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Association
Spring 2023

Agonian Sorority Celebrates 141 Years

You are cordially invited to the **2023 Reunion Weekend**
July 13th - July 16th 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 1st.

Thursday July 13

- Early Bird Reception TBD

Friday July 14

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

Sponsored by the **Class of 1983**

Saturday July 15

- 9:30 Coffee and Light Snacks Sponsored by the Class of
TBD. (Location TBD)
- 10:00-11:30 am Ago Alumnae Association meeting (Mtg
room TBD)
- TBD Greek Photo (Minerva Plaza) Wear your letters (Navy,
White & Gold)
- 2:00pm – Open House BYOB (11P) Sponsored by the **Class
of 1973**

Sunday July 16

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

*The above schedule is subject to change.

This year we will be celebrating the classes ending in 3 and
8. Rooms book fast so make sure you plan ahead. Talk with
your classmates and start making plans to come to this
year's reunion.

Donations are always welcome, as well as Agonian Alumnae
Association \$25 dues which help with the Scholarship for
Actives, printing and mailing the Newsletter, and Summer
Reunion.

Please see the Agonian website
(<http://agopotsdam.com/keep-our-ship-afloat/>) to
donate or pay dues. You can also send a check (made
payable to Agonian Alumnae Association) to **Renee Hallinan
Reagan '90**, 217 Royal View Dr., Pittsford, NY 14534
Thank you for your support of the Agonian Sorority and the
Agonian Alumnae Association.

2023 Reunion Alumnae Community Service Project

Since one of the many things we strive for as Agonians
is community service, we will again be partnering with
the local Renewal House and the Potsdam Animal
Shelter, collecting items and monetary donations 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, new and gently used 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>. You can
make a direct monetary donation using the following
website
[https://www.justgiving.com/stlawrencevalleyrenewal
houseforvictimsoffamilyviol](https://www.justgiving.com/stlawrencevalleyrenewalhouseforvictimsoffamilyviol) (Contact **Jacquie Morse
Shellman '69**: Jacquie.shellman@gmail.com with
questions.)

Potsdam Animal Shelter
(shelter@potsdamhumanesociety.org) is requesting
items including: bleach, laundry detergent, canned cat
and dog food (preferably pate), cat and dog treats,
postage stamps, copy paper, large Kongs and wood
pellets. You can also find items on Amazon and have
items sent directly using the Amazon Smile program
link.
[https://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/pd.html/ref=sm
i_se_saas_pd_pd](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/pd.html/ref=smi_se_saas_pd_pd) (Contact the Executive Director
Kathy Hughes for more information:
kchughes334@gmail.com)

During Reunion Weekend 2022, alumna **Jacquie
Morse Shellman '69** coordinated and collected
donations for the Renewal House and Potsdam
Humane Society. Thank you to all attendees who
donated money and various requested items. Both
organizations were very grateful. A BIG THANK YOU to
Jacquie, all the alumnae that donated and Honorary,
Leila Thurston, who delivered the donations.

Order a 2023 Reunion T-Shirt - \$20 *

Orders due by June 1 !!! **

To order your t-shirt today, click this link or navigate to this website: agopotsdam.com/order

* Plus PayPal transaction fee

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



- Orders will be available for pickup at the Reunion. A limited number of shirts will be at reunion for sale.
- If you need assistance ordering a t-shirt, contact us either by email: alumnae@agopotsdam.com or via the AAA Leadership Team information located on the bottom of page 3.

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

Note from the Reunion Chair

2023 Reunion

Attention! Attention! ... calling all Ago Alumnae near and far, the 2023 Reunion Weekend is fast approaching! After the wonderful return to 11P last summer, your reunion committee will be coordinating your return to "the house", 11 Pierrepont Ave! Get in touch with the Alumni Office at SUNY for townhouse or single/double rooms on campus at 315-267-2120 (M-F 8:30-4); the townhouses are 4 or 5 bedrooms and go fast!!! We are looking for a sponsoring class for the coffee and refreshments for our annual meeting. Friday night's welcome porch party is being sponsored by the 40th anniversary Class of 83. Please send an email to joann.kochquon@gmail.com if you are interested in sponsoring an event. So, brush up on your Ago songs, reach out to your sisters, find those old jock shirts and sailor hats and get ready for our best reunion ever!

Love in AKPhi

Reunion Committee 2023

JoAnn "JoJo" Koch-Quon '77, Sue Wajda '74 and Jacquie Morse Shellman '69



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Website: www.agopotsdam.com

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

Facebook Alumnae: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AgoPotsdamAlumnae>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AgoPotsdam>

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

President Report- Clare Reilly '16

It has been a great privilege to be elected as the Agonian Alumnae Association President. We have a wonderful team including newly appointed **Sue Compton Dixon '84** as well as **Bonnie Zellner '17** and **Renee Hallinan Reagan '90**. I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of my term brings me, but we have already accomplished a lot over this past year, including: continuing to identify missing and deceased sisters, and trying to save money and paper by switching sisters from receiving the printed Anchor newsletter to E-news. I'm looking forward to seeing and meeting many of you at this year's Reunion. Hope to see you there!

Vice President Report- Bonnie Zellner '17

Through my two-year term as Vice President, I've been so lucky to work with all of the amazing ladies on the Alumnae Team, The Board of Directors and also the other wonderful ladies of Ago! I'd like to thank **Sue Wajda '74**, **JoAnn Koch-Quon '78**, and **Jacque Morse Shellman '69** for taking over the planning of our 2023 Reunion Weekend. I'd also like to thank **Clare Reilly '16**, **Sue Compton Dixon '84**, and **Ren Hallinan Reagan '90** for helping me learn how to do this job. I was honored that they asked me to fill the position of VP and am so happy that I was a very small part in helping to keep this wonderful group of women going!

Treasurer Report- Renee Hallinan Reagan '90

My name is Renee "Ren" Hallinan Reagan, and I am continuing to serve as your AAA Treasurer. I am so proud of the Agonian sisterhood and my current AAA team. We all continue to keep the AAA sailing strong together. Thank you to all who continue to pay their annual dues. As I have received a few inquiries, I would like to express that AAA dues are based on a calendar year. Although our largest expense continues to be the publication and mailing of our Anchor newsletter, we have been able to reduce our mailing costs significantly by those of you changing over to our electronic version. 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- Sue Compton Dixon '84

With **Clare Reilly '16** transitioning into the AAA President's role, and no candidate for Communications Director, I offered to step in and fill the role. My primary goal is to continue the progress that has been made in cleaning up the database. Since 2020, Clare and I have reduced the number of "Missing" Agos by 31%, either by finding them or confirming that they are no longer with us. In the same time period, we have reduced the number of paper Anchors being mailed by 42% by encouraging alumnae to move to a newsletter delivered by email and by sponsoring a "postage due" account to ensure that non-deliverable newsletters are returned to us so we can identify those that should be removed from the mailing list. Unfortunately, the increases in the cost of postage and printing have risen accordingly, but we take satisfaction in knowing that we have kept the cost relatively stable. The Communications Director job is fun, rewarding, and full of surprises. If you have spreadsheet skills, and time you would like to donate to Ago, consider contacting me for more information on the job. You could even "shadow" for a while to see if it is something you'd like to do.

Ago Alumnae Association (AAA) Leadership Team Officers

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| President-Clare Reilly '16 | Clarereilly@gmail.com 585-802-9729 |
| Vice President- Bonnie Zellner '17 | bczell317@gmail.com 631-525-1395 |
| Communication Director- Sue Compton Dixon '84 | susan_dixon@live.com 617-921-3482 |
| Treasurer- Renee Hallinan Reagan '90 | Rreagan3@rochester.rr.com 585-455-9057 |

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.

This year, the Agonian Board of Directors has two positions up for election: Treasurer and House Repair Manager. They both have 3-year terms with a limit of two consecutive terms.

The Agonian Alumnae Association also has two positions up for election: Vice President and Treasurer. These positions have 2-year terms with a limit of two consecutive terms.

If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities of each of these positions, follow this link or navigate to our website: <http://agopotsdam.com/elections-2023/>

Should you decide you are interested in running for one of these positions, please send an email stating your intent to alumnae@agopotsdam.com by June 1st. Please include information about why you would like this position and describe any experience you have that is related to the responsibilities of the position.

Board of Directors

| Office | Name | Email | Phone |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------|
| President | Shelley Ives '83 | shelleyi@earthlink.net | (919)630-8718 |
| Member At Large | Denise Bennett Haines '81 | DeniseHaines@me.com | (352)536-5876 |
| Member At Large | Amy Kunsman Ross '92 | amyross8@yahoo.com | 214-437-9195 |
| Member At Large | Vera Thurston Gibbs '78 | vmgibbs@syr.edu | (315)569-9755 |
| Member At Large | Clare Reilly '16 | Clarereilly@gmail.com | (585)802-9729 |
| House Repair Manager | Licia Urtis Murrell '82 | mslicia@bellsouth.net | (404)406-5238 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Jenssie Flores McClintock '89 | jenssflores@optonline.net | 631-764-6623 |

Board of Directors Chair Report

Dear Sisters,

The Active membership this year totaled 9 in the Fall 2022, including 1 new member from Spring 2022. One member graduated in December 2022, and we had 3 new members last fall. One of the new members is from England and was only here for the semester but was interested in joining Ago; we were disappointed Lauren was only at SUNY Potsdam in the Fall but were glad she wanted to be part of Ago while at SUNY Potsdam.

We have a total of 10 members this year and are looking forward to more new members this Spring 2023, as we have 5 members graduating this year in May.

We were glad to have 7 members living in the house this year.

Membership has been a challenge the last few years for all Greek houses, not just Ago, for several reasons: Covid-19 is still around, the overall student population is a lot lower at SUNY Potsdam and this year, Clarkson has decided they only want students to join Clarkson sororities and not participate in SUNY Potsdam sororities. For example, the total students rushing in the fall was around 12-15 and not all of the rushees decided to join a sorority (there were 4 Ago, 4 Zeta, 2 AST and another sorority did not get any new members). We also had one new member (of the 4) drop out of the program.

One of our Ago Alumnae, **Amy Kunsman Ross '92**, has stepped in to help with Rush, along with alumna **Renee Hallinan Reagan '90**. Amy and Ren have been a big help with Rush, working with the Active members. Amy and Ren have recruited other alumnae to help also. There is an article in the Anchor for you to read with more about Rush.

The Board of Directors works with the Active members for guidance. We work closely with the Ago e-Board, the New Member Education program and all the officers.

Last summer, we lost one of our most dedicated Ago sisters, **Colleen Costello Filiak '79**, who was the Board of Directors Treasurer; Colleen passed away in July. Colleen has served on the Agonian Board of Directors and/or Agonian Alumnae Association for over 40 years.

This past year we have not had any big upgrades to our home at 11 Pierrepont Avenue. See Licia Murrell's House Repair Manager article for additional information.

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 for your donations to help "Keep our Ship Afloat".

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



House Repair Manager Report

Our Beautiful Hallowed Halls

A word of gratitude to everyone for all the generous donations made both by class and individuals to keep the house in good shape. The active sisters keep the house in excellent order, so little was needed this year. As always, the safety and security of our Hallowed Halls is our priority.

During the past year, the biggest repair was a new fifty-gallon hot water heater. One of the upstairs bathrooms also received an updated cabinet. The kitchen remodel is still on our list, and we will proceed once

funding is in place. We welcome anyone who is considering making a gift donation.

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

Licia Urtis Murrell '82
House Repair Manager

Member at Large/ New Member Educator

Serving on the Board of Directors as a Member at Large, I am currently the liaison to the New Member Educator, the position formerly known as "Pledge Mistress". This allows for open communication between the Active Membership and the Board of Directors during the New Member Education Program. Serving as the New Member Educator for Spring and Fall 2022 was Brianna Novotny, a Crane music major, who will also serve Spring 2023. Spring Bid Day brought us one New Member and Fall 2022 brought us three. One of our Fall NMs was a music major exchange student from England who wanted to take part in Greek Life for the semester and chose Ago because the sisters made her feel welcomed. Because the number of students signing up for Rush has dwindled, the Actives are working hard to capture their share by interacting with rushees in their free time and getting to know one another better. We are proud of their efforts to help build Active membership and look forward to bringing aboard another class in Spring 2023.

Just a reminder that we are always in need of alumnae to serve as Mentors to our incoming New Members.

Denise "Dede" Haines '81

Active Community Service

I am happy to report that all of the Active members completed their 10 hours of community service! Group hours were served helping the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce in their Fall Festival, Halloween Trunk or Treat program (our girls won for best display) and their holiday food drive. It's wonderful that the girls are inserting themselves in the greater Potsdam community and promoting Greek life. Individual hours varied between volunteering with the AM Vets, the Humane Society and at the Best Friends Thrift Store. A big shout out to **Sam Thompson '23** for organizing the service events and ensuring that all of the girls completed their hours - well done Sam!

Love in AKPhi,

Becky Volans Akins '87
Community Service Advisor

Remember Our Sister: Colleen Costello Filiak '79

Our Agonian sister, **Colleen Costello Filiak '79**, sadly passed away on July 28, 2022. While in Potsdam, Colleen served as President of Ago in 1978-79, her senior year at Clarkson University. Colleen married Paul Filiak in 1981 and they have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters.

After graduation, Colleen continued to be part of Ago. She helped establish the Agonian Alumnae Association and served on the Board of Directors for over 40 years. Colleen consistently and unconditionally gave so much to Ago. There was no challenge that Colleen could not conquer. She stepped up to every situation with dignity, poise, and confidence. Ago's best interest was always at the forefront of all she did. With Colleen's selflessness, tenacity, and devotion, we all grew to be better people and a stronger sisterhood.



Below are comments from some of Colleen's Ago sisters after hearing of her passing:

- I knew Colleen best when I was chair of the Ago Board from 2000 to 2003. The main thing I want to share is that she was the bedrock that Ago was built on. For so many years, we depended on her to keep the ship afloat and she did it well, never faltered, despite her health challenges. And under what appeared as a tough exterior was a warm heart. When needed, she took care of many girls, unassuming, unappreciated, and silently. But we knew. Thank you, Colleen, truly an anchor.
~ **Denise Aiello Bukovan '76**
- She was caring and giving, had the wildest sense of humor, but at the same time so strong and steadfast. She was a wonderful role model. What a great sister and friend.
~ **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**
- Colleen was a friend, a sister, a leader, and an all-around great person. We were so fortunate that she chose Ago. This is a sad day for sure. There is always a special bond with the girls you pledge with.
~ **Debra LoBello Burhans '79**
- Colleen was a true friend and sister. We were fortunate to have her leadership. She was sensible, serious as needed, and so much fun! May she rest peacefully and live in our memories.
~ **Linda Connelly '79**

Any additional donations collected over the cost of the bench and tree will be sent to the Scleroderma Foundation in memory of Colleen.

In memory of Colleen, a bench is being built with a plaque that will be placed at Otsiningo Park in Binghamton, NY and we will also be planting a tree at 11 Pierrepont Avenue in Potsdam, NY in Colleen's memory. If anyone is interested in contributing, you can send the donation to:

Shelley Ives
54 Shadow Drive, Whispering Pines, NC 28327

There is an annual Scleroderma walk in Binghamton, NY at Otsiningo Park on Sunday, June 4th at 10:00 am. Below is the link. You will see the picture of Colleen (with the baseball cap) and her nephew walking, and the young children are grandchildren and great-niece. It would be great if anyone can attend and walk this year for Colleen and show our support by wearing our letters. If you can attend and walk, click on the link below. Under team search, search for Costello and Team Costello should come up. Kelly Filiak, the Team Captain, is Colleen's daughter. You can register or donate on the page with Team Costello. 2023 Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Binghamton - The National Scleroderma Foundation. Hope to see you there!

https://national.scleroderma.org/site/TR/Events/Tri-StateChapter?pg=entry&fr_id=4874

Alumnae Mentor Program

The Agonian Sorority is unique in that we have an Alumnae Mentor program. Each Member and New Member will have an Alumnae mentor.

The Benefits of the Mentorship are:

Improved confidence, recognition, psychosocial support, leadership development, career advice, exposure to diverse perspectives and experience, help on networking and the foundation for lasting personal and professional network.

Please consider the rewards of being a Mentor.

Thank you to the 2022 **Mentors: Bonnie Zellner '17, Stacy Smith Nichols '81, Gabriella Guarasce Heinike '18, Alice Warden Ehmman '93, Anastasia Glasheen '84**

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact **Shelley Ives '83** at shelleyives@agopotsdam.com.

Reminiscing on Good Times at 11P

"Ago is still close to my heart - I joined in a season when only one could be admitted. What a privilege! Some members raised me up on their shoulders. I felt a cigar in my mouth - what jokers! I ate my (delicious) meals at the house." **Joyce Tuck DeWitt '56**

"Thanks for the memories. I especially loved singing 2nd soprano in the 4 Beats; wondering if it has carried on." **Wendy Stratton Bailey '60**

"At the end of our freshman year, Kay and I were invited to live in the Ago house our sophomore year. WE were 'floaters' and filled in spaces left by Juniors who were off campus. Kay had 2 brothers and I had 3, but neither of us had a sister, so the upper classmen in the house seemed like our real sisters. They were attractive, bright, and interesting. They gave us good counseling on everything from academics to dating problems. Kay became president of Ago in our senior year. My mother-in-law, Marie Decker, became housemother in 1951 and remained there for 21 years. We visited her occasionally so I had more contact with the sorority and the house than I would have otherwise." **Sylvia "Tibby" Decker Decker Quackenbush '50**

Greek Life Intern Scholarship

Over a decade ago, Ago alumna **Jane Morale '80** and her husband **Glen Zagorski** endowed a Greek Life Intern scholarship at SUNY Potsdam. It is awarded annually to an intern that works to promote a positive Greek experience for students at SUNY Potsdam. This year, it was awarded to our own Agonian, **Angy Howard '23**. Congratulations and well done, Angy!



“Go Green” with the Agonian Anchor Newsletter

If you are reading this newsletter on paper, you have the opportunity to help the AAA save paper and postage (which also frees up more AAA money for scholarships and other initiatives).

We have been working hard to reduce the number of paper newsletters getting mailed over the years by asking sisters to receive the newsletter via email, and by cleaning up the database of addresses that are no longer valid. Printing and mailing the newsletter are our biggest costs. Even though we have reduced the quantity of newsletters sent by post office from 750 to 425 in the last 4 years, the costs have remained steady at around \$2,000. Every newsletter we sent in 2022 cost us about \$4.25. This year will likely be even higher, due to the rising costs of paper and postage. To raise \$2,000, we have to recruit at least 80 sisters to pay their dues (and another 40 dues-paying sisters to cover the scholarship).

With email, our volunteers can create and send newsletters for free. The electronic copies are even better because your pictures will be in color and if you really want paper, you can print the email newsletter to any home printer. Even if you received this newsletter on paper, if we have your email address, we sent you an email copy too. Please take a look at it and see if you think the email version would suffice in the future. You can email us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com to change to “E-news”.

One more plea.... If you prefer to continue receiving your treasured paper copy, please consider paying your annual dues or making an occasional donation toward the newsletter fund so that we can continue to print and mail paper newsletters. Checks payable to Agonian Alumnae Association (\$25 for dues, any amount for donations) to the AAA Treasurer, **Renee Hallinan Reagan '90, 217 Royal View, Pittsford, NY 14534**. If you make a donation, be sure to specify "newsletter" on the Memo line. Or you can donate online by following this link: <http://agopotsdam.com/keep-our-ship-afloat/>. Click the Donate button and make sure to choose "AAA dues/Anchor newsletter" from the dropdown.

AAA Scholarship Award Fall 2022

On November 13, 2022, **Mindy Poupore '79** and **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88** traveled to Potsdam to award Brianna Novotny the \$1,000 AAA Scholarship. **Brianna Novotny '24**, a junior music education major, impressed the Scholarship Committee which was made up of Mindy and Kathy as well as **Jacquie Shellman '69, Linda Dolanch Longhouse '87, Vera Gibbs '78, and Susan Hostetter '81**. Brianna is a leader among the trumpet players at Crane as well as the New Member Educator for Ago. Academically, she has been on the President's List every semester with a GPA of over 3.5. She has also organized and participated in many service activities.

Mindy and Kathy provided dinner for the house after the presentation, and it was wonderful to spend time with the active members and get to know them a bit.

If you are interested in participating in the Scholarship Committee, please reach out to either **AAA President Clare Reilly**, or **Scholarship Committee chair Kathy Catlin Briggs at kbriggs117@gmail.com**



Mindy Poupore '79 (left), **Brianna Novotny '24** (center) and **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88** (right)

Ago Class of '62 Reconnects Over Zoom

In 2012, the Ago Class of '62 had so enjoyed reconnecting at their 50th Potsdam Reunion, with much time spent together on campus, at the Ago House, and at the lake home of John and **Judy Schorge O'Reilly**, that when their 60th came along they wanted to get together. Unable to travel to Potsdam for their 60th Reunion in 2022, the Ago Class of '62 decided to have a virtual reunion over Zoom. On September 10, 2022, ten sisters of the class of '62 clicked on the Zoom link and were able to see and converse with each other for a couple of hours. The ten Agonians included: **Sue Johnson Aceto, Pat Clerkin Swanson, Elaine Fallon Boyrer, Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman, Kathie Canapary Kiernan, May Simpson Kemp, Bev Eccles Levy, Shirley Wolf Crane, Betsy (Bunny) Slingerland Blaisdell, and Fran Sardina Bliet.**

It was wonderful to chat about their careers, their families and their travel adventures. The Ago Class of '62 is a diverse and accomplished group of ladies who were teachers, principals, instructors, coaches, mentors, musicians and artists, along with being domestic engineers and raising amazing children and grandchildren of which (if asked) they'll not hesitate in expounding about all their unusual and spectacular accomplishments! They have found that being fortunate in becoming an octogenarian also brings its challenges and sadness. On a positive note, they also can take advantage of opportunities in being life-long learners by participating in physical and mental activities that keep them youthful.

The 60th Reunion Zoom Chat went so well they all enthusiastically agreed to continue to meet quarterly. The Winter Ago Zoom Chat was held on January 14th and included eight sisters. Some had appointments or were in the middle of moving and unable to join but there was a good showing with: **Bunny Slingerland Blaisdell, Sue Johnson Aceto, Elaine Fallon Boyrer, May Simpson Kemp, Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman, Kathie Canapary Kiernan, Shirley Wolf Crane, and Fran Sardina Bliet.** They caught up on what was happening in their lives, changes they are adapting to, families they're proud of, activities they're involved with and chatted about some of their memories at 11P including watching the 1961 debates between JFK and Nixon in Mrs. Decker's living room, the Happy Un-birthday Parties with creative funny hats, St. Patrick's Day green milk compliments of Irish lassie **May Simpson Kemp**, listening to Crane sisters playing piano and singing along, and laughing about some of the mischief they got into. Fun times during wonderful college days as Ago Sisters!

The next **Ago Class of '62 Zoom Chat** will be held on **April 1st at 1:00 EDT**. They can't wait to see their Ago sisters, catch up on their lives, share their memories, and enjoy each other's company again.



Submitted by **Fran Sardina Bliet**,
Class of '62 Class Rep

Top Row:
Elaine Fallon Boyer, Fran Sardina
Bliet, Kathie Canapary

Second Row:
Sue Johnson Aceto, Betsy Slingerland
Blaisdell, May Simpson Kemp

Third Row:
Shirley Wolf Crane,
Joyce Moulton McAmmond Coleman

2022 Ago Reunion

Welcome to AKPhi - you've come to the place where the action is! Yes, reunion 2022 was one for the ages with Alumnae from '69 to '21 in attendance. We started off by attending the welcome party on campus on Thursday night with around 15 Agos and their spouses to listen to our dear friend Alex and his wonderful guitar outside in the beautiful Potsdam summer weather. The evening was wrapped up with group dinners at local restaurants and lots of catching up.

On Friday we kicked off Reunion back at our beloved 11 P with a welcome porch party along with food, food, and even more food, including our much-loved Sergi's pizza! Again, stories were shared, and the gang headed to Maxfields for Double Axels' return! Many thanks to my own Class of '77 for sponsoring this evening and the many hands that went to work in order to make this evening a success.



Saturday, we all reconvened for our annual meeting on campus. Thank you to **Alice Brock Topa** and **Janie Davidson McEwen**, both from the **Class of 71**, who supplied us with much needed coffee and treats. At the end of the meeting **Sue Dixon '84** presented our beloved AAA founder **Sue Wajda '74** with the doughboy blanket holding many of her dearest friends' names on sailor hats, a lifetime achievement plaque, and our gift. Emotions were high to say the least.

As usual we had to RUN to the Minerva statue by the Union to make it in time for the Greek Photo Shoot! All of us cheering for each other as we took our turns.

Saturday evening's porch party was sponsored by the trio of friends, from **the Class of '72**, with over 50 years of sisterhood: **Flossie Mitchell**, **Mary Ellen "Melon" Metzger Bennett**, and **Pam Donaldson Ryan Donohoe**. So much history, laughs and fun were shared by all. The night was wrapped up by heading down, one last time for this year, to dance to "our" band at Maxfields.

Thanks to all who helped put the house back to how we found it on Sunday morning and special thanks to my fellow committee members **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**, **Jacquie Shellman '69** and **Sue Wajda '74**; I couldn't and wouldn't want to do it without you. I would also like to thank **Shelley Ives '83** and our beloved **Colleen Costello Filiak '79**, (whom we lost a few weeks later) who made their yearly trip to make sure the house was as it should be the week before reunion. These two have given of themselves for so many years to keep our ship afloat.

Hope to see all of you in 2023 as we try to outdo ourselves one more time!

Love in and out of AKPhi
JoAnn "JoJo" Koch-Quon '77



Summer Reunion 2022 - Mary Ellen "Melon" Metzger Bennett '72

Guess what? You can go home -- to Potsdam, that is. Potsdam and Ago were home to us from 1968-1972. So, **Pam Donaldson Ryan Donohoe '72**, **Flossie Mitchell '72** and **Mary Ellen "Melon" Metzger Bennett '72** began making plans to take the trip to Potsdam for Reunion Weekend 2022. We decided to drive up on Friday afternoon and meet at the Hampton Inn.

Friday night, we went to the Alumni Dinner on Campus. It was a great decision because it made us feel very connected to Potsdam State. We were lucky to meet up with **Karen Simons Johns '71** and her wonderful husband Richie. It was a special evening, where we were even presented with an updated diploma. The speakers were spontaneous and brought back many wonderful memories. It was a fantastic walk down memory lane, and we would highly recommend that anyone contemplating attending an Alumni Weekend include this fun evening. The dinner was delicious, and the service greatly exceeded our expectations.

Later that night, Pam and Flossie made the pilgrimage downtown to hear Double Axel. They danced the night away, just like in the 70s.

The next morning included a well-attended meeting on campus hosted by the Ago Alumnae Association. It was heartwarming to hear that Ago is in good hands and should continue for many years under such capable leadership. The sad part is that Greek life is not as viable as we would like, but times are changing. After the meeting there were group pictures of all Greek alumni present and one of the Greek alumni from the Class of 1972.



Saturday afternoon was casually spent on the Ago porch at 11 Pierrepont Avenue. We were pleasantly surprised to see how good the house looks. There were many Ago alumnae present, and it was so much fun to tour the house, look at the old composites and just reminisce. There were so many memories that came flooding back. The afternoon just flew by. People stopped by all afternoon. It was amazing!

Saturday night, Flossie trekked downtown and again danced the night away, enjoying the music and camaraderie.

Sunday was bittersweet because it was time to leave for our other homes. We made one more stop at "The House" to bid farewell to all of the new sisters we were lucky enough to meet and reacquaint with ones we may have known only virtually.

We know it's not always possible to go home, but this was as close as we will get. It doesn't seem possible that it has been 50 years since we left, but having a sisterhood like the one we were blessed to have been part of while in college, was one of the best things ever. We aren't sure what the future will bring, but this weekend will be one of the best memories. We are sorry more sisters from the Class of 1972 couldn't attend, but we want you to know you were there in spirit (and we talked about all of you!!)

2022 Reunion Reflections

Why would a '69er attend a non-celebratory year reunion? Why not! You are never too old for an adventure but be careful what you wish for. You may be in for an emotional surprise.



Did you ever attend a family reunion where you were not really included to play with these strange cousins' "dolls"? You never see these cousins except at infrequent reunions, you didn't go to school with them, you don't know their likes or dislikes. Well, attending the Ago 2022 reunion was nothing like this. I experienced lots of welcoming hugs, much gratitude for coming, and encouragement like "Come on Jacquie. Please join us."



I had the opportunity to arrive early at the house and be alone for about an hour. As I walked into the living room area, flashbacks of 55+ years overwhelmed me: rush hubbub, interest parties, final tea, and voting. I got goosebumps. I don't have the words to express the feeling I got walking up the stairs to the racks. These goosebumps were bigger. Later in the day, I entered Mrs. Decker's (our house mother) apartment area, this was considered to be inter-sanctum back in the day. It was really small...

All reunion activities were easy and casual on the porch. To mimic standing on the porch rail singing, we hung a doughboy drawing for each member to sign. There was plenty to eat, lots of laughs, photos of kids and grandkids, and tears for those who are no longer with us. Excitement abounded while gathering for the group photos at the Minerva statue. Yes, Sig Tau was there, without their berets (old classmates will remember). When Vito Serio confirmed they indeed did wear berets, one of the younger frat members did not know what we were talking about. Campus has really changed. Some were surprised to meet a student that actually participated in the library book brigade filling the new library and emptying the old. Some were even more surprised to meet a student who participated in the library's first, and maybe only, sit-in to keep the library open later to study; the dorms were too noisy.

So, attend the reunion; seize the opportunity to reconnect and make new connections.

Jacquie Morse Shellman '69



An Agonian Up for a Challenge

Carol Robinson Miles '54

Meet Carol Robinson Miles; she isn't your typical grandmother. At 90-years-old, Carol is a champion powerlifter. She holds the United States Powerlifting Association national record for dead and bench lifting in her age group and spends a lot of her free time pumping iron at the gym. Her sister, Leona, who was an Ago in Cortland, is also a champion powerlifter at age 95.



Carol Robinson Miles '54 (right) displays her medals with her sister Leona Robinson Hard Senyk (left)

youngster, she trained in gymnastics which undoubtedly contributed to her interest in physical fitness. She graduated from Bellport High School in 1950 and attended Potsdam State Teachers College from 1950-51 where she joined Ago. She left school to marry her husband Paul Miles (Clarkson '51) and they raised 3 children (who have now blessed her with 5 grandchildren). Carol later returned her focus to her education and earned her BA in 1977 through the Adult Degree Program at Goddard College. She went on to earn her Master of Science in Library and Information Science degree at Simmons College in 1984. She applied her degree and worked in numerous libraries and historical organizations culminating with her 20-year stint as the Archivist for the Scituate Historical Society. She was given the title "Archivist Emerita" and the Scituate Historical Society named a new facility, the Carol Miles Archives, in her honor. She co-authored three books on the History of Scituate, one of which earned an award from the American

Carol wasn't always a weightlifter. Sadly, she lost her husband of 56 years, Paul, in 2008. After that, she spent a lot of time visiting Leona in Florida and the two of them started power walking together. Eventually, they were looking for more of a challenge and started powerlifting in 2016. Carol is proof that age doesn't prevent one from learning new things. Carol says "It's a discipline like anything else. If you really want something, you need to work at it." Carol and Leona have participated in power-lifting meets. Luckily, because of the 5-year age difference, they competed in different age categories, and they could cheer each other's success.

In addition to being a powerlifter, Carol has lived a life of many accomplishments. She grew up on a Long Island duck farm and attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. As a



Association for State and Local History. She also self-published the book "Walter Sargent, American Landscape Artist". In 2003, she and her husband Paul were named Scituate Citizens of the Year. And if that isn't enough, Carol taught voice lessons and sang solos at church services, weddings, and funerals.

The AAA congratulates Carol on a life well-lived and wishes her success with her future endeavors. Carol checked in with us last Fall and let us know that she has had to stop powerlifting because of a compression fracture, but we have no doubt that just means she is going to learn something new. We are so proud of her. If you know other Ago alumnae who are doing great things, feel free to send us an article to feature in our next Anchor.

A Lifetime Commitment to Ago

Anyone who has spent time at Ago events since the early 1970s knows **Sue Wajda '74**. She is not just an average alumna; she IS the face of the Ago Alumnae Association. Sue, along with sisters **Paula Thompson Moore '72**, **Pam Moore '76** and **Joann Koch-Quon '77**, started the Alumnae Association. When she watched the AXP "Crow" house burn down in December 1975, and witnessed firsthand the alumni network that helped to rebuild, she realized that Ago's only alumnae network was a box of Brownie's index cards... hence the Agonian Alumnae Association was born in January 1976. But it didn't stop there; Sue has spent many years since her graduation in 1974 supporting alumnae initiatives and acting as Ago's greatest cheerleader. She lives and breathes Ago, true to the "promises" she made to "Brownie", Ago's Faculty advisor for 62 years, to keep the ideals of the sorority going.



In the Summer of 2022, with Sue hitting her milestone 70th birthday and the end of her term as AAA President, an idea was hatched to make a special gift for Sue, a blanket of "doughboys" representing some of her dearest friends and supporters in Ago (of course labeled with Wajda's own "pet names"). What started as a small idea, was propelled by immense alumnae support into something much more. There was a clear message that "Sue deserves more". There were so many alumnae that wanted to give back to Sue for all that she had done over the years, that a small blanket morphed into a "Lifetime Achievement Award" and gift which were presented at the AAA meeting at the Summer 2022 Reunion. Congratulations Sue, on well-deserved recognition.

There is no better way to describe all Sue has done than listen to the words of her sisters:

- Sue has always exemplified the spirit of Ago. She was Social Chairman; she was Ice Carnival Queen
- She has chased bats out of the rack room, picnicked on the front lawn and sang songs on the porch until her voice gave out.
- Sue gives completely of herself and completely dedicated herself to her mom's healthcare.
- Her love for Ago transcends time. Talk to her for 5 minutes and she will be telling you about old composites, Brownie, and her love for the house at 11P.
- She lives for Reunion Weekend, always making sure that everyone else is having a good time and has everything they need.
- She will do anything for any sister, and I can attest that she has literally tried to give me the shirt off of her back.
- She will do anything for a smile including dressing up as a hot dog and announcing her arrival with a Lambchop puppet at the window.
- She has always been the glue that has held us together for decades
- The girls of Ago are the children of her heart and they give her love, heartache, pride, and joy, just as all children do.

Ago's Renaissance Woman

Meet **Brenda Reinhardt '83**, a woman of many skills and talents. In the last decade, Brenda has been a farmer, an entrepreneur operating a natural food store, a drummer in a band.... and now, a stand-up comedian. Those that know Brenda, know that she has always found enlightenment and humor in every situation. That's why, when word got around that Brenda was performing every other Tuesday at "open mic" night at Chris's Grub and Pub in Rome, NY, a group of Agonians decided to gather to show their love and support and share in some laughs. Ago sisters in attendance included: **Sue Wajda '74, April Shelton '82, Deborah Goldstick Beairsto '83, Diane Weber Buell '83** (and husband Scott "aka Reggie"), **Cathy Marietta Niehaus '83** (and husband Eric), **Cheryl Williamson Fisher '84, Emily Dean '19** and **Sue Compton Dixon '84**. The group of sisters met across the street from the comedy venue at Sugarbeets for a wonderful meal full of cheer, introductions, and reminiscing. Afterwards they proceeded to Chris's to hear Brenda's edgy but entertaining comedy set. She was fabulous! She sported her AKPhi letters and personalized her set just for us. The night went by way too fast and ended with lots of hugs and a group of Agonians motivated to get together again soon. Hope to see everyone at the Summer Reunion!



Tired of seeing the same faces in the Anchor? We invite you to send pictures of your Ago gatherings to alumnae@agopotsdam.com for publication in the Anchor.

Interested in creating a geographical gathering of Agos in your area? Contact us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com and we can help you get started.

Bridging the Age Gap is Easier Than You May Think

As an Alum, I had the opportunity to interview **Matalini "Tally" Fenner '25**, New Member and a Sophomore at Potsdam. What a privilege. I'm old enough to be her grandmother but we connected on several levels. We were two women getting to know each other and discovered so many things we have in common. I am so proud to have her as a sister.

Jacque Morse Shellman '69

Agos Gather to Wish AAA President Clare Reilly "Bon Voyage."

This assortment of Agos in the Rome/Utica area have established a multi-generational Agonian friend group. They get together to celebrate everything from babies to comedians, or just to reconnect. They met most recently for a "send-off" for AAA President Clare Reilly, who is moving from Oneonta to Rochester. We wish Clare a smooth transition and hope that this lovely group of Agos will keep finding reasons to meet.

Below: **Flossie Mitchell '72, Linda Taggart Boardman '71, Mary Miller Leahy '71, Clare Reilly '16** (with Theo), **Suzanne Wajda '74**



Ago Actives!

Hi, my name is Mia DiFonzo. I am the current president of Ago and it has been quite the year. We currently have 8 wonderful individuals who are dedicated to upholding our sisterhood and finding quality new members each semester. We have had lots of ups and downs throughout the past and current semester. Greek life has slowed down greatly at Potsdam, but we will not let that stop us. The current active house always aims to be out in the community and spreading positivity for both us and the Greek community as a whole. One of my favorite community service projects we did was Trunk or Treat. The Potsdam Chamber of Commerce so nicely asked us to join them and help distribute candy to the Potsdam community. We were the only Potsdam sorority to participate, so we made sure to have a beautiful trunk. Our sister, Emily Esack, so graciously let us use her car and we turned her trunk into a gumball machine. It was funny just having all of us in the living room blowing up roughly 100 balloons to be represented as gumballs. It was just a wonderful feeling to be all together.



My absolute favorite thing that we had done as a sisterhood was a retreat. Emily's aunt had invited us to go to Vermont and stay at her spa bed and breakfast. It was a memorable weekend that I will cherish forever since I am currently a senior and not ready to let these girls go. Everyone was able to get massages, pedicures, manicures, all that and more. It was nice to be able to take a breather and just spend time together. There was no talk of school or worries, just a group of people enjoying each other's company.

Special moments like these remind me of why I joined this house and the long friendships I have made. I am sad to be leaving these girls, but I know that Ago will be left in the best hands. I cannot wait to see what these girls do next.

Fall '22 Rush

Alumnae **Jane Morale '80** and **Sue Wajda '74** were invited to kick off the Fall 2022 Rush period by tabling in the college union with rotating participation of active members. The purpose was to promote Greek Life overall, not specifically Agonian, and encourage students to consider signing up to Rush all eligible houses: AST, Aretha, Ago and Zeta.

Special visitors to their table were Asst Dean Campus Life Ella Perkins, Faculty Advisor Beth Todd, Alumni Director Mona Vroman and PACES Pat Gray.

Many potential rushees were greeted and encouraged to give Greeks a try. Later that night, the actives attributed their surprising turnout of 8 or 9 potential rushees, 5 others with conflicts, solely to our joint tabling.



Agonian Rush Program

As many of you are aware, Greek life in Potsdam has been on a downslide. Last Fall, in an effort to help create more excitement and possibly, in turn, generate more New Members, **Amy Kunsman Ross '92** put together a team of both Actives and Alumnae to help foster new ideas and promote the ideals we have all come to recognize while being a part of such an incredible organization. Through both Zoom meetings and visiting an Open House rush event, Amy, along with **Renee Hallinan Reagan '90**, and active sisters, **Mia DiFonzo** and **Emily Esack**, recognized that a great way to connect with possible New Members during the rush period is to instill the three main opportunities that come from being an Agonian Member: Leadership, Friendship, and Community. **Jane Morale '80** and **Suzanne Wajda '74** also made treks up to Potsdam to help with tabling at the Union and coaching the girls how to market themselves and meet other girls that would be great fits for Ago. The Rush seasons are incredibly short and much needs to be done every semester. The Actives have planned very unique events for the rushees to attend that include crafts and “meet and greet” events, that allow both the actives and the rushees to get to know each other better. If you have any suggestions, or would like to help with the Rush program, please contact **Amy Kunsman Ross**, at amyross8@yahoo.com or (214)437-9195.



Fall Initiation '22

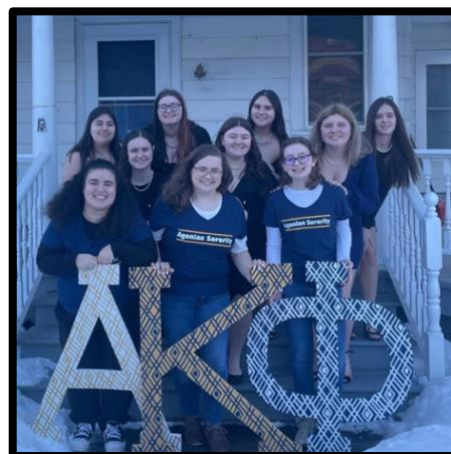


Thanks to Alumnae **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88**, **JoAnn Koch-Quon '77**, **Denise Bennett Haines '81**, **Jane Morale '80** and **Sue Wajda '74** for donating a variety of Rush party favors and giveaways during both semesters. In addition, we appreciate the alums who drive up to support the Actives for Bid Day, Initiation, and the AAA Scholarship presentations. You help to show that the special feeling that is Ago lasts long after graduation.

Spring '22 Initiation



Bid Day Spring 2023!



Spring Bid Day 2023!

Let's Welcome our newest sisters!

(From Left to Right) **Emmalee White '26**- Freshman from Alexandria Bay, NY. Studying Early Childhood Ed. Big Sister is **Angy Howard '23**.

Rose Phillips '26- Freshman from Otisville, NY. Studying Political Science. Big Sister is **Emily Esack '24**.

Lauren Foley '25- Sophomore from Lockport, NY. Studying Graphic Design. Big Sister is **Brianna Novotny '24**.

Actives Supporting Psi Phi Delta and Greek Life

Glen Zagorsky (husband of Agonian **Jane Morale '80**) and his Psi Phi brothers gave a presentation on Greek Revival in Potsdam in April 2022. They have been diligently working to restore and relaunch the Delta chapter of their beloved frat in Potsdam. Many Agonian Actives were in attendance and left highly motivated to maintain and grow their membership.



Returning for Initiation

Being at Fall '22 Initiation was so special. This was the first in-person initiation I have been able to attend since pre-Covid and I had almost forgotten what it was like. To be in the presence of Agos of all ages reminded me how lucky we all are to have one another through thick and thin. As a more recent alumna, I got to reconnect with the Active sisters, including my little, Sara, and celebrate with our new class of girls! Time spent with sisters is always time well spent. Love in AKPhi!

~ **Molly Magee '21**

Student Leadership Conference

Emily Esack '24

Biochemistry Major

This past August, student representatives from each club and organization had the opportunity to sign up to attend a leadership conference. During the conference, students attended workshops and sessions that focused on various leadership topics. The program provided a great opportunity for students to explore and enhance their leadership styles and skills, as well as networking with fellow student leaders, faculty/staff, and alumni.

The presenters at the Leadership Conference spoke about multiple clubs and highlighted initiatives that are helping to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the legal profession and within the conference. This year, **Mia DiFonzo '23, Angelina "Angy" Howard '23** and myself attended, and it was a great learning experience. We attended workshops that focused on member recognition, building a strong team, effective fundraising, effective communication, and motivation with engagement. As we reflect on these workshops, we take into account the important values of leadership, highest ideals of honor, sisterhood, and the different values of all sisters as we strive to lead.

Returning for Bid Day as an Alumna Hannah Thurston '22

My name is Hannah Thurston and I joined the Agonian Sorority in the Fall of 2019. I just graduated in May of 2022 and am currently enrolled in my Masters online through Potsdam. Graduating in May was extremely bittersweet; I was so sad to be leaving Potsdam and the life I have loved for the last 4 years, but I was so eager to begin my life back at home as a first-grade teacher. This fall, I was lucky enough to be able to join the Active sisters and some alumnae at Bid Day where we welcomed 4 new members. I was honestly nervous to head back to Potsdam; I was scared that things were going to be different and that I would feel out of place. I can tell you all confidently I felt the exact opposite. Even though I just graduated last year and am familiar with the current sisters, things do change once you become an alumna. I was able to relax and enjoy Bid Day! I am sure as many of you remember Bid Day is extremely exciting but also stressful, we always wanted to make sure the house looked amazing inside and out but more importantly that our new members felt welcomed after receiving their Bid. I was honored to attend Bid Day. I had the opportunity to see some amazing alumnae and some of my best friends. I also had the chance to watch the Active sisters carry on the legacies and traditions that I was once a part of. If you attended initiation in the Spring of 2022, I was an emotional mess. I could not help but think of how I felt I was losing this sisterhood since I was graduating, but attending Bid Day reminded me that even though I may be a few hours away from 11 Pierrepont, I can always go back home and feel like I never left.



Agonian Historian, Sue Wajda '74

In my role as Historian, I continued my recent project of contacting our beloved Agonian sisters who graduated between 1946 and 1960. I have been reaching out via email and hand written letters, hoping to let them know they are important to us, and gathering their news and memories of their past. I received wonderful stories of their days in Ago and at college, and discovered that 3 Agos from different eras all live in the same senior residence! My committee member, **Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75**, continues to repair and restore composites, returning them to 11P each summer for reunion. Memorabilia (photos, anchors, cards, clothing, etc.) are always welcome to be preserved and shared with all sisters. Please send such treasures to **Sue Wajda '74** at 44 Colby St, Rochester NY 14610 or contact Sue directly at (585)704-6844 or swajda1@aol.com to discuss and make arrangements to send any memorabilia you would care to donate.



A Sweet Reunion Assisted by Sisterhood

Last year, **Joyce Tuck DeWitt '56** asked the AAA if they had any information on her dear friend, **Joan Ross Sauter '56**, who had moved to Switzerland many years ago. Joan was her Freshman year roommate and stood up as Joyce's Maid of Honor during her marriage in their third year.

Unfortunately, all the AAA had was a mailing address in Switzerland and they didn't know if it was up-to-date. The newsletter editors put a note in Joyce's class news that she was looking for Joan, invested in the international postage to mail a newsletter to Joan, and lo and behold, the AAA got a letter back from Joan that they were able to pass on to Joyce. We were so pleased to be able to help facilitate this reunion. Check out Joan's news in the '56 class news.

Are there any sisters you have been thinking about, that you would like to reach out to? Send the AAA an email at alumnae@agopotsdam.com and we will see if we can help you.

Agonian Class Representatives

Class Representatives are crucial for maintaining our alumnae network. They help us maintain updated contact information and collect news for the newsletter. It is an easy and fun job to reach out to your graduating class a few times a year. If your class has no Rep, and you are willing to give it a try, please email us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com. Here is a list of classes that currently have Class Reps.

Marguerite Mahoney
Luckhowec '49
Susan Smykla Udell '57
Dorothy Runkel Dronkers '58
Beverly Gates Davis '59
Wenda Carter Paton '60
Gloria Gonda Grocock '61
Fran Sardina Blik '62
JoAnn Haley Maguire '64
Kathleen Clarkson '68
Christine Bolton Aiken '69
Marilyn Matzke Stephens '73
Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74
Deborah Diefendorf Hind '75
Cathy Lennon Nealon '76
Karen Kittelsen Stefanski '77
Pam Pendleton '78
Sharon Keating Heiligman '79
Jane Morale '80
Robin Landrigan Smith '81
Ellen Bartis Gambee '82
Brenda Reinhardt '83

Sue Compton Dixon '84
Kellie Walsh Neils '85
Paula Geoffroy Henry '86
Becky Volans Akins '87
Laura Boyd '89
Renee Hallinan Reagan '90
Wendy Deisseroth
Constantine '91
Debbie Rose Urban '93
Nicholle Francis '94
Eva Dechario McGee '95
Marci Berman Blaszk '01
Rachel Cajigas '06
Liz Henderson '07
Lindsay Mermell Brock '09
Audrianna Vahue Krajewski '12
Clare Reilly '16
Bonnie Zellner '17
Olivia Scata '20
Catherine (Catt) Gagnon '21
Megan "LJ" Johnson '22

2022 AAA Member List

We would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to all Alumnae that paid their 2022 AAA Dues. You still have time to become a 2023 AAA Member. Dues received through Dec. 2023 will be credited toward 2023 dues.

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| Agnes Helen Garvey Kennedy '47 | Alice Brock Topa '71 | Karen Lorenz Walker '82 |
| Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec '49 | Fran Williams Isaacs '71 | Karen Zagrobely Davis '82 |
| Shirley Secor Bush '50 | Jane Davidson McEwen '71 | Shelley Ives '83 |
| Winifred Toelke Peer '51 | Joanne Bodow Brandt '71 | Sue Eigenmann McBride '83 |
| Lenora "Lenny" Clark Sears '53 | Julianne Lawrence Russell '71 | Anastasia Glasheen '84 |
| Janet Heldt Beckler '56 | Karen Simons Johns '71 | Jane Judson Mistur '84 |
| Joan Ross Sauter '56 | Linda Taggart Boardman '71 | Sue Ann Strich Neenan '84 |
| Marlene King Towne '56 | Mary Miller Leahy '71 | Sue Compton Dixon '84 |
| Barbara McMahon Newcomb '57 | Alethea Carbone Pratt '72 | Elizabeth Ernest Gilroy '85 |
| Betty Meehan Ellwood '57 | Ann Johnson Congdon '72 | Kim Krzyzan Yantz '85 |
| Julie Eisenstein Hirsch '57 | Charlotte Stone Aiken '72 | Mary O'Neill Horigan '85 |
| Susan Smykla Udell '57 | Marie DuPell Caschera '72 | Sheila Hegarty Johnson '85 |
| Betty Duffy Charles '58 | Mary Ellen Metzger Bennett '72 | Caroline Downing '86 |
| Dorothy Runkel Drinkers '58 | Pam Donaldson Ryan Donohoe '72 | Julie Cunningham Sanbeg '86 |
| Mary Carey Munhall '58 | Paula Thompson Moore '72 | Kathy O'Hem Gilbert '86 |
| Norma Jean Luce '58 | Bonnie Betters Reed '73 | Penny Zonneville '86 |
| Sylvia Amarel Infantine '58 | Elaine Whitehead Pauly '74 | Becky Volans Akins '87 |
| Beverly Gates Davis '59 | Janine Locatelli Erickson '74 | Linda Dolanch Longhouse '87 |
| Marlen Ferguson Deveans '59 | Kathy Ames Kieta '74 | Patty Carroll Wilson '87 |
| Patricia Hammond Freebern '59 | Lynne Boles '74 | Rima Hartvigas Hampson '87 |
| Jolie Smithem Haug '60 | Susan Lamb King '74 | Stephanie Bakyta Baldwin '87 |
| Wendy Stratton Bailey '60 | Suzanne Wajda '74 | Sue Boulder Jackson '87 |
| Arlene Lindstrom Dahm '61 | Lori Misicka '75 | Annette Bratek Saxman '88 |
| Joanne Beaty Snyder '61 | Cathy O'Connor '76 | Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88 |
| Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell '62 | Cathy Lennon Nealon '76 | Joan Koral '88 |
| Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62 | Denise Aiello Bukovan '76 | Kathy Catlin Briggs '88 |
| Judy Schorge O'Reilly '62 | Eileen Goss Whelley '76 | Kelly Underwood '88 |
| Kate Sheldon Cox '62 | Judy Fabric Verbanic '76 | Missy Steinberg Bernier '88 |
| Shirley Wolf Crane '62 | Barbara Hall Kellerman '77 | Andrea Newhouse Frascatore '89 |
| Susan Johnson Aceto '62 | Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz '77 | Barbara Ferguson Wallace '89 |
| Bev G. Smith '63 | Joann Koch Quon '77 | Jenssie Flores McClintock '89 |
| Lorraine Aquini Reiners '63 | Karen Kittelsen Stefanski '77 | Kim Bingham Meusel '89 |
| Marti Tallman Scott '63 | Liz O'Connor Utzig '77 | Laura Boyd '89 |
| Nancy Weber Richardson '63 | Jean Quattrocchi Finnegan '78 | Jennifer Douglas Steinberg '90 |
| Ruth Hammel Gove '63 | Nadine Gager Compisi '78 | Renee Hallinan Reagan '90 |
| Susan Tincknell Rossi '63 | Pam Pendleton '78 | Stephanie Allen Manuel '90 |
| JoAnn Haley Maguire '64 | Sharon Cooney '78 | Aysha Rodriguez '91 |
| Karen Singer Miller '64 | Susan "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee '78 | Amy Kunsman Ross '92 |
| Sandra D'Arienzo Geagan '64 | Vera Thurston Gibbs '78 | Aimee Fisher Passino '93 |
| Shirley Kincaid Eagan '64 | Becky Monckton King '79 | Heidi Dopp O'Hara '94 |
| Andrea Wolfe Long '65 | Debbie LoBello Burhans '79 | Valerie D'Ambrosio '94 |
| Cynthia Coonrad Jankowski '65 | Debbie Williams Laminette '79 | Michele Bulleigh Vishion '95 |
| Janet O'Brien May '65 | Hollis Curtis Perdan '79 | Edie Sohigian '99 |
| Johanna (Jonnie) Riesmeyer McConaghy '65 | Mary (Cookie) Scalise Balme '79 | Mindy Carlin Cervoni '99 |
| Sue Brown Lilyblade '65 | Melinde (Mindy) Mospaw Poupore '79 | Devon Cummings Natapow '00 |
| Gayle Volpicelli Banks '66 | Missy Porter Richardson '79 | Stephanie LaRock Britt '01 |
| Kate Ormiston Boldon '67 | Sharon Keating Heiligman '79 | Liz Henderson '07 |
| Margaret Buchanan Fini '67 | Susan Cancellita Witkowski '79 | Angela Kelley '08 |
| Sharon Burns Cook '67 | Terry Lane McSweeney '79 | Rachel Gebhardt '09 |
| Claudette McHugh McLennan '68 | Valerie Dixon Thompson '79 | Sarah Paparella '09 |
| H. Elizabeth "Beth" Muggleton Watkins '68 | Barb Cox Walczak '80 | Kaylee White Allen '10 |
| Janice Corletta Plummer '68 | Dennise Gruttadaro '80 | Clare Reilly '16 |
| Roberta "Bunni" Danan Barnett Sherman '68 | Jane Morale '80 | Bonnie Zellner '17 |
| Christine Bolton Aiken '69 | Jennifer Schwert Nassivera '80 | Katrina Surdyka '20 |
| Jacquie Morse Shellman '69 | Sue Hein Bailey '80 | Anna Magnani '21 |
| Kathleen Hopkins Spencer '69 | Tara Donovan Deines '80 | Audrey Brown '21 |
| Linda McLlvain Cooper '69 | Denise Bennett Haines '81 | Catherine (Catt) Gagnon '21 |
| Veronica Slivinski Holmes '69 | Liz Hartmann Scraba '81 | Molly Magee '21 |
| Cathy Kenneally Schutz '70 | Margaret Farrell Benedetto '81 | Hannah Thurston '22 |
| Christine (Tina) Meda '70 | Patrice DeLaus Scully '81 | Heather Williams Black '22 |
| Lois Gerber Bulger '70 | Robin Landrigan Smith '81 | Megan "LJ" Johnson '22 |
| Suellen Richmond '70 | Cindy Tettamant Francisco '82 | |

In Memory



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



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| Ramsey Tarantino Walter '35 | Margaret Philbin '46 | Lois Foster Congleton '55 |
| Marian Lee Frazier '40 | Patricia McHenry '46 | Patricia LaVallee Branch '55 |
| Dorothea Townsend Mikelson '44 | Grace Frink Reinman '47 | Carolyn Youker Boynton '56 |
| Pat Blackmon May '44 | Pat Parkhurst Manwaring '47 | Marilyn Fuller Morgan '58 |
| Ruth Currie Gilman '44 | Phyllis Corbin Raville '47 | Martha "Sue" Williams Cloer '58 |
| Barbara Geignetter Lane '45 | Donna Kingsley Chase '48 | Judith "Judie" Bennett Mayo '60 |
| Eleanor Burch Livingstone '45 | Rita Trudell Wolber '48 | Gail Dennis Marineau '61 |
| June Ebel Denny '45 | Constance Trumbull Shepard '49 | Muriel Cassens Baumann '62 |
| Malvina Mitchell Westin '45 | Hazel Bilow Davis '49 | Louise Kelly Johnston '63 |
| Arleen Burgess Carroll '46 | Mary Smith '49 | Joann Frischolz Mullen '65 |
| Dorothy Green Dart '46 | Shirley Fisher Pool '51 | Colleen Costello Filiak '79 |
| Elaine Day Fredenburg '46 | Patricia Measaw Barr '52 | Cynthia Jackman Dwyer '81 |
| Gretchen Kinney Schwencke '46 | Agnes Drake Smalley '53 | Ray Bond – Honorary |
| Jean Payne Cronin '46 | Patricia Locke Dubois '54 | Robert Mero – Honorary |
| Lillian Patterson Shepardson '46 | Kathy MacAlleese Smith '55 | Vern Ingram – Honorary |

A tribute to **Muriel Cassens Baumann '62** (sent in response to an obituary sent to the Class of '62 from the AAA)

I immediately recognized dear Murrie and she was even more beautiful than I remembered from our college days. I always loved and admired her beautiful strawberry blonde hair because it was just the right shade to dazzle an admirer or friend. After graduation, we exchanged holiday greetings on quite a regular schedule, and I was aware of the direction her career was going. We had the common interest of young children's education in our hearts; her music talent added to that immeasurably. When our communications became more one-sided, I wondered what was going on in her life. At that point you just think that as young parents, and with a career, you get busy and some friendships fall by the wayside. Learning of her passing brought sadness, but also many fond memories of a beautiful young woman with genuine warmth, good heart, gentle soul, warm smile and talent.

~ **Jean Urbas Dearstyne '62**

Ago Gratitude

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

- All AAA Officers, Agonian Board Members, Chairwomen and Active Members who have supplied reports of their work.
- Sue Wajda '74 and Jane Morale '80 who supplied so much content throughout the year.
- All Alumnae and Active Members who shared news and Ago-related stories.

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 first of the 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 1940-46

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: 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, 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, Margaret Piper Ziegler '44, Helen Gorke Flynn '45, Jane Carl Konka '45, Lillian Blanchard Nicholson '45, Catherine Post Duffy '46, Janet Rockefeller Pfluecker '46, Marjorie Huntley '46

Class of 1947

Agnes Helen Garvey Kennedy sold her car and her home in Loveland, CO, and moved to Berthoud, CO. She has lived in Berthoud for two years with her daughter, Michelle, and husband Skip. Two years ago, she retired from playing for Mass one Saturday a month in Loveland, CO at St. Johns. Sadly, Agnes lost her husband in 2007, so this has been a good move. Her other children live in GA, KY and KS and she has a daughter-in-law in MA. She is looking forward to her 97th birthday. Agnes enjoys any news about Potsdam, so we hope she enjoys her 2023 Ago Anchor.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Dorothy Lughton Clark, Eileen See, Jane Teich Rich, Pat Rice Drake, Phyllis Fralick Curry

Class of 1948 75th REUNION YEAR

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

Class of 1949

Ruthie Rose Many reports that she is fine. She still lives in the same house since she was married 71 years ago. Ruthie shared a wonderful memory: one year they went to Scotland to visit Ruthie's family castle, The Rose Castle. She had "high tea" with the patron, Miss Elizabeth Rose. Ago sister, **Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec** is certain that the patron was probably just as pleased as Ruthie to have this delightful meeting.

We are delighted that **Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec** reports that, while she has no exciting news, she is alive and well. We appreciate her efforts to stay in touch with the sisters of 1949.

Winifred Stoker Pusey moved from Maine to Florida in 2015. Sadly, her husband died nearly three years ago, so Winnie is planning to move back north, close to Pittsburgh. Shortly after coming to Florida, she began harp lessons, first on an Irish harp but later a concert harp. She is trying to play some of the cadenzas in the Nutcracker Suite; she reflects that it has been a delightful chapter of her old age.

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

Class of 1950

The AAA was happy to hear from **Sylvia Decker Quackenbush** who is recovering from a knee replacement. She was kind enough to share some of her Ago memories for a project our Historian is working on.

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

Class of 1951

Winifred Toelke Peer has treasured memories of her years at Potsdam, especially living in the Ago House. Many of our Ago alumnae have treasured memories of Winnie at the numerous July Alumni Reunions she has attended and they recall dancing with her to Double Axel in Syracuse.

Class of 1952

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

Class of 1953 70th REUNION YEAR

Lenora "Lenny" Clark Sears wasn't able to attend the reunion but sent her "Best wishes from the California desert to all the Agos in the beautiful NY Adirondacks".

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

Carol Robinson Miles, national powerlifting record holder, has reported that she can no longer powerlift due to a compression fracture, but is otherwise doing fine. Please see the feature article on page 15 about Carol in this edition of the Anchor.

Eleanor Eberlein Rugg wants us to know that she is still going strong at 90 years young.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barbara Dalton Johnson, Elizabeth Yerry, Judy Gloo Villiere, 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

Class of 1956

Joan Ross Sauter was delighted to find out that her dear friend, **Joyce Tuck DeWitt**, was looking for her. Joan finds it hard to believe that she has been living in Switzerland for 54 years. Sadly, she lost her husband in 2012. She was grateful that he gave her the opportunity to do some semi-professional singing in Switzerland in choral and orchestral concerts and some works at the opera house in St Gallen. Joan had some good teachers from the MET and the Paris Opera at the Mozarteum in Salsberg Austria. Her four daughters are musical as are most of her seven grandchildren. Mona teaches flute at the conservatory right at the German border. Joan lives in the Northeast corner of Switzerland right next to Lake Constance and the big German city of Konstanz. The girls and grandchildren are all bilingual and speak 4-5 languages, as is necessary in Europe. Joan often thinks of those wonderful years in Potsdam and has beautiful memories of that time.

Janet Heldt Beckler is still enjoying life with her husband Ed (Clarkson '56) near their family business, Natural Stone Bridge and Caves (www.stonebridgeandcaves.com). One of their granddaughters was married there this past fall, continuing a tradition that Janet and Ed began in 1957. They enjoy winters in North Padre Island, TX where their Houston-based families can visit. Janet and **Jackie Fourcade Green** are the last of a group of multi-sorority sisters, who had many years of get-togethers sharing Potsdam memories! Even though they didn't all live at the Ago house, they loved their shared experiences and friendships. She is happy to see efforts to improve and grow the sorority.

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

Class of 1957

Susan Gernold Miller says her news isn't very exciting but she's grateful to still be in her own home and cooking for herself. She talks with **Jan Mandell Davies** occasionally and would love to hear from others as well. Phone 910-794-1490.

Susan Smykla Udell sends greetings to all for good health and pleasant days. She and Jon again spent several winter weeks on Marco Island, FL. Fortunately, the island was mostly spared from the hurricanes that devastated the Gulf coast last fall.

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, June Anderson Partch, Kathleen Burgess, Margaret Murray Greco, Marjorie Shanfelter Boylan, Mary Guerin Ein

Class of 1958 65th REUNION YEAR

As the Class Rep for '58, **Dotty Runkel Dronkers** says it's worrisome when she doesn't hear from her Ago sisters and that is surely the case this year. She suspects that many are thinking that their lives have become quite humdrum and that they don't have any news, but it's still good to keep in touch. In prior years, Dotty has threatened to make up news if she didn't receive any. Dotty says "Well, this is the year". She only heard from **Norma Jean Luce**, whose news is below. This year Dotty has supplied news about some of her sisters that arrived indirectly via the grapevine. Sadly, Dotty's own news is that Dan passed away in May. They had been married for 63 years. Now, she's in the process of carving out a new life on her own with the help of her 2 purring friends, China and Gray. If any of her sisters have the urge to travel, she would love to have some company.

Norma Jean Luce, with the help of her very good heart doctor, is still enjoying the simple pleasures in life.

Sue Fenton West enjoys life in Venice, FL. She no longer plays golf and uses a walker now. Recently, she had a visit from **Judy Dermody Zangas**. Sue is looking forward to her eldest grandson's wedding in September along with her 2 youngest grands graduation in June. Life is full of wonderful blessings.

While trying to reach out to our sisters, it was discovered that **Martha "Sue" Williams Cloer** and her husband both passed away in 2022.

Betty Duffy Charles and **Dotty Runkel Dronkers** have agreed that at their age, the best shoes are ones that are flat and comfortable – such as sneakers. Betty still enjoys volunteering at the food pantry.

Marilyn Gaggin is still searching for a Welsh Terrier to replace Maggie, her little dog who died a year or so ago.

Sue Lester Ford and husband, Tom, continue to live in their Queensbury home overlooking a golf course...even though neither of them have ever played golf.

Sue Conant Young has a new job, which she likes very much. She is working at the huge store, Menards. She always liked learning new things and now it's about lumber, etc. The winter weather doesn't set well with her, but despite that, she's glad to be close to her daughter and family in the Cincinnati area. Last year, for Thanksgiving and her birthday, she flew to see her sons Michael and Peter and their families.

Mary Carey Munhall continues to spend her summers in Lake George and winters in San Antonio, FL, which is near Tampa. At Christmas time, she joins her whole family in Orlando to celebrate the holiday. She enjoys weekly bridge games.

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

Class of 1959

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

Class of 1960

Fran Mider Biedler has a new address: 6236 Lilting Branch Way, Moseley VA 23120. **Julie Krum Kennaugh** sent a great photo of Fran's Birthday Party with a social media link. Fran had a big smile!

Jolie Smithem Haug traveled to Wales with son Dan, and daughter-in-law Sarah, who writes novels set in 12th/13th century Wales. Jolie edits for Sarah. Members of the Welsh Fan Clubs met them for lunch at various castles. As Sarah continued to research history, Jolie, Dan and Sarah had 3 weeks in a rental house in Bangor on the Menai Straits. Sarah writes under her maiden name, Sarah Woodbury. Jolie and Peter are expecting their 4th great-grandchild in May. Jolie wishes a happy/healthy new year to her Ago buddies - she loves to hear your news.

In April, **Julie Krum Kennaugh** and Terry celebrated their 60 years of marriage with Florida friends in a renewal of vows for each couple. In July, back in Shelburne, VT, they celebrated their 61st with son Eric, Diane and granddaughter Grace. For Christmas, they enjoyed celebrating in Shelburne as Julie really missed decorating her tree and being with their family for the holidays.

Wenda Carter Paton's "New Normal" includes: Friday's 10 AM with great-grandson Dewayne, 4 PM Zoom call with three adult children and having fun reconnecting with Julie and Terry in Vermont. Also, Wenda enjoys the National Wildlife Refuges in Pelham Island, Plum Island and Great Meadows, Concord. She is very happy to see her favorite restaurants open again: Olive Garden, Burtons Grill, Fuchi and Karma. Wenda volunteers at St. Anne's in-the-Fields as LEM/Lector. She attended her sons Stuart's and Eric's July Taiko Performance outdoors at St. Gaudens, Cornish, NH.

Dorothy "Dotty" Hirsch Sellman's "New Normal" is staying home and avoiding crowds when she must venture out. Dorothy celebrated some milestones; her youngest granddaughter graduated college and entered the education field while her older granddaughter gave them a new grandson who is their fourth great-grandchild. Her big achievement was having the whole family for Thanksgiving! Dorothy was re-elected to her Condo Association Board. In addition, Dottie plays bridge, canasta, and mah-jongg, and attends book clubs and coffee hours. Dottie wishes all her Ago sisters a happy/healthy/safe new year!

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

Class of 1961

Pat Scheu Blackwell is in an assisted-living facility in DeWitt. She still keeps in touch with Agos and other classmates.

Mary Lee Alles Caggiano has stayed close to home. She has six granddaughters and now has two great-grandsons with another on the way.

Arlene Lindstrom Dahm lives in MA with her daughter. She was fitted with a pacemaker in December; she is working on her balance and does water aerobics five times a week.

Joanne Beaty Synder says travel these days is limited to drives to the Oregon Coast or Portland where two daughters now live. The one major event each year is a three-day family stay in a huge rental house for Mother's Day. Last year, there were 18!

Gloria Gonda Grocock still keeps in touch with **Amy Coolidge Perry** and **Annette Johnsen**. She spent April in England visiting her son Jonathan and family, and then went on a cruise with daughter Julia to ports in Spain, Portugal, France and Belgium, round-trip from Southampton. Her son Geoffrey and family came from Buffalo for a week in July; Julia came for a 3-month visit in August, and then her nephew from CA in October... full house! Daughter Gwen and husband have been renovating their nearby farmhouse; her teenagers are 17 and 15 and are involved with high school activities and working their first summer jobs. Covid struck just before Christmas and the whole family fell like dominoes despite being fully vaccinated and boosted. Thankfully, all recovered (though with some lingering fatigue).

Kate Merrill Karshick lives on Lake Ontario in Rochester and can't believe she's an octogenarian!

Sandra Clark Samuels reports that both she and Dick had Covid and survived. They were planning a cruise in January with **Marian Couch Cooper** and hopes it works out.

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

Class of 1962

Sadly, **Jean Urgas Dearstyne** lost her husband, John, a year ago, in January 2022. Jean has wonderful memories of her 59+ years of marriage. It all began in Potsdam!

May Simpson Kemp says that the only thing new in her life is a knee transplant. May says "My dancing days are over!"

Judy Schorge O'Reilly, and husband John, have been under stress since June when they put their Hannawa Falls house on the market and it sold in five days. That was the easy part. As everyone knows, there's a lot of chaos when moving to a different state. They arrived home in California early in September thinking they were free of stress for a while, yet the day after they got home, they got a call from a retirement village for which they had been on a waiting list since June. Originally, they were told it would probably be two years before being able to move in. So, they were thrilled and yet not quite ready for what was to come. They were offered a two-bedroom two bath condo on the ground floor, and they took it. Of course, this meant that they had to put their Pacific Palisades house on the market. That also sold in five days, and they then began the moving process. Unfortunately, they had many problems with the buyer and three days before closing she reneged from the contract. That was in December, so the realtor suggested taking the house off the market until after the holidays. It went back on the market towards the end of January. Judy and John took possession of their new condo at the end of November and they are absolutely loving it. It's a retirement village across from Cal Lutheran University, hence the name University Village Thousand Oaks. Look it up online, lots of socialization and plenty of activities. The major stress is behind them!

Class of 1963 60th REUNION YEAR

Susan Tincknell Rossi and Dave (Clarkson '62) continue to live in Skaneateles, NY. With the pandemic, travel was limited to visits to Virginia to see their daughter Lora (Clarkson '96) and family. All is well with the Rossi crew.... 2 sons, a daughter, 2 grandsons, a step-grandson and a step-granddaughter. With normalcy returning, Susan is hoping to see several Ago sisters who live nearby.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Carol Woytek Sullivan, Joyce Ramsey Darby, Joyce Ramsing Miles, Mary Lynne King Sande, MaryAnn Harrington Traynor Coleman, Randy Becht, Randy Langdon, Rosemary Maugeri Szmczak, Susan Allen Goss

Class of 1964

Marilyn Davies Clary is still living in and loving her home on Canandaigua Lake. In November, she visited her two daughters and granddaughter in Colorado. She, and her friend George, will go to visit his family in Tulsa. Marilyn is cruising through the Panama Canal in January, from San Diego to Ft. Lauderdale. Marilyn feels well; she spends time reading and walks twice a week with friends. At Christmas, she celebrated an early holiday with local family; she had lots of fun with her great granddaughter who is five already.

Sandra D'Arienzo Geagan visited her son Peter's family over the holidays in Halley, Idaho, just south of Sun Valley. She spent time with Peter, his wife Kate, and grandchildren Georgia and Chase. It reminded her of the snowy cold winters in Potsdam. Sandy feels blessed that her home in Sarasota was spared from Hurricane Ian. She is still recovering from serious back surgery in November 2021; it is getting better.... now, she just needs to lose the pounds that inactivity has brought. She is active in her HOA as Treasurer, and just gave up the Social Committee Chair. She volunteers once a week at a Hospice-sponsored consignment shop; she adds to their profits by buying something every time she's there!

Karen Singer Miller and Lew spent a few days in Florida with friends before heading off to cruise the Panama Canal. Lew is anxious to see the process where Karen says she sees the canal daily when she fills the kitchen sink and then pulls the plug to drain it. LOL. Despite the aches and pains of being 80, Karen and Lew are both well and can't complain. They spent a wonderful June afternoon at **Lorraine Gringer Gluck's** new cottage in her new retirement community. **Marilyn Davies Clary**, **Judy Goble Darrer** and **Anne Rapp Refermat** were there. **Barb Stoneham Law** was unable to come as she was driving to the Midwest to see her family. Golf season is over, but orchestra season has resumed. Karen was in two orchestras, but has chosen to stay in the better of the two in order to have more time to play bridge, read, and build jigsaw puzzles. She hopes that after a successful trip to Panama, without any Covid-related incidents, that she will be able to start traveling in person again, and hopefully meet with her Ago sisters in person.

Marlene Johnson Villiger spent Christmas in Peachtree City, GA with her son David and his family. This is a family that loves to cook, so she was well-fed. Her grandsons made the pierogies and homemade Swedish Korv (sausages). After Christmas, she planned to go skiing in Montana and then to Greenville, SC to greet her youngest son Brett and his family as they return from their Disney Cruise. Marlene spent Thanksgiving with her oldest son Peter and his family in Baltimore. It is always a merry-go-round for Marlene during the holidays. She is still in Fairfax, VA and stays busy with mah-jongg, Bridge, her book club, P.E.O. and Olli classes. After two years of Covid, she finally made it to the Canadian Rockies in the Northwest, and loved it. She celebrated her "group" 80th birthday with friends from Jamestown High School and her sons surprised her with a birthday visit to D.C. which involved a pub crawl to all the popular watering holes.

Rayola Purcell Pederson and Roger are both well and living in Richmond, VT. They moved there from Maryland 7½ years ago, and have been enjoying the proximity to several ski areas and the much cooler and less humid summer weather. So far, they have happily managed to avoid Covid. Rayola and Roger 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. They enjoyed having everyone for Christmas this past holiday.... ten people and four dogs!

Sadly, our sister, **Molly Boulet Carroll** lost her husband Chuck on Halloween. Molly and Chuck met back in their Potsdam-Clarkson days, and married shortly after graduation. Chuck had been facing health issues for many years, since their boys were young. Molly was in the hospital at the time of Chuck's death, and is still recuperating at home. She has moved closer to her son in Skaneateles, NY where she and Chuck had been renting for a few years. Besides her son in Skaneateles, she has another son nearby, with her third son living on the West Coast.

Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell and Bob are full time residents in Bonita Springs, Florida and enjoy their community. They visited **Shirley Kincaid Eagan** and Tom at their home on Marco Island, and enjoyed a wonderful luncheon. Their daughter is in Cincinnati and their son lives in California, so they are often off visiting family. Bob enjoys golf and often "shoots his age". Elaine keeps busy mentoring high school students, gardening, and playing lots of cards. Unfortunately, her community was badly hit by Hurricane Ian. Her street (29 homes) was flooded, so they are all in the process of remediation and repairs, a slow process. She invites her sisters to visit next year.

JoAnn Haley Maguire is still living in Churchville, PA, in the house she moved into in 1971 when jobs brought them to the area. JoAnn was teaching English in Abington High School, retired in 2000, and has been selling real estate since. She loves the contact with clients and colleagues of all ages. Happily, her 3 sons, 2 stepsons and all of their families live within an hour, so JoAnn can attend events for all six of her grandchildren (concerts, soccer games, etc.) Though she lost Lou in the spring of 2016, their sons continue the tradition of dinner at JoAnn's on Christmas Eve, which she looks forward to. JoAnn says that despite all the "pills she pops" every day, she is grateful to be in good health. She rented at the Jersey Shore last July 4th week, and was finally able to get together with her Canadian cousins in July.

Shirley Kincaid Eagan and Tom change locations frequently, but amazingly, their mail does catch up with them! In the fall and late spring, they stay at their townhouse in Victor, NY, where her daughter's family is a "Tom Walk" away and Shirley's Rochester oncology team is just a half hour drive. In the summer they stay at the lake house except for Shirley's treatment days. In January, they head to Marco Island for three or four months where Shirley gets her treatments in Naples. Shirley admits it gets confusing when she is looking for items and realizes they are in a different location. Thom and Tammy have two-month-old Greyson, bringing Shirley and Tom's total count to 11 grandchildren. She will see Thom and Tammy in January, as they have moved to Boca Raton. Melissa's news is that her oldest was just accepted to his first choice, University of Rochester, with an early decision. Shirley never dreamed she'd have 11 grands... each family has a set of twins.

Lorraine Gringer Gluck is living year-round in Rochester, NY, where to her delight, she is rediscovering her Ago sisters. With the recent crazy housing market, she sold both her Chautauqua Institution cottage and her Florida home. With Paul's passing, she knew she was "over her head" with two houses and an apartment, so she is happily settled into a small cottage close to two of her children and their families. After many years of going to Florida for the winter, she plans to stay put this winter, and so far, it has been very doable. While she misses the Florida sun, she does not miss the chaos of air travel. Being geographically close to her family is bringing her much joy. This year, her oldest grandchild got married so her family is slowly growing. Lorraine savors her watercolor painting, walking groups, Buddhism classes, choir, volunteering, and discussion groups; they all lead her to discover a new life, which is still a work in progress. Lorraine is still smiling from a lovely lunch at **Anne Rapp Refermat's** lovely home which she recently attended with **Barbara Stoneham Law**. She feels like the lesson of Covid was to see the beauty of life connections.

Barbara Stoneham Law wrote to us during her last week in her 70's. Her son wanted to celebrate by skiing with Barb and her granddaughters in the "storm of the generation", but Barb opted to take the family to the Strong Museum of Play to see the butterflies instead. She is saving her knee to ski with **Andrea Wolfe Long '65** this winter to fulfill their oath to ski together until they are 80 (at least one run). Barb shared the good news that she has been off her chemo meds for three months and had a good MRI scan that will give her another 3-month break from the treatment for liver cancer that she has been battling since 2008. Barb is still playing tennis year-round, volunteering with her Rochester Hearing Loss chapter, and singing in her church choir in Fairport. Barb has three granddaughters, ages 17, 14, and 12, who keep her busy attending their sports events, plays and concerts. She loves it! Paxton (17) lives in Carmel, Indiana, so Barb sees less of her. She will be playing on the women's softball team at Butler University after she graduates high school in 2024. Madi and Izzy live nearby in Farmington, NY, so she sees them often. Recently, they made cutout cookies together after attending the RPO Pops concert together; she had so much fun!

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

Class of 1965-67

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Barbara Hubbard Rice '65, Linda Farnholtz Winegard '65, Sharon Woodworth Scheiweiller '65, Cynthia New Briggs '66, Karen Knight Sky '66, Kathy Shregel Tillotson '66, Lois Mader '66, Marcia Dickinson '66, Anita Osborne Clark '67, Ellen Murphy Merry '67, Judith Van Zandt Litto '67, Martha Gaudern Wheaton '67

Class of 1968 55th REUNION YEAR

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

Class of 1969

Diane Swan Dudley enjoyed celebrating her 75th (she thinks her classmates are all about there by now) with the whole family going to Anna Maria Island, Florida for a week. Jim and Diane also made trips to Cleveland where they enjoyed a symphonic concert, a baseball game and great restaurants; later they went to Panama City Beach for three weeks in the fall. The summer found them on Keuka Lake enjoying the grands. When the kids went back to school, Diane and Jim returned to volunteer work.

Correction: Last year we accidentally identified the husband of **Linda McIlvain Cooper '69** as Mike when it should have been Tom. Sorry Linda!

Linda McIlvain Cooper reports that 2022 was a good year for her and Tom. They continue to spend summers on Cassadaga Lake with lots of swimming and boating, and then back in Virginia, near family. They enjoy being involved in the lives of their grandkids, now 13, 14 and 20. Their travels have taken them from Alaska to Florida including trips to Anchorage on a mission trip, Seattle and the San Juan Islands, and snowshoeing on Mt. Rainier in a blizzard. They continue to volunteer with Children's Disaster Services and the Red Cross traveling to Ft. Myers in October for Hurricane Ian, in the largest Red Cross Shelter (Hertz Arena), where they set up a secure play area for children away from the "sea" of cots. No resting for them!

Jane VanDeusen Rogers and Keith enjoyed spending quite a bit of time at their vacation home in Albemarle Plantation in North Carolina. They had fun with all three of their grandchildren during their week-long visit while they participated in a learn-to-sail program; they are planning for a more advanced sailing class there next summer. They sold their boat and bought a small travel trailer, which is the perfect size for Keith, Jane, and dog Grady, to take to the beach at the Outer Banks. Jane was diagnosed with breast cancer in August and had to have surgery. Thankfully, chemotherapy and radiation should be finished by next summer, so she is looking forward to that. Thanksgiving and Christmas were made special for them as children and grandchildren visited both holidays.

Barb Stevens Sharpe reports good news: Dave's surgery and recovery went well, and he is "back to normal". They enjoyed some visits from family this year. Their granddaughter Ally took a trip to Disney World with her high school show choir to participate in a workshop and enjoy the parks, which meant son Bob and the rest of his family drove down from IN to visit them and returned in June. Daughter Michelle visited for a week at Thanksgiving, and in December, the family (all 11) met at Michelle's home in NC. In early December, Dave and Barb did a river cruise on American Cruise Lines from Jacksonville down the St. Johns River, to Amelia Island, and then south to St. Augustine. February 2024 will find them on the same cruise line from St. Petersburg to the Keys.

Joan Seward DiGiacomo writes that 2022 was a trying year for her family with lots of family drama and serious illness to contend with, but things are much better now, so they're looking forward to a brighter future in 2023. Travels included a trip to the ABC islands in November aboard Celebrity Equinox and in March, Dick and Joan will take their first trip to Hawaii. Plans include more trips while they can still travel and store some great memories. They keep busy participating in many clubs in Solivita (their Florida home) - bowling, bocce, Italian club, cribbage, mah-jongg, poker, and the Western New York Club. Summer brings them back to Rochester for family time and more relaxing.

Jacque Morse Shellman continues as a 45-year member of NYS Women, Inc. but now as Immediate Past State President. She is a board member of the Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund sitting on their Fellowship Award Committee, selecting women from NYS who are pursuing their graduate degrees. She enjoyed her second year of membership on the Agonian Alumnae Association Golden Anchor of Excellence Scholarship Committee. This year she was a member of the AAA Reunion Committee, along with **Sue Wajda '74** and **Joann Koch-Quon '77**. She remains active in Young Living Essential Oils Brand Partner. She recently joined the Ionia United Methodist Church, meeting many new friends and connecting with old friends. Daughter Rachel continues to teach 5th grade ELA in Warsaw, NY. A new skill acquired, Jacque has been coordinating the renovation of her 2nd floor bedroom and her kitchen due to a water pipe burst on Dec. 26. She continues to be healthy and is comforted by her furry companion Whisp.

Nancy Beck Misenko says it was a very busy year at the river with grandsons (15 and 13) pretty much moving in for the summer with their boats, bikes etc. while their parents went back and forth to VT. Son Darren was able to telecommute and run his law office when he was there so he could get his River fix too. Son Eric and wife spent a lot of time on their 44 ft. sailboat docked in Clayton so Nancy saw them often. Meanwhile, Jim kept all the 22 family boats ship-shape while Nancy kept the house "galley" full of food and the gardens neat and tidy. She continues to co-chair two very active local organizations - the Hammond Barn Quilt Trail and the Hammond Garden Club. Last April they spent a super week on Topsail Island in NC with the VT crew "beaching it" and catching and eating great seafood. Never a dull moment!

Karen Miller Kelley says that the focus of their year has been on outdoor activities - walking in parks and on Greenway trails (or snowshoeing when there is snow). Every summer is spent at Fourth Lake enjoying kayaking, swimming, and cooking s'mores with the grandkids. They were thrilled to have all their grandkids with them during Christmas week. Larry has continued his passion for hunting, especially including sons and grandsons. Karen has returned to her book club, quilt club, and Delta Kappa Gamma where she was responsible for meetings that featured "Women Achievers from Livingston County". She was disappointed not to see the Misenkos this year, but schedule conflicts didn't permit.

Chris Bolton Aiken reports that all is well with husband Bill Sickels after his knee replacement in late 2021. He is back playing golf, Bocce and regularly doing Magic shows at the local Children's Hospital. After many injuries and surgeries on her left knee, Chris will be having knee replacement 2/1/23, so Bill will now be the nurse.... her friends will be on standby! Traveling was mainly to Charleston, to some of Bill's Citadel events and lots of visits from family and friends. Chris and a dear friend went on a 11-day cruise in late September from Barcelona to Rome. She had another good, busy year while continuing to support the Kiwanis, her P.E.O. Chapter and other non-profit agencies in the Savannah area. She is looking forward to returning to golf and visiting friends and family in Philadelphia and Rochester in 2023!

Kathleen Hopkins Spencer hasn't looked back since retiring to Providence but will always value the 40 years in their family home. Now they get to regularly see their four grandchildren, two in Providence and their grand-dog Ellie, who is spending time with them while their daughter starts home renovations. Future plans include trips to NYC, the Canadian Rockies, and Ann Arbor. Kathy is consulting with one high school leadership team on the Cape, taking an immersive (challenging) Spanish class, and working with one writing class at the high school. She feels her years at 11 Pierrepont taught her so much about friendship, leadership, and laughter - memories that warm her heart.

Veronica "Ronnie" Slivinski Holmes, and her husband Robert, kept busy with home and property projects and loved exploring the Finger Lakes region. This past year they, took turns playing nurse for each other after surgeries, but remain healthy, active and, above all, grateful. In December, Ronnie had a right knee replacement and has been enduring the exercises... she is looking ahead to being back at gardening and biking this summer. They have been super careful (too careful?) for years with Covid precautions and certainly hope it's time to travel more in 2023.

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Class of 1970

The AAA heard from **Suellen Richmond** who expressed excitement at being "found" and receiving her first yearly newsletter. She has moved over 40 times from Boston to NYC to Paris to Rome to London to Barbados to Marbella and is now back in the states in California as of 2016.

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Class of 1971-72

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Deborah "Debbie" Greenan Rudd '71, Marcia Litz Greenberg '71, Karen Philhower Gobetz '72, Roberta Ciera '72, Terry Bubniak Lyczko '72

Class of 1973 50th REUNION YEAR

Bonnie Betters Reed and husband, Gary, are enjoying retirement, keeping busy with family, church and doing social justice work. They are in New Hampshire for the winter because their "winter" home in Florida was ravaged by hurricane Ian. Her children are both doing well; son Adam is living and working in Maine and daughter Ally and husband Josh are both in graduate school finishing advanced degrees at Northeastern Univ. and GW Univ. respectively.

Marilyn Matzke Stephens continues to enjoy Colorado, even more so now that all her kids are living there. Her days are spent working on sewing projects and just enjoying her 14 grandkids. There are many events to keep her busy like their plays, school concerts, dance recitals and of course, their sports.

Sandy Linsky Simpson and her husband, Kirk, are both retired and enjoying retirement by spending days sailing on Lake Ontario; they purchased a power boat for those "windless" days. Sandy's travels consist of trips to California to visit her daughter's family and spoil the grandkids. Sandy is trying to get back into her artwork with the help of fellow sister, **Diane Lenzi Klock**.

Judy Spencer Gyger, and her husband Roger, moved to California to be closer to her two sons. The oldest lives in northern CA with 3 kids and the youngest lives in southern CA, also with 3 kids. Judy is very active with their tennis club; she enjoys hosting fun get-togethers with the new friends they have met since the move. Also, Judy is still doing some consulting on interior design.

Diane Lenzi Klock enjoys teaching watercolor painting classes and has even had 2 Ago sisters as students. Diane and husband, Don, love to travel and will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Iceland this year. Other travels include visiting both her daughter's family in Charleston and her son's family in Nyack.

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Class of 1974

"No Sister's an island" rang true for **Sue Wajda** in 2022 as Ago sisters and friends got her through life's challenges. Her Colby house radiators burst, so there was no heat or water for a year. Wajda retired as AAA President with an amazing send-off of heartfelt wishes and gifts, then lost her best friend and mom at 101 vibrant years. She and Tim managed a getaway to FL (but with Covid) and RV "glamped" near Mom. Reunion bits were enjoyed: her high school 50th, ABay with lifelong friends turning 70, and a most spectacular Alumni Reunion in Potsdam. Wajda is eternally grateful for the love and support of her Ago sisters, "friends forever".

2022 was a great year for **Lynn Ballasus Sabine**. They traveled a lot... spent two weeks in Hawaii in October, a cruise to the Scandinavian countries in July, and went to India in November for her son, Kyle's wedding. It's been a wonderful year. The best to all in 2023!

2022 was a full year for **Ellen Dullmeyer Fox**. She moved her 92-year-old Mom from Oregon to a nearby assisted living facility (all happy so far). Ellen also took memorable road trips with friends, dabbled in art classes (she loved "rock dotting"... You might think of this as meditative art), and helped start an adult day care for those with dementia as well as a charitable giving circle. Their first pooled donation was \$12,000 to a local nonprofit (check out 100WWEastTNFoothills). And the big news is, she, like many of us, arrived at the big 70. Ellen sends hugs from Tennessee.

Peggy Northrop Mann lives outside of Charleston, SC, in a community called Poplar Grove with her husband Vance. She is Deputy Chair of the PG social committee, works on the Grace Episcopal Cathedral Flower Guild, and plays pickleball four times a week. Liking life in the Low Country with its egrets and marshes, she calls her two brothers in Watertown, NY to say she's missing their blizzards; where she is, it's only a nasty blah brown. Peggy sends love to all!

April Bell Devaux spent the best winter EVER in her recently purchased home in Sarasota, FL. She had cocktails in the sand watching the sunset with **Sue Wajda** and Tim in St. Pete and spent her 70th birthday (gulp) kayaking and walking Lido Beach after a great dinner on St. Armand's. April sends birthday wishes to all her Ago sisters who have and will hit the 70 milestone. Where did the time go?

Lynne Boles went to New York City TWICE to see plays.... including seeing her heartthrob, Hugh Jackman, in "Music Man". She took a record high four trips to Potsdam in 2022: two for the College's Foundation Board meetings, one for Alumni Reunion and sadly, one to attend the memorial service of **Jane Blodgett Hurley '54**. Lynne and husband John enjoyed vacations to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, the Maine coast, and Saratoga Springs where she met **Eileen Goss Whelley '76** for dinner. Unfortunately, Lynne broke a bone in her foot in September and treated it holistically with a remedy called . . . "King Estate Pinot Gris". On the lucky side, her Naples, FL condo escaped any damage from Hurricane Ian. She hopes to see many Ago alums at Alumni Reunion in July 2023. She's trying to convince **Bonnie Better's Reed '73** to come to Potsdam for Bonnie's 50th.

It was a bit of a rough year for **Patti Gentile Ludwiczak** . . . while she reports that she and Mark would have loved to travel, ill family members, a 101 year old mother-in-law, and a spoiled pandemic puppy put a damper on things. The Buffalo Christmas storm kept her and family in the house for 3 days, interfering with normal celebrations. On the bright side, Patti joined a Piecemaker Quilt group this year to make quilts for foster kids, nursing homes, and hospitals. It's lots of fun, but she's the youngest by far. Patti's enjoying tap and cardio classes and reading her favorite new Christmas books. A favorite pastime is lunching with her college roommate Karen Perchinsky Berner and husband Joe (Zeta Nu). "We laugh like we are still college kids." Patti sends love to all.

After "so many moves", **Kathy Ames "Amsey" Kieta** is happy to report that Ohio has been home for 29 years now. She spent much of the summer on the St. Lawrence River where they share a place with her brother. In July they traveled to Potsdam for Dennis' 50th reunion. They had a great time at Ago seeing old friends and meeting new sisters. In September they were off to visit son Andrew and family in Seattle then on to Prince George, BC where daughter Kristen is finishing her PhD in environmental science. They had a wonderful time hiking and enjoying the company of her friends. Their oldest daughter Sarah is expecting baby number two in March so Kathy is happily awaiting the call to duty. Kathy spends her time tutoring elementary students, reading, and feeding the backyard birds. A good and happy life!

2022 was all about the "wedding" for **Elaine Whitehead Pauly** with daughter Dana tying the knot. Wedding and celebrations took place on the west coast, Dana's current home, and a week was spent with family and the newlyweds. It was a grand celebration for all! The family also traveled to Sedona and Moab for their annual Thanksgiving getaway, and, as always, Elaine ventured to CA for time with Dana and visits to her favorite California vineyards. Daily 2-mile walks with yellow lab, Mosley, are a constant. Her health coaching business is still alive and well – it seems that retirement is not in the plan. You can visit her here: <https://elainepauly.com/> . Husband Greg is busy keeping business thriving. All is happy in the Pauly household!

Tami Maloney Whitbeck was "found" after several failed attempts. As it turns out, Tami was never lost... her email service reported messages that made the AAA think her email was no longer operational, but apparently it was. Tami reported sad news with the passing of her mother in November. They were close and she is so missed by Tami and the family. Tami's family is growing with six grandkids now— four of them are under two years old, so they keep Tami rather busy.

Jackie Wirges Johnson is spending her first winter in Orchard Park in a long time; she hasn't frozen yet! Her best Christmas gift this year was grandbaby number seven born December 17th. Six of them are 4 and under, needless to say.... Jackie is keeping busy. Love to all.

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Class of 1975

Helen Hallahan Byrnes is enjoying her life in Cazenovia. She and Phil are blessed to have all four of their children living there. There are 8 grandchildren to follow in sports and other activities! Their oldest grandson, Jack, is off to Hobart in the fall. It doesn't seem possible! Helen wishes all a wonderful 2023!

Barb Putman Cregg and Mike enjoy spending time with their growing family on their island in the St. Lawrence, on Canandaigua Lake, and in Naples. Hurricane Ian was very kind to them, though other parts of Naples did not fare as well. Mike is expanding The Underpass, formerly known as Shooters. Barb looks forward to connecting with the Ago crew in FL!

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary enjoyed a flood-free summer of family fun on Skaneateles and managed to get through Ian with no damage in Sarasota! They attended her 50+1 Westhill reunion and the dedication of Potsdam's DelGuidice Student Forum. Allison's dogs visit daily, and Amanda, Brian, Ben (11), and Henry (9) keep them busy following their activities.

The highlight of 2022 for **Anne Gallagher Timpano** was spending a week at Disney World with their family. The August heat didn't slow them down. They visited every park (some twice) and rode almost every ride. Caitlin (9) and Tessa (5) were totally in awe of the Disney princesses; it was so special to see their faces. What a great family vacation!

Carol Baitup Sweet is thrilled to be a Nana to Meghan and James' son Leo Taylor! Born in August, he is a joy to watch grow. Jon sells for Graybar and drives for Dominos. Kevin and Lauren bought a home near Ft. Stewart in GA, where Kevin is in Ranger School. Carol attended the wedding of **Kathy Farrell Kane '76** and Mike's daughter in UT and toured San Francisco with Barb Frances O'Neal. She looks forward to zooming with these special Potsdam friends.

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Class of 1976

The Class of '76 is sad to report that **Cindy Heinbockel Ogulnick** passed away December 16, 2021. She was a very talented violinist who touched many lives through her teaching and performing. She lived in Massachusetts and is survived by her husband and two sons.

Cathy O'Connor lives in the Albany area, still loves retirement, and travels frequently to her retreat in Maine where she takes gorgeous photographs. Cathy loves spending time with sister **Liz O'Connor Utzig '77** and lifelong friend **Claudia Locatelli May**.

Denise Aiello Bukovan wishes all the blessings of peace, good health, love, and prosperity in 2023 and beyond.

Janice "Cookie" Dash Robinson thinks of her Ago sisters often and hopes to make it to a reunion one of these years. Robby and Cookie are enjoying retired life. Happily, all three daughters live within 20 minutes of them and they are overjoyed to be welcoming their first grandchild in April. Cookie and Robbie spent 2½ weeks touring Portugal last fall and took the whole family to Belize right after Christmas. They split their time between their longtime home in NC and their beach condo in SC.

Cathy Lennon Nealon and Bob had a great year with many opportunities to connect with Agos. The Reunion in July was great fun, and the house looked amazing. They caught up with **Debbie Diefendorf Hind '75** and Gary (DK) and **Linda Brescia Vangellow '70** (Alex) while in Florida. The three-year-postponed trip to Sicily took place at the end of September and was amazing. Sharing the adventure with **Amy Hind Henry** and Guy (DK), **Linda Brescia Vangellow '70** and Alex, and two other couples made an exceptional vacation even more noteworthy. Another highlight of 2022 was exploring the Magic Kingdom with Jillian, Kyle, McKenna (7) and Derek (4). It was the first time for the little ones, and the looks of awe and delight on their faces was priceless. Hope 2023 is good to all!

Jill Mayhew Ryan, Jim, and their beautiful yellow lab Bryn still live in the Rochester area, but spend as much time as possible in the Thousand Islands in the summer visiting Jill's mom who is 94 and still living independently. Jill still substitute teaches a little and sees big sis **Barb Putman Cregg '75** occasionally. Jill and Barb met **Cathy O'Connor** and **Liz O'Connor Utzig '77** at Sylvan Beach in August, and Jill spent an afternoon with **Betsy Osterhout Washam** in October.

Carolyn O'Dell Durnin and family traveled to Charleston, SC last January for their son Jack's wedding to Jenni, a girl they truly love. Caitlin, Jack and Molly all live in SC now, so Carolyn learned to fly "solo" and made several trips last fall. For the month of July, Cait brought her kids to Grafton while Dan was deployed, using her laptop at the kitchen table to work remotely. John made tie-dye t-shirts with Ava and Mara, stenciled with "CAMP '22" and there was a weeklong reunion at Long Lake in the Adirondacks.

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

Class of 1977

2022 has been a travel year for **Joann Koch-Quon** (all in the car). It was fun trips to Atlantic City with her son's family in June, Potsdam Reunion in July, followed by 6 weeks at her family cottage in Ontario and finally a train trip to NYC with her family for the Rockettes Xmas Show. Sad trips included Utica in the fall for **Sue Wajda's '74** mom's funeral and two trips to Pittsburgh for her uncle's funeral in April and **Colleen Costello Filiak's '79** funeral in the fall. Joann's granddaughters are now 13 and 6½ and the joy of her life. She is looking forward to her 50th HS reunion this year, changing to part time at work soon, this summer's reunion, and seeing her Ago sisters.

Karen Kittelsen Stefanski and Tom went to Denver to celebrate her niece's graduation from Colorado Mountain College in May. They met Nick and his fiancé, Gala, along with her mom, Roxy, for dinner. Nick announced that he and Gala had gotten married at City Hall that past week so they planned an impromptu wedding celebration. In June, Karen's niece Kelsey got married on top of Mt Hood at the Timberline Lodge in Oregon. In July, they visited Seattle, and then Vancouver to start their Rocky Mountaineer trip. Next, they went on a tour of Victoria where they saw Butchart Gardens and enjoyed a scenic ferry ride. They also went to Grouse Mountain and the Capilano Suspension Bridge. They boarded the Rocky Mountaineer train and enjoyed an amazing 2 days ending in Jasper National Park where they saw amazing waterfalls and aqua colored glacier lakes. They continued their tour via motorcoach, saw more waterfalls and got to walk on the Athabasca glacier after riding up the side of the mountain in an Ice Explorer. Their trip continued on to Banff where they viewed a First Nation Powwow in the center of the town and enjoyed a gondola ride up to Sulphur Mountain. They ended their trip in Calgary. They went to the Cape over Labor Day week and had a wonderful time. Karen is looking forward to catching up with her Ago sisters in 2023.

Barbara Hall Kellerman has been enjoying her first full year of retirement. They purchased a camper van and have had fun tailgating grandkids' games, going on picnics and barn parties, as well as actual camping and vacations. They went on their annual trip/reunion to the Outer Banks with record attendance including her newest granddaughter, Shay. Barbara is lucky to be helping with daycare two days a week and is enjoying having that bond with her. Otherwise, it has been a good, but quiet year. Barbara had hoped to go to the reunion this past year, but her husband had just been released from the hospital and she couldn't leave him. So..... she is hoping to make it this year!

Patty Abernethy Sohl spent a good portion of 2022 in Saugerties, NY emptying out her mom's best friend's house of 82 years who was 95 when she passed. Bill is still working three days a week... sliding into retirement. Patty is still working part time from home or wherever they might be.

2022 was a great year for **Patti Short Wilkins** and Bill. They added two new adorable grandsons to their family, Liam, born in January and Sullivan, born in July. Patti and Bill are babysitting 3-4 days a week. Seems like a lot but the babies are not little for long, so Nana and Poppy's daycare is very busy. They are blessed that the furthest distance to the grandbabies is 45 minutes. They have continued to travel: Disney Mexico, Disney Outer Banks, NC Disney. Yes, they have an annual pass to Disney. God has blessed them and they are very thankful. Retirement is the best. There is always a welcoming place in PA. Please visit.

Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco had another year that was full of travel and visiting friends and family. She drove cross country, went to Potsdam, went to Conesus Lake and stayed with Sparky and **Anne Gallagher Timpano '75**, had a DK - Ago weekend in Bethany Beach with **Patty Abernethy Sohl**, Billy, **Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey** and Bruce, did a sister trip to Cabo and visited Austria twice (once in March and the other at the end of October). She has been saying that she won't be traveling as much this year, but already has plans to go to Phoenix in March, Potsdam in July and back to Vienna in September (her grandbaby is missing her). She bought a new home in Rochester and sold her home in Surprise. Most people are moving from Rochester for warmer weather, not the other way around, but those that know her will not be surprised as she never follows the norm. She is looking forward to being on the East Coast so she can see friends on a regular basis.

A personal message from **Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey** to her Ago sisters:

I would like to take this time to acknowledge the incredible love and support I have received from my Ago sisters this year after the passing of my daughter Meagan at age 37. It has been a long time since our days together in Potsdam, and I never could have imagined how many of you would have reached out in such a variety of ways to lift me up at the darkest time of my life. At this time when the value to young people of Greek Life is at best, questioned and at worst, under attack, when it works as it is meant to, it is beautiful. It creates life changing bonds that are truly familial in nature; strong and sustaining. I am very grateful to my sisters and the experience we had in Ago. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Class of 1978 45th REUNION YEAR

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim writes that 2022 had its ups and downs but mainly ups. Tom's mom broke her hip on December 26th and was in rehab until early March. She's happy to say that she's home and is doing fairly well. They took a trip to Orlando with Tom's son and family in April and on the way back Tom and Lori spent a few days in Destin. In May, they visited Tom's sister and husband in Myrtle Beach where Tom got to golf. In June, Tom's daughter and family met them in Gatlinburg where they rented a cabin; it was nice to spend some quality time with the grandchildren away from their normal distractions. In August, Lori and Tom traveled to Hilton Head and stayed at their favorite place. They went to NY in September for Tom's uncle's funeral who had passed away in April; the military funeral was very moving. They spent time with Tom's parents and kids. On the way home, they stopped at Lori's son, Brandon's for a couple of nights. They were supposed to be in Sanibel Island at the end of September but Hurricane Ian had a different idea. Tom checked an item off his bucket list when they attended a Tennessee Vols game at the end of October. It was so much fun; that stadium rocks! Early December they decided to take a trip to Orlando for a week. Lori and Tom have gotten very involved in volunteering with "All For Him Ministry" which serves the homeless and needy in their community. They love this ministry and help out in any capacity that is needed. The ministry offers a free meal on Sunday so they make food and take clothing for the guests; everyone is so appreciative. They also help out at the warehouse; it is a blessing to be able to show love to the people that attend and let them know that they are seen and cared about. God has truly blessed them when he led them to this ministry. Lori and Tom also deliver meals each week to those members of the Senior Citizen Center who are unable to get to the center. 2023 looks to be another busy year both with volunteer activities and travel. Lori wishes everyone a happy and healthy 2023!

Nadine Gager Compisi and husband Tony, were able to spend January-March in Florida last year. Nadine has to admit, she loves being out of the cold weather. They bounced around the state: Bradenton in January, Lutz in Feb and Mount Dora in March. They became so enchanted with Mount Dora that they're staying there for the full 3-month duration this year. It's a charming town in central FL. They've met some really friendly folks, taken up lawn bowling, of all things, and enjoy the local restaurant and social scene. Due to its central location, they visited both family and friends last year and are doing the same thing this year. Nadine and Tony golf, Nadine plays pickleball 2-3 times a week (loves it!) and she enjoys going to their local grandchildren's soccer games, dance recitals and school activities. They finally canceled their European river cruise after waiting to go on it for 3 years. Stupid Covid! They feel blessed that daughter-in-law Julie had a successful double organ transplant in September; prayers were answered for sure. The reunion is on her radar but no promises at this time. She and Tony have a busy 2023 coming up, so perhaps if the timing is right, you will see them Ago-Shuffling to Double Axel!

It has been a busy year for **Vera Thurston Gibbs** and her clan. They welcomed grandchildren number 7 and 8 in 2022; Jack and Paige are a joy. They were finally able to get all 20 of them together at Thanksgiving to get a long-awaited family picture. Steve is still working at ROTH and Vera is still at the Dome at Syracuse University. She is constantly flirting with the idea of retirement, but no date has been nailed down yet. Vera was able to get up to Potsdam a few times this year for summer reunion and for initiation. Each time is so special; "the old meets the new". She encourages anyone that can to go to the reunion; each time she is blessed to see friends that were there when she went to school, but at the same time, she makes new friends that will last a lifetime. This year will be 45 years for her class. She is hoping to see many of you there on the porch!

Susan "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee retired from 23 years of teaching this past June. Sue and her daughter, Deirdre, spent 10 days in France celebrating her retirement. She took on a few part-time jobs in areas that she loves. Sue is the Director of the "Kids in Kayaks" program through Outside Foundation; on Turtle Patrol HHI, Sue gives Turtle Talks in hotels and works a few days for Outside Brands doing Eco tours and retail. She is spending a few weeks in Dominica during the cold months in SC. She hopes to make it to NY to visit with some of her Ago friends this year. Stay healthy and happy. Go outside!

Suzi Scholterer went to the reunion weekend in Potsdam and says, "It's magical". It's so wonderful to chat with sisters, recalling our hilarious moments and heart throbs du jour! Thankfully, some sisters have EXCELLENT memories; well, maybe that's a bad thing! LOL. The memories are heart-warming and make her love each and every sister more. She hopes everyone (especially the class of 1978) will come this year; it's no stretch to say she'd love to see you. In early December, Suzi went to a wonderful outing coordinated by her little-little, **Sharon Cooney**. Sharon, **Vera Thurston Gibbs** (her little), **Pam Pendleton** and **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79** visited the Lorenzo House at the Lorenzo State Historic Site in Cazenovia (where Cooney worked forever). The House was decorated for Christmas and was stunning! They went to lunch to end a delightful, laid-back day together. She can't wait to do it again next year. Hopefully additional sisters will join us. Love to you all!

Pam Pendleton had an eventful year. She continued healing from her broken leg (July '21) walking with a walker in January. In March, she went to FL for two weeks with **Sharon Cooney** and was able to walk with minimal use of the cane by the time she returned home. As spring turned into summer, she was able to get around without the cane, made a big dent in her yard work, swam in her pool, went to Potsdam Reunion weekend in July, took a few day trips with her sister, and enjoyed daily 1-to-2-mile walks with her dog, Maxx. Pam worked the Buffalo Bills summer training camp in Rochester. She drove the courtesy golf cart and had many players and their families on her cart. She is now known as "Miss Pam" by many of them. She has great pics of them on the cart with her – come to the reunion and she'll show you! She continues working on the WFL BOCES Board of Education and the Upstate Institute Board. In October, her 82-old-sister fell, had spinal surgery, entered rehab, came home after 1½ months, landed back in the hospital right before Christmas and is expected to come home from rehab at the end of January. During all this, Pam came down with Covid, a mild case, but it put her out of action for 10 days. In November, she had lunch with **Sharon Cooney** and little sister **Terry Lane Mc Sweeney '79** at big sister **Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz's '77** beautiful house on Cazenovia Lake. In December, **Sharon Cooney**, **Suzi Scholterer**, **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79**, **Vera Thurston Gibbs** and Pam were in Cazenovia getting into the Christmas spirit at the decorated Lorenzo House, then dined at a local historical hotel. She can't wait to see her '78 sisters for their 45th reunion this summer!



Picture includes (left to right) **Pam Pendleton '78**, **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79**, **Sharon Cooney '78**, **Susan Scholterer '78**, **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**

Class of 1979

Debra LoBello Burhans had a milestone year in 2022. She turned 65, celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary and finally retired. She also has a new baby granddaughter, Noa Olivia, born 12/8/22, and another one on the way in June 2023. Her middle daughter, Gretchen (who is expecting) just moved back to the Buffalo area in May 2022, so Debbie is very happy that she will have at least one grandbaby living close by. She sends much love and best wishes to all sisters.

Becky Monckton King is enjoying providing day care for her first grandson who is now 18 months old. Her second grandchild is coming this summer. She and Ken enjoyed a very scenic vacation to Acadia National Park this past year with lots of hiking. Their family members are all doing well and Becky and Ken are fortunate to spend time with all of them. Becky would love to organize a Boston Ago gathering - who's in?

2022 was a busy year for **Cookie Scalise Balme**. Chip and Cookie own a condo in Bonita Springs, Florida and a cottage on Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes wine country. They have been very busy with rentals in both vacation homes, which is great, because it keeps them very busy in their retirement years. Both of their kids are doing great. Rob is getting married this fall and Lisa has two children: James (3) and Charlotte (Charlie, named after her dad, Charles) born in November 2022. They have a lot of fun with James and soon with "Charlie" too!

Sharon Keating Heiligman and Dan have been busy traveling, including a 12 day adventure to Egypt. Some of the highlights were the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, riding a camel, seeing King Tut's tomb and experiencing a hot-air balloon ride. Spending time with her 4 grandchildren weekly is such a joy. Sharon has enjoyed seeing **Pam Pendleton '78** for coffee monthly and a rendezvous last December in Cazenovia with Pam, **Sharon Cooney '78**, **Suzi Scholterer '78** and **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**.

Mindy Mospaw Poupore had an interesting year with some highs and lows. The highs included some trips to Arizona and Florida along with a lot of golf and performing with the Northern Symphonic Winds. She still works with her husband at his dental office as the bookkeeper, marketing director, HR person and general gal Friday. Unfortunately, while she was at the Potsdam College reunion, her brother passed away and she didn't get to finish the festivities. However, she did get back to Ago to help present the Ago scholarship with **Kathy Briggs '88**. The Actives were charming and very appreciative. She hopes that all her sisters are healthy and thriving.

Terry Lane McSweeney and her significant other, Rick Kissane, retired in June 2022. Terry retired after 20 years of teaching and 15 years at NYSUT. Terry and Rick also each welcomed a new grandchild. Penelope Rose George and Nolan Joseph McSweeney were both born in 2022. Terry and Rick now have 7 grandchildren. To celebrate their retirements, Terry and Rick took a fantastic 2-week trip to Portugal and Spain in December 2022. They are trying out "snow-birding" for the months of January and February in Bradenton, Florida with Terry's parents. Terry enjoyed seeing **Sharon Cooney '78, Pam Pendelton '78 and Joan DiFulgentiz '77** in the fall of 2022. Terry hopes to make the Ago reunion this summer and would love to get together with other Albany area Agos.

2022 was a very busy year for **Barbara Lanzano Combs** and DB. They downsized in February from their house of 29 years in Ashburn, VA to a townhome 17 miles away in Reston. The best part was finding out that pledge sister, **Denise Rich** is now her neighbor. Unfortunately, in March the family lost their beloved 16-year-old puggle, Fergie, who was with them since she was 8 weeks old. DB and Barbara spent spring break in Isle of Palms, SC and the rest of the family joined them for their annual summer vacation back in IOP. Their son, Wills, and KC blessed them with a granddaughter, Charlotte. Four-year-old Jackson is enamored with his baby sister. Their youngest son, Andrew, relocated from NJ to Clearwater, FL during hurricane Ian; he loves warm weather, but is currently complaining about how cold it's been down there. Sadly, DB's mother, a lovely Southern Lady, passed away in November. DB is still with LCPS and Barbara is back to full-time Nonna duties taking care of Charlotte during the week. They're all looking forward to their annual family summer vacation back in IOP making new beach memories!

Hollis Curtis Perdan is still happily entrenched in a small town in rural Iowa. A remodel last year gave her a kitchen fit for a cook with a Thor Kitchen stove (2 ovens, 6 burners, stainless griddle, oh my). It only took 5 months (sarcasm here). Husband Phil is still working in aerospace, doing as much at home as possible since his job is in a city 2 hours away. Dash, the rat terrier, continues to terrier-ize the local wildlife. Miz Crowley the cat moved in on Thanksgiving and finally allowed them to pet her in January. Last summer's garden was obliterated by a chipmunk whose hole came up in one bed; this year there will be serious raised beds. On the down side, Phil was recently diagnosed with PSP, a fast degenerative neural disease, but, hey, it ain't Alzheimers. He's still fully functional, and they will make a point of traveling, while they can enjoy it, to places that don't qualify as "visiting the relatives". Finally.... life continues and the Dude abides.

Missy Porter Richardson reports that 2022 was a quiet year with no major milestones to celebrate. But 2023 has started out with a bang... a cruise to Hawaii in January and a trip to Vegas and two Springsteen concerts in February. She is excited to see what the rest of 2023 will bring!

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

Class of 1980

Susan Hein Bailey plays pickleball several days a week. She went to a couple of **Patty Coogan Huntington's** boys' weddings this past year. She also traveled a little bit and visited her winter place on South Padre Island with the Huntingtons. Both of Susan's daughters are married and doing well. Life is good!

Gale Niederhauser Bayen is an Adjunct Professor at Hofstra University. She is supervising student teachers as they complete their undergraduate pre-service experience. Gale is surrounded by music educators who she has known and admired for years and is an inspiration to her students!

Rosie Javarone Brown has had a year of celebrations, weddings, and trips. She and Steve started 2022 with visits to Joshua Tree National Park, Palm Springs, CA, Florida to visit Rosie's 94-year-old mom, the beautiful Emerald Isle of Ireland and finally Nashville. Rosie loves retirement and stays busy with book clubs, Bunco, mah-jongg, and volunteering with her favorite dog rescue. She also loves her visit with her grandson. Here's to 2023!

Sue Magro Carroll is married to Art Carroll (alias Artie from AEPi). Yaaahooo! They'll be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in June 2023. Their four daughters are ages 23, 28, 30, 31 and all live in New York City. The oldest is married, the next two are engaged, and the youngest just graduated from college. Sue's favorite activities are biking, golf, working out at the gym, and gardening. She sends lots of love to each of you.

Pam McCormick Cronin is still working as an audiologist in Salt Lake City. In 2022, they welcomed their first grandchild, a girl. Their oldest daughter got married in a beautiful setting in the mountains of Utah, and they took trips to California and Alaska.

Patty Coogan Huntington has had a busy year. She is now fully retired after 43 years in college administration. She and Jim have celebrated the weddings of two children and have welcomed three grandchildren. Now they are finally getting a chance to travel. They spent time visiting **Susan Hein Bailey** in South Padre Island, Texas and anticipate more fun adventures. They now live on one of the Finger Lakes and have room for visitors. Agos are always welcome!

Marie Barrett Mahany celebrated her daughter Erin's wedding in 2022. Both Dan and Marie continue to work full time. She is Vice President of Accounting for a developer/property manager in Rochester. She works too hard, but she loves her job and the folks she works with. Grandchild number one is due in early April!

Becki Minoli has been working part time for the past year and is planning to fully retire in May. She hopes to finally finish rehabbing her 100+ year old house (25+ years in the works), continue to grow many of her vegetables (along with her husband who does most of the heavy lifting on this), play pickleball (which she started playing more frequently and consistently in 2022), and fit in a little traveling. Her daughter is nearby for now, working on her PhD in cellular, molecular, and biomedical science at the University of Vermont. With any luck, her travel may take her to visit some of her Ago sisters, as she looks to reconnect with friends.

Jane Morale and husband Glen enjoyed a wonderful year despite the sad beginning and ending (her mother passed away in January 2022 and her sweet cat crossed the rainbow bridge in December 2022). Jane is looking forward to retiring in July after 42 wonderful years in music education. She will miss the students so much and can't wait to do more skiing, mountain biking, music-making, and traveling.

Julie Radde Reagan continues to work at SUNY (at least for a couple more years). Her husband Mark has retired, and they are looking forward to more cruises during the winter months.

Class of 1981

Linda Aylward Robey has exciting news – both of her sons became engaged this year. Chris will be married on September 8th and Mitch is planning a 2024 wedding. Linda is retired and became involved with her local Senior Center – think activities that are not very “senior” at all – line dancing and Zumba!

Patrice DeLaus Scully retired on 12/31/21 to become the full-time babysitter for her granddaughter Madeline. She loves being able to spend her days playing with a one-year-old. On January 3, 2023 she became a grandmother again when her son Charles and his wife Casey had their first child, Lucia Marie (Lucy). Charles and Casey live in New York City so Patrice has both of the granddaughters nearby. Sadly, on January 11, 2023, Patrice's father died at age 87. She greatly appreciates the support of the many Agos who reached out to her.

Margaret Farrell Benedetto retired from Fairport School District in June 2022. Margaret says her smile is so much brighter now. Her girls still live out of town with two in Wisconsin and one in New York City. She does not get to see them nearly enough but now, with all sorts of free time, she hopes to change that.

Robin Landrigan Smith and her husband John DeRossi live in Marco Island, FL and on Lake George, NY. She retired on 12/22. She loves spending time in two beautiful places biking, hiking, and walking the beach. Any Peloton riders out there? Follow her at RobinAtTheCoast.

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Class of 1982

Karen Zagrobelny Davis had a fun, full house with her daughter and family along with the Austrian au pair living with them until their house was finished in September. They went to Washington hockey, baseball and basketball games as well as “Beautiful” at the Kennedy Center. A lot of planning was done for Jenny's wedding – checking out venues and getting the dress. They traveled to Catalina Island and Santa Monica with Sarah and Will for spring break, Lake Tahoe for a wedding with Bob's family, and several trips to the Great Sacandaga. Sadly, Karen's mother passed away 3 weeks before her 100th birthday in November. All of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren made it to New Jersey for her send off. Karen continues to work as an engineer for Fairfax County while Bob teaches math.

Ellen Bartis Gambee really likes living in the Granite State. She enjoys skiing (both x-country and downhill) hiking, and just being outdoors. She now has 3 grandchildren. Mike and Ellen took a ski vacation to France, and did the Alaska land and cruise tour. She started subbing in the local school system and regularly goes to Florida to be with her son and his family.

Licia Urtis Murrell is still teaching chorus and music theater to middle schoolers in Marietta, Ga. In May, she will graduate with an Educational Specialist degree in Instructional Technology from the University of West Georgia. She has enjoyed reaching out of her comfort zone of music to technology. She is still an active photographer in the Atlanta area and finds gardening a nice escape from studying.

Class of 1983 40th REUNION YEAR

The class of 1983 is celebrating 40 years since graduation! They will be sponsoring the Friday night porch party at Ago, 11P on July 14th during Alumni Reunion. All alumnae are welcome. Planning to attend are **Brenda Reinhardt, Cathy Marietta Niehaus, Diane Weber Buell, Kathy Degni Shepherd, Kathy Welch Vigue, Paula Douglas Miller, Sue Eigenmann McBride, and Terri Budzilek Desens**. All class members are encouraged to attend and bring photos and yearbooks to share!

Since the closing of her natural food store in January 2022, **Brenda Reinhardt** has been busy exploring previously unrealized talents. Brenda is learning to play the drums and is doing stand-up comedy! In December, several Agos including **Sue Wajda '74, April Shelton '82, Debbie Goldstick Beairsto, Diane Weber Buell** (and husband Scott “aka Reggie”), **Cathy Marietta Niehaus** (and husband Eric), **Sue Compton Dixon '84, Cheryl Williamson Fisher '84, and Emily Dean '19** visited Rome to see Brenda perform her stand-up routine and enjoy dinner. It was a great night! Brenda's enjoying being single again and living on Delta Lake.

Diane Weber Buell and husband Reggie (Theta Chi) have launched four children from the nest. It's nice to have college payments done. They are in Skaneateles, New York in a downsized house built for the future years. They enjoy the east coast of Florida during the winter months. Diane continues to work for MITRE as an engineering manager (almost 40 years) and enjoys the flexibility of teleworking.

Karen Dickenson Robb enjoys playing tennis 2 to 3 times each week all winter at a facility that has indoor courts. Life is quiet.

Maria Salisbury Healy will be retiring from teaching in June!

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Class of 1984

Colleen Law Tefft retired from 24 years of directing the Drama Club at Sherburne Earlville HS in June. She misses seeing the students, but is happy to have her evenings free. Of course, she hasn't left theater altogether, she still serves as past president of the Theater Association of NYS (TANYS) and is treasurer of the NYS Theatre Education Association (NYSTEA) and continues to serve on the board of her local community theater organization where she will continue to direct and be part of productions as she has for the last 30+ years. In September, in NYC, she was honored to receive the Rod Merriot Lifetime Achievement Award from NYSTEA for her work in educational theater. She is NOT retired from her day time/real job of being the manager at the Sherburne Public Library and still enjoys her time there among the books. She lives in Sherburne with her husband Mike (Clarkson '88) and her daughter Holly. This year they are having renovations done in their Victorian house which will include a whole new kitchen and have plans to visit Scotland in the fall.

Anastasia Glasheen enjoyed a few professional milestones in 2022. She played Mother Abbess in the Sound of Music at the Fireside Theatre in Wisconsin, received a Grammy Award for her participation as a chorister with the Pacific Chorale, Los Angeles Master Chorale, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic in Mahler's 8th Symphony featuring Gustavo Dudamel as conductor (www.deutschegrammophon.com). She continues to guest lecture for a course she designed entitled, "The Broadway Musical, Reflections of American Diversity, Issues and Experiences." Anastasia is now living back on Long Island full time, working at Club Pilates and singing locally until the next creative opportunity comes along. By the way, she is a mile from the beach, with many guest bedrooms, and ready for Agonian visitors...

Deb Whalen Kelley is retiring in February 2023 from her marketing communications role at GE/SABIC. Husband, Dave, retires in April. Future plans include taking some trips, touching base with old friends, spending time with family in NY and working on the golf game. In 2022, they celebrated a wedding in Washington DC with their son, Connor, and his new wife, Lauren. Finally – a daughter! Their second son, Matt, lives closer to them in the Berkshires and is a gymnastics coach.

Lori Dietz had originally planned to retire at the end of 2022, but instead took a new position at CenterState as CEO of SVP of Administration and Human Capital (yes, that's a mouthful!). She and Ron built a second home in the Hilton Head, SC area last year. They are "snow birds" until April and she is working remotely. They really enjoy seeing the sun during the winter months.

Sue Compton Dixon continues to enjoy retirement. She and Mark traveled to Cabo, Belize, and Hawaii in 2022. They took their trawler up from Lake Champlain, through the Canadian waterways and over to Massena, NY where it will reside for a few summers. They will be boating the Erie Canal this summer... give them a shout-out if you are along the way. In the fall, they rode their tandem bike from Philadelphia, PA to Columbia, SC. Sue enjoyed her annual "Clarkson Girls weekend" which included **Sue Hope Atwell**, **Cathy Mackey Fischer**, **Carrie Howard Malekoff**, and **Debbie Goldstick Beairsto '83** as well as other friends from Moore House. She also enjoyed a quick mini-reunion with a great group of people (see article in Anchor) in Rome, NY to see **Brenda Reinhardt '83** perform stand-up comedy. Brenda is funny! (see page 16 of this Anchor) Sue and Mark enjoyed the granddaughters first trip to Disney World and visits from their sons, and their sons' families during the two weeks after Christmas. Lots of quality bonding time with family.

Class of 1985

After 30 years with Rockwell Automation, **Debbie Foell Dower**, and Jim both retired. Yay! They've always got to be working (haha) so they started a side hustle with short term rentals (Airbnb). They own and operate two themed properties within 8 miles of Disneyland. It's quite a bit different than working for a large corporation and they enjoy the autonomy it brings. In May 2022, they welcomed their first grandchild and agree that grand-parenting is pure joy. Their four daughters are doing well. Life is good; Debbie can't wait to celebrate the big 6–Ohh!

Annie Bryant Geiger recently retired from NYS and is working with her husband at his firm. They are now empty nesters. Their son is graduating from Clarkson in May, however, like many, he can't get Potsdam out of his blood and will be staying an extra year to get his MBA and Masters in Data Science. Her daughter is a Freshman at Endicott College. They are currently looking in South Carolina to retire. The empty nest has given Annie time to pick up extracurriculars such as golf, gardening and getting back to a gym.

Mary O'Neill Horigan and Tommy ('83 AEPi) celebrated their daughter Katie's wedding on July 1, 2022. **Kim Brown Kearns**, who was Mary's maid-of-honor a few decades earlier, attended and they had a blast. Mary and Tommy built a ski house in Conway, NH and welcome visitors anytime. Mary looks forward to seeing many of her Ago sisters this year as they celebrate their next decade together!

Donna Gilbert Mank lives in Old Town Alexandria and splits her time between her homes in VA and FL. She is an empty-nester, however, two of her children live nearby and one visits often. Donna spends time with parents, Spike and Bill when in FL, and shares fond memories of parents' weekends at Ago. She has taken up golf with partner Matt and aspires to be the club champion one day. Donna is excited to see everyone in Canandaigua NY for the BIG 60th birthday celebration.

Sheila Hegarty Johnson and Paul moved from Ohio to Colorado Springs in 2021. They have a son who lives there and another moving to Denver this summer. Their youngest son got married in September 2022. Sheila has moved from the Special Needs area in Middle School to a full-time 6th grade Social Studies teacher. Sheila thinks she might be crazy to start a new career at her age.

After selling her family home of 30 years and a few moves in MA, **Jill Mogavero Mann** has landed in sunny California. Her daughter Kelly moved to San Diego in 2020 and was soon diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Shortly after, Jill decided to make the move too. Kelly is thriving and getting married March 25th. Jill's two sons are planning to move to CA this summer - Woohoo! She and her partner Jimmy still frequent MA often so they consider themselves bi-coastal for now. Jill continues to work remotely at IQVIA but is now an avid pickleball player and learning how to golf in preparation for retirement. Jill loves her annual get-togethers with her '85 sisters and hopes to see other fellow Agonians anytime on either coast.

Kellie Walsh Neils and her husband Eric became empty nesters in August and treated themselves with a wonderful European trip. Hannah is a freshman (Psychology), Josh is a sophomore (Computer Engineering), and Sarah relocated to Charlotte during Covid and works in pharmaceuticals. Kellie and Eric are splitting time between Kentucky and their vacation home in Naples, FL where they welcome visitors anytime. Kellie is looking forward to skiing with **Kim Brown Kearns** and Doug this February in Utah and also celebrating their 60th with many of her Ago sisters.

Marggi Mitchell Solomon lives in Maryland, where she and husband Bobby are easing into retirement, spending free time rehabbing their “fixer upper” cottage on the water. She loves visits with the grandchildren, and keeps busy with work, two rescue dogs and frequent trips to NY to help with her aging mom (Joaner says “hi”). Marggi enjoys catching up with Ago sisters including a recent visit in VA with **Denise Rich '79**. She looks forward to celebrating her 60th in Canandaigua NY this September.

Kimberly Krzyzan Yantz had a busy 2022. She is still a yoga teacher but retired from teaching high school at the end of the 2021 school year. To celebrate, she and husband Steve visited Alaska, Nashville, and Atlanta, as well as their “normal” annual trips to Assateague Island and the Adirondacks. They spend their time at home with family (including their 20-month-old grandson Theo) and friends. Kim had both hips replaced this year and can't wait to get back to hiking and practicing yoga without pain!

Elizabeth Ernest Gilroy lives in her hometown with her husband Larry. She has three grown sons all living in Brooklyn. She enjoys skiing in Vermont in the winter and golfing in the summer.

Kim Brown Kearns is busy splitting time between her condo on Canandaigua Lake, Cape Cod and Bedford, NH (for now - looking for ideas on what to do after selling the NH house). Not quite an empty nester yet, but able to enjoy extended travel since Doug retired 2 years ago. Highlights include a month skiing in UT, CO and ID, a couple weeks in FL, and 3 weeks visiting daughter in Germany and the Christmas markets around Europe. Kim is looking forward to seeing many college friends in September to celebrate “getting old”.

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Class of 1986

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Class of 1987

Sue Boulter Jackson and her husband, Ken, had a rough year in 2022, starting with Ken's dad (age 96) moving to a nursing home that had an outbreak of Covid in January. That, plus other factors, resulted in a couple of severe relapses for Sue's chronic illness and her worst year in 20 years of illness. In July, they traveled to Oklahoma for a celebration of his long, happy 97 years and enjoyed seeing long-distance family and friends, in spite of the sad circumstances. Sue continues with her writing as able, juggling two blogs, interviews and promotions for her book, some freelance writing (see the April 2022 issue of *RV Magazine*), as well as a YouTube channel. The highlight of the year was a weekend in a lovely house on Lake Harmony in the Poconos with their two sons and their girlfriends, after Ken retired in October. 2023 has started with another family death and another long trip to a funeral, but they are hoping to manage some fun road trip travel with their camper this year.

Patty Carroll Wilson and Tom are enjoying living near the Jersey Shore. The 13 Cedar Street crew gathered again this October in Anna Maria Island, FL. There were lots of laughs, and more wine than beer these days.

Becky Volans Akins has settled into a wonderful retirement life. She is obsessed with pickleball and spending time with her two beautiful granddaughters, Eloise (3 in March) and Megan (born in December). Becky stays involved with Ago serving as the Community Service Advisor. She and Mark also host the Ago girls once a semester at the farm. Becky has traveled on several “girls' trips” along with trips with Mark, but really enjoys time spent with their two adult children (and spouses, kids & dogs) living nearby.

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Class of 1989

Laura Boyd lives in Woburn, MA (outside Boston) with her boyfriend, Tim. Tim's boys are both off to college so they've been enjoying more time together. Not much else has changed during the past year. Laura still works at iRobot and tries to fit in as much skiing and golf during the year as work allows. She has really been enjoying their vacation home in Bethel, ME. They have lots of room for visitors - so please reach out if you're in New England!

Daphne D'Agostino Valentine, and her husband Steve, will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary this year and are trying to decide where to celebrate. They are finally empty nesters. Owen (24) moved out, finished his Master's degree in teaching and is working in the same district where he went to high school. Ryan (22) is finishing his final year at the University at Albany and is looking for full time employment. Fingers crossed! Olivia (18) is loving Clemson. Daphne feels blessed that everyone is doing well and the Valentine family sounds super boring!

Jill Kaplowitz Lyons is living with her husband, Jim, of 28 years in Franklin, MA. She is a health coach for Optavia, the fastest growing company in health and wellness. Coaching others to optimal health is fun and rewarding. If anyone is looking to get healthy, reach out to Jill. Jim is still busy building hospitals in Boston. Their oldest son, Jake, graduated in 2021 from Virginia Tech and is working as a Civil Engineer for Turner Construction in Boston. Their daughter, Jaimie, graduated in 2022 from James Madison University and is working as a Patient Coordinator at MGH in the Orthopedic Sports Medicine Dept. Their youngest son, Jase, is a Senior at FHS awaiting college acceptances for business and football.

Sue Young had an amazing adventure to Palau this year with **Terrie Gentile Wehse**, **Debbie Sorge Siegel**, and 5 other ladies. She also moved to Roswell (Atlanta), GA in July to be CFO of PlayOn! Sports and she is really loving it so far. She went to a few SU games with **Shelley Ives '83** before leaving NC.

Terrie Gentile Wehse wonders "How is it that we are all solidly in our mid-50s?" This fact was driven home for her as her son is getting married in Feb 2023. They love their daughter-in-law to be and feel very fortunate. Life is good, especially after taking an amazing **Sue Young** driven trip, with **Deb Sorge Siegel** too, to Palau last May... yep, go find it on the map, it's paradise.

Andrea Newhouse Frascatore and her husband Marc are empty nesters for the first time. Their youngest, Marisa, is a freshman at SUNY Cortland pursuing elementary education. Marisa is also a member of the Cortland gymnastics team and has been competing as a freshman. Andrea and Marc often see their older daughter, Miranda, for dinner or other family activities as she still lives close by. Last summer, the family took a trip to Lake George, NY, and then traveled to the Outer Banks for their annual summer vacation with Andrea's sister's family (**Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87**) and mother. From their rental home, they could see the sunrise from the back and the sunset from the front. Along with walks on the beach and swimming in the ocean, fun memories were made just hanging out by the pool sipping cocktails and playing games. Each year gets better and better. Andrea is most excited about her niece's wedding and upcoming trip to visit her big sister **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88** in Tampa, FL, both in June!

Patricia Lavigne shares that it's so nice to hear about everyone's adventures. Things are quiet for her as she's dealing with siblings with health issues. Her son married the love of his life and is building a life in Schenectady. She sends love to you all!

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Class of 1990

Jennifer Douglas Steinberg, and husband Scott, continue to see-saw between empty nesting and a full house. Sean (23) is back from volunteering for a year and is commuting to Boston every day for work. Liz (21) will graduate this spring as a high school English teacher and plans to spend a year in Scotland working on her Master's degree. Emily (25) is getting married this June to Ratha, a wonderful partner and genuinely nice guy. Jeni is still enjoying teaching math, running and traveling whenever possible.

Stephanie Allen Manuel, and husband Michel, continue to enjoy life down south in Charlotte. Steph is still teaching middle school while Michel is working with his own forex company. They are both getting used to the fact that their two boys are growing up no matter what. Thoughts of retirement are starting and they are thinking Mexico is looking pretty good!

Renee Hallinan Reagan, and husband Drew, are still living in Pittsford and will celebrate their 25th anniversary this fall. Ren continues to manage youngest son Casey's hockey team along with the roles of HOA Treasurer for her neighborhood and AAA Treasurer. Daughter Caleigh will complete her PA this spring. Declan is a junior at Clarkson and is interning at Anheiser-Busch in Baldwinsville this summer. Mac is a freshman this year at Miami University of Ohio and truly enjoying college life. And Casey, a freshman in high school, is playing hockey and lacrosse. Ren is planning on some travel throughout this year for some long overdue Agonian get-togethers.

Susan Nims is residing in Fairport, NY and still working for a food manufacturing company. Her children Ally and CT are 29 and 27, respectively, and both live close by in Rochester. During her free time, Sue enjoys spending time with family and friends.

Jade Miller Paunovich and husband, Vaughn, live in Wake Forest, NC. Jade's grandson, Sal, just turned one. Bryanna, her daughter, has two and a half years left in her residency at Northwestern. Their middle child, Niko, is a junior at UConn and their youngest, Aiden, plans on beginning at High Point University this August. Jade and Vaughn recently purchased a home in Crete, Greece, and hope to have the renovations done by this summer. Jade is styling and shopping with her fashion business as well as still consulting with Cabi.

Kelly Wright O'Brien is now adjusting to being an empty nester with her youngest, Owen, starting at the University of Virginia in the fall. Kelly's oldest, Cassidy, also got engaged and is getting married in July 2023, so she has a big year ahead. Cassidy also met her fiancé at Clarkson, like Kelly met Jim. Cassidy and Brent are living in Buffalo (Brent's hometown) and enduring the weather as Bills fans. Carly will be graduating from Drexel University in Philly in June 2023 but is staying an extra year in a BS/MS program and will graduate in June 2024 with a BS in Interior Architecture. Kelly has found a wonderful house/pet sitter for their dog and two cats and will be traveling more with Jim for work and pleasure. Kelly's mom and dad/stepmother are both trying to move back up to upstate NY from SC and NC this spring prior to Cassidy's wedding, and both need help doing so, so she will be very busy. In the meantime, she continues to do pottery, home projects, and hopes to use winter to clean out some closets.

Sharon Seiffert Cooper, and husband Brian, are soon to be proud grandparents for the first time. Their daughter is expecting baby Lola in early March. Their son has taken a job in NYC. Brian is the softball coach for Siena College so Sharon is enjoying some down time before the travel season ramps up again.

Pamela Muraco Simons and husband Jeff have been living in Albany for six years now. Pam is still a school social worker. They are almost empty nesters. Their youngest daughter, Kayla, will be graduating from high school this year and will likely go to Nazareth College. Their oldest daughter, Ally, is a critical care nurse and bought a house in Albany. Pam and Jeff are starting to travel now that their kids are older and independent. They visited Spain last summer and have plans to travel to Ireland this year. Pam keeps up with a few of her Agonian sisters but hopes to see several more of them in the near future.

Laryssa Wilson Callan added another horse named Scootie to their family. Her daughter, Chloe, is attending college in Texas and participating in rodeo tournaments. Laryssa is wondering how to spend all her free time, now that she no longer is attending rodeos.

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

Class of 1991-92

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Class of 1993 30th REUNION YEAR

Thirty years ago, **Mary Karen Eckardt Petroske** was an Ago senior celebrating life in Potsdam! Now, she's in her 24th year as a school counselor and she and Brent are celebrating their girls. Natalie (21) will complete her BS in nursing from LeMoyne College in May. She is overjoyed to begin her first nursing job on the med/surge floor at St. Joseph's Health Hospital. Paige (19) continues studying Bio/Chem at Binghamton. Her favorite free time is with Meatball, the horse she rides. Danielle (19) decided to major in Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management at Bowling Green State Univ, Ohio. She is excited to serve as philanthropy director for her sorority, KKG, leading her sisters in making a difference for others.

Karen Smith Davis and Bill are still living outside of Seattle. Karen substitute teaches and Bill is still flying for Alaska Airlines. Maggie is 16 and plays lacrosse and soccer. Meghan is 13 and enjoys horseback riding and soccer. This past summer they did a three-week European vacation to Greece, Italy, Malta, and England. If you are ever in the Seattle area, give them a call!

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

Class of 1994

Keira McPherson Clark reports that Aidan is enjoying his first year at LeMoyne. He seems to be making great friends and enjoying his school work. This is Keira's 25th year of teaching and she's starting to think about retirement. Keira has had so much fun on various girls' trips with fellow Agos. She is very thankful her parents are still healthy and she is looking forward to what the new year brings.

For **Nicholle Francis**, 2022 was a busy year. She was happily bitten by the travel bug. Major highlights were a Spain/Portugal trip with her 15-year-old daughter (who just turned 16 in January), and a return to Oahu with her husband. They also celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary with a quick getaway to Montreal. Nicholle is still figuring out how to manage a work-life balance. Working full time in New York City (she now has 22 years of public service), plus a part time Nutrition private practice, plus fit modeling has been rewarding but a little exhausting. She is keeping fingers and toes crossed that a 5-year retirement plan will be possible. Nicholle had such a blast celebrating her 50th birthday with several of her Spring '91 pledge sisters....and can't wait to see what happens in 2023.

2022 was an eventful year for Dan and **Jessica Hunt McAllister**. They moved closer to Claire's (16) private school. The house sold immediately, so they moved into a rental house in a neighborhood where everything is walkable, and they absolutely love it! They were extremely lucky to buy a property (off market) that is just around the corner from where they were renting. They will tear down the existing property and build a new home. Jessica celebrated her 50th birthday with a Caribbean cruise with girlfriends, and she and Dan celebrated their 25th anniversary in Paris. In October, they took a trip to Grand Cayman with some McAllister siblings and Jessica's in-laws. Kelly (21) is attending UVM with plans to go to law school after graduation. Claire is a sophomore. She is working at Publix on the weekends, learning to drive and was recently cast as the Wicked Witch of the West in her school's production of the Wizard of Oz. Jessica is looking forward to 2023 - celebrations will include her father-in-law's 90th birthday, Kelly's graduation, and a couple family weddings.

Class of 1995

Michele Bulleigh Vishion is enjoying 16 years of marriage and living in Cape Coral, FL for year-round sun, fun, beach, and boating! Hurricane Ian was somewhat kinder to them than most others in the area. They are slowly getting repairs done to their home. After nearly 10 years as a 3rd grade teacher, Michele decided to leave education. She is back in the custom home building business and loves it. Her son is in his first year at Florida State and she loves visiting him in Tallahassee and going to football games. Michele is thankful for Facebook and loves seeing everyone posting their happy faces and fun adventures!

Gina Bernardo Michalski is enjoying traveling with her friends and family this year. Could it be because she's turning 50? She has been happy to spend a couple weekends with her favorite Agos too. Work and family are keeping her busy. One child is at Siena and the other is graduating high school. Time is flying.

When not teaching, **Eva Dechario McGee** has been traveling a lot this past year, including several trips to Indiana to visit Ryan (20) and enjoy some college football. She is ready to begin the college search with Laura (17). Other trips include Utah, California, and Florida, and, of course, several NY girls' weekends with lifetime Ago friends **Gina Bernardo Michalski**, **Belinda Judge DeLuca '94**, **Kiera McPherson Clark '94**, **Jodi Meyer Eyer**, and **Kristin Downey Tuohy '94**!

Not much has changed with **Emily Gerepka Whelan** this past year. She is enjoying working for Simi Valley USD and loves taking walks with her two golden retrievers. She had a blast with **Tammy Buchner Foley**, **Jen Klehammer Batzing** and **Kerri Boffa Bianchi** in Clearwater last spring and they are currently planning their next get together. Tommy is gearing up to film his next movie, The Royal Flush, in Vegas and Lexi started middle school this year. Allison graduated college and is a first-grade teacher for Tempe USD. She is also working on getting her Master's at ASU. William is at UCF working on his business degree.

Class of 1999

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Class of 2005

Leta Luguri and Eric have "location independent" jobs, so they continue to travel extensively. They did buy a beach house in February 2022 where they are able to live intermittently.

Class of 2006

Elizabeth Wegner Franklin continues to hold down the fort at home, eagerly awaiting her husband's return from deployment. Her kids are busy with various sports and activities and also looking forward to their dad coming home. Liz enjoyed a weekend away with some Ago sisters, has a cruise coming up with **Rachel Cajigas**, and another Outer Banks trip with more Ago sisters this summer!

For **Allison Autry Zukoski**, this past year has flown by. It's been filled with lots of growth and time with her daughter, Lucy. Her business has expanded, and she is making an impact locally (in the Rochester area) and globally. A highlight of the past year was seeing her Ago sisters in the ADK. She is excited to plan more trips to see them.

Lindsay Buchta is living in Endicott with her daughter, Mattea, and her childhood crush turned fiancé, Dan. Lindsay works at Binghamton University in the Transdisciplinary Areas of Excellence central office and part time at a hotel. Mattea has continued her hard work with her traveling softball team, and she has recently been accepted to Fairmont State University and signed on with the softball team to play third base. Congratulations, Mattea! In her free time, Lindsay has also become a ring girl champion through Barstool Sports. Don't forget to vote for her during the next competition! Her ring girl name is: The MILF!

Rachel Cajigas is enjoying her new role as Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Alabama. Her teaching load has been reduced and she's been able to focus more on archaeological research. She camped in the rainforest in Guatemala this summer locating buried Mayan structures and spent some time in the coastal south doing fieldwork with her husband. Gael (five) and Gabriella (two) have been able to join on some of the tamer adventures. Rachel's holding on tight to her little babies as she can't believe Mattea Buchta is already going to college!

Class of 2007

Liz Henderson moved to Virginia Beach and has been spending as much time by the ocean as she can. She just celebrated 10 years at her job and was gifted with a free suitcase by her company. LOL. She is looking forward to her husband's retirement from the Navy next year and excited to see where she and her family will end up.

Nicole Brust Jones is still teaching at Saratoga Springs High School. Gracie is in 6th grade and Molly 2nd. Both girls are active in sports and activities and are doing great. Their 2 dogs also keep them busy! The Jones family is looking forward to another OBX trip with Ago friends and their families.

Tanya Kszystiyniak is enjoying bus life with her husband, Taylor, and their two dogs. They are currently working on building a homestead on their 12 acres in the woods. Missing you all!

Serena Krauz Kiriscioglu is living with her husband, Chris, after he spent the last 2.5 years overseas. They are expecting their first baby in April. The Army will be sending them somewhere new in July, but they are not sure where yet. Serena is taking time off of work to focus on complaining due to pregnancy and moving to the mid-west. #TruthTrustLoveJoy

Class of 2009

Rachel Gebhardt is still living in Lake Placid, still working at North Country Community College, still married to a Phi Chi alum, and still loving being a mom to 4-year-old Jack.

Cheryl Halsey Melvin lives in Phoenix, AZ with her husband, James, and their son John.

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

Lindsay Mermell Brock, Tom, and big sister Eliza (2), welcomed Nathaniel (Nate) in October 2022. Lindsay is a Financial Advisor in Greensboro, NC, volunteers in 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 (7), Remi (5), and Olive (2).

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

Jacqueline Petit Smith lives in Houston, TX.

Christina Rawady lives in Hornell, NY with her boyfriend, Mike, their cats, Janis and Bobby, and the world's best dog, Smudge. This past year, she accepted an offer for the position of Director of Bands at Alfred State College, in addition to her full-time position as the Director of Instrumental Music Grades 4-12 at Alfred-Almond Central School.

Amy Rich Crane is living in NH. She is the Executive Director and a Pediatric Occupational Therapist at a non-profit rehabilitation clinic providing therapies to children with disabilities. She loves spending time playing with her daughters, Sophia and Chloe, while exploring New England with her husband Mike from O-Pi-O! They will be celebrating their 10-year wedding anniversary this summer.

Heather Taylor lives in Asheville, NC, with her loving partner, Edwin, and is working remotely for an Emmy winning producer as the Digital Marketing Director and COO. Heather is finding regular work as a session vocalist, as well as writing songs and releasing music regularly on Patreon and streaming platforms. She sends love to AKPhi.

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

Nicole Wilson is living in Lexington, SC; she is staying busy with her blooming crochet business and catching up with her pledge sisters.

Lauren Zona Hearne is living in Rochester, NY, teaching 7th and 8th grade band at Greece CSD. She is working on completing her administrator certification at the University of Rochester and she and her husband, Kenny, spend most of their spare time on the baseball field or at dance with their 3 children: Stella (9), Nathan (7), and Leo (4).

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Class of 2012

Elise Pacitti Lee is living in Erie, PA with her husband and two children. She recently began working as a Customer Satisfaction Analyst at Erie Insurance and is loving her new role.

Laura Pohl Peterson, and her husband Blake, welcomed their first child - a baby girl, Colette (Coco) in January 2023. It is easily her proudest and happiest accomplishment. She lives in San Diego, CA and works as a Director of Sales at MillerKnoll.

Audrianna Vahue Krajewski is still living in Lincoln, Nebraska and works as a high school math teacher at an alternative behavioral program. She and her husband, Brian, welcomed a baby boy in February 2022. Carter brings so much joy to our family.

Class of 2016

Clare Reilly '16 is enjoying time with her 1st baby, Theo, who was born in September. Clare will be moving to Rochester to be closer to family. Rochester area Agos.... let's get together!

Class of 2020

It's been a joyful year for **Taylor Vlad...** getting married, buying a house, and they just got a new puppy. **Katrina Surdyka** was one of her bridesmaids. Taylor feels that it's always great to keep in touch and stay in contact with sisters throughout the year.

Class of 2021

Audrey Brown and **Anna Magnani** are both teaching while working on completing their Master's degrees with an expected graduation date of August 2023.

Amber Reynoso is also teaching and working on her Master's degree.

Catt Gagnon is working full-time as an archaeologist for the Ottery Group while finishing her Master's degree at the University of Maryland with a graduation date of May 2023.

Honoraries

Leila Thurston of Potsdam continues to provide assistance to Ago. She cleans the house and helps prepare it for reunion; she makes herself available to check on the house when the Board or the AAA needs local assistance. She has assisted with our AAA community service projects. Last July, Leila was given an AKPhi shirt and we hope to see her wearing it proudly on the porch this summer.

Opportunities to make a difference

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

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

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