of teaching high school math. She has been spending her time helping Mark with office work at the farm and enjoying "Nana Days" with granddaughter, Eloise. Mark and Becky have also been doing some house renovations; a large master suite was added on and they said goodbye to their popcorn ceilings. Becky is hoping that the summer reunion happens, and the Class of '87 can celebrate their 35th reunion.

For the most part, **Linda Dolanch Longhouse** and her family continue to be cautious with regard to Covid-19. With underlying health conditions of her own, and elderly family members, this just seems to be the most responsible thing to do. Luckily, Linda was able to take advantage of the Covid-19 break in spring and summer to visit her mother in Florida, and then with a family reunion to celebrate her nephew's high school graduation in Michigan. She also had an extra special visit from **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88** while she was in Ithaca visiting family. Linda and her husband, John, have enjoyed Olivia's visits home during her breaks from dental school, although they are too few and too short! They have also been hosting John's parents for weekly dinners. It's nice to help them out and it gives everyone a chance to spend some quality time together. Like many fellow Agonians, Linda is hoping the Ago Summer Reunion happens this year. If so, she plans to attend!

Patty Carroll Wilson and Tom still live in Howell, NJ and are empty nesters again. This past fall, Patty spent a long weekend with the 13 Cedar Crew in TopSail, NC. Age has not improved the group's pitch, but the enthusiasm with which they "performed" all the 80's favorites remained at an all-time high. Comments about how "hurricane windows did not provide any relief for the neighbors" may have been made by one of the husbands!

Sue Boulter Jackson and her husband, Ken, had a challenging year. Sue's chronic illness continued to be worse than usual until her relapse finally ended in December 2021, and she could do a bit more again. Then, Covid-19 hit at the beginning of January! It's been rough, on top of her immune disorder, but she is slowly recovering bit by bit. They have also been fully occupied all year taking care of Ken's 96-year-old father, whose dementia got much worse during the pandemic. They moved him to assisted living in September, but he fell and broke his hip at Christmas time. He's now in a nursing home (where he got Covid-19, too) and in very bad shape, so they visit daily. Sue continued to market and promote her book in 2021, write for her two blogs, and began to get back to freelance writing. Look for her article and photos on hiking with kids in a 2022 issue of *RV Magazine*! Sue also started a YouTube channel in 2021, so check it out at www.YouTube.com/c/SueJacksonDE.

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Class of 1988

Annette Bratek Saxman hosted a reunion at her beautiful lake house in June. Great friends reminisced and created new memories! Annette was joined by **Lisa O'Brien George, Diana Carroll Kaufman, Laura Perry Bridge, Colleen Palmer Beaudoin, and Kelly Underwood.**



Class of 1989

Jill Kaplowitz Lyons is now a certified independent health coach. She's helping people reach their optimal health and loving it! Her oldest, Jake, graduated from Virginia Tech in May and works for Turner Construction as a civil engineer. Her middle child, Jaimie, is a senior at JMU and currently applying to grad programs for Athletic Training. Her youngest, Jase, is a junior in HS and starting the college search. He's hoping to play baseball or football. Her husband Jim is still building hospitals.

Laura Boyd is still living in Woburn, MA, and spending as much time in Maine as life and work allows. During the summer months, you can find her on the beach in York, ME, or hiking and kayaking in the mountains near Bethel, ME. Once the snow flies, they spend as much time as possible skiing at Sunday River. In 2022, they will be going to Big Sky, MT to ski and celebrate Tim's youngest son's HS graduation. Laura has been working for iRobot since Nov 2021 and enjoys the challenges of managing people and learning about robots.

Terrie Gentile Wehse is still living in Stowe, VT and has been since the '89ers turned 40. She's working a few jobs to keep her brain from draining. Her boys are 25 and 23.... time goes so fast. Terrie is looking forward to endemic days ahead!

Sue Young continued her 'bucket list' adventures in 2021 starting with a trip to the Grand Canyon to do the mule ride to the bottom, overnight cabin camping, and ride back. What a great adventure! She met up with **Monica Fisher Kussmann** and hubby, Gregg, for a weekend of fun hiking and paddling/kayaking in the Lake Powell area. Another quest was to try hang gliding. Sue enlisted **Debbie Sorge Siegel** for this one and they headed off to the Outer Banks for a girls' weekend. They did hang gliding training at Kitty Hawk and then Sue did a mile-high tandem lesson which was amazing! Sue has regular adventures to Syracuse and games in Raleigh with local Ago, **Shelley Ives '83**, which are always a good time. Otherwise, Sue is happy in NC with her 2 cats, Sparky & Josie, and hoping to see many more Agos in 2022!

Julie Raymon Dennis will be retiring this year from teaching 2nd grade at Westhill School District, Syracuse NY.

For **Andrea Newhouse Frascatore**, 2021 seemed to be a blur... it seemed crazier than 2020. Andrea taught the entire year 100% remotely. She could not be happier to have the students back, sitting in front of her, in person. Andrea was able to take her annual family vacation to the Outer Banks. They rented a house on the sound side, rather than ocean, and enjoyed canoeing, stand-up paddle boarding, and fishing right from the backyard. They kept it low key with activities, but after reading **Sue Young's** newsletter, they want to try tandem hang gliding. This year, they also enjoyed some Syracuse University football games as Andrea's sister (**Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87**) got season tickets and was generous enough to share a couple of games. Andrea's oldest daughter, Miranda, moved back from California, then moved to an apartment across town, so now they see her every week for dinner. Andrea couldn't be happier. Her youngest, Marisa, will graduate from high school this year and plans to attend Cortland State College to pursue elementary education. They will be empty nesters!

Debbie Sorge Siegel's life is going through another set of changes as her 2 boys graduated from college and grad school. She loves visiting the oldest in Chicago and he loves being there. Debbie's youngest is looking for a job in the game design field (if anyone knows anyone). She is thrilled for them both but will miss them as they move to different states. Michael and Debbie are starting what she calls "pre-retirement" as she moved to working 4 days a week and skiing every weekend as a long weekend. Debbie is very excited to go to Palau with **Sue Young** and **Terrie Gentile Wehse** in April!

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Class of 1990

Stephanie Allen Manuel is still living in (sometimes snowy) Charlotte. She is enjoying teaching and singing at her church. Once Covid-19 is over, she is headed to NY for a much overdue visit with her Agonian sisters!

Jennifer Douglas Steinberg and husband, Scott, are living the empty nester lifestyle. Jen is training for half marathons while Scott plays tennis. They both enjoy hiking with their dogs. Jen is still teaching math and looking forward to retiring in nine years. The Steinbergs have plenty of spare bedrooms so please stop by if ever in Boston!

Michelle Gibson Dupree and husband, Jay, still reside in Wisconsin. Jay recently retired from Delta Airlines and Michelle is currently a K-12 District Math Coach. She is also teaching two classes at UW Stout, which could possibly stick as a retirement job. All four kids are grown up and out of the house. Michelle and Jay are the proud grandparents of three little ones.

Renee Hallinan Reagan and husband, Drew, are still living in Pittsford. Last year, Ren sold her children's hair salon, so now she busies herself with managing her youngest son Casey's hockey team (and travel) and her role on the AAA. Ren and Drew have recently purchased snowmobiles to fill in the weekends when they are not at hockey tournaments. Daughter Caleigh is almost done with her PA. Declan is a sophomore at Clarkson and loves it. Mac is a senior and deciding on a school for the fall. And Casey, well, playing hockey every minute. Ren recently ran into **Wendy Deisseroth Constantine '91** at a tournament and caught up briefly. Hoping this summer brings back a reunion for all.

Jade Miller Paunovich and husband, Vaughn, live in Wake Forest, NC. Jade works for the clothing company Cabi. Her oldest daughter, Bryanna, just had her first baby, making Jade a proud grandma to little Salvatore! Bryanna is currently in her fourth year of medical school and graduating this July. Middle son, Niko, is a sophomore at UConn and her youngest son, Aiden, is a junior in high school.

Sharon Seiffert Cooper and husband, Brian, are proud to share the news of their son graduating from Clarkson last May and now living in NYC, and their daughter getting married on New Year's Eve of 2020. It sounds like the year has flown, as Sharon cannot believe her daughter and son-in-law have already celebrated their first anniversary.

Kelly Wright O'Brien and husband, Jim, are living in Binghamton, NY. Their oldest, Cassidy, has recently completed her graduate degree, after graduating from Clarkson in 2020. Carly is at Drexel and this semester is abroad in South Africa. Their youngest, Owen, is a senior and deciding on a college. This year brought a very special family member, Birke O'Brien, a very large Bermadoodle! Congrats Kelly and Jim!

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Class of 1991

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Class of 1992 30th REUNION YEAR

Amy Kunsman Ross has recently built a new home in Webster, NY, closer to her family. While still working out of Dallas, Amy is able to spend about half the year in New York, catching up with friends and her Agonian sisters.

Amy Kiessling is still living in Seattle and working as a project manager for The Port of Seattle, modernizing cargo ship facilities. Her boyfriend, Chris, lives across the street, a truly great arrangement. They recently visited Savannah, GA, with a potential eye to relocate. Amy wants to know who plans to attend the 30th reunion this summer.

Class of 1993

Mary Karen Eckardt Petroske is grateful for technology to stay connected with her Ago sisters. She is navigating year twenty-four as a School Counselor in Fairport, NY and still loving it, even with the stress of life's challenges for students and families. Mary Karen experienced the amazement of hunting when she shot her first buck this fall. She feels blessed to have healthy and happy daughters. Natalie is loving her experience as a junior nursing student at LeMoyn/St. Joseph's Hospital. Paige is in her first year at SUNY Binghamton looking into all areas of medicine! Our Bowling Green (Ohio) Falcon, Danielle, pledged KKG this fall, and already has experienced the love and support of sisterhood. Mary Karen is grateful to share it all with Brent. #PotsdamBear4LIFE

Kelley Marsh Trembley and Mike welcomed their first granddaughter, Teagan Margaret Daly, in September (Mom Jordyn Bloem). Jack is at Potsdam and will take advantage of a fifth-year next year which was offered due to missing a season because of Covid-19. Mason is enjoying his freshman year at Sacred Heart University.

Debbie Rose Urban and Scott are still living in NJ. It's been a stressful time for Scott in the healthcare field, but Debbie always tries to remain grateful. Jude is a junior and plays varsity soccer and ice hockey, as well as street hockey. Alex is in 8th grade. She's a straight A student and loves soccer. Debbie shares "I just love my life," although she does miss the old days up in northern NY and 11 Pierrepont Avenue.

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Class of 1994

Jessica Hunt McAllister and Dan have been living in the Atlanta suburbs for 23 years. Kelly (20) is a junior at the University of Vermont and Claire (15) is a freshman in high school. Dan is still working in the software industry. Jessica has been keeping busy playing competitive tennis; she had a couple of big wins this year, winning City Finals in both women's doubles and mixed doubles. For the McAllisters, 2022 looks to be a big year: Dan and Jessica will both turn 50, they will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary, Kelly turns 21, Claire turns sweet 16, and the new home they are building should be finished in December. Lots to look forward to.

Lisa Papa Munter lives in Middle Grove, NY, with her husband Mike, and their two boys Tyler (19) and Jacob (16). Mike and Lisa are celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary this year and embracing their big 5-0 birthday this summer (gasp!). Their oldest, Tyler, is a freshman at Northeastern University in Boston, and is an engineering major like his dad (they tried so hard to get him to go to Clarkson). Jacob is a junior at Saratoga Springs High School and is busy with alpine ski racing, lifeguarding, and enjoying the perks of being an only child. After a life as a Special Education Teacher, Lisa has been working in the nonprofit space for the past 15 years and is in the process of launching her startup company, Knitt, which is a web-based platform that connects nonprofits and businesses (it's like Match.com but for organizations and businesses to find each other). When she's not busy creating her software tech company, she finds joy in taking care of her 7 goats and 2 pigs on a daily basis. Perhaps some Ago Sister goat yoga should be in the plans. Lisa sends light and love to everyone and hopes this summer brings more opportunities to visit one another!

Nicholle Francis lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband Bryant and her daughter. Simone (15) is a freshman in High School and has embraced so many new activities, including bass guitar and Ultimate Frisbee. Nicholle is celebrating year twenty-one as a Registered Dietitian and Breastfeeding Counselor at Bellevue Hospital in NYC. At the same time, she is building up her private practice as her exit strategy from city employment. She is looking forward to traveling again. Hawaii, St. Maarten and Spain/Portugal are on the list this year. She is so fortunate to have weekend retreats with her pledge sisters and looks forward to celebrating their 50th year of life together SOON.

Class of 1995

Eva Dechario McGee is in her 25th year of teaching, still residing at the Jersey shore - perhaps for just a few more years! Her son, Ryan, is a freshman at the University of Notre Dame and her daughter, Laura, is a sophomore in high school and also runs her own baking business. Eva enjoyed an incredible Ago girls' weekend last spring in Saugerties with **Jodi Meyer Eyer, Belinda Judge DeLuca '94, Kristin Downey Tuohy '94, Keira McPherson Clark '94, Gina Bernardo Michalski**.

Gina Bernardo Michalski is adjusting to life with a college student, who is now in the Albany area. The house has been quiet with one daughter missing; however, her 17-year-old is still keeping her and Andy busy with all of her activities. Gina is still working towards her post master's degree in Special Education and is enjoying being a preschool teacher to PreK 3s and PreK 4s. She still finds time, though, to get together with her long time Ago sisters and loves every minute of that.

Nicole Pitaniello has been busy. She recently got married and has a new job with Weber Shandwick, a marketing agency out of DC, that she loves! The job involves enrolling the uninsured in healthcare and working with the CDC on public education for childhood vaccines.

Stephanie Watson Holman lives in Kent, OH where she teaches first grade. She has three children, the oldest just graduated from college (which is just crazy as Stephanie feels like she just graduated from college!) Her son is also in college and her youngest is a junior in high school. Stephanie and Garth have been married for 25 years!

Michele Bulleigh Vishion lives in Cape Coral and is loving the Florida lifestyle! She left teaching after 10 years to return to the custom home building industry as a project/office coordinator. Michelle has been married for 16 years. Her step-daughter was married in November in Buffalo, and just bought a house in Irondequoit. Her 17-year-old son graduates from high school in May.

This past November, **Emily Gerepka Whelan** and her family built a new home in Simi Valley; they have become huge homebodies. Allison is a senior in college and hopes to start teaching in the fall. William and Brenna are both sophomores and little Lexi is in 5th grade. Emily and Tommy celebrated his 50th birthday in Bora Bora, which was absolutely beautiful. They have been very fortunate to have been healthy this year. Emily is planning an exciting beach getaway this Spring with Ago pledge sisters **Tammy Buchner Foley, Kerri Boffa Bianchi, and Jen Klehammer Batzing.**

In June, **Kim Hamlin** moved from North Carolina to Florida with her two daughters and her boyfriend of three years. She is now in her 24th year of teaching 6th grade math. She also got engaged on Christmas Day!

Meggan Tokaryk Hahn lives in Camillus, outside of Syracuse. She has been happily married to husband Ray for 22+ years. Her daughter, Greta, is a junior at New Paltz, and her son, Max, is a sophomore at Oswego. Megan loves working 1:1 with people with disabilities and is currently working with an inclusive student at SU! Guess she is still loving college life! Anyone up for a Syracuse meetup?

Kerri Boffa Bianchi lives in the Hudson Valley and has been married to AJ for almost 24 years. Her oldest, Nicholas, is a junior at Binghamton, pursuing a doctorate degree in pharmacology. Andrew is a freshman at Cortland and has not decided on a major yet, and Sarah is a sophomore in high school playing soccer and basketball. Last March, Kerri became the principal of the building at which she had been the Assistant Principal for many years. She loves her job, although being an administrator during Covid-19 has been a challenge!

Jen Klehammer Batzing and Chad (Sigma Pi '94) will be celebrating 20 years of marriage this summer! Jen thanks the SUNY Potsdam Student Union, the place they met! In July, Jen started a new position with the Corning-Painted Post School District-Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education. Her daughter Brooklyn is a junior in high school and her social and athletic schedules keep them busy and having fun! They have started college campus tours, and with each stop, Jen and Chad question, "Can we go back to college?!"

Carly Roberts Hamilton-Jones lives in Saratoga Springs and is a life/business coach for women who want to become entrepreneurs. She is married to Dean and has three kids: Max, who will be attending and playing lacrosse at UMass Boston in the fall, Maeve, who is in 10th grade, and Jude, who is in 7th grade.

Kristen Scholar Pena is still in San Francisco and has an interior design firm that she loves. Her husband, Luis, is a director and photographer. Her daughter, Sadie, is a freshman at UC Santa Barbara and Kristen is incredibly jealous of her beach and hammock study spots. Can you imagine? Her daughter Emmi is a sophomore in high school and hopes to go to art school, perhaps in NYC.

Julie DeStefano Stephens lives in New Hartford, NY, with Jim, her husband of 22 years. Her daughter Maggie is studying musical theater at Syracuse University with hopes of landing a Broadway role, shooting films, and teaching kids performing arts. Her daughter Bella is a senior in high school, currently applying to colleges. Julie's son Gavin is in 7th grade and sports-obsessed! Diagnosed with a rare cancer, Julie has recently been through surgery and chemo but is strong, determined, and truly appreciative of all the prayers from her Ago sisters!

Class of 1996

Melissa Dennis Fasse still lives in the Philadelphia, PA area. Andrew graduated from Penn State University in May, 2021, with his Bachelor of Science and is working in Philadelphia for a biotech laboratory. Emme is set to graduate high school in June, 2022, and has committed to attending West Virginia University to study forensics this fall. Melissa and a few other Agos get together as much as they can throughout each year and she cherishes those times.

Class of 1999

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumni@agopotsdam.com: Stacey Siegmann DeVarne

Class of 2001

Marci Berman Blaszka remains at her position as a Nurse Practitioner at Kean University's Student Health Center. She is in the middle of a new home build up the street from her current location. Her daughter Gemma (5) started Kindergarten and is loving school while Mom is enjoying her "me-time." Marci is also an Ago Mentor for the 2nd time.

Lisandra Adorno Mendez was promoted this past year to Senior Manager of Operations at Phelps Hospital. She remains in Rockland County, NY, with her husband (SUNY Potsdam alum) and two children Leila (12) and Jacob (9). When she's not vacationing or working, Liz is also a full-time soccer-mom.

Stephanie LaRock Britt and her Sigma Pi alum husband remain in Rochester. They recently purchased a vacation home in the Thousand Islands and are looking forward to spending more summer vacations there with her Agonian sisters and family.

Sandra Van Pelt Robinson and her DK alum husband, Mark, remain in Tennessee and are learning to embrace living in the South. They welcomed new baby, James Douglas, to their family in April and Moira (3.5) is taking her role as big sister very seriously. They recently enjoyed a family vacation to Disney World.

Class of 2004

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Clarissa Buda Melita

Class of 2006

Lindsay Buchta is living in Endicott with her fiancé, daughter, four cats, and dog. She still works at Binghamton University, but now manages the budgets of a small research group. She works at the hotel and is working toward getting her personal training certification. She stays busy with her daughter, Mattea, and her sports schedule. She is still traveling around the country for softball, and will start college in about a year and a half, in Fall 2024!

Rachel Cajigas was recently promoted to Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alabama. Gael is four years old and will begin playing soccer this spring, and sweet Gabriella will turn two in August. It has been a real challenge to balance work and parenting small children during the pandemic with frequent daycare shutdowns (as many others are experiencing, too!). They are grateful for their health, the time spent together at home, and friends and family that have made the journey to the Deep South to visit-- including our very own **Liz Wegner Franklin!**

Liz Wegner Franklin and family continue to navigate through the pandemic. Her oldest son, Logan, started kindergarten in the fall and is enjoying it along with many activities throughout the year, including dance, t-ball, swimming, basketball, and Taekwondo. Tenly just turned two and is loving her dance class. Liz was lucky enough to meet up with many of her sisters in the Outer Banks this past summer, as well as a long overdue visit to her pledge sister, **Rachel Cajigas**, in Alabama! Liz will be working part-time as a counselor and continues to teach dance and barre. Her husband will be deployed later this year and she is preparing for the big change.

This past year has flown by for **Allison Autry Zukoski**. It has been filled with lots of growth, fun, and family time. Allison is a business partner for Laughing Gull Chocolate, which has recently expanded. They are prepping for a new location and are very excited for the business's future. A highlight of the past year was seeing **Linda Berti Reiter '05** over the summer and catching up while their kids played. She's excited to plan a mini-getaway to see other sisters over the summer.

Class of 2007 15th REUNION YEAR

Liz Henderson is excited for a move to the Virginia Beach area and can't wait to have easy access to the ocean again. She has written a short children's story and is excited to put it to print in the near future. As always, she's very excited for another year of making more memories with her Ago sisters.

Nicole Brust Jones is still teaching at Saratoga Springs High School. Gracie is in 5th grade and Molly is in 1st. Both girls are active in sports and activities and are doing great. Nicole's three dogs also keep them busy! The Jones family had an incredible vacation in Outer Banks with **Liz Wegner Franklin '06**, **Maria Potenza Jackson '06**, **Liz Henderson** and their families, and she looks forward to more Ago gatherings in the coming year.

Serena Krauz Kiriscioglu is about to celebrate her FIRST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY! Her husband got orders to Fort Leavenworth on the Kansas and Missouri border and they will be moving there around August with their three cats. Cheers to another happy and healthy year to her Agos!

Class of 2009

Cheryl Halsey Melvin and her husband, James, welcomed their first child, John, on October 14th, 2021. Both mom and dad are enjoying spending time with their little one and navigating their roles as new parents.

Lindsay Mermell Brock and her husband, Tom, welcomed Eliza in March 2021. Lindsay is a Financial Advisor in Greensboro, NC. She volunteers in the community as the Treasurer of the Junior League and enjoys teaching Pure Barre for fun.

Jenna Naylor Fernandez lives in Glens Falls with her husband, Mike and their three daughters, Maiven (5), Remi (3), and Olive (8 months). She left teaching in Saratoga after 10 years to teach in her home district of Glens Falls, and is enjoying being part of her children's school community.

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 fabulous geriatric pooch, Smudge.

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!

Rachel Gebhardt is still living in Lake Placid, still working at North Country Community College, still married to a Phi Chi alumna, and still loving being a mom to 3-year-old Jack! Pandemic life has treated her family well, and just like most other dogs in America, their dog Millie, has been enjoying it the most!

Sarah Paparella is living in Albany, NY. She serves on various healthcare related boards and is the Administrator of a 242-bed skilled nursing facility.

Heather Taylor is living in North Carolina in a little pink house with a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the distance. She is working remotely for a guitar coach online, and keeping up with making music from her home studio.

Lauren Zona Hearne is still living in Rochester, NY, teaching middle school band at Greece CSD. She and her husband, Kenny, are kept busy with their 3 kids: Stella (8), Nathan (6), and Leo (3).

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

Jacqueline Petit Smith lives in Houston, TX.

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

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Courtney LaRowe

Class of 2010

Danielle Cardello Cahill reports that she has been successfully selling cars at Carbone Honda for 9 years. She and her husband have two children; their 4-year-old, Levi, was just joined by little sister, Allyson, in June 2021.

Class of 2011

Brooke Morse Welch and her significant other bought a house for her three children - Brayden (11), Julia (8), Jackson (4) and their chocolate lab Sandy (1). Brooke works as a middle school/high school art teacher at Sandy Creek CSD, and this year she was also the assistant director of the HS musical "When in Rome", as well as the varsity boys track and field coach! When Brooke is not working at school, she is throwing on the pottery wheel, painting commissions and making babies (due in July)!

Class of 2012 10th REUNION YEAR

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 3-year-old son, Xander, and 8-month-old daughter, Olivia.

Audrianna Vahue Krajewski is living in Lincoln, NE, and continues to teach math at an alternative behavioral high school. She and her husband are expecting their first baby at the end of February.

Kelly Snyder Bigsby and her husband, Artie, are living in Minnesota with their 18-month-old daughter, Fallon. They are excited to move back home to Cazenovia, NY, in July.

Katie Beck is living in Raleigh, NC with her lab mix, Winnie. She is currently teaching first grade in Chapel Hill.

Laura Pohl Peterson lives in La Jolla, California, and loves exploring the beauty of her new home state with her husband and dog. She continues to work at Herman Miller doing Healthcare Sales. She can't wait for the birth of Carter Patrick (her pledge sister's first son) this year.

Class of 2014

Congratulations to **Lindsay Burress Palmer** on her 9/11/21 wedding. Lindsay continues to teach music at Mcgraw Central Schools.

Class of 2015

Cassie Smith Bessette got married this past fall to her college sweetheart, Simon, who played hockey for Clarkson. They're currently living in Tennessee together.

Class of 2016

Clare Reilly is looking forward to traveling more in the coming year. Trips to South Carolina and Las Vegas are already planned.

Class of 2021

Catherine "Catt" Gagnon reports that things have been crazy and exciting since SUNY Potsdam graduation. After working on multiple archeological excavations and assisting with daily office operations through an internship at the Maryland Historical Trust, she accepted admission to the University of Maryland College Park (UMD) to work on a Masters in Applied Anthropology. In her first year, she received a Graduate Assistantship, earned a 3.9 her first semester, and took on leadership roles in the fencing club. She stays busy conducting research, examining artifacts and searching archives and newspaper databases. She has made contributions to several fencing collegiate events. Additionally, she serves on the Community Outreach Committee for the Robert C. Parker School (where she went to middle school). Through all this, she has managed to stay Covid-19-free and has established a great friend group in MD. She misses her Ago sisters and would love to connect with alums in the MD area.

Honoraries

Alumnae **Lynne Boles '74**, **Deborah "Dief" Diefendorf Hind '75**, **Bonnie Betters Reed '73**, **Eileen Goss Whelley '76** have all worked closely with Ago Honorary **Nancy Griffin** on the College's Foundation or Alumni Boards. They declare "She's a gem". Ago couldn't have picked a better person to be an Honorary. Thank you to Nancy for supporting our mask and 11P kitchen fundraiser!

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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.

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