



THE ANCHOR

Note from the AAA President

It was another wonderful year as the Agonian Alumnae Association President. It wouldn't be possible without the other members of the Leadership Team, **Sue Compton Dixon '84**, **Bonnie Zellner '17** and **Renee Hallinan Reagan '90**.

Bonnie Zellner '17 is on her second term as Vice President and has brought a younger perspective, that was much needed, to the team. Bonnie continues to be the liaison with the Reunion Committee which includes **JoAnn Koch-Quon '77**, **Jacque Morse Shellman '69** and **Sue Wajda '74**, each bringing much insight and help to our very special reunion weekend. Bonnie also has worked to ensure we have Class Reps for each class and has worked in conjunction with the rest of the AAA Leadership team to ensure the Anchor Newsletter gets out each year for you all to enjoy.

Renee Hallinan Reagan '90 continues to do a wonderful job as our Treasurer, working closely with the Agonian Sorority Board Treasurer to ensure that all dues and donations get to where they need to go. The AAA's success is dependent upon dues paid by our Agonian Sisters since dues are our only source of income. Your dues go toward an Active Sister Scholarship given each year to an Active member of the 11P house. The amount of the scholarship is based on how much money is donated to our yearly scholarship and is voted by members at the Annual Meeting held during Reunion Weekend. Dues are also used for the Anchor Newsletter that gets printed each year and any additional expenses that are not covered for Reunion Weekend. Please send your dues and/or donations to **Renee Reagan at 217 Royal View, Pittsford, NY, 14534, payable to the Agonian Alumnae Association**.

Sue Compton Dixon '84 is finishing her first term as the Communications Director, although for years she has been helping the AAA behind the scenes with all sorts of things and we couldn't appreciate the help more! Sue has done a lot for the Agonian Alumnae Association in the many years she has been with us but her focus this year has been working to clean up the database, reducing the number of "Missing" Agos, with help from **Sharon Cooney '78**. She continues to encourage Alumnae to move to an email newsletter instead of the paper newsletter, as printing and postage costs continue to rise. Sue also has worked to create automatically generated regional groups, based on states and cities so each sister is assigned a geographical region. This makes it easier to reach out to sisters for regional events all over the country. If you are interested in hosting or organizing an event, please forward the communication you would like to distribute, and we can send it to your target regional area. You can reach us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com.

We thank each and every one of you who have paid your annual \$25 dues which help us continue to offer the Scholarship to the Actives, send out the Anchor each year and defray costs at Reunion Weekend.

Love in AKPhi!
Clare Reilly '16

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142 years



SHIP AHOY ALL YOU AGO SAILORS!

You are cordially invited to the **2024 Reunion Weekend** on July 11th – July 14th at 11 Pierrepont Avenue in Potsdam, NY.

The weekend is hosted by the Agonian Sorority Alumnae Association (AAA) and is open to all Agonian Alumnae in good standing.

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

A final calendar of events will be shared at a later date. Look for updates via email, social media and the website (<http://agopotsdam.com/news-events/>) Here are some exciting events to look forward to:

Thursday, July 11

–Early Bird Reception

Friday, July 12

–Porch Party

Saturday, July 13

–Ago Alumnae Association meeting (Kellas 104, SUNY Potsdam)

–Greek Photo (Minerva Plaza) Wear your letters (Navy, White & Gold)

–Open House Porch Party

*The above schedule is subject to change.

This year we will be celebrating the classes ending in 4 and 9. Rooms book fast so make sure you plan ahead. Talk with your classmates and start making plans to come to this year's reunion.

That time of year is fast approaching when we come together for a magical weekend to celebrate our wonderful sisterhood!

11 Pierrepont is calling! Who will answer the call in 2024? We, your reunion committee, are arranging your fun filled weekend again (for the 3rd time!)

Get in touch with the Alumni Office at SUNY for a townhouse, single/double rooms on campus at 315-267-2120 (M-F 8:30-4), the townhouses go fast!

We are currently looking for classes to sponsor the Friday night welcome party (usually includes Sergis) and the coffee for the Saturday morning meeting. The Saturday afternoon event is being sponsored by our 50th anniversary Class of 74!

Please send an email to joann.kochquon@gmail.com if you and your classmates are interested in sponsoring either event.

So, brush up on your Ago songs, reach out to your sisters, find those old jock shirts & sailor hats and meet us at 11P for our best reunion yet!

P.S. For early arrivals we have started a tradition 2 years ago of going out to dinner together (individual checks) on Thursday night after the welcome reception at Becky's Place on campus. If you will be here on Thursday and want to join us, just send me an email at the above address!

Love in AKPhi

Reunion Committee 2024

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

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

alumnae@agopotsdam.com



Find us online!

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/>

REUNION COMMUNITY SERVICE

Since Agonians strive to achieve community service, we will again be partnering with St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House and the Potsdam Animal Shelter, collecting items and monetary donations during Reunion. If you are not attending the reunion, you can still donate! You can send items with sisters coming to Potsdam or by directly contacting the organization.

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/>. If you have any questions, contact:

Jacquie Morse Shellman '69
Jacquie.shellman@gmail.com

Potsdam Animal Shelter

<https://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. If you have questions or need more information, contact: Executive Director Kathy Hughes: kchughes334@gmail.com

During Reunion Weekend 2023, 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 Your 2024 Reunion Apparel

Orders are due by June 1! *We will also have a select amount of apparel available for purchase during reunion*

To order your t-shirt/hat today, click this link or navigate to this form by typing the following link into your web browser: <https://forms.gle/NtoqckT1oUWFm5xVA>

***\$20 each** plus PayPal transaction fee (You must click the checkbox- Add **\$1.10 USD** to help cover the fees)

• Orders will be available for pickup at the Reunion. Additional apparel and merchandise will be available at the reunion for purchase. If you need assistance ordering, contact us by email: alumnae@agopotsdam.com. Note: Any profits from apparel sales will go to the Agonian Alumnae Association.

NOTICE ABOUT CLARKSON REUNION

As Sisters may have heard via email or Facebook, Clarkson has decided to move their summer reunion to June 22nd-23rd, 2024, so it will not coincide with Ago's summer reunion. Clarkson is hoping to increase attendance by avoiding alumni "summer plans"; they also want to reduce the number of their alumni that have conflicts with other local reunions, and they don't want to fight for limited resources due to SUNY Potsdam's reunion and Potsdam Summer Festival that are held in July (they have trouble renting tents, getting caterers, etc.).

Obviously, Ago is disappointed with this decision as we have alumnae from both schools; this causes conflicts for Clarkson sisters that might want to attend events at both their school and their sorority house. It also creates a conflict for Potsdam-Clarkson couples, who may now have to choose which reunion to attend. The AAA has reached out to share our opinions and reasoning with several Clarkson directors. They have been responsive and have reached out to us personally, however, Clarkson is not reconsidering the date for 2024. In the Fall of 2023, the AAA reached out to our Clarkson ladies over email and Facebook. Unfortunately, we did not get many responses; we got very little interest in opening the Ago house for events, and even less interest in volunteering to help with these efforts. Therefore, we are sad to announce that the house will not be open, and there will not be any events at Ago during the Clarkson reunion weekend in June.

Feel free to reach out to the AAA to get contact information on Ago friends if you want to try to set up your own "Ago meet-up" on campus or downtown. Clarkson is willing to help provide a facility on campus if someone wants to lead this effort.



Finger Lakes Agos Enjoy Wine & Cheese

Mary "Cookie" Scalise Balme '79 had an Ago wine and cheese get-together at her home in Fairport, NY in June. It was lovely to gather for a shared evening full of delicious food, conversation, and a bit of wine tasting. It was a "double-reunion" for **Jacquie Morse Shellman '69** who was able to catch up with Pauline Scalise (Cookie's Mom), who she used to work with.



Sitting: **Sandy Linsky Simpson '73, Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco '77, Patty Coogan Huntington '80, Pauline Scalise, Jacquie Morse Shellman '69, Sharon Keating Heiligman '79, Pam Pendleton '78, Cathy Lennon Nealon '76**
Standing: **Mary "Cookie" Scalise Balme '79, Dennise Gruttadaro '80, Jane Morale '80, Sue Wajda '74**

Naples Luncheon

On January 26, 2024, about 25 SUNY Potsdam alums met in Naples, FL for an Alumni luncheon meeting co-sponsored by Ago alumna **Lynne Boles '74**.

Five other Agos from the classes of 1957 through 1978 joined Lynne for the luncheon. They had a wonderful time catching up with each other and hearing the latest news about the College from the new President, Dr. Suzanne Smith.

If you winter in the Naples area, keep an eye out for an announcement on this event next year. It's a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.



Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell '64, Pam Donaldson Ryan Donohoe '72, Nancy Ball Kuhl '78, Sandy D'Arienzo Geagan '64, Lynne Boles '74 and Susan Smykla Udell '57

Agonians Get Together

Christmas in Cazenovia

In December 2022, I invited four of my Ago sisters to tour Lorenzo State Historic Site in Cazenovia, where I worked for 40 years. The 1808 mansion was festively decorated for the annual Christmas program.

This past December, I decided to extend the invitation to any Agos who might enjoy a little holiday spirit. I thought there would probably be 10 people, maybe 15. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that 25 ladies would accept that invitation! They came from Monticello to Buffalo and everywhere in between! After the mansion tour, we went to the historic Lincklaen House for lunch and some even did a little shopping in the village. It was truly a wonderful day and the highlight of my Christmas season.

We all found it hard to say goodbye and plans are already being made for next Christmas. Maybe even make it an overnight stay? Camp Christmas in Cazenovia anyone?

–Sharon Cooney '78



Interested in organizing a geographical gathering of Agos in your area?

Contact us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com and we can help you get started.

From the Ship's Galley: Honorary Elaine Patraw: Ago House Cook

Many of you will recognize the smiling face of **Honorary Elaine Patraw** who graced our ship's galley for a decade from the mid-70's to the mid-80's. Before the 2023 reunion, some sisters were reminiscing and raised the question of "where's Elaine?" Well, it turned out, she hadn't gone far, and we found her in Waddington. She came out to join us on the porch during the summer reunion.

The AAA recently caught up with Elaine and talked with her about her life and her involvement in Ago. Elaine was born in the Utica area and spent time up near Brushton where her father was a farm worker. They later lived outside of Potsdam where she met her husband Roy who she married in 1957. Roy worked for 42 years as a foreman and supervisor at Clarkson's heating plant.

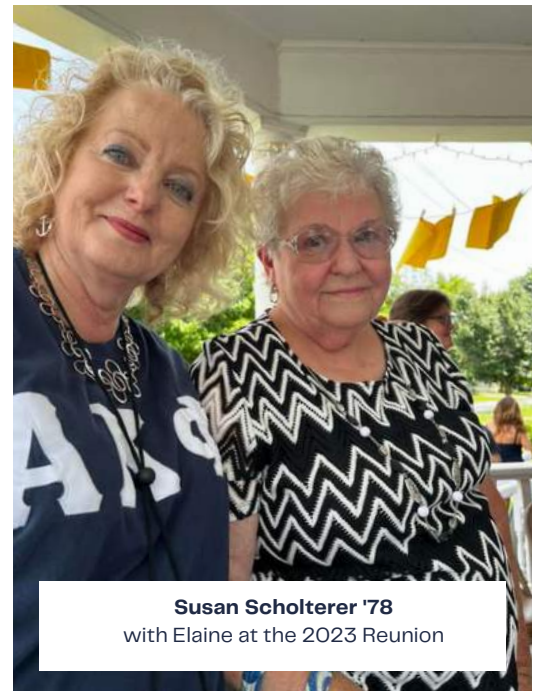
Elaine worked as our cook from 1974-1984. She really enjoyed being a cook at the house, and it gave her the flexibility to care for her adopted son, Craig. Elaine said that most of the girls were great and took good care of the kitchen. Some memories she shared from her time at Ago included making homemade donuts and an assortment of casseroles... one for each table in the dining room. She recalled with appreciation how one class gifted her with a beautiful engraved locket, and recalls being made an Honorary along with the beloved, late Father Kellogg.

After working at Ago, Elaine and Roy sold their farm and built a house across the road. Elaine operated a square-dancing shop from the house and had a trailer to travel to square-dancing events. Later, she sold her business and spent many years watching three children in her neighborhood that have become her "extra" grandchildren.

At 84 years of age, Elaine has not stopped. Sadly, she lost her husband Roy in 2019. Elaine has been volunteering for many years at the food bank at the Waddington Resource Center, which has now re-located to the former Waddington Elementary school building that also houses Elaine's apartment.

This past holiday season, Elaine helped put together 70 holiday bundles for families in need. There is also a thrift shop that raises funds to buy food to supplement what is donated.

The AAA thinks a great way to honor Elaine, and the work she did for Ago, would be to make a **donation to the Waddington Resource Center** if you are able. Monetary donations are appreciated as Elaine says there are always items that need to be purchased. Checks made to the "Waddington Resource Center" can be mailed to 10 Lagrasse St., Waddington, NY 13694. If you live in the area and would like to drop off food items (bulk, single-serving, dry goods/non-perishables, fresh, refrigerated, frozen) or gently used items for the thrift shop, email waddingtonfamilyresourcectr@gmail.com or call ahead (315-388-4888) to arrange a time.



Susan Scholterer '78
with Elaine at the 2023 Reunion

Ago's Deep Dark Past

The Agonian Sorority at Potsdam is an outgrowth of the Calliopean Literary Society founded in 1882. In 1921, **Eunice (Brownie) Badger** was initiated into the Calliopean Literary Society and served as Faculty Advisor for 62 years. In 1926, the members of the Calliopean Literary Society became the Zeta Gamma Upsilon local Sorority with **Audra Cavanaugh Rogers** as President.

On December 8, 1928, the members became the Gamma Chapter of the Agonian Sorority. In 1946 the Sorority incorporated as a State Sorority, and the house at 11 Pierrepont was purchased. In January 1955, the chapters disbanded, so it is presently known as the Agonian Sorority, a local sorority. Fall 1972 marked the initiation of the first Clarkson members. The Agonian Alumnae Association was formed in 1976 by **Sue Wajda '74** and at present, there are over 1500 members. The Gamma Chapter was relaunched in the fall of 2016.

Preserving Our Beloved Ago History

Did You Know:

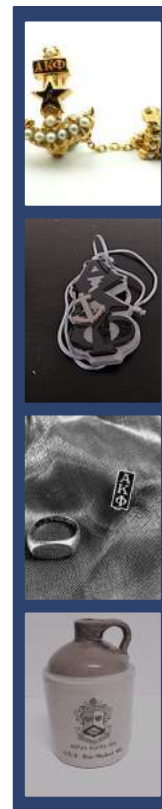
- That we have newsletters dating back to 1927?
- That Ago occupied 4 houses in Potsdam until our House Mother, Anna Pierce, married Mr. Anderson, then owner of our beloved 11 Pierrepont and got us a better price to buy it?
- That 11P was not a funeral home but did have a kissing coop attached to the front door for courtiers to say goodnight?
- That Brownie's first name was Eunice and every Tuesday she served us chocolate covered peanuts with Donald Duck orange juice while we updated index cards on our Calliopean, Zeta Gamma Upsilon, Agonian alumnae?

I love my role as Historian, piecing together bits of our deep dark past. I enjoyed and may revisit my recent project of contacting our beloved Agonian sisters who graduated between 1946 and 1960, hoping to let them know they are important to us and receive wonderful stories of their days in Ago and at college. My committee member, **Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75**, continues to repair and restore composites, returning them to 11P each summer for reunion. She has restored and added fresh plexiglass to about 12 composites since 2015.

Memorabilia (photos, composites, scrapbooks, anchors, cards, jewelry, clothing, etc.) are always welcome to be preserved and shared with all sisters.

Please send such treasures to **Sue Wajda '74** at **19 Balsam Circle, Whitesboro, NY 13492** 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 share or donate. Better yet, bring them to Reunion in July!

- Sue Wajda '74, Agonian Historian



Pictures donated to the Historian by **Betty Meehan Wind Ellwood '57**

We would like to extend a sincere THANK YOU to all 2023 AAA Members!

Agnes Helen Garvey Kennedy '47
 Marguerite Mahoney Luckhowec '49
 Lenora "Lenny" Clark Sears '53
 Barbara McMahon Newcomb '57
 Janet (Jonni) Schneider Hogan '57
 Marjorie Armstrong Chase '57
 Susan Smykla Udell '57
 Janet Scott Burwell '57
 Dorothy Runkel Dronkers '58
 Marilyn Gaggin '58
 Mary Carey Munhall '58
 Norma Jean Luce '58
 Katie McCullough Perry '59
 Sylvia Miga Anable '59
 Julie Krum Kennaugh '60
 Wenda Carter Paton '60
 Wendy Stratton Bailey '60
 Arlene Lindstrom Dahm '61
 James (Judy Herrick) Richardson '61
 Betsy "Bunny" Slingerland Blaisdell '62
 Jean Urbas Dearstyne '62
 Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman '62
 Judy Schorge O'Reilly '62
 Patricia Clerkin Swanson '62
 Susan Johnson Aceto '62
 Bev G. Smith '63
 Carol Bossung Gibbons '63
 Marti Tallman Scott '63
 Nancy Weber Richardson '63
 Ruth Hammel Gove '63
 Anne Rapp Refermat '64
 Jocelyn Klapetsky Smith '64
 Karen Singer Miller '64
 Sandra D'Arienzo Geagan '64
 Johanna (Jonnie) Riesmeyer McConaghy '65
 Gayle Volpicelli Banks '66
 Kate Ormiston Boldon '67
 Sharon Burns Cook '67
 Claudette McHugh McLennan '68
 Elizabeth "Liz" Bradley Quillinan '68
 Janice Corletta Plummer '68
 Janice Peck Mason '68
 Kathleen Clarkson '68
 Mary Beth Aquini Wildner '68
 Christine Bolton Aiken '69
 Jacquie Morse Shellman '69
 Veronica Slivinski Holmes '69
 Lois Gerber Bulger '70
 Suellen Richmond '70
 Fran Williams Isaacs '71
 Linda Taggart Boardman '71
 Alethea Carbone Pratt '72
 Florence "Flossie" Mitchell '72
 Marie DuPell Caschera '72
 Mary Ellen "Melon" Metzger Bennett '72
 Paula Thompson Moore '72
 Sandy Linsky Simpson '73
 Janine Locatelli Erickson '74
 Lynne Boles '74
 Suzanne Wajda '74
 Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75
 Helen Hallahan Byrnes '75
 Lori Misicka '75
 Cathy O'Connor '76
 Cathy Lennon Nealon '76
 Denise Aiello Bukovan '76
 Judy Fabic Verbanic '76
 Barbara Hall Kellerman '77
 Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey '77
 Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz '77
 JoAnn Koch Quon '77
 Karen Kittelsen Stefanski '77
 Liz O'Connor Utzig '77
 Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco '77
 Jean Quattrocchi Finnegan '78
 Nadine Gager Compisi '78
 Pam Pendleton '78
 Sharon Cooney '78
 Susan "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee '78
 Vera Thurston Gibbs '78
 Becky Monckton King '79
 Debbie LoBello Burhans '79
 Debbie Williams Laminette '79
 Hollis Curtis Perdan '79
 Melinde (Mindy) Mospaw Poupore '79
 Missy Porter Richardson '79
 Sharon Keating Heiligman '79
 Susan Cancilla Witkowski '79
 Terry Lane McSweeney '79
 Valerie Dixson Thompson '79
 Barb Cox Walczak '80
 Becki Minoli '80
 Jane Morale '80
 Jennifer Schwert Nassivera '80
 Julie Radde Reagan '80
 Patty Coogan Huntington '80
 Denise Bennett Haines '81
 Linda Aylward Robey '81
 Liz Hartmann Scraba '81
 Margaret Farrell Benedetto '81
 Patrice DeLaus Scully '81
 Robin Landrigan Smith '81
 Betsy Prenatt Witman '82
 Cindy Tettamant Francisco '82
 Karen Lorenz Walker '82
 Sheryl Meteer Williams '82
 Cathy Marietta Niehaus '83
 Kathleen Welch Vigue '83
 Kathy Degni Shepherd '83
 Paula Douglas Miller '83
 Sue Eigenmann McBride '83
 Anastasia Glasheen '84
 Colleen Law Tefft '84
 Sue Ann Strich Neenan '84
 Sue Compton Dixon '84
 Annie Bryant Geiger '85
 Elizabeth Ernest Gilroy '85
 Kathleen Sheridan Brewer '86
 Penny Zonneville '86
 Becky Volans Akins '87
 Linda Dolanch Longhouse '87
 Patty Carroll Wilson '87
 Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88
 Joan Koral '88
 Kathy Catlin Briggs '88
 Kelly Underwood '88
 Andrea Newhouse Frascatoro '89
 Barbara Ferguson Wallace '89
 Cherri LeGro Paluch '89
 JESSIE FLORES McCLINTOCK '89
 Laura Boyd '89
 Susan Young '89
 Renee Hallinan Reagan '90
 Aysha Rodriguez '91
 Amy Kunsman Ross '92
 Alice Warden Ehmann '93
 Mary Karen Eckardt Petroske '93
 Heidi Dopp O'Hara '94
 Emily Gerepka Whelan '95
 Michele Bulleigh Vishion '95
 Edie Sohigian '99
 Mindy Carlin Cervoni '99
 Devon Cummings Natapow '00
 Kara Korkus Klink '00
 Rebecca Quinn Britten '03
 Liz Henderson '07
 Gabrielle Petit Martini '08
 Maureen McCullough '09
 Sarah Paparella Everitt '09
 Christina Vullo Zeserman '11
 Chelsea Whiteman '12
 Clare Reilly '16
 Becca Fletcher '17
 Bonnie Zellner '17
 Katrina Surdyka '20
 Catherine (Catt) Gagnon '21
 Hannah Thurston '22
 Heather Williams '22
 Kali McCracken '23
 Mia DiFonzo '23

You still have time to become a 2024 AAA Member.



Please pay your 2024 Agonian Alumnae Association dues (\$25). Proceeds pay for the Active Scholarship, printing and mailing the Anchor newsletter and support for the Summer Reunion. Extra donations are appreciated for these initiatives. Donations toward the House at 11P (maintenance, repairs and renovation) are always welcome as well.

To pay your dues or make additional donations, you can:

- send a check to **Ren Reagan** (payable to Agonian Alumnae Association), **217 Royal View Dr., Pittsford, NY 14534.**
- pay online at <http://agopotsdam.com/keep-our-ship-afloat/> where you can pay using your Paypal Account or a credit card (which uses PayPal, but doesn't require a PayPal account).

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About Dues?

How much are dues? How often do I pay?

Dues for Ago Alumnae Association are \$25 per calendar year. When you pay your dues, you are granted membership for the year in which you paid. If you pay more than \$25, you can specify how you would like that money allocated (scholarship, newsletter, reunion, house repair, kitchen renovation, etc.)

Why pay dues?

The AAA's largest budget item is the cost to print and mail the Anchor newsletter (about \$2000/year). To raise this much money, we have to have 80 sisters pay their \$25 dues. We still have nearly 200 alumnae who aren't on email or haven't shared email addresses with us. The ONLY communication they get from Ago is their annual newsletter. Most of these women graduated before 1980, and we don't want to lose them and their link to Ago's history. At some point, we will inevitably be forced to switch to an "email-only" Anchor, but we are hoping to continue to print it until it no longer becomes economically feasible. The second most expensive budget line is our annual scholarship to an Active Ago member. Each year, the membership votes on the size of the scholarship... which is generally around \$1000. To fund that, we need an additional 40 dues-paying members. Finally, we need another 40 members to cover miscellaneous items. This includes things like our share of the website cost, postage, thank you postcards, awards, charitable donations, small allotments for reunion costs and donations toward the Rush program, etc. Our dedicated volunteers also donate some of these items personally.

Do any other privileges come with paid membership?

Paying your dues allows you to become an officer on the AAA, vote for officers of the AAA, and cast votes at the annual meeting, held on the Saturday of Reunion Weekend.

What's NEW with dues in 2024?

Historically, we have been asking for dues all year long. We recently received a suggestion that perhaps we should have a more focused "membership drive". The officers have talked about this and have decided that in 2024 we will focus on promoting dues payment from the time the Anchor goes out, until the Summer Reunion. If we hit our goal by then (in 2023 we had 160 members), we will stop promoting dues until 2025. We are off to a good start, since nearly 50 members have joined in the first few months of the year, before we have really even started promoting dues payment. We thank the Class Reps for their part in promoting the early memberships!

What will be different in 2024?

In April, May and June, we will give some incremental reports on membership recruitment. They will be posted on Facebook and/or sent by email. We will let you know how close we are to our goal and give you some statistics on which classes have the best membership numbers (total and %) and which classes are excelling in "extra donations" (toward scholarship, newsletter, house repair, house renovation, etc.). At the annual meeting, we will announce "winning classes" (who earn bragging rights). It is not meant to be a serious competition, but just an attempt to stir up a little excitement and have fun while raising money that benefits the Alums, the Actives, and the House.

The AAA's greatest resource is our database, where we do our best to keep track of our Agonian Sisters so that we can keep them abreast of Ago events, and also connect them to old friends. Over the last few years, we have been working diligently on improving the database functionality and accuracy. We thought you might want to hear a little about our efforts and how you can help.

◆ Geographical Regions:

We have completed an effort to add a "Geographic Region" to each alumnae. Most divisions are "by State", but for New York State, where most of our alumnae reside, we have subdivided into the economic development regions of the State. When we enter an address in the database, it now automatically assigns the proper region. We use that information to maintain mailing lists, so that if we want a mailing to target a certain geographic area, we don't have any searching and sorting to do. This has already come in handy for helping folks that have planned regional Ago get-togethers. If you would like to organize a local Ago event, simply send us the information and we can forward it to your target audience.



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)

The Agonian Alumnae Association has two positions up for election this year: **President** and **Communications Director**. 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://www.agopotsdam.com/elections>. 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.

An email with the ballot will go out in early June so you can cast your vote.

◆ Missing Sisters:

We have a lot of "Missing Sisters". These include many sisters who are "alive and well", but have moved or changed email addresses and we can no longer reach them. Over the past years, we have made a concerted effort to search for these sisters and find new contact information; most of the missing graduated before the 1980s. **Sharon Cooney '78** has been a huge help this past year, sharing the genealogy skills that she honed during her 40 years working with Lorenzo State Historic Site. She has been able to identify many of our older sisters who have passed away so that we are able to recognize them in our "In Memoriam" section of the Anchor. The work of searching for the missing continues. You can help by scanning the names of the missing in the Class News and let us know if you have any information that might help us find them.

◆ Our Progress:

	Missing Sisters
July 2021	276
July 2022	177
July 2023	152
Current	113

◆ Printed Anchors vs. E-News:

As we have mentioned before, we are working hard to convince sisters to "Go Green" and receive only the electronic version of the Anchor instead of the printed one. Like everything, the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter increases every year. Even though we have been able to decrease the count, the price per copy increases due to printing costs and postage. We have to raise about \$2000/year to print and mail the Anchor.

If you are reading this newsletter on paper, and you have an email address, you can help by sending an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com asking to be changed to "E-news".

If you REALLY LOVE your paper version, you can help by paying dues or making a donation towards the newsletter production.

	Printed Anchors Mailed
2020	750
2021	609
2022	486
2023	423
2024	390



The Ago Active membership this year was 9 Active members in Fall 2023 (including 3 new members from Spring 2023) and 10 Active members this spring (including 5 new members from Fall 2023). Three of our members left after the fall semester: **Tally Fenner '25** transferred to another college, **Sam Thompson '24** is interning this spring, and **Brianna Novotny '24** is student teaching.

Our numbers may sound low, but as you may know, Potsdam student enrollment is low. This Fall there were 15 rushes total and Ago was able to recruit 5 of the rushes to join Ago! The members have been working hard to rush with the help of our Rush committee, **Amy Kunsman Ross '92** and **Renee Hallinan Reagan '90**.

There were 6 members living at 11 Pierrepont this year.

We have a new Ago Board of Directors Chair as of January 1, 2023. I'm excited to introduce the new Chair for the Ago Board of Directors, **Jenssie Flores-McClintock '89**. Jenssie has been involved in the Ago relaunch since 2016, continues to help with the New Member Education program, has been a mentor for 2 new members and is continuing to serve on the Board of Directors.

Amy Kunsman Ross '92 left the Board of Directors as of December 31, 2023. Amy has been instrumental in working with the Active members on Rush and recruiting new members. Amy will continue with her role on the Rush committee working alongside Renee Reagan this Spring semester to help the Active's recruit new members. We appreciate all that Amy has done since her time on the Board of Directors and thank her for her service.

The Board of Directors works closely with the Active members on the Ago eBoard, the New Member Education program and all the officers to provide guidance during the year.

This past year we have not had any big upgrades to our home at 11 Pierrepont Avenue.

Denise "Dede" Bennett Haines '81 works very closely with the New Member Educator and all the members through the New Member Education program. Each semester, Dede needs Ago Alumnae to donate some time back to Ago. She needs alums to interview with New Members or commit to being a mentor (30 minutes/week for 5 weeks and then 30 minutes/month until the Active graduates). If you can offer your help to Dede and the New Member program, please email her at denisehaines@icloud.com.

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 Jenssie or myself know if you are interested in helping out.



Thank you to all our Alumni who continue to support Ago in numerous ways throughout the year, including your generous donations to **Keep Our Ship Afloat!** We look forward to an exciting and fun 2024!

In addition, the Scleroderma Walk in Binghamton this year is on Sunday, June 9, 2024. I plan on walking again in memory of Colleen and would love to have other Agos join me. There were several Agos that attended last year, and it was so nice to catch up with all our sisters. Please let me know if you can join me and I'll send the link.

-**Shelley Ives '83**
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Giving back in memory of... Colleen Costello Filiak '79

In July 2022, our Agonian sister, **Colleen Costello Filiak '79** passed away after a long battle with scleroderma. Colleen had served on the Agonian Board of Directors and/or our AAA for over 40 years. In her memory, Agonians donated funds to install a bench at Otsiningo Park in Binghamton, NY, plant a tree at 11 Pierrepont Avenue in Potsdam, NY, and raise funds for the Scleroderma Foundation.

During the AAA Annual meeting in July the leadership team presented the 2023 Agonian Alumnae Association Lifetime Achievement Award which was posthumously given on Colleen's behalf for all she did for Ago. The plaque is hung at 11P for all to see.

Additionally, a group of Agos donned their Ago shirts and joined the Costello and Filiak families for the annual Scleroderma walk in Otsiningo Park during the weekend of June 3-4, where the bench was dedicated in Colleen's name. Other Agos, who couldn't make it to Binghamton, honored Colleen in their own way. Recent grad, **Mia DiFonzo '23** walked laps at her old high school track. Active member **Emily Esack '24**, indicates that the sisters walked around campus this fall to honor Colleen and her legacy.

The Scleroderma Walk in Binghamton will take place on Sunday, June 9th, 2024. See previous page for **Shelley Ives's** contact information if you are interested in attending.

Reflections from the walk:

"This was beyond words. Not only did we proudly wear our letters and Anchor shorts, pants, shoes, undies, and scrunchies, but 53 of Colleen's family and friends wore special blue shirts with gold anchors and Agonian on them.

Great sites, great tributes, sang "Friends" to keep us all from losing it. What a marvelous event! The bench is a treasure, not nearly enough for all Colleen did for us but a landmark we should visit."

-**Sue Wajda '74**

"On Sunday, June 4th, 2023, eight Agonian friends and sisters gathered to remember **Colleen Costello Filiak '79** at the Scleroderma Walk in Binghamton, NY. **Martie Dixon '80, Shelley Ives '83, Sue Wajda '74, Joann Koch Quon '77, Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan '77, Vera Thurston Gibbs '78, Sue Hoffman Ospelt '78 and Nadine Gager Compisi '78** showed their Agonian love and friendship by supporting Colleen's husband Paul, their 2 daughters, Kelly and Kristine, 3 granddaughters and many extended family members on this commemorative walk.



It was a perfect sunny day to dedicate the park bench in Colleen's honor in Otsiningo Park. Memories of Colleen both during her college years and in the 40+ years afterwards were shared by these sisters. A chorus of "Friends, Friends, Friends" topped off this loving tribute."

-**Nadine Gager Compisi '78 & Martie Dixon '80**

An Agonian to Remember

Shirley Kincaid Eagan '64 (1942 - 2023)

Tribute submitted by **Lynne Boles '74**

The Agonians have lost a very special sister. **Shirley Kincaid Eagan '64** was an active alumna. She was instrumental in organizing Ago Alumnae Luncheons in Skaneateles and was a regular attendee at the Potsdam Alumni Luncheon events in Naples, FL. Shirley had a reputation of being the "Pied Piper" of her Ago era. She knew everyone and loved to get people together. Shirley and Tom (her Clarkson alumni husband of 59 years) were ready and willing to help with the effort to re-launch Ago almost a decade ago.

Shirley died peacefully on October 19th, 2023 at the age of 81 after enduring a long illness with grace and dignity. Born and raised in Syracuse, NY, she was a graduate of West Genesee High School. She earned a bachelor's degree at SUNY Potsdam and a master's degree at Bowling Green State University. While at Potsdam, Shirley was very involved with Ago Sorority, serving as Sorority President in her Senior year.

As a teacher, Shirley was known for her creative methods of teaching and interjecting fun into every lesson. Her love of teaching was additionally fueled by her strong bond with many, many teacher friends.

Shirley and Tom had two children, Thom and Melissa, and eleven grandchildren. Many of their happiest memories together were spent on the shores of Skaneateles Lake where they would welcome family and friends to their lakeside home for big meals, water fun and nights of cards, games or campfires. She and Tom also found joy on Marco Island, Florida where they delighted in seafood meals, cooled off by the pool and gathered with relatives and friends.

Shirley easily connected to others with her kind, chatty personality. She was known for lengthy, late-night phone calls with sisters or friends, caring text messages, and thoughtful Facebook comments. She cherished visiting family and friends' homes in states stretching from Ohio to Maine and New York to Florida. And with certainty, there was always good, plentiful conversation whenever Shirley was around.



Shirley will be sorely missed by family and friends alike, especially her Ago sisters. Here are some memories about Shirley from the Ago sisters who knew her best:

A word to describe Shirley would be resilient. Even when battling cancer, she continued to organize get togethers and included Agos outside the class of 1964. She was inclusive, a true Ago sister!
~ **Sue Tincknell Rossi '63**

Shirley was our Ago president who always led with a smile and a gentle push. She was such a lady... loved by all who knew her.
~ **Sandy D'Arienzo Geagan '64**

Shirley, my dear Ago sister, was one of the kindest and most enthusiastic people I have had the pleasure to know. Her career as an incredible teacher was rewarded by the love she received from her students. Shirley kept in touch with her Ago sisters, organized get togethers through the years and had a very special reunion at her summer home. If I close my eyes, I can picture Shirley and Tom sitting on the couch at the Ago house... and she is smiling.
~ **Elaine Petykiewicz Birrell '64**

We have been in touch over the years, gathering when we can...a few years ago Tom and Shirley hosted a weekend at their lake house and many of us were able to be there. We had a lovely time together and always hoped for more reunions. Her husband and family were blessed to have her in their lives.

~ **JoAnn Haley Maguire '64**



Greeks Happily Ever After....

Jim Richardson (Sigma Chi, St. Lawrence '60), the husband of the late **Judy Herrick Richardson '61**, answered our call for memorabilia last year and sent some pictures. He also shared some wonderful memories of his life with our sister Judy, and since Agonian was an important aspect of their lives together, he continues to enjoy the news of the Sisters of '61.

James writes:

"I met Judy on a blind date in 1957, set up by a fraternity brother who was dating an Agonian. We married in 1961 (after Judy graduated) in the village of Owasco, NY, her hometown. Agonian sister, **Kay Ney Brunner '62** was one of her bridesmaids.

Judy taught near Syracuse while I was getting a Masters at Syracuse University, and later at the Rantoul Air Force Base in Illinois where I obtained my PhD in archaeology. We moved to Pittsburgh, PA for my position as an Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. I'm an Anthropologist; I've worked in Central NY, Western PA, Martha's Vineyard, and Peru. In 1978, I took a half-time position at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in the section of Anthropology. After Illinois, Judy didn't teach again.

Judy was an integral part of my archaeological career at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Museum of Natural History supporting my academic and museum research in a myriad of ways while raising our two children Heather and James. From going into the field in 1965 to Talara in northern Peru for my dissertation research, living for a year there in 1972 with our children for further research and hosting graduate students at our house on Martha's Vineyard while excavating sites on the Island. She organized receptions at our Pittsburgh home for museum exhibit openings and hosted colleagues and students. Judy was a true life's partner. Sadly, Judy passed away from cancer on December 3, 2019. Her obituary is in the Vineyard Gazette which can be accessed on the web. I treasure the years we had at college together."



In Memoriam

**"When time shall part our ways, when sundered far, Oh, won't thou guide us our far golden star?
Dear Lord, we ask of thee when our lives shall end, hold in thy keeping each Agonian friend."**

Catherine Sanschagrín '39
Amelia Clohosey Healey '40
Beulah Wood Richardson '40
Gwendolyn Erwin Kelley '40
Jacqueline Boyer Riley '40
Lois Jacot Giordano '40
Margaret Smith Fairchild '40
Barbara Bateman Henry '42
Lodine Backus Hook '42
Marian McCorn Lyman '42
Martha Cline Mundy '42
Virginia Gorse Harse '42
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Mary Weer '43
Helen Gorke Flynn '45
Jane Carl Konka '45
Lena Laverghetta Spadafore '45
Lillian Blanchard Nicolson '45
Catherine Post Duffy '46

Janet Rockefeller Pfluecke '46
Marjorie Huntley Wernick '46
Dorothy Laighton Clark '47
Emily Williams Courtright '47
Phyllis Fralick Curry '47
Alice Merrill Courtenay '48
Ardelle Crittenden Jenkins '48
Lois Hoyt Fowkes '48
Natalie Parente Castaldo '48
Pauline Desgagne Gates '48
Violet Diane Neuberth '48
Eileen Nevins Burdick '49
Norma Reed Woitach '49
Shirley Secor Bush '50
Agnes Timerman White '52
Geraldine Richards Morton '52
Ardra Jane Rogers Smyk '53
Barbara Core Moran '53
Lois Audrey Natterer Wheeler '53

Nadia Lawrence Dachinger '53
Barbara Dalton Johnson '54
Elizabeth Yerry Leavitt '54
Marcia Conklin Rossitto '54
Winifred Foss '54
Ingeborg Goebel Hammen '55
Wanda Grygiel Gregory '55
Barb Schauble Vanaudenhove '56
Margaret Smith Greve '58
Frances Brandstetter Holthaus '59
Jane Andre Sullivan '59
Judith "Judie" Bennett Mayo '60
Elizabeth "Betty" Gibson Venator '61
Barb Sanborn Mentzer '63
Marilyn Davies Clary '64
Shirley Kincaid Eagan '64
Gwen Huestis Brewster '67
Susan Carpenter Testa '67
Susan Leghorn Fletcher '68
Dawn Revette '91

Note from the Active President

2023 kicked off with the Agonians returning to Potsdam for the spring semester, setting the stage for Spring '23 recruitment. The actives worked continuously to recruit the future of our sisterhood. February brought the joyous addition of three beautiful girls. As the semester concluded, the torch was passed to the new executive board, coinciding with the graduation of Angy, Mia, and Sara, to whom we extend our heartfelt best wishes.

Fast forward to August, when the actives returned to Potsdam, energized for the Fall '23 recruitment. We welcomed six new members. The Welcome Weekend Carnival in August showcased our sorority's offerings through a successful Build-A-Bear booth. September marked the active participation in National Hazing Prevention Week, accumulating over 500 signatures from various Greek organizations and student-led groups. Teaming up with Sigma Chi for Derby Days, we raised an impressive \$1,200 in a week for the Huntsman Cancer Institute, with over half generously donated to our philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network.

In October, the actives participated in Trunk or Treat, featuring our whimsical Cookie Monster trunk, which became a standout community service event connecting children and adults. During this month, we also witnessed the initiation of five wonderful new girls. November brought us to Montgomery Center, Vermont, for our annual spa weekend of relaxation, sister bonding, and a Thanksgiving dinner. The Phineas Swann Inn and Spa outdid themselves, going above and beyond to welcome us with open arms. Their hospitality was extraordinary, featuring a personalized welcome banner, thoughtful goodie bags, and various special touches that made our stay exceptional, an experience we'll cherish forever.

Rush Update

As many of you know, there are ongoing challenges to bringing in New Members. Any help or support from our Alumnae would be greatly appreciated. Upcoming Rush events will be posted on the "Alumnae of Agonian Sorority at Potsdam" Facebook page and via email for those who live close by. We encourage all Alumnae to support Rush so we continue to have a thriving Ago sisterhood. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to reach out to **Amy Kunsman Ross '92** at 214-437-9195.

This year, we concluded with a remarkable community service event, the Health Hub, where we collected over 1,000 hygiene products in just five hours to donate to needy students. The chair of the public health department applauded our efforts. A holiday celebration and sister dinner marked the end of the semester before winter break.

In the beginning of 2024, the present semester, recruitment was a fantastic experience, resulting in four new ladies joining our sisterhood. They are undergoing the new member education process and the actives are eagerly awaiting their initiation on March 16th. Emmalee White, our current NME, shines in her role and is destined to teach!

Reflecting on 2023, this past year is my favorite at Potsdam. The highlight unquestionably centers around the growth of my family line, with a particular emphasis on a heartfelt moment during a bid day. Welcoming the newest Agonian with a warm hug and saying, "Welcome home, I'm Emily, the chapter president; in this house, you will create memories for a lifetime," captures the essence of sisterhood and the genuine warmth within our Agonian family.

These little moments of connection and shared beginnings make the sorority experience unique. As my time as President draws to a close, with its ups and downs, I wouldn't change a thing.

-Emily Esack '24



AAA Scholarship Award - Fall 2023

On November 5, 2023, **Mindy Mospaw Poupore '79** and **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88** traveled to Potsdam to award **Tally Fenner '25** the \$1,000 AAA Scholarship. Tally, a Psychology and Biology major, impressed the Scholarship Committee which was made up of Mindy and Kathy as well as **Jacque Morse Shellman '69**, **Linda Dolanch Longhouse '87**, **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**, **Susan Canale Hostetter '81**, and **Molly Magee '21**. Tally has been a leader in Ago and on campus by holding the position of Academic Chair on the All-Greek council. She has shown academic excellence with a GPA of 3.8, and dedication to Ago as the House Manager, New Member Educator and President of the All-Greek council. She does all of this while holding down a job at the local Stewarts shop. Her letter of recommendation was the icing on the cake for the committee's decision.

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. They were very welcoming and made us proud to be Agonian. If you are interested in participating in the Scholarship Committee, please reach out to either AAA President **Clare Reilly 16**, or Scholarship Committee chair **Kathy Catlin Briggs '88** at kbriggs117@gmail.com.



Kathy Catlin Briggs '88, Tally Fenner '25 & Mindy Mospaw Poupore '79



For the 2022-'2023 year, our Advisor and **Honorary Beth Todd** won the Advisor of the year award.



Jane Morale '80 helps the Actives with "Meet the Greeks"



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, **Emily Esack '24**. Congratulations and well done, Emily!



We would like to thank the Active Ago Sisters for taking such wonderful care of our home at 11P, and for inviting Alumnae to participate in rush events, Bid Day, Initiation and other exciting celebrations. We wish the Seniors the best of luck in the future. We will soon welcome you as an Alumnae of the Agonian Sorority.

Ago Gratitude



The Agonian Alumnae Association is truly grateful to everyone that helps make this newsletter possible.

We would like to thank:

- AAA officers and Agonian Board Members who supplied reports of their work.
- Alumnae and Active Members who shared Ago-related stories.
- Alumnae who assisted in proofreading and providing feedback to ensure the Anchor is the best it could be.

The Agonian Alumnae Association would also like to thank everyone who helps us be a successful association throughout the year by being part of committees such as the Scholarship Committee and the Reunion Committee, by becoming a member of the AAA by paying your dues and by keeping us updated throughout the year on things you as Alumnae have been up to.



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 your news to news@agopotsdam.com. If you are interested in being a Class Rep, we have years that are not covered, and we always welcome volunteers. Email us at alumnae@agopotsdam.com. The job entails reaching out to your class in the Fall to gather changes in contact information, and then after the New Year to gather news. It is fun and rewarding to hear from everyone. If you have an email address and are not receiving an occasional email from the Alumnae Association, send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com and we will make sure you get added to the list. We won't send you spam, and we won't sell your email address.

Class of 1940-1952

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Jean Cournan '40, Gertrude Thomas Elliot '42, Marilyn Jenkins '43, Ruth Howell '43, Ruth Ward Piper '43, Margaret Piper Ziegler '44, Eileen See '47, Jane Teich Rich '47, Pat Rice Drake '47, Beryl Schuttler Marshall '48, Helen Lane Milvaney '49, Marjorie Holmes Croucher '49, Marion Donnelly '50, Margaret Krien Margolf '52

Class of 1953

Lenora "Lenny" Clark Sears is living in the desert near Palm Springs. She is 92 years old; she is active and directing an adult chorus in her community. She is still singing - loud and strong!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Joan Mitchell Kearsy '53, Rosalie Podoba Swartz '53

Class of 1954-1955

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Mrs. Ray Smity '54, Joan Gardiner Nieckarz '55

Class of 1956

Joan Ross Sauter and **Joyce Tuck DeWitt**, who were roommates in the Elm Street Dorm, have been communicating from Switzerland to the Rochester, NY area. At Joyce & Don's wedding in 1955, Joan was named maid of honor. She is also godmother to Joyce's firstborn (who is now a retired lawyer). Amazing time!

A year ago, **Janet Heldt Beckler** and her husband, Ed (Clarkson '56) moved to The Glen at Hiland Meadows, a senior living facility in Queensbury NY. She is still in touch with **Jackie Fourcade Green**, who lives in Sequim, WA. Janet would enjoy hearing from any other old (!!) Ago friends. (The AAA can facilitate connections... just let us know!).

Marlene King Towne wrote to tell us that she loved her college days. She is a long time retiree after 30 years in the classroom. Her husband, Stan, now deceased, was also a Potsdam graduate. He received his administrative degree and was an elementary principal. They enjoyed 57 years of a very happy marriage. Marlene counts her blessings.

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

Class of 1957

Sue Gernold Miller has spent the past year writing in Storyworth with a new topic every week. Since the last 2 topics were "How did you pick the college you went to?" and "Were you in a sorority in college?", she's been doing a lot of reminiscing and looking at old photos. In December, Sue moved back to Buffalo after 30 years in North Carolina. She can be reached at the Amberleigh at 2330 Maple Road.

Jean Schaffler says the most wonderful gift last summer was receiving our class members' contact information from Ago's alumnae communications officer. She's now calling friends since her computer died. Jean has been using a walker for several months and misses doing yard work but maintains her usual good spirits. She'd love to hear from you at 607-734-6673.

Pat Adams Sundell is singing in choirs this season and looking forward to spending time with 9 great-grandchildren. She feels truly blessed.

Susan Smykla Udell and her husband spent half of last year at their farm, recovering from minor surgeries. Medical appointments, gardening, and making wine along with family celebrations consumed most of their time. They're pleased to be able to enjoy winter months in Florida as in past years. "Best wishes for good health and pleasant days" to all sisters.

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

Sherril Miller Augstell reported that her family has a year-round bird feeder and birdbath which they love to watch. Sherril says she is doing pretty well and is her husband's caregiver. He has physical problems plus some memory loss. Some days are better than others, but she is glad that her kids are nearby, and they help a lot.

Betty Duffy Charles fell a while ago and hurt her hand. She said it taught her how careful all of us, at our age, must be, in order not to fall. Betty said she is amazed that she has 5 great-grandchildren and 2 more on the way. She likes to get out every day and to see people. Three days a week she volunteers at the soup kitchen, a job she has been doing for a lot of years and really enjoys. Betty also likes to play Bridge.

Jane Murphy Coburn said that she is 88 and has 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She had blond straight hair - now it's too curly and it is not liked.

Gail Roach Davi enjoys watching TV with her husband, Sal, and she participates in some of the activities at their assisted living home. It's enjoyable when she has dinner at her nearby daughter's home.

Dotty Runkel Dronkers wants all of you to know how much she truly appreciates the thanks that you have sent for being the Class Rep. Hearing from all of you makes it a fun job. In return, she thanks all of you who took time to send news for "The Anchor". We're all about the same age and it's important to keep in touch with each other. Last January, all of the Runkel and Dronkers families came to Florida for her husband, Dan's, Celebration of Life luncheon. Since then, Dot has been enjoying leading a relatively stress-free life with the help of her good neighbors and friends. They do everything from bringing her freshly baked muffins to putting air in her car's tires. She loves to read and is in a book club. Playing computer games and doing crossword puzzles are other fun things for her to do. Occasionally, she goes out to a matinee and dinner with a friend.

Louise Mizma Eglston said that she taught in Brighton for 32 years. Now she enjoys playing golf.

Marilyn Gaggin broke her hip last March when she fell. After a lot of rehab, she's feeling like herself again. She lights candles in her home to remember many of her relatives who have passed away.

It is with great sadness that the Class of '58 announces that **Margaret Smith "Smitty" Greve** passed away last August. Because her husband, Lance, was in the Air Force, she lived in many different places, one of them being Germany. She raised 4 boys. Her laughter knew no bounds and we'll miss being able to laugh with her. She had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Sylvia Amarel Infantine is still driving, something all of us used to take for granted, but not anymore. She reported that she has 4 delightful adult students. One might guess that it's for piano lessons. Sylvia occasionally substitutes at area churches on organ, piano and keyboard. She is looking forward to going to Melbourne Beach in March. All four of her children plus four grandchildren visited her during the holidays. She related that she and Stu are good; they've slowed down but are still busy. Like other years, she reminds all of you that she has a spare bedroom, and any visitors would be welcome. In this picture, Sylvia is with her granddaughter.



Norma Luce was on Facebook. It wouldn't be her style to tell us this, but it stated that she retired in 1992 and she had been a Middle School Teacher (instrumental music) for the Oneida City School District. Last September she was an honoree among those inducted to the Oneida Foundation's Wall of Distinction. Recently, she said that she has nothing to complain about as she lives in a comfortable home and has a bunch of good friends to help her out when she isn't feeling too shiny.

Mary Carey Munhall enjoyed having her family with her over the holidays. She would tell you, with a laugh, that when they are with her, they do all the cooking. The reason is because she has hung up her apron and declared that her days in the kitchen are over. Like many of us, she has been having some balance problems, so in order to avoid a fall, she uses a walker. Currently, she is visiting her son and family.

Louise Smith Smith was in Ago for only a year before leaving to marry her childhood sweetheart, Joe Smith. They met as neighbors when Louise was just a toddler and have now been married for 67 years. Louise and Joe raised 8 children. When the last of the crew was in high school, Louise returned to finish a BS in Education and a Masters. When the children were out of college, Louise and Joe moved to North Carolina for 26 years to enjoy the ocean. Louise enjoyed working in the public library. In December, they moved to an assisted living facility in Summerville, SC, close to one of their children. At the facility, she has become friends with a native of Potsdam, Carol Kaschel (99), and they enjoy reminiscing about the town. Louise's family has grown to include 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. For many years, Louise kept in touch with Ago activities through sister, **Johanna DiCroce Farra** and her husband Ron, both of whom sadly passed away in 2021.

Nancy Young Rinehart is happy to be 87 and has been in a Senior Living Center for 4 years where she enjoys the food and watching comedy TV. Her kids are nearby. She retired when she was 57 and then did some antique selling until she was 80.

Ellen Gold says (with great enthusiasm) that life in NYC is fabulous. She has a body centered psychotherapy practice in her second bedroom. The room also acts as her exercise room, meditation center and guest room. She likes going to the Philharmonic and plays. Besides all of this, to quote her, she claims to be “a culture vulture” traveling to exotic places. No wonder she said there aren't enough hours in the day.

Sue Fenton West said her news is a mixed bag due to two hospitalizations - a clip on her micro valve and a small stroke leaving a few residual complications. Her new and best friend is her walker. With it, she can get around and when she's going out, she puts it in the car's trunk. The highlight of '23 was her grandson's September outdoor wedding in Pottsville, PA. She sadly reported that her eldest son appears to be losing his battle with brain/lung cancer. All prayers are welcome. In March Sue is looking forward to a visit from **Judy Dermody Zangas** and Bob. Even after some rough times, she is grateful for her many blessings.

Sue Conant Young took some vacation time last summer and traveled from Cincinnati, Ohio to New York state to visit friends and family. Sue enjoyed staying with **Mary Carey Munhall** in Lake George. While there, she and Mary had lunch with **Pat Hammond Freebern '59** and **Betty Duffy Charles**. **Sue Lester Ford** was unable to join them, so they went to her house for a chat. Over the Christmas holidays, Sue went to D.C. to see her granddaughter graduate and become a Secret Service Agent and she also did some sightseeing. Her daughter and son-in-law purchased a house across the road from where they live, and Sue is scurrying around preparing to move into it; it will be her new home. Besides walking the treadmill for 30 minutes, 5 or 6 days a week, Sue continues to work part time as a cashier at one of the local stores.



Back Row, L to R: **Sue Conant Young, Pat Hammond Freebern, Betty Duffy Charles, Mary Carey Munhall**. Seated: **Sue Lester Ford**

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

Class of 1959 65th REUNION YEAR

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

Class of 1960

Wendy Stratton Bailey reports that she had a freak accident. She fell on a fork, punctured her left eyelid, and lost sight in her left eye. She considers herself lucky, because she was scheduled to have surgery in May to correct her sight. She required one surgery, many daily eye drops, eyelid massages, and lots of rides from her friends and her husband, RD. Although it was a terrible situation, she is thankful for her 4 granddaughters, 2 daughters, and all the help from family and friends, particularly her twin sister Nancy, who helped her for 3 weeks.

Wenda Carter Paton shares that on a snowy day in January in Acton, Massachusetts, she was reminded of her walk to Crane for Brock McElheran's 7 AM Counterpoint Class years ago. This past year, 2023, was a busy year. Wenda nominated Sylvia Anthony to the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, NY. She traveled with her brother, Carl, to Potsdam to clean out her mom's 5 Pierrepont attic. She took a trip to Cooperstown NY and stopped along the way to visit a Potsdam High School friend and her 89-year-old cousins, Pete and Ann Blauvelt. Wenda's interests this year were the Capital Grille Restaurant and St. Anne's Episcopal Church Women's Bible Study Group. She attended Taiko performances of her sons Stuart and Eric as well as Eric's MA Percussion Solo Recital at Athens University. Her daughter Liz's family added 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to the growing family.

The class of 1960 is sad to announce that **Judie Bennett Mayo** passed away on February 19, 2023. She was survived by her daughter Carey, and her husband George. She was predeceased by her son Christopher. Judie had been an elementary teacher in Owego, NY, Red Bank, NJ, Ardmore, PA and Penfield, NY. She co-founded the Webster Presbyterian Preschool and a catering company called “The Cookery”. Julie enjoyed aerobic dancing, GEVA plays, Florida trips, playing bunco, volunteering at Twig Shop and monthly class breakfasts at Webster High School.

Dianne Wojnar Kuruc lives in Clay, NY with her husband. She says, “all is well with them”. She declares they are “just getting old, which hasn't proved to be much fun”. Woj still has her sense of humor!

Jolie Smithem Haug is recovering nicely from a stroke last February; she is able to drive again. She and her husband live on her daughter's farm “out in the country” in Colfax, Washington. Their “numbers” are now: 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-granddaughters. Her favorite t-shirt says, “I was a good Mom - then a Grandma - now a Great Grandma - I just keep getting better!”

Julie Krum Kennaugh is back in Florida where she spent Thanksgiving and Christmas. Son, Eric, and his bride Diane were married September 16, 2023, for which Julie texted a beautiful fall outdoor photo. Her granddaughter, Grace, 25, just bought her first house. She will visit Florida in February and newly marrieds will visit Julie and Terry sometime in March. Julie also sent a photo of herself wearing a fur (artificial) coat and Terry in a wool jacket with galoshes during their senior year in Potsdam!

Eileen Knapp Patch and her husband, Dave, won the Vestal Public Library "book tree" (guess the number of books) contest! In June, they took grandson Zachary to see leopards in the African section of Harpursville Discovery Center. Zach posed on the Lorax Tractor at the Binghamton Discovery Center. In August, Eileen and Dave saw the plays *Wakeman* (woman soldier alias from Bainbridge, NY) and *Toliver*. Family member Noi found an 1860's Derringer Pistol while enlarging the hosta bed.

Dottie Hirsch Sellman is still in Hebron, CT. She reports that things are "pretty much status quo". She has done no long distance traveling since Covid started. She still enjoys bridge, Mahjong and Canasta several times a week at the clubhouse. George is President of the Association which keeps him busy. They enjoy their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren; they have four "greats" right now with another expected in June. Fortunately, they are not too far away, so they get to see them quite often. Dottie wishes all Ago sisters a happy/healthy New Year!

Barb Yost McCann is married to Mike McCann, (Clarkson Class of '60). They lived in New Jersey and New York before moving to Barrie, Ontario in 1970. Barb taught music in schools in both the US and Canada. She conducted a community choir, the King Edward Choir, for 26 years in Barrie, traveling to Ireland, England and Germany for choir exchanges. This year, they visited Seattle WA, Eugene OR and Victoria BC, and enjoyed their cottage on the Ottawa River in Quebec. They are currently staying in The Meadows in Sarasota, Florida for winter's three months. **Nancy Cauvet Riehl** will visit at the end of January.

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

Class of 1961

The class of '61 is sad to announce that **Elizabeth "Betty" Gibson Venator** passed away on February 17, 2022. Elizabeth was a music teacher for 35 years in the Buffalo Public School System. She was instrumental in keeping music in the schools during budget cuts and was also involved with the Chautauqua Institute. In 1996, her work was recognized by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Erie County Music Educators Association when she was awarded an Excellence in Music Education Award.

Arlene Lindstrom Dahm lives with her daughter and family in Mass. She has a pacemaker and some balance issues but stays as active as possible.

Patricia Scheu Blackwell and **Arlene Lindstrom Dahm** had a mini reunion of sorts when Arlene was on her way to Rochester for her grandson's graduation last May. Arlene says, "it was grand to see Pat". Pat lives in Jamesville, NY. Our sisters look wonderful!

Joanne Beaty Snyder and husband Tom find life better if they slow down a bit! They both survived mild cases of Covid last year, traveled to Arizona for a family reunion, and also to Washington, D.C. They continue to have their usual family gatherings for the holidays plus the annual Mother's Day weekend when everyone is together in a huge house on the Oregon coast.

Amy Coolidge Perry has been living in Colorado for 32 years and still loving it! She and husband, Jack, go to Arizona for a change of scenery and climate. She's looking forward to a spring trip to Naples, FL to visit her sister, then will travel up the East Coast to visit friends and family.



Gloria Gonda Grocock and family spent Christmas 2022/New Years 2023 down with Covid. Gloria had "long" Covid afterward and tests eventually showed that she had developed a heart condition. After 6 months of 4 different medications and no improvement, she had a cardioverter/defibrillator implant in late November. So far, so good! Obviously, travel was limited but she did visit with her son and family near Buffalo in the Spring. Christmas 2023/New Years 2024 were the complete opposite with her whole family visiting (minus just 1 of the 9 grandchildren). It was the first time in 10 years for getting together and a great time was had by all. She's looking forward to traveling again, though perhaps at a slower pace.

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

Class of 1962

Following is a contribution by Class of 1962 writer extraordinaire, **Joyce Moulton McAmmond-Coleman** entitled "**OLD FRIENDS**":

OLD FRIENDS. That, of course, has double meanings especially at this time of our lives ... but just imagine the delight you'd have if someone calls your name as you strolled a NYC sidewalk, as you hung your towel across the railing of a Nantucket vacation rental, or while waiting to be seated in the dining room of the Yellowstone lodge - what stories you'd find yourself sharing with this "OLD FRIEND" who surprisingly recognized you! These, or any number of similar scenarios is what awaits you when you open your Ago Alumnae Newsletter; a reminder of a treasured memory from your Potsdam Ago days - who knows what is awaiting you?? Today, I was reminded of our Ice Carnival Days when I saw a photo of this year's Saranac Lake Winter Carnival Ice Palace in progress ... remember fashioning our Ago ice sculpture? our frozen fingers? sculpting ice slush...and now, Fran, our esteemed organizer, has branched out to arranging quarterly ZOOM Chats - face to face is even more exciting! Keeping in touch helps keep our memories alive!



Ago Class of '62 Winter Zoom Chat Screenshot

Top Row:

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell, Fran Sardina Blied, Joyce Moulton McAmmond Coleman

Bottom Row:

Kathie Canapary Kiernan, Shirley Wolf Crane

Missing from photo:

Kate Sheldon Cox and Susan Johnson Aceto

The Ago class of '62 continues to connect every quarter through the wonders of the internet via Zoom. They had Zoom meetings in April 2023 (9 participants), November 2023 (7 participants) and January 2024 (7 participants with 5 pictured below). They are hoping even more sisters will join their **next Ago Zoom Chat on April 20th at 1:00 EST**. If you are a member of the Class of '62 and you are not receiving communications about Zoom chats, send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com to make sure we have a working email for you. The **Class of '62 has extended an invitation to sisters from other classes**. If you are from another class and would like to get the link to join the sisters of 1962, send an email to alumnae@agopotsdam.com and we will forward your request to '62 Class Rep **Fran Sardina Blied** to get you on the invite list.

Betsy Slingerland Blaisdell is the traveler of the class of '62. Early in 2023, she and John spent time in Vero Beach with family and friends, then 2 weeks in Savannah, Charleston, and Hilton Head. Betsy and twin Janey did their annual trip to Disney World in the Spring, and in June, the family went to Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, Minnesota. Betsy enjoyed her 30th year at the R. Lazy S Ranch in Wyoming in July. Then in August, she and John spent a week in Quebec City and in October, spent time in Pennsylvania with family and friends. The Blaisdells and their extended family were all together at Christmas.

Fran Sardina Blied and Dave spent 6 weeks last winter in Florida visiting with family and friends. In July, Fran traveled with Carolyn Marlow Masucci (Potsdam '62) to Dexter to spend time with **Rosemary Falbo Quadrini** who had traveled from Dallas, TX to NY with her daughter and granddaughter to a cottage that Betty Hughto Schaeffer (Potsdam '62) had rented on Black River Bay. All had a wonderful time reminiscing and enjoying each other's company.

Elaine Fallon Boyrer has been a regular at our Zoom Chats but wasn't able to attend our Winter Zoom Chat because a friend had an emergency and Elaine needed to provide help for her. She's a true Agonian with a compassionate heart who is always there for a friend in need.

Shirley Wolf Crane along with **Fran Sardina Blied** and other Potsdam '62 grads, Carolyn Marlow Masucci and Betty Hughto Schaeffer, have a standing lunch date once a month with **Bev Eccles Levy** at The Jewish Home in Rochester. Bev is doing well but has some mobility issues. All enjoy the time together, especially celebrating Bev's birthday with her in February. Some of us also enjoy getting together to play Mahjong or going out to dinner with spouses.

May Simpson Kemp spends time with her book club, quilting group, and trying to clean out a lifetime of collections so that she can move to a smaller place! She is sure that at this point the stuff owns her, rather the reverse. Her grandchildren are spread out all over the states. One left sunny California to attend the University of Tennessee and was delighted that school was closed for a week so that she could play in the snow for the first time. That never would have happened in Potsdam. Another is at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh studying pre-law. Her other California granddaughter just received a full gymnastic scholarship to Boise State in Idaho. It will be a challenge to keep up with her goal of civil engineering and enjoying the winter weather. One of May's local granddaughters is looking for a place to get her master's in forensic psychology. May is amazed at how many more career options are available today. May is enjoying a much quieter life and stays inside when it snows!

Pat Clerkin Swanson was unable to attend our Winter Zoom Chat because she was having a family gathering while their son was visiting from Georgia. Bob and Pat continue to live in a senior living situation in Portsmouth, NH. It took them quite a while to adjust to this style of living, but they know they need the help that is available there. Bob is doing well despite his blindness and diabetes. Pat broke her hip three months ago but is healing rapidly. Having their daughter 30 minutes away is a definite plus. Pat sends her best wishes to all.

Class of 1963

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: 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 60th REUNION YEAR

The Class of 1964 has lost another wonderful friend. **Marilyn Davies Clary** died on Christmas Eve, surrounded by her beautiful family at her lakeside home in Canandaigua. She had a brief illness and was being cared for by her 3 daughters and their families. She was the widow of Leon Clary. They married in the summer of 1963, and Marilyn graduated early to be able to move with Leon as he left Clarkson in 1963. Warm-hearted, adventurous, and very caring, she was a wonderful woman who brought joy and adventure into the lives of others.

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

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

Class of 1966

Karen McKean Danielson wanted to say "hello" to everyone. Many of you might not know, but Karen's dear husband, Ron, passed in 2017 from the effects of Agent Orange. They had such a great marriage and she's thankful they could make it to 52 years. These days, Karen is at church more often; she started two programs to feed the hungry. They make lunches every Tuesday for 75 clients at a local shelter for the homeless and dinner once a month for 115. She also recently began tutoring homeless elementary children 3 towns away which is another energizing experience! Teaching and the rewards may stay latent for years but when given a chance the thrill of being with children is still there. She also sings in the choir and plays bells, which she hopes is keeping her brain strong. She sends her best wishes to all and is eager to see news from her sisters. God Bless.

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

Class of 1967

On a sad note, the Class of 1967 has news of two sisters who recently passed away. **Gwen Huestis Brewster** passed away on September 17, 2023, in Catonsville, Maryland. **Susan Carpenter Testa** passed away on Friday, February 23, 2024, in Canton, Ohio. We hope this sad news will be a reminder to all beloved sisters to make sure they are talking with their doctors and getting their annual check-ups.

Nancy Salzer Hessler, always a competitor, fell while skiing and fractured her pelvis in three places, but she is now back on the slopes, including in Chile. At home in Fairport, Nancy volunteers for a women and girls' charity

Marion Allen Cole and family journeyed to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, sharing wonders there while the grandchildren are still young enough to be awestruck. Speaking of awestruck, Marion and her husband, Bill, spent two weeks in Egypt. The pyramids, burial chambers and temples are magical and mystical, seemingly from another planet.

Marilyn Reed Edwards reminisces about harmonizing with the Russian Hymn as a pledge. She still finds herself humming those inspiring notes and lyrics like it was yesterday.

Mikie Bailey Rose and her husband Carl ('67) toggle between the North Country and Stuart, Florida, friends and family's favorite bed-and-breakfast, as always. And do they have grandchildren? You bet! Their oldest is a sophomore at Penn State.

Polly Ingram McCarthy and **Kate Belgard Finney** have new careers as caregivers and their husbands give them both outstanding performance ratings!

Kate Ormiston Boldon was excited to see her grandson Nick join a fraternity; it brings such happy memories back to her. With her "medical stuff" behind her, she is planning to visit Ireland and then Egypt. She feels blessed and, in acknowledging that, she tries to "pay it forward" with lots of volunteer hours. Similar to **Nancy Salzer Hessler**, she works for a women and girls' charity in Fredericksburg, VA. Also, like sister **Carol Jones Baker**, Kate fundraises for women's education as a member of P.E.O., a national organization promoting educational opportunities for women.

The **Class of 1967** says: "No '67 Sister has reported a great grandchild... yet!" The ladies of '67 are all developing a new appreciation for the healthcare industry, regrettably: knee replacements, high blood pressure, arthritis, etc...and let's not forget that short term memory problem! Still, as we approach the end of our 70's decade, aren't we glad for today!

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

Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 is saddened to report that **Susan Leghorn Fletcher** passed away in January 2024. Her sisters agree that Susan was such a bright light wherever she shared herself; she had an unforgettable sense of humor and graciousness.

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 55th REUNION YEAR

Linda McIlvain Cooper reports that once again she and Tom have had a lot going on. They are in Virginia until April and will return to their NY home just in time to see the total eclipse. They are spending 6 months in Virginia and then late spring and summer in western NY on Cassadaga Lake. They have a group of friends that swim with them daily and are now known as the **Lake Loonies!** Travels included the Dominican Republic with family after Christmas (Tom got caught in a wave injuring his calf muscle...PT for him) and a cruise out of Juneau, Alaska last August. They love being in VA near grandkids Cooper (almost 16) and Jana (14). Trevor (21) is in Florida. When in NY, Linda checks in with **Linda Moore Rogan** who is only an hour away!

Karen Miller Kelly says they are well but fighting some typical aches and pains of aging; they are still actively enjoying church, hunting, quilting, kayaking, and if they get snow – some snowshoeing! Their greatest joy remains to be their beautiful five teenage grandchildren. Some spend the summer with them and enjoy with local friends lots of bonfires and sleepovers, driving lessons, fishing, swimming, and jet skiing on Conesus Lake. Their oldest, Jake, starts the University of Kentucky majoring in marketing in the Fall. All the grandchildren will be there the week of the reunion, so she will be unable to attend, but she sends cheers to all of us; happy 55th, Everyone! Be healthy and well!

Jacquie Morse Shellman is going to become a first-time grandmother in July. Daughter Rachel is due to have a baby girl right around reunion time. However, Jacquie hopes to be able to attend the 55th milestone anniversary of her Class of '69. Here's a shout out to all '69ers to come to Potsdam in July. She continues as a 45+-year member of NYS Women Inc. and is the newly elected Vice President of the Grace LeGendre Endowment Fund selecting women from NYS who are pursuing their graduate degrees. She continues to be a member of Agonian Alumnae Association Golden Anchor of Excellence Scholarship Committee which is an extremely rewarding experience. Again, this year she is having fun with **Sue Wajda '74** and **Joann Koch-Quon '77** on the AAA Reunion Committee. She remains an active Young Living Essential Oils Brand Partner which is her arsenal that enables her to continue to be healthy. Whisp, her furry calico, is still a comfort and an avid mouser.

Jane Van Deusen Rogers and Keith have sold their vacation home in North Carolina so that they have more time and money for doctor appointments, to see their kids and to fix up their house in PA before eventually moving to a retirement community near them. Their kids and grandkids came to visit for Christmas. Good news – Jane's hair is growing back after her chemo treatments for breast cancer... wonderful!

Veronica (Ronnie) Slivinski Holmes, and her husband Robert, are grateful to be able to manage and enjoy their historic home and property. She still loves doing all their gardening and landscaping. In recent years, she's taken up watercolor painting. **She would strongly consider attending her 55th milestone reunion this July in Potsdam!**

Barb Stevens Sharpe reports BIG NEWS – they've moved to Winter Park, FL. She said it was a huge undertaking to downsize, but they are happy to be moved and doing well. They'll soon (February) be cruising on an American Cruise Line from St. Petersburg to Key West and back. The family is all doing well. Grandbabies are in college and high school. Time flies... life is good!

Nancy Beck Misenko reports another busy year in the Thousand Islands. Their grandsons spent most of the summer with them. Maverick (15) spent a lot of time in his bass boat fishing from their house on Lake Ontario to train for a competition on Lake Champlain during the Fall. He was rewarded with a 5th place finish in the VT State Student Bass Tournament! Fisher (13) sold his wildlife photography and drone photos at two different farmer's markets and was a featured artist all summer at the Iva Smith Gallery in South Hammond. Nancy kept very busy co-chairing their very active local garden club while maintaining her own extensive flora and fauna. Jim continued to keep all the boats running and retrofitted another family sailboat! **She says, "a 55-year reunion sounds like fun!"**

Kathleen Hopkins Spencer and John are enjoying their home in Providence with their daughter, Sarah and family just around the corner and their son, Ben in Cambridge with his family. They are fortunate to spend holidays together and returned to their favorite place in Grafton, VT to celebrate the New Year! Kathleen is still consulting with two school districts, one in the outer Cape and the other in Carver, MA where she was principal of the high school. In 2024, they hope to visit Santa Fe and spend some time in the summer in Ottawa and a friends' camp on Little Rideau Lake. John is convinced he will waterski again...but no matter what, golf and swimming around their island will bring lots of laughter. **She would be happy to join the reunion if things work out with family and original plans.**

Chris Bolton Aiken reports that she will “celebrate” one year of a knee replacement on 2/1/24! It was not easy as her knee had been through many injuries and surgeries since age 14. PT and lots of exercise has brought it back. A cruise with a girlfriend in late August to Italy, Greece and Croatia tested it and it passed! She, Bill and friends took a week’s cruise to the Bahamas in January before her surgery so she could chill out. She had another good, busy year while continuing to support Kiwanis, her P.E.O. Chapter and other non-profit agencies in the Savannah area. They did make a quick trip to Rochester for her sister’s 70th and some trips to Charleston for Bill’s Citadel activities. Bill’s oldest daughter remarried in September, and they traveled to the horse country area outside of Baltimore for a great celebration. His daughter will start work at Stanford in CA where her husband has been working at Apple; trips out west may be in their future. **She is seriously considering traveling up north for the reunion...by then the snow will have melted!**

Diane Swan Dudley reports that things are quiet in Fairport, N.Y. She and Jim are keeping active and healthy with the usual aches and pains of aging. Diane volunteers at her Methodist Church in downtown Rochester two days a week and loves the people and atmosphere. Their three granddaughters (6, 8 and 10) keep them involved in their lives with church activities and weekly overnights. Their Brooklyn grandson is learning to read and he’s into videos and dramatic play! They traveled to the Florida panhandle in early December to meet up with old friends and enjoyed fun times and great weather. They are looking into going to Iceland in the fall. Sending Ago hugs to all.

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

Class of 1970

Bill and **Cathy Kenneally Schutz** recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. They really enjoy living at Kingsmill on the James in Williamsburg, VA. Their leisure time is spent playing golf and traveling.

Linda Brescia Vangellow is alive and well... happily married and still living in the North Country since graduation in 1970. Linda retired from an awesome teaching career at Canton Central School in 2003. Since then, she has been enjoying retirement, family, friends, and their four precious grandkids. She loves traveling, gardening, photography, cruising on her live-aboard boat, and occasionally, attending the still-going Double Axel shows! Life is good for sure!

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

Class of 1971

Brenda Stevenson lives in Tampa, Florida. Her older daughter passed away in October of 2021 and Brenda is acting as the legal guardian of her daughter’s adopted sons. Some days she thinks she is too old for this, but other people tell her that it is keeping her looking younger. The boys are 9 and 13, and Brenda is immersed in the world of boys. She often thinks fondly of her sorority days. The AAA thinks Brenda is a pretty amazing Ago girl!

Debbie Greenan Rudd got married a year ago. She has now been living in Costa Rica for 11 and a half years! She has volunteered to teach English, made jewelry with the homeless, helped turtles hatch, and made blankets and toys for newborns. This year she started writing some children's books on Amazon. Pura vida!

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

Class of 1972

The hands down 2023 highlight for **Paula Thompson Moore** was a motorcycle tour of New Zealand's South Island for 14 days. She still rides her own bike and the ride lived up to its name "The Best of the Best". She stayed mostly in B&B's and dined like royalty. New Zealand is a beautiful place; the only drawback is that it takes 30 hours to get from/to Dallas. In 2024, she is planning on a 3 Island Cherry Blossom motorcycle tour in March and an Adriatic motorcycle tour in late August. She says, "Gotta ride while we still can".

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

Class of 1973

Judy Spencer Gyger reported that she and Roger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in San Clemente hosted by their sons. A few friends and all 6 grandkids there to celebrate. They are planning a European River cruise for the spring, enjoying California wine tasting and active at their tennis club.

Marilyn Matzke Stephens was sorry to miss our 50th reunion, but if anyone is visiting the Denver area, she would love to hear from you to catch up. She stays busy with many different sewing projects and with all the many grandkids’ activities.

Bonnie Betters-Reed enjoyed seeing former Ago sisters at our 50th reunion. She did many of the activities that the college offered and saw many friends from all walks of Potsdam life. This year took a neat positive pivot (post Hurricane Ian) with her daughter Ally's admission to the Northeastern University Physician Assistant Program. Ally's hubby Josh is incredibly supportive and doing well with his own career pursuits in health care management. And her son Adam (36) seems to have hit his stride in the neurodiversity world - working at Goodwill and loving his life in Portland, Maine. Bonnie and Gary will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year and join many of her Ago sisters who also married shortly after college. Bonnie is taking watercolor classes with **Diane Lenzi Klock** and will see **Sandy Linsky Simpson '73**, this spring at Diane's next residential class in Vermont - yay! Bonnie recently joined the Board of Directors for the Black Heritage Trail of NH - take a look at their wonderful contributions to creating more inclusive communities: <https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/>

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

Class of 1974 50th REUNION YEAR

Debi Dapson Smith was in the class of '74 but graduated early in December '73. She indicates that she was never very active, but certainly enjoys hearing about Ago and everything that is going on. She married Rich Smith from DU, class of '72. They've been retired for many years... Debi from teaching and Rich from GE. They just celebrated 50 years of marriage! They have 2 children and one adorable 3-year-old granddaughter, Cecelia. They travel as much as they can. Their next trip is to France in March; Rich wants to follow his dad's D-day landing in Normandy. They are combining that trip with a Viking cruise with friends. They live in a beautiful little town in NC called Brevard.

Kathy Ames Kieta, and husband Dennis, spent much of the summer on the St. Lawrence River. They had a great reunion as the entire family from Seattle; Prince George, BC; and Rocky River, OH made it to the river in August. This was the first family get-together since 2019: 6 adults, 4 grand kids, pure chaos. In March, daughter Sarah blessed them with a grandson, Walter John Kirwen, and in October, Kathy's youngest daughter Kristen defended her doctoral thesis in environmental science, thus ending 29 years of being in school. They are planning a trip back to Indonesia in January; they will head to Bali by way of Seattle where they will spend time with Andrew and his family. 2023 was a good year with much to be grateful for. Kathy is hoping to see lots of Agos in July where the class of 1974 will celebrate their 50th reunion.



April Bell Devaux reports that she seems to have inherited a "house-trading" business these days. She and Bruno just moved into a new build last week in Sarasota, FL, while still having a home in Fairport, NY and a renovated cottage in the Adirondack area. April's three girls are busy raising 8 grands. Life has been good to April and family, and she sends wishes for the same to all her Ago sisters.

For **Lynne Boles**, 2023 felt more like pre-Covid life, with people traveling so much. Lynne happily joined in with trips to: Japan; Asheville, NC; Potsdam, NY; Cincinnati, Ohio; NYC (3 separate times), a 43rd wedding anniversary trip to a Saranac Lake resort; Italy; and a cruise around the Adriatic Sea—visiting Slovenia, Montenegro and Croatia. This trip was so great that she almost didn't mind the 100+ degree heat and the huge crowds of tourists everywhere. Lynne continues to serve on two Boards: the Potsdam College Foundation and her HOA in Naples, FL. She hosted a week-long party for her 70th birthday in Skaneateles, NY with many Potsdam alums, **Bonnie Betters-Reed '73** and **Elaine Whitehead Pauly**. Unfortunately, former roommate, **Lori Misicka '75**, couldn't make the party. Lynne was honored to mentor **Hannah Teagarden '25**, a new Ago sister who pledged in Fall 2023.

Ellen Dullmeyer Fox was buried in 8+ inches of snow recently - unheard of in East TN, so understand this is news! In other news, her mom moved nearby last year, flying from Oregon to TN, at 92 years old. She stayed with Ellen's family for almost a year before she passed away in August. The support of many dear friends made that and all the necessary changes work. Additionally, there were a few local road trips and visits to new "quaint" restaurants; Ellen dabbled in a few art classes, Jerry honed his culinary skills, and Ellen made the annual visit to Cabo with women friends. She is hoping to make it to the reunion. She wishes you all love, joy and laughter.

"No news is good news" in **Patti Gentile Ludwiczak's** house; she says "nothing's happening" . . . other than helping her 102-year-old mother-in-law and quilting up a storm. Patti joined a charity quilting group as well. She loves her special 3-year-old maltipoo who brings a lot of joy to the family. She and her family managed a short getaway to Saratoga in August. Patti hopes that the rest of the class had a more exciting year than she had in 2023!

Peggy Northrop Mann is still living in and loving life in Charleston, SC; she is playing lots of pickleball, serving on the social committee for her community, singing in a small church choir, and making wreaths for their holiday artisan fair. She also spends her time reading (“a lot”), playing Wordle daily, streaming TV, watching, cooking and baking up a storm, and is now ready to tutor a student or two in reading. Life is good.

Donna “Stan” Stanford moved from CT to NH as her twin daughters live in Portsmouth and have 3 boys under 18 months! It’s a bit further from son John, wife Laura and 9-year-old Marco, but visits happen often and are spectacular! Stan and **Tami Maloney Whitbeck** talk often.

Sue Wajda finds great joy in seeing her Ago friends: precious Potsdam Actives, **Jan Whitfield Doolittle '75** in NJ, her Ago little sister, **Donna Longenecker Neubauer '75** in NH, **Denise Aiello Bukovan '76** in NC, **April Bell Devaux** in FL and again at her birthday with **Barb Putman Cregg '75**. Sue also went to the Ago meetup with 20 other Ago sisters at the Lorenzo house in Cazenovia and saw **Deborah Donaldson McCullough** (the first Ago she met in 1970), loyal to the bone **Jane Morale '80**, **Vera Thurston Gibbs '78**, and dedicated **JoAnn Koch Quon '77**. She spent many treasured moments with **Jacquie Morse Shellman '69** and her mom's sweet companions **Mary Miller Leahy '71** and **Linda Taggart Boardman '71**, **Florence "Flossie" Mitchell '72** and **Mary Ellen "Melon" Metzger Bennett '72**. She still savors "Still the One" Double Axel at the Dinosaur BBQ and the superb summer Reunions. "No sister's an island" gets Wajda through life's challenges.

Barb Wuerdeman Wood reports that she’s currently "buried" in a downsizing project and looking at a renovation/garage addition in the future. She just sold her house and has begun the arduous task of packing/purging/selling/donating/sorting, etc... she is planning to move in April, after 40 years in the same house. She is hoping all goes as planned, and that she’ll be moved and settled in time to commit to a trip back up to Potsdam in July. Her fingers are crossed! Barb sends her best to all her Ago sisters and hopes to see everyone this summer!

Elaine Whitehead Pauly spends her time coaxing her Ago sisters to send news 🥰, running her health coaching practice to help people navigate their health and weight issues, taking daily walks with Mosley, her lab, and traveling to San Fran often to visit daughter Dana. She and husband, Greg, are in the process of renovating an old family camp and are looking forward to spending more time at “The Woods”; it is secluded and quiet and away from the maddening crowds. Elaine looks forward to seeing all of you at the 50th this year!

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Debbie Chick, Deborah Shugart Fish

Class of 1975

On a cold December day in Cazenovia, **Helen Hallahan Byrnes** joined a group of Agonian Sisters who came together to tour Lorenzo and warm the hearts of fellow Agos! The tour and luncheon were coordinated by **Sharon Cooney '78**. Hats off to her for a wonderful day filled with the sharing of memories and current happenings! Helen is still subbing and seeing her grandchildren at school. Phil and Helen follow their grandchildren’s activities and will be traveling to watch both Hamilton and Hobart baseball on their spring trips.

Barb Putman Cregg and Mike have fun visiting with Potsdam and Clarkson friends while they are in Naples, FL. Brian continues with Haas, Amy teaches at Nazareth, and Adam is involved in real estate. Their grandchildren Anna, Eva, Claire, and Henry love spending time with them on their island in the St. Lawrence in the summer. Barb and Mike also look forward to their family visiting them in FL.

Last year **Donna Waliszewski Fallon** and Rick were in Orlando for February and March. Donna broke her ankle in Dallas at the end of 2022 and finished up PT in January. They had a busy year. In July they spent a week in Ocean City with the kids. They also went to Vegas and Dallas in October. They had several chances to babysit Maura, Elliot and Brayden throughout the year. Their grandchildren are growing up so quickly!

Debbie Diefendorf Hind and Gary took a fun river cruise through Holland and Belgium, and especially enjoyed the tulips in Keukenhof Gardens. Allison is now working at Saratoga Community Health. Amanda moved to 4th grade at Blue Creek, and Brian continues at Arthrex. Ben, 12, and Henry, 10, keep Debbie and Gary busy attending football and basketball games. They all come to Skaneateles in the summer and visit Sarasota over school breaks. Gary and Debbie have found lots of Potsdam friends in FL!

Donna Longenecker Neubauer and Rocky are doing well. They enjoy summers on their lake in southern New Hampshire.

Carol Baitup Sweet enjoys being Nana to 16-month-old Owen, who is “all boy” and a future cross fitter. Meghan’s a full-time mom and still coaches. James travels for work and enjoys chess tournaments. Jon is with Graybar and lives nearby in Roswell, keeping busy with pizza delivery, work outs, and activities with church friends. Kevin and Lauren are in Savannah, and Carol had a great time exploring the area and meeting Kevin’s Army Ranger brothers. Carol is most proud of his career accomplishments while he defends our freedom. Carol’s trip to Upstate NY last summer included visits with **Kathy Farrell Kane '76** and Mike, **Jane Murray Wolff** and Bill, **Cathy O’Connor '76**, and **Liz O’Connor Utzig '77**.

Anne Gallagher Timpano and John toured The Netherlands in the Spring at the perfect time to see the beautiful tulips! They also spent many special summer days at Conesus Lake with their two granddaughters Caitlin (10) and Tessa (6) and their new black lab grand puppy Riggins (named from Friday Night Lights). It was great to see many Agos in Syracuse at the Double Axel Dinosaur event and in Cazenovia for a tour of the holiday themed Lorenzo mansion and luncheon afterwards.

Sue Rhaw Todd and Mark are doing well in Maryland. They've both retired and are enjoying life. They spent a 2-week vacation in Alaska, on land and sea. They spend a lot of time with their seven grandchildren, who keep them very busy. Sue sends love to all!

Jane Murray Wolff celebrated her 70th birthday with a cruise! She and Bill are doing well, traveling whenever and wherever they can. This year's destinations include Gulfport, FL; York Beach, ME; and Palermo, Sicily. Jane will miss this year's reunion but wishes her Ago sisters love and good health. Jane is looking forward to our 50th Reunion!

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

Class of 1976

Denise Aiello Bukovan wrote that somehow, by the Grace of God, she made it through 2023 and to her 70th birthday on Dec. 29th! For so many of us, 2023 was challenging (maybe an understatement?), even after the bad times during the Covid shutdowns. The "jury is still out" on 2024, but (despite so many issues facing us, including the prospect of even MORE war), Denise is, nonetheless, very hopeful and optimistic that the tides are finally turning, and, in her opinion, things are looking UP. It is very heartwarming to see our Ago legacy and sisterhood bonds still thriving after so many years. She is grateful for all of you who make it possible! Love in AKPhi always.

Janice "Cookie" Dash Robinson's highlight this year was taking the whole family to Belize right after New Years which was a fun place to visit. Her favorite news, though, was welcoming their granddaughter, Maeve Erickson, on April 26th which is also Cookie's birthday! They split their time between their primary home in NC and their beach condo in Murrells Inlet, SC. Can't beat retirement life. Best regards to all!

Cathy Lennon Nealon and Bob are splitting their time between Rochester, NY and Bonita Springs, Florida. They moved into daughter Courtney's apartment in Alexandria, VA for three weeks to pet sit their grand Pug and grand kitty while Courtney went on a trip to Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Corfu and Athens. Cathy loved all the trip pics and stories. They spend as much time as they can with Jillian and Kyle and grandchildren McKenna (8) and Derek (5) in Rochester.

Cathy O'Connor is still enjoying retirement, 14 years in. She has been playing pickleball, joined the town Historical Committee, and especially loves seeing her great nephews, Matthew and Jack.

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

Class of 1977

Patty Abernethy Sohl took their RV to Maine for a week in September. It was beautiful but the best part was connecting with some of their Ago sisters along the way, (**Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey, Cathy O'Connor '76 and Liz "TT" O'Connor Utzig**). She is looking forward to going back in the fall; the O'Connor sisters are great tour guides. Patty is currently packing for a trip to Florida where she will spend 4 weeks in Titusville and a few nights near Mt Dora. Then, she moves on to the west coast for 2 weeks in Bradenton. Hopefully she will see many of you in Potsdam this summer.

Liz O'Connor Utzig and family welcomed another grandson to the family on September 13. Jack William arrived one day before his brother Matthew's 3rd birthday. Life is good.

Joann Koch-Quon proclaims an eventful year for the Quons with Mike and Amanda purchasing their 1st home in Hawley, PA. The girls are adjusting to new schools and making friends. They are now an hour away, but Joann still sees them a lot. She had a wonderful time with her sisters at the reunion this past summer and they all celebrated their beloved Colleen with a lilac tree dedication on Saturday afternoon attended by over 20 sisters. Joann is looking forward to retirement this summer and seeing many sisters again in the coming year!

Karen Kittelsen Stefanski spent 2023 traveling around the US. The first trip in February was to Indian Rocks, FL, renting a condo with another couple for a week. They enjoyed walking around several nature parks as well as going to the Dali Museum in Tampa. In March, she got together with a few college friends at Kim (Van Etten) MacKay's home outside of Zion NP where they toured Zion with her daughter, Courtney, who is a park ranger. Before going home, they enjoyed the Cirque du Soleil show "Love". At the end of April, she went to Denver to celebrate Nick's birthday. They went to the Denver Botanical Garden and enjoyed a Weird Al Burlesque show. Over Labor Day week, they went to the Cape to relax at the beach and celebrate her dad's 92nd Birthday. Late September, they joined another couple for a long weekend in Portland, Maine. They met the O'Connor sisters (**Cathy O'Connor '76 and Liz "TT" O'Connor Utzig**) for breakfast before driving home. In October, they flew to Columbia, Missouri to celebrate **Amy Durgin's '76** marriage to JT. In November, she went to see her BFF, "Bobbsie" in Loxahatchee, FL. She had a nice time enjoying the warm weather and spending time with "Bobbsie."

Georgie Czerniak McGlinchey had a pretty good year. She did her Grand Tour of Upstate NY with highlights being the Potsdam Alumni Weekend and her 50th High School Reunion, with bonus visits with **Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco** and **Pamela Moore '76**. It was very fun to reconnect with HS classmates, and Potsdam was the best ever as she had some quality time visiting with Agos! The fall saw her in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and New Orleans with friends and family. Otherwise, she is supporting her grandchildren's soccer and baseball games, gardening and connecting with the local wildlife. 2024 is a big travel year, woohoo! She encourages Agos to come back for Alumni Weekend, it's better than you can imagine!

Sue Spencer Maloney is still residing in Catskill, New York with her husband Michael and two cats, Tillie and Maude. Spence retired a couple of years ago from the University at Albany and is currently keeping busy with her garden, church choir, church treasurer job, the choral group she has been a member of for 30 years, delivering meals and providing health care transportation to seniors. She and Michael have also done a bit of travel over the past couple of years. Last January, they took their second trip to Australia as their eldest son Brian, who lives in Perth, got married there. They also took a fabulous trip to Italy just before that and are currently planning a Viking cruise to Holland and Belgium in April. Their youngest son James is residing in Providence, RI so they have spent a bit of time there as well where the "food scene" is second to none! She and her sister have taken two trips to California and hiked at Yosemite with her nephew; she met her grand niece and nephew for the first time. In between trips she got a new hip (which is functioning perfectly so far). She is hoping to participate in the Cooperative Extension Master Gardener class this coming spring if time allows. Spence regrets that she has not kept in touch with her Ago sisters as well as she should, but she was able to stop for a night at **Jill Mayhew Ryan's ('76)** in Rochester (wonderful to catch up!) last summer on her way back from her 50th high school reunion, and she recently ran into **Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan '78** at Trader Joe's in Albany and had a wonderful chat. If all goes well, she plans to make the reunion in Potsdam this summer!

Patti Short Wilkins' family has been busy traveling and babysitting grandkids. They went to Disney, South Carolina (saw friends from college), and a family trip to OBX and Costa Rica. When they are home, they are watching one of the 6 grandchildren who all live within 40 minutes of them. Construction has begun on a four-season room where their screened in porch was located. Life is good and they would enjoy any visitors that are traveling this way. In February, a grandbaby girl is expected, adding to their wonderful family. Patti took a mentee last spring from Ago. It was a wonderful experience and they even got to meet in person before Christmas. Patti and Bill also travel to various baseball, basketball, soccer, dance recitals and flag football games, cheering on their grandkids. Patti hopes to get up to the reunion some time or meet some sisters close by. She asks all to stay in touch.

Mary Ellen Sullivan Bucco is still living out of her suitcase! She made a last-minute trip to Vienna to visit with her grandbaby in the spring. Her annual Bethany Beach visit to the Sohl's (**Patty Abernethy Sohl** and Billy and Bruce Frazier) had us missing the Locatellis by a week better planning will be done in 2024! Potsdam Alumni weekend was great, she got caught in the rain with the O'Connors and Locatellis running from the Union to the apartments which now gives us more fun memories. Her apartment was like Grand Central Station with people coming to hear and share stories and laughter. The big trip was in September, back to Vienna, for Bonnabelle's belated birthday party. It is also the first time her kids were together in a year. Bernadette was able to spend three weeks in Vienna and everyone had a great time and Bonnabelle got to spend quality time with her favorite aunt! Mary Ellen was able to spend 3 months in Europe with side trips to Florence and Arrezzo, Italy and Innsbruck. She made the rounds of the Christmas Markets and enjoyed what each of them had to offer. She got home just in time to enjoy the tour and lunch **Sharon Cooney '78** so kindly planned for Agos in Cazenovia. It was so much fun seeing everyone.

Class of 1978

Donna Passarella Bonomo writes "our suitcases are packed, and the car is being loaded up for our winter escape up to Vermont!" They still leave beautiful coastal NC and head back to their cozy cabin in Wardsboro, VT. They will visit with Donna's 101-year-old Dad in Brick, NJ. Her Dad is truly amazing and it's not without struggles that the 5 siblings try to keep him safe at home with additional care. This past Christmas Eve, he was surrounded by 37 members of his family. Such a gift! Bob and Donna were in Kentucky celebrating Christmas with daughter Amy, John and the boys at their home. So fun to be with them at Christmastime. They will celebrate with daughter Lisa and Matt soon. Santa brought them a puppy on New Year's Eve, so that will be exciting to see them "parenting him". Their family seems to be growing by doggies - Pino is the 5th grand pup! Donna's looking forward to new travel adventures and friend reunions in 2024. They are returning to Italy in the Fall with family as Bob celebrates his Big 70. In the meantime, they try to keep doing what they love - skiing, tennis, golf, walking the trails in VT or the beach in NC, and spending time with loved ones. Donna says it almost feels like an "out-of-body" experience to think it will be 50 years since pledging Ago with so many of you. She is so grateful for the many treasured memories and lifelong friendships that were made. She sends her best wishes and hopes to see you in 2024!

Nadine Gager Compisi can be found in Mount Dora, FL with Tony. Several Agonians are familiar with this charming little town. Nadine and Tony happened upon it several years ago and have kind of found a home away from home. They rent an adorable cottage right in the heart of the village for 3 months, walk everywhere, play pickleball, Tony lawn bowls, good restaurants, shopping, golfing, etc. It's very convenient and seems to fill the bill. They rented the same place last year. They almost bought there in 2022 but decided life was a little simpler to rent vs own. Definitely the right decision for them. 2023 was kind of a mixed bag year for them, both good and sad. Several dear friends passed away but otherwise, life is good. Tony celebrated a significant birthday last year and his kids feted him properly. They vacationed with them in Lake Michigan for a week in August. It was the highlight of their summer to be with all 3 kids and 7 grandchildren. The weather totally cooperated, and they were able to enjoy the beach, cornhole, walks, cookouts, laughs and lots of love. Nadine was the cornhole champ with son-in-law Michael beating out all the teenagers and twenty somethings. Yes - she takes great pride and joy in that! She saw **Suzi Scholterer** in early December and loved that time together. She hopes we will all get together sooner rather than later. Those Ago years are among her fondest but so are creating new memories with everyone.

Sharon Cooney is looking forward to another fun, relaxing two weeks in the sun with **Pam Pendleton** in February/March. It is always a wonderful time. Sharon's already experiencing "fear of missing out" as she'll miss the reunion this summer for the first time in many years. She hopes everyone has a great time!

Susan "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee's 2023 started out badly - sickness, a lost passport, a trip canceled.... She did get to visit her "Happy Place", Dominica, for three weeks in March and two weeks in November. Her Dad's health was declining, and he passed away in July at 91 years old. Susan spent months settling the house and estate. She's navigating retirement but finds herself extremely busy. The Kids in Kayaks program, Turtle Patrol and kayak tours fill her days. With boating and yoga, the year is full; she has a hard time fitting in travel. Susan and her daughter squeezed in a wonderful visit to Yellowstone Park in October. 2024 is already starting to be more relaxed and a 3-week trip to Italy in February-March is in the plans. She hopes to plan a summer rendezvous in Syracuse to see her brother Defo and **Joan Mosher DiFulgentiz '77** and other Agonians. Good health and happiness to all!

Vera Thurston Gibbs and hubby Steve are still enjoying their "empty nest". They enjoy seeing their children and grandchildren as much as possible. They have 8 grandchildren and feel so blessed. They enjoyed a trip last June to Ocean City, Maryland for a getaway and a family vacation at a lake house on the Finger Lakes last July. They plan to repeat those two trips this Summer. Vera has been able to get up to Potsdam for reunion and for the past two initiations. She notes "we're lucky to have such a great group of Actives keeping our traditions alive!" Reunion is a blast, and she hopes more will try to come - she wants to see your smiling faces. She and Steve are both still working but contemplating retirement in the next year or so. Vera is still at the Dome working crazy hours, but loves running into Agos like **Barb Putman Cregg '75** and **Kathy White Finnerty '75** (her big big sister). She cannot wait to read all your news. She sends love to everyone and hopes to see you at the reunion!

Sue Hoffman Ospelt reunited with **Joann Koch-Quon '77** at the Scleroderma walk in Binghamton for the late **Colleen Costello Filiak '79**. **Jeannie Quattrocchi Finnegan** and **Nadine Gager Compisi** stayed with her the night before. She sees them periodically through the years, and loves being with them. Sue also keeps in touch with **Susan "Defo" DiFulgentiz Dee** and has reconnected with **Mary Ellen "Sully" Sullivan Bucco '77**, **Patty Abernethy Sohl '77** and **Laurie Kaylor Lorenzetti '76** who is so dear to her heart. Her bucket list consists of connecting with people who have been a big part of her life, and she has a good start. Her daughters both live nearby and have jobs they love. Their science teacher mom is thrilled that they are both in science fields. Samantha has two little boys who are a delight. As a mother of daughters, Sue had a bit of an adjustment but loves every moment with her grandsons. She's retired but her husband is still working. They spend time just north of Liverpool (Cindy, are you still there?) at a farmhouse Art inherited from his family. They've had a good time refurbishing it. "Life is good, can't complain" says Sue!

Jean Lennon Schuhle and Tom were in Ireland and attended the PhD graduation and party for their daughter. Son, Mark, also attended. They are amazingly proud. Tom and Jean spend a lot of time with her little sister **Janet Polsinelli '79** and her hubby Steve Hodge. They just built a new retirement home in Southport, NC, the same community as **Donna Passarella Bonomo**. Added to this group are **Donna Salvitti O'Hara** and her husband Tom who built a new retirement home in Ocala, Fla. They all gathered for New Years Eve in Southport!

Pam Pendleton continues to enjoy retirement! She sits on the Board of Directors of the Upstate Institute and is finishing her 2nd 3-year term on the WFL-BOCES Board of Education. After a difficult start to 2023, with her 83-year-old sister being hospitalized (twice!), then in therapy (twice!), Pam is blessed that her sister's back to her healthy, independent self - which means Pam has her life back! She made the "annual trip" to Florida with **Sharon Cooney** in March, has coffee with **Sharon Keating Heiligman '79** monthly, worked the Buffalo Bills training camp this past summer and added to her pictures collection of players and stories! She became friends with Trent Sherfield's wife and they keep in touch, comparing notes after game day! In December, she broke her toe (what's up with breaking things?!?) but that didn't stop her from going to Cazenovia with 20+ Agonian sisters to spend a wonderful day planned by Sharon, where they visited the historic Lorenzo house then had lunch together. Pam was pleased to be with her little sister **Terry Lane McSweeney '79**, big big big sister



Mary Ellen "Sully" Sullivan Bucco '77 and big big big big sister **Anne Gallagher Timpano '75** (shown in picture). 2024 will see travels to FL with Sharon in Feb/March (they have great adventures that they laugh about all the way home on the auto-train), her 50th High School Reunion (which she is Planning Committee Chair), a cruise in October, and "long-weekend" trips visiting friends. She hopes to see you in Potsdam for Reunion Weekend in July!

Lori Gremmels Wackenheim says 2023 was a busy year with travel and volunteering. Lori and Tom volunteer with "All For Him Ministry" which provides food, clothing, a weekly hot meal and other items to the homeless and those in need. They love volunteering and are now on the board of directors. They feel blessed to be able to serve this segment of the population that needs someone to see them and realize that they matter. Trips took them to Las Vegas, NV; Branson, MO; Batavia, NY; Scottsdale/Sedona, AZ; Myrtle Beach, SC; Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, TN and PA to see Brandon and his girlfriend. All were great trips. Tom's son, Scott, and family moved near them (about 10 minutes). They enjoyed having them near and spending time with the grandkids... a girl (10) and a boy (8). Lori is looking forward to hearing everyone's news. Here is to a happy and healthy 2024.

Class of 1979 45th REUNION YEAR

We were thrilled to hear from **Debbie Williams Laminette**. After Clarkson, she ended up working and attending grad school in Chicago. Later, she lived in Colorado, California, France, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany (almost 10 years total overseas for her work at HP). In the late '90s, she returned to the US and Portland, OR with her French husband and their son in tow. In the mid 2000's they moved again, returning to the Bay area, where she had lived before moving to France and where they have been ever since. Debbie is now retired, after a long career in tech, her son recently moved to Madison, WI to work at UW. She and her husband (along with their mutt Zoe) remain rooted for now in Palo Alto, enjoying the mild weather and many friends. Deb lost track of Ago sometime during her many moves, and she's happy to be reunited, even if it's virtual. She has so many good memories of her time in Potsdam as a sister.

Mary "Cookie" Scalise Balme had a very busy 2023. Her son, Rob, married his partner, Kevin, this past September. The wedding that they planned was so much fun! The venue was at Zugibe Vineyard on Seneca Lake. There were busy times also with daughter, Lisa and spouse Jimmy, their children, James (4) and Charlotte "Charlie" (1). They are so much fun to babysit, which Chip and Cookie really enjoy! Cookie had a Rochester area Ago summer backyard pool party at her home this past summer. Although no one went swimming, they sat by the pool/vineyard in the backyard and had lots of laughs. Cookie's mom, Pauline, even joined them again this time and found out that a co-worker she worked with years ago is an Ago and got to meet her again! Cookie hopes to do it again next summer as it was so nice seeing everyone!

Debra LoBello Burhans reports that her first year of "retirement" was challenging. Although she closed her office in January 2023, it still took many months after that to wind up a 40-year law practice. She also developed severe hip pain in late July and had to have a hip replacement in November. But now she is on the road to recovery and looking forward to finally being able to enjoy her retirement in 2024. Despite the challenges, she and Mark had several fun trips and many wonderful family times in 2023, including celebrating the birth of their 4th grandchild, Aidan William, born July 3, 2023.

Mindy Mospaw Poupore is still living the dream in Malone, NY. Retired life is as busy as ever with taking care of the books for her husband's office, adjudicating and chaperoning for NYSSMA, guest conducting, helping with the Malone Rotary Club as well as the Crane Alumni Board and, of course, golfing whenever possible. She tries to get to Arizona to enjoy the vacation home, which she and her husband love, as often as she can. She enjoyed meeting the Ago girls in the fall when she and **Kathy Caitlin Briggs '88** had the honor of presenting the Ago scholarship. Hopefully, she will see some Agos at the reunion this summer!

Holly Curtis Perdan and husband Phil are still living in rural Iowa, which is about as rural as you can get. Last year, Phil was initially diagnosed with PSP which is super bad. Turns out, the correct diagnosis was just Parkinsons. Most folks would say, "oh dear, Parkinsons", but they were ecstatic. It goes well with his diabetes. Holly is suffering mightily because she now does almost all the driving (although she is not sure how that happened). Holly built 4 raised beds for her big garden last season and plans an additional 4 for the upcoming one. A trip back to New York to see her 94-year-old Mom last July resulted in severe drought in the garden, so she is investigating a buried-clay-pot watering system. Also, she got a new John Deere garden tractor which makes her very happy. Yeah, rural life to the max. Still driving a Subaru Outback named Loki because he is green and clever.

Valerie Dixson Thompson is still residing in Candor, NY with her husband Bob. They have two children - Christian and Patrick. Christian is married to Paige and has two children, Landon (4) and Colbie (2). He lives just north of Chattanooga TN. Patrick is married to Whitney and lives just outside of Charlotte, NC. Bob and Val have a second home in Maggie Valley, NC which is halfway between the two boys and about 30 miles west of Asheville, NC. Val has been retired from IBM/Lockheed Martin for over 7 years and loves retirement. Bob and Val do a lot of hiking and when there's snow, they enjoy cross country skiing.

Shanon Fowler Schneider and Jim (AET '78) are still in Atlanta. Jim is still not retired but likely to wrap up his 20+ years with Kimberly Clark at the end of this year. Shanon is still very active in the art world with her studio in Chamblee, and on March 1st, will open her second art gallery in Marietta, GA! The Schneider family has mushroomed to six grandkids, 5 boys and one little princess! Shanon and Jim had a fabulous Italy trip for 3 weeks last spring. Villa life was great! They are looking forward to more travel once Jim is unleashed from the desk!

Becky Monckton King spends her days watching her two grandchildren - a second was added this past year. Jack and Lucy bring laughter and joy and yes, sometimes frustration to the home, but Becky and Ken are so grateful to be such a big part of the lives of these children. Becky is still singing with Sweet Adelines - both in a chorus and a quartet. Her quartet has won multiple awards and has traveled to Phoenix and Louisville for advanced competitions. Becky thinks fondly of her days in Potsdam and would love to meet up with other Agos in the Boston area.

Sharon Keating Heiligman and Dan love to travel. Every two years she travels with her two brothers and sisters-in-law. Last year's trip included a two-week adventure to Italy, Greece, Malta and Monte Carlo. A cruise to the Hawaiian Islands was also spectacular with longtime friends. Spending time with her 4 grandchildren weekly is PRICELESS! Sharon has enjoyed seeing **Pam Pendleton '78** for monthly coffee rendezvous.

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Class of 1980

Jane Morale retired at the end of June 2023 after teaching music for 42 years. To celebrate, she and Glen went skiing on the day after Labor Day! She is enjoying the free time to read, ski, mountain bike, and make music.

Rosie Javarone Brown and Steve celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and Steve's retirement in 2023. To celebrate, they drove across Scotland and Ireland and explored. They also enjoyed a getaway to Aruba. Another important trip was a reunion of family and friends in Florida to commemorate and honor the life of Rosie's mother who died at the age of 94. Rosie keeps busy playing mahjong, participating in book clubs, volunteering with her favorite dog rescue, and of course spending time with her precious grandson!

Patty Coogan Huntington reports another great retirement year in the Huntington household. She and Jim appreciate having the time to spend with family and friends, travel a little, enjoy the beautiful Finger Lakes and work on projects that are fun. They've added to their family with a FOURTH grandDAUGHTER. They enjoyed a Southern Caribbean cruise with a bunch of high school friends including Agonian sister, **Sue Hein Bailey**. If anyone is in the Finger Lakes, stop-in.

Becki Minoli is happily retired as of May 2023. She is amazed by how you can go from a busy working woman to retired and still be as busy as you were when you were working. Becki loves freedom and is spending a lot of time on the pickle ball court, tending the garden, house projects, and getting together with friends. Her daughter is currently in Vermont working on her PhD and it is great having her nearby and spending time together. Becki is hoping there are some Ago reunions in the future.

Julie Radde Reagan retired from SUNY Potsdam and spent her first winter in Punta Gorda, FL. She is also visiting her children in California and New York City. She and Mark are looking forward to doing more traveling.

Barbara Cox Walczak and Ron just retired and moved to South Carolina to enjoy some warmer weather and to be closer to their sons and grandchild, who live an hour away. They live on a golf course, so Wally is getting a lot of time to practice his drives and putts!

Class of 1981

The Class of 1981 is saddened to report that our sorority sister and friend, **Cynthia Jackman Dwyer**, passed away in June of 2022.

Linda Aylward Robey celebrated her son's wedding in September to his college sweetheart and Linda became "Dog Grandma" to their new puppy, a German short-haired pointer. Just like all grandkids, she takes care of the puppy by picking up at doggy daycare 3 times a week. She loves being a Grandma to Lewie! Linda is enjoying her retirement and looking forward now to her second son's wedding in October 2024 to his college sweetheart.

Patrice DeLaus Scully continues to enjoy retirement. She cares for her two-year-old granddaughter, Madeline, full-time and loves it. She often visits her one-year-old granddaughter, Lucy, who lives in New York City. This year she traveled to Israel in February and France in October. Both trips were wonderful. She continues her volunteer activities with her church and as a Boy Scout merit badge counselor.

Robin Landrigan Smith and her husband, John DeRossi, live in Marco Island, FL and on Lake George, NY. Robin completely retired at the end of 2023. After 41 years in the IT tech world, she is happy to not worry about project deadlines or air-travel delays! She is enjoying every minute of life in two beautiful places. This is a big year for those turning 65 (how?!) and going on Medicare. She wishes a great year for everyone!

Cheryl Machina Mackey resides in Southern Saratoga and spends time in Arizona in the winter months to escape the cold.

Class of 1982

Betsy Prenatt Witman tells us that life is good in Maryland. She has been enjoying gardening and watching her grandchildren.

Diane Durbak Campbell met **Amy Berberich Craven** at Saratoga Racetrack this summer and visited **Cheryl Machina Mackey '81** at her Indian Lake house in July.

Laura Huther Farnham welcomed a granddaughter in May.

Cindy Tettamant Francisco and Vern are building a house and hope to be moved in by the end of February. Currently, Cindy's daughter, spouse, 4 granddaughters and dogs are living with them. Cindy volunteers at her grandchildren's school and Vern makes furniture.

Ellen Bartis Gambie substitutes at the local middle/high school and enjoys skiing and hiking nearby trails. Her 4 grandchildren and elderly mother-in-law keep her busy. She and Mike celebrated their 40th anniversary in August. They travel to Florida regularly to visit their son and his family.

Lisa Goller Gratrix is living in upstate NY after years of living in Marblehead, MA and Chester County, PA. She recently visited with **Cathy Marietta Niehaus '83**, her little sister, at a Holiday party Lisa hosted.

After two years of intense studying, **Licia Urtis Murrell** completed her Specialist Degree in Education (Ed.S) with an emphasis in Instructional Technology. Her children were home and attended the graduation which was a wonderful celebration. Licia is currently in her 21st year teaching chorus and music theater at McCleskey. Her travels took her to DC (Ben and Kate's), Brooklyn (Andrew and Emily), and North Carolina to hike and photograph the breathtaking views. Licia is getting back to her hobbies, gardening, photography and artwork, now that she has more time. She is also the House Repair Manager for Ago.

Karen Lorenz Walker had a busy year in 2023. In February, her oldest son, Greg, married the love of his life, Michelle, in a beautiful wedding and reception in Charleston, SC. They became parents in January 2024 with the birth of their son and Karen's 1st grandson. In March, Karen went to Orlando to see Blake Shelton in concert, and then spent a week at Disney World. In June, she vacationed in Aruba with very good friends and had such a great time. Karen and Lew also made numerous trips to Dallas to see their granddaughter and their other two sons and their families. In December, they traveled to Buffalo to see the Bills beat the Cowboys, and to Jacksonville to see Clemson beat Kentucky in the Gator Bowl. Unfortunately, at the end of December, Karen's 89-year-old father, who lived with her, started to decline; he passed away in early January 2024. She hopes all her Ago sisters are doing well.

Class of 1983

Members of the Class of '83 gathered in Potsdam in July to celebrate forty years since graduation. Attendees included **Brenda Reinhardt, Cathy Marietta Niehaus, Diane Weber Buell, Kathy Degni Shepherd, Kathy Welch Vigue, Maria Salisbury-Healy, Paula Douglas Miller, Sue Ann Strich Neenan, Susan Eigenmann McBride, and Terri Budzilek Desens**. The class sponsored the Friday porch party at 11P where there was much laughter and reminiscing, and even a few tears of joy when Sue Ann appeared on the porch. Her appearance was a wonderful surprise. Sister **Brenda Reinhardt** entertained all the sisters at the house with a stand-up comedy routine on Saturday. A good time for sure!

Brenda Reinhardt continues to write and perform stand-up comedy and had seven paid shows in 2023, performing in Utica, New Hartford, Syracuse, Rochester, Binghamton and Endicott, New York. She was happy to see her little, **Cheryl Williamson Fisher '84**, at the Fairport Music Festival when she stayed with **Paula Douglas Miller**. She also went hiking with **Maria Salisbury-Healy** during the warmer months.

Diane Weber Buell had a wonderful time at the reunion, catching up with the class of '83.

Karen Dickenson Robb had the pleasure and honor to be a mentor for one of our newest members, **Lauren Foley '25**. Karen said she's very proud of Lauren.

Maria Salisbury-Healy is retired and is loving winter in Arizona.

Paula Douglas Miller and her husband Rich enjoyed their annual vacation to Hilton Head Island last spring, joined by their two children and their families, as well as Rich's parents. In the Fall, they made a long-awaited trip to Hawaii, enjoying a one-week cruise around the islands, followed by a few days of recovery at a resort. Paula was thrilled to see many Class of '83 sisters at their 40th reunion in July and hopes to see them in Potsdam more often. It was especially fun lodging with **Maria Salisbury-Healy** and **Brenda Reinhardt**, two of her favorite bad influences. She had a blast with all the Agos that got together for a December group event organized by **Sharon Cooney '78**, and also had a great time hosting a rising comedienne - our very own **Brenda Reinhardt** - who came to Rochester last fall to do a gig at a local comedy club!

Deborah Goldstick Beirsto has been visiting with several Agonian sisters. **April Shelton '82** attended her son Adam's wedding in April. Deb and her husband have dinner dates with **Debbie Hanlon Reilly '81** and husband Tim every couple of months. Deb also popped in on **Debbie Lowe Potter '85** and caught up with her in Saranac Lake. In October, Deb gathered with several Agos in Old Forge.

Class of 1984 40th REUNION YEAR

Deb Whalen Kelley thoroughly enjoyed her first year of retirement with husband, Dave, in 2023. Traveling, golfing, reading and small home projects were a priority and will continue in 2024. Trip planning for the future, increased volunteerism and a focus on health and fitness have been added to the 'to do' list. The freedom and opportunity each day brings is the best feeling in the world!

Anastasia Glasheen enjoyed her birthday weekend with fellow Agonians, **Sue Compton Dixon, Irene Jeszik Rauchenberger, Brenda Reinhardt '83, and Maria Salisbury-Healy '83** at her home on Long Island this past June. The weekend was filled with good food and drink, silly sorority stories, a beach trip, and Brenda's hilarious comedy routine. Anastasia's other houseguest, a childhood friend who had her own bedroom and bathroom on the first floor, was most impressed by how 4 girls could share 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom on the second floor, efficiently and cooperatively. We told her about how we lived in a sorority house with 2 showers among 24 sisters, how we slept in racks, and other rituals of sorority life. She was fascinated, but most impressed by the lifelong friendships forged out of the ideals of the sisterhood.

Dave and **Sue Hope Atwell** are enjoying retirement in Hilton Head, SC in the fall-spring, and the Finger Lakes in the summer. They love getting together with their friends from Clarkson, including **Carrie Howard Malekoff, Susie Compton Dixon, Cathy Mackey Fischer, and Debbie Goldstick Beirsto '83**, and 5 grandkids that are in upstate NY and Northern VA. Sue has gotten into tennis and yoga while Dave enjoys pickleball.

As we all start venturing out of our pandemic cocoons, **Janie Whitton Forando** is looking forward to continuing to celebrate retirement (now on year six) with her husband Roger, family and friends. This fall will mark their 35th anniversary. It's been decades full of adventures, from bareboating in BVI, sailing the coast of Maine and Long Island Sound to a Mediterranean cruise. They worked hard and they played hard in those days and they have wonderful memories. Now their lives have mellowed to savoring all the sweet moments. The grandchildren are growing up fast and that melts her heart. Last fall, Janie enjoyed a girl's trip to Iceland chasing glaciers and waterfalls. But mostly, her life is simple and good.

Peter and **Robin Wheeler Gallagher** are enjoying life with four adult unmarried children who all live in the Boston area. Their children are always up for a free meal or vacation on their parents' dime, so it keeps them close 😊. Robin is still working in the event world with no hard plans to retire any time soon. She is frequently in touch with **Sue Anne Trippany Bell '83** and they are hoping to finally get together with some other gals, but trying to find a free day for all is always hard! She will make it happen one of these days.

Ron and **Cheryl Johnson Welles** declared a fantastic adventure when they went to Brewerton, NY to meet Mark (AEPI) and **Sue Compton Dixon** who had motored in from the Erie Canal. They were joined by Andy (AEPI) and **Jane Judson Mistur**. A great time was had by all with a tour of the boat, cocktails on deck, and nice dinner on shore.



For **Sue Compton Dixon**, 2024 was a year of Ago mini-reunions. In February, while out in San Diego, Sue learned that **Jill Mogavero Mann '85** had a home nearby in San Marcos, so she was able to see her and her boyfriend Jimmy. In May, Sue went on a Mediterranean cruise with Clarkson friends which included **Cathy Mackey Fischer**. In June, she saw all the ladies mentioned in **Anastasia Glasheen's** birthday news above. In July, she went to Potsdam for Reunion Weekend and saw too many Agos to name. In the summer, they enjoyed a visit with Tommy and **Mary O'Neill Horigan '85**. Then, in the Fall, on their boat trip along the Erie Canal, they saw Jim and **Maria Salisbury-Healy '83**, Ron and **Cheryl Johnson Welles**, Andy and **Jane Judson Mistur**, Dave and **Sue Hope Atwell**, Ron and **Cheryl Williamson Fisher**, **Cathy Mackey Fischer**, **Debbie Goldstick Beairsto '83**, **Jane Morale '80** & Glen Zagorski, **Kim Krzyzan Yantz '85**, and Rich and **Paula Douglas Miller '83**. Whew! Hope no one was forgotten. Other fun trips with husband, Mark, included Puerto Vallarta, Spain and Portugal, Chicago, Alaska (where Sue earned her 50th state), the Dominican Republic and Japan. They are loving retirement.

2023 was a very busy year for **Lori Dietz** as she transitioned into a new position at work. 2024 is a much more relaxed vibe, as she is now part-time, fully remote, managing one major construction project (but it's a whopper). She and Ron are again spending the winter in the Hilton Head, SC area and she is adjusting to a less hectic schedule. She didn't do much traveling last year but did get to St. Martin in November.

Irene Jezsik Rauchenberger is in her 14th year of her childcare business. Steve is an insurance broker with Marsh McLennan. Jackie, now 24, is in PT school and Greg is a senior in high school who is in the process of figuring out which college will attend next fall. Irene had a mini reunion with some of her Ago sisters this past summer and it was great. It was nice to see one another after so many years!

Colleen Law-Tefft and her husband, Mike Tefft (Clarkson '88) continue the renovation on their big old Victorian house in Sherburne, NY. Since the summer of 2022, they have a new bathroom, laundry room, mud room and the kitchen is currently gutted and on its way to a complete renovation. This summer, the renovation will be finished with a new deck. Over the last year, their daughter moved to Nova Scotia and got married. They were able to make a vacation out of the trip to the wedding and back, spending time in Nova Scotia and taking the ferry from there to Bar Harbor for a few days, then driving home. Colleen still enjoys managing the public library and continues serving on two state theatre boards, plus participating in the local community theater. Last summer the show she directed was invited to perform at the state theater festival and won several awards.

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Class of 1985

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Class of 1986

Julie Cunningham Sanbeg is moving from Seattle to Florida in mid-February! She is still working at Oracle but will see how long she wants to keep working once she is in a warmer, sunnier climate. Lots going on this year with the move, 60th birthday celebrations and her daughter getting married in June!

Carol Richter Deninger had a fun 2023. In June she took a bike trip through the Southern Dalmatian Islands of Croatia. What a fantastic experience! In October, she retired and moved to Syracuse. Don't worry - it's just a 1-year stint until her house outside Wilmington, North Carolina is ready. She loves spending time with her 2 grandsons, Jules and Bennett. Retirement, traveling, and Grammy life suits her!

Kristin Allen Newton is the first of the Cedar Street Crew to turn the big 6-0 in January. They are planning a wonderful weekend away (chicks only) in NY's wine country in October 2024 - stealing the idea from our class of 1985 Ago sisters. Also, she just reduced her work week to 20 hours at National Grid, which is a fabulous compromise as Jamie (Clarkson 1982) continues his career. Kristin and Jamie have many vacations planned for 2024: skiing in Montana and Northern New England, K's brother's wedding in VA and possibly a trip to Portugal! They're also hoping to use their new camper to explore more than their 2-week Cape Cod summer vacation! Kids, Eric (30), and Julie (27), are both single and living nearby, so they still have lots of family visits. Pup, Kora (favorite child), is almost 15.

Maureen Candella Kass had a busy 2023. Her youngest daughter Meredith graduated from Hofstra University in May with her Bio/Chem BS. They celebrated with a Mediterranean cruise and a stay over in Italy. Meredith began teaching both Biology and Chemistry this fall at her alma mater, Kellenberg Memorial HS in Uniondale NY. She is continuing her studies and will graduate this upcoming May with her MsEd. Maureen's eldest daughter, Morgan, and husband Austin gave them good news of a grandson on the way. Parker Hudson was born November 2nd in Fort Myers, Florida. They have been flying back and forth from Long Island to visit. Maureen has been busy volunteering. She and Brad accepted positions on the Metro NY Make a Wish advisory board. Their daughter Meredith is a Wish Alumni, having her wish to meet Pope Francis granted in 2018. Maureen is the secretary for their local Lions Club and is honored to be a transporter for corneas used for transplants to restore vision. This year, she and Brad are looking forward to spending time with family and friends at their Cape Cod home. If anyone is on the Cape this spring or summer, please reach out!

Kathy O'Hern Gilbert and her husband are still living at the Jersey Shore and, although their three kids are on their own, they still see them for fun events like tailgates, concerts, happy hours, and trips to NYC. Their happy focus in 2024 is their daughter Shannon's wedding. She and her fiancé, Tom, will be married in July, and will have their reception on a pier that overlooks the ocean. Fingers crossed for nice weather! Kathy was fortunate enough to spend a weekend in Saratoga with **Vicki Denny Voyer** and **Dori D'Agostino Wrobel** this past year - so many laughs! Kathy wishes everyone a healthy and happy 2024!

Penny Zonneville is happily retired and lives in Northeast PA in the summers and Ormond Beach, FL in the winters. She loves to golf and won the Club Championship at her home course in PA. She also spends time playing pickleball, gardening and the daily wordle game. Her mom is still going strong at 91, living alone, driving, playing bridge, so Penny needs to stay active since it looks like she will have a nice long retirement. Last year, she went to New Mexico for their annual Balloon Festival. It is a spectacular event and if it was on your list... go! There are over 400 Hot Air Balloons that are launched each day during the 10-day event.

Kathleen Sheridan Brewer had a fun 2023. It included a trip to Paris, where she was able to meet up with **Caroline Downing**. Her daughter was engaged, so wedding bells are in the air in the Brewer household. She is hoping that retirement is on the horizon, sooner rather than later.

Caroline Downing continues to live in the Boston area, and she likes to golf when she can fit it in. She makes regular trips to Buffalo to see her mom and the Buffalo Bills.

Class of 1987

Sue Boulter Jackson and her husband, Ken, had a year of ups and downs. They traveled to Texas twice for two unexpected and devastating family funerals but are heading back there in February for a happy occasion, a wedding. Sue's chronic illness flared up on-and-off, throughout the year, and was very severe in the last 3 months. But with some changes to diet, medication, and supplements at the end of the year, 2024 started out well, and Sue is feeling the best she has felt in several years! She enjoyed doing a book event in Maryland at the start of the new year and continues to maintain her blogs and YouTube channel. During the better periods of 2023, they enjoyed some short, relaxing camping trips to the Catskills and twice to Virginia, including catching stunning fall foliage. They also enjoyed two weekends away with their grown sons and their girlfriends and hope to travel more in 2024.

Becky Volans Akins has settled nicely into the retired lifestyle. She plays pickleball daily and has lots of Nana time with her two granddaughters, Eloise (4) and Megan (1). Becky continues to stay active with Ago as their Community Service advisor and hosts a "Day at the Farm" each semester. She and Mark travel as much as possible crossing items off their bucket list. They will celebrate their 35th anniversary this fall!

Stephanie Bakyta is happily single again! She still has her private practice in Gloversville doing psychotherapy. Her daughter Abigail is a freshman at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communication.

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Class of 1988

Melissa “Missy” Steinberg Bernier is getting used to being an empty nester with both girls away at school and she is trying to not become a crazy cat lady. The last year has been busy with family trips to Florida and Boston (wedding of niece Emily – beautiful daughter of **Jennifer Douglas Steinberg '90**). Most recently, she enjoyed a trip to Scotland to visit her daughter Chloe who was studying there last semester. Soon, she will be heading to spend a long weekend in New Orleans for some Mardi Gras fun with **Kim Peverly Lenta** and **Dana Smith Darrow**. Can't wait! If anyone is in Chicago, please get in touch!

For fun, **Kelly Underwood** enjoys having dinners, seeing shows, and other fun adventures with friends, her parents and her daughter. She sees her son, brothers and their families as often as she can as they are long distance. She travels as much as time and money allow and is looking forward to a safari trip to Namibia this spring with some fellow Agonians: **Sue Young '89**, **Heather Williams Biché**, and **Terrie Gentile Wehse '89**. In October 2022, **Lisa O'Brien George** and **Diana Carroll Kaufman** spent the weekend with Kelly exploring the Saratoga Springs area. Kelly is currently the CEO/Executive Director at an inpatient addiction rehab and detox facility.

Colleen Palmer Beaudoin had the great pleasure of having her little sister, **Andrea Newhouse Frascatore '89**, visit her in Florida in June. They had a terrific week together! She also had an awesome visit with **Kelly Underwood**, **Diana Carroll Kaufman**, **Annette Bratek Saxman**, and **Laura Perry Bridge** in Saratoga in August. Colleen is grateful for these wonderful women and the time they get to spend together!

Kim Peverly Lenta and husband, Ken (Clarkson '87), downsized but remain in Frederick, MD, where Kim works as an IT Account Manager. Kim is often seen volunteering, biking, walking or playing bocci (working on pickleball) in this highly acclaimed foodies' town filled with breweries, wineries, distilleries, boutiques and festivals -- come visit! 2023 travels took them to Carlsbad/La Jolla, Hilton Head, Key West and the OBX. Jackie Rose now resides in Charlotte, NC, and Nick (Clarkson '17) and Taylor (Clarkson '18), live in Knoxville, TN. Kim is looking forward to seeing some Agonians in 2024!

Maureen Gerst Stalica is still living the dream in Clifton Park, NY. She and her husband, Scott, (and their two golden retrievers) have been enjoying the empty nest thing for the past 2.5 years. Maureen's youngest goes to school in Boston and they are really excited that she turned 21 this year. Maureen's three older kids are all over the place, so Maureen and Scott enjoy going to see them and traveling whenever they can.

Wendy Schmitt Kowalczyk retired in June 2023, and has enjoyed not being tied to a school vacation schedule. Wendy and her husband took their first September vacation to Ogunquit and loved it! It was less crowded than the summer vacations they've taken in the past, which was nice. They also bought a boat last year and enjoyed exploring different lakes every weekend last summer in the Adirondacks. **Jessie Flores McClintock '89** stopped for a visit last May and spent a few nights with Wendy before picking her son up from college in Geneva. They had a great visit and hope to do it again this year!

Heather Williams Biché is now an empty nester. She remains busy with work at Lockheed Martin. She travels occasionally for work and in 2023, spent time in Tokyo, Japan and Bergen, Norway. She enjoyed spending time over the summer at her parents' house on Lake Ontario and also enjoyed a week in Hilton Head, SC in November. She was fortunate to have all four children home for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Karen Sarbou Richardson is enjoying retirement in Bend, Oregon; she spends her winters cross-country and downhill skiing, and her summers biking, hiking and traveling in their van.

Class of 1989 35th REUNION YEAR

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 is still working and tries to get as much skiing and golf in 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!

Sue Young enjoys living in the village of Roswell but is looking to get back to NC someday. She was able to catch up with quite a few Agos this year. She's done a couple of SU games with **Shelley Ives '83**. **Terrie Gentile Wehse** came to Roswell for a work trip. Her birthday trip was an adventure to Portugal with **Monica Fisher Kussmann**, a driving tour to see much of the beautiful country. She was able to catch up with **Laura Boyd**, **Kim Bingham Meusel**, and **Jill Kaplowitz Lyons** on a few trips to Boston this year. She also caught up with **Jade Miller Paunovich '90** in Raleigh and had an Ago get together in Syracuse this summer with classmates from 89 – **Julie Clark March**, **Daphne D'Agostino Valentine**, **Julie Raymon Dennis**, **Desiree Moody Franciamone**, **Andrea Newhouse Frascatore**, and **Ren Hallinan Regan '90**. It was really great to catch up with so many people and she hopes to do it more often!

Andrea Newhouse Frascatore started out an exciting 2023 when her niece was married in June. Shortly after, she visited big sister **Colleen Palmer Beaudoin '88** in Tampa, FL. The visit was wonderful, doing everything from relaxing by the pool, making homemade pizzas, creating charcuterie boards, and reminiscing with guac and chips for dinner (of course, with margaritas!) She is planning another visit this year! In August, her annual family trip (with sister **Lisa Newhouse Melveney '87** and mom) to OBX was in Hatteras where they mostly hung out by the pool and played games. It's a different world with adult children! Later in August, Andrea was able to catch up with some Ago sisters with a mini Ago reunion (organized by **Sue Young '89**) in Syracuse. Andrea says it was so nice to catch up and wondered what took them so long!

Patty Lavigne is excited to share that she's expecting her FIRST GRANDCHILD this summer! Her son and daughter-in-law live in Schenectady so she's hoping to connect with her little - **Steph Allen Manuel '90** and anyone else in the area when back in NY - it's been way too long! Reach out if you're planning to be in Potsdam for the April eclipse.

Barbara Anne Ferguson Wallace wonders how does 18 years fly by? (now 19) Her daughter was off to college last fall, a freshman at Purdue. She has been blessed to be a stay-at-home Mom since her daughter was born. It's been her greatest job! Her son, now a sophomore in high school (yes, she had her kids later than most) has made the HS Ski Team and Barbara is the team photographer. She loves watching her kids do their thing. It's also great to pick up the camera again. Days of taking Clarkson Men's soccer pictures come back to her. Pretty cool to think of her name in the byline of photos in The Clarkson Integrator. Barbara is thankful for longtime friends and recent ones in CT. She loves to travel, ski, and garden.

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Class of 1990

Stephanie Allen Manuel and family have made the journey back to live in New York. Steph continues to teach music and the Manuel men are all doing great. She has been able to see many sisters local to Albany and hopes to see more this year.

Jennifer Douglas Steinberg and husband Scott have had quite a year. Their oldest daughter, Emily, got married. Their son, Sean, moved into an apartment and their youngest daughter, Liz, graduated college and started a Master's program in Scotland. The Steinbergs are once again empty nesters, however they have several traveling plans overseas coming up this spring and summer. Jenn is still teaching math and Scott is enjoying his project management job in Cambridge. Plenty of empty beds if anyone is visiting the North shore of Boston!

Michelle Gibson Dupree is enjoying retirement and spending lots of time with her grandchildren.

Carolyn Grugan Wisniewski and husband, John, had a very busy year. In March, Carolyn had shoulder surgery and has recovered well. They sold their house of 20 years in July and moved to Naples, FL where they have found their dream home. Located on a golf course and just seven miles from the beach. Carolyn retired after 32 years of teaching high school math in October. Carolyn couldn't be happier with all these changes.

Renee Hallinan Reagan and husband Drew are still living in Pittsford and celebrated their 25th anniversary this past fall. The real celebration however is in August when they go on a two-week Mediterranean cruise. Ren has retired from managing youngest son Casey's hockey team but continues her work with the roles of HOA Treasurer for her neighborhood and AAA Treasurer. Daughter Caleigh has completed her PA and is working and living in Boston. Declan is a senior at Clarkson and has accepted a job at Anheuser-Busch in Williamsburg, VA beginning this summer. Mac is a sophomore this year at Miami University of Ohio and is very involved with his fraternity. And Casey, a sophomore in high school, is playing hockey and lacrosse. This past year, Ren and sisters **Amy Kunsman Ross '92**, **Amy Harvey Brune '92** and **Amy Kiessling '92** ventured to Charleston for a long overdue get together and had an absolute blast! Ren hopes to catch up with more sisters in 2024!

Susan Nims is residing in Fairport, NY. She recently bought a new house and is helping her newly engaged daughter, Ally, with her upcoming wedding plans.

Sharon Seiffert Cooper and husband, Brian, became grandparents last March to granddaughter Lola and thoroughly enjoy spoiling her and find it hard to believe she is ten months old already. Sharon changed jobs in March from a career in Finance to the Technology side of her business. A big change but loving it so far! Sharon was able to catch up with **Stephanie Allen Manuel**, **Pam Muraco Simons**, and **Jennifer Douglas Steinberg** last year as well and is hoping for more mini Ago reunions this year.

Kelly Wright O'Brien and husband Jim had a busy year with wedding plans. Their oldest, Cassidy, married Brent this past July. They reside in Buffalo and have just recently purchased a home. Their daughter Carly will finish her MS in Interior Architecture at Drexel University and plans to move to Nashville following graduation. Owen is a sophomore at University of Virginia and is loving it. Kelly spent a lot of time this past year helping her mom and her dad and stepmother move back to New York State. She and Jim have also been able to enjoy some travel this past year as well.

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Class of 1991

The AAA is saddened to report that **Dawn Revette**, was injured in the tragic event outside the Kodak Center Theater in Rochester on New Years Day. She was hit by the oncoming vehicle and tragically passed away on Jan 10 from her injuries. Our prayers are with her family.

Please send any contact information on these missing sisters to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Bridget O'Rourke, Nicole Kaplan, Wendy Thomas

Class of 1992

Amy Kiessling is still residing in Seattle and working as a project manager for the Port of Seattle; new duties include managing multiple state and federal grants for big infrastructure projects. It was a busy year with two exploratory moving trips to Chicago with her partner, Christopher, a meet-up with fellow Agonians in Charleston, SC, capped off by a Caribbean cruise with family. Amy also founded a correspondence club that endeavors to continue the art of letter writing and a neighborhood litter pick-up group.

Please send any contact information on this missing sister to alumnae@agopotsdam.com: Christine Davidson Fontana

Class of 1993

Karen Smith Davis and Bill are still living in the Seattle area. Bill is a Captain with Alaska Airlines. Karen is a substitute teacher. Maggie (17) has been recruited by the Naval Academy to play lacrosse. Meghan (14) enjoys soccer and horseback riding.

Debbie Rose Urban still lives in southern NJ with her husband Scott. Her son, Jude, is a freshman at Rutgers and is pledging a fraternity this spring. Her daughter Alex is a high school sophomore and is very focused on her academics. Deb works as a substitute teacher and misses the old college days.

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

Class of 1995

This is **Michele Bulleigh Vishion's** 4th year living in Cape Coral, FL. She has lived in SWFL for 10.5 years now. She took a position at Tidal Basin Group working from home. Michele's son is in his 2nd year at Florida State University. She is now a diehard FSU football fan on top of being a huge Buffalo Bill's fan! She has been married 17 years and life is good! Michele loves seeing so many Ago faces and adventures on Facebook!

Gina Bernardo Michalski has had a very exciting year! Gina and Andy celebrated their 50th birthdays by going to Iceland. They had a great time exploring this beautiful country. Olivia graduated high school, so they are now empty nesters. She and Andy are enjoying this new phase of life. Olivia is a freshman at Clarkson, and they have been up to Potsdam a few times to visit their old stomping grounds. Ella is in Scotland, studying abroad. She is having a great time and Gina and Andy will be visiting her this Spring. Lastly, Gina has been part of a few Ago girls' weekends and has loved spending time with **Eva Dechario McGee, Jodi Meyer Eyer, Keira McPherson Clark '94, Belinda Judge DeLuca '94** and **Kristin Downey Tuohy '94**. Here's to a new year of adventures and meet ups!

Eva Dechario McGee continues to teach and live at the Jersey Shore. Ryan (20) is a junior in college, currently studying at St. Andrews, United Kingdom, and Laura (18) will head to college in the fall. Eva enjoys frequent get togethers with her Ago sisters, most recently the NYC "Friends Experience" was an incredible trip down memory lane. Please reach out if ever in the area!

Class of 1999 25th REUNION YEAR

Amanda Moore and her husband live in Saratoga Springs, NY and she works as a real estate agent. If any Ago sisters, or their family or friends in the Greater Capital Region are looking to buy, sell or have any real estate questions – please don't hesitate to reach out! If you'd like to get together for coffee, a drink or a bite to eat, she would love to catch up.

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

Class of 2005

If **Megan "Pheebz" Fallon** is not driving her "swagger wagon" around, getting kids to various places or at work, she's in her garden or on a trail somewhere. Her daughter loves animals and learning about nature and her son is convinced he will trap Bigfoot. She is learning to flower farm simply because she enjoys being outside among her flowers with the bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. She's always down for visitors in sunny South Carolina.

Class of 2006

Liz Wegner Franklin returned back to work full time in September as a School Therapist, counseling kids with Autism or an Intellectual Disability comorbid with a mental health diagnosis. She is still happily teaching dance and continues her role as a lead instructor at Pure Barre. Liz was lucky enough to go on a cruise with her pledge sister **Rachel Cajigas** last April! The fun continued in July in OBX with **Liz Henderson '07, Maria Potenza Jackson, and Nicole Brust Jones '07**. Liz's husband returned from a year-long deployment and her kids, now 7 and 4, are busy in baseball, basketball, dance, and gymnastics. Liz is looking forward to 2024 and more Agonian meetups!

Lindsay Buchta is missing her daughter, Mattea, who is away at her freshman year of college. She is still going to school herself while she is working full time at Binghamton University and also at the front desk of a local hotel. She and her long-time fiancé, Dan, are excited to be planning their upcoming wedding. (Lindsay also adds that the wedding will never happen because they can't agree on a song!)

Rachel Cajigas is still enjoying her new role as tenure track faculty in Anthropology at the University of Alabama. Her husband is in the same department, and they have been collaborating on a couple of archaeological excavations in the South. Her children are now 6 and 3; they're doing swimming and wrestling and taking a big family trip to Panama this summer. Rachel was also able to enjoy a couple of Caribbean beaches with pledge sister, **Liz Wegner Franklin**, last spring!

Class of 2007

Liz Henderson is moving to Charlottesville, VA this summer. Her husband is retiring from the Navy after 20 years of service, so they are thrilled to finally settle down somewhere. They and their daughters (5 & 7) are so excited for their next adventure.

Nicole Brust Jones and her husband, Matt, are still teaching at Saratoga Springs High School. Gracie is in 7th grade and Molly is in 3rd. Both girls are active in sports and activities and doing great. Their 2 dogs also keep them busy. The Jones family is looking forward to another OBX trip with Ago friends this summer.

Serena Krauz Kiriscioglu moved to Savannah, Georgia after the birth of her son, Bradley. Her husband Chris is deployed overseas, so she is doing the single parent thing until April. She is looking forward to having a dual-parent household again this summer because the three cats don't help at all! #isanyonestilllisteningtome

Class of 2009 15th REUNION YEAR

Rachel Gebhardt Zurschmit is living in Lake Placid with her husband John and their son Jack (5). She is in her 15th year working at North Country Community College and she started coaching ice skating again this year.

Cheryl Halsey Melvin and James welcomed their second baby boy in the summer of 2023. They live with their 2 boys in Phoenix, AZ.

Maureen McCullough lives and works in Boston, MA and is getting married in September 2024!

Lindsay Mermell Brock is a Financial Advisor in Greensboro, NC. She recently accepted a partnership at her company and enjoys teaching Pure Barre for fun. She and Tom are enjoying the chaotic toddler life with Eliza (2.5) and Nate (1).

Jenna Naylor Fernandez lives in Glens Falls with her husband Mike and their three daughters, Maiven, Remi, and Olive.

Sarah Paparella Everett is a Regional Administrator in the Capital District of NYS overseeing 4 skilled nursing facilities/nursing homes. She and her husband bought their first house at the beginning of this year; it is located at the base of the Catskills region, and they look forward to welcoming their first child together in September.

Jacqueline Petit Smith lives in Houston, TX.

Christina Rawady is living in Hornell, NY and works at Alfred State College as an Admissions Counselor and the Director of Instrumental Music.

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 11-year wedding anniversary this summer.

Heather Taylor is living in Asheville, NC with her partner Edwin and their cat Cheeto! Heather is actively recording music, songwriting and working remotely for an online music coaching hub. She sends her love and hugs.

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 Studio Manager for a local Art Studio and After School Program. She enjoys crocheting in her free time.

Lauren Zona Hearne is living in Rochester, NY teaching 7th and 8th grade band at Greece CSD. She is still 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 (10), Nathan (8), and Leo (5).

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

Class of 2011

Brooke Morse lives in Mannsville, NY with her partner, Phillip Deon, four children, Brayden (14), Julia (10) Jackson (6) and Eloise (1.5) and her chocolate lab Sandy (3). Brooke works for Sandy Creek Central School District as an Art Educator for MS/HS. She also maintains a successful pottery business located at her home studio where she creates functional ware and teaches classes. Brooke will be racing in the Seneca 7 this spring.

Class of 2012

Laura Pohl Peterson lives in San Diego, CA with her husband (Blake), daughter (Coco) and dog (Mack). This past January, they all celebrated Coco's first birthday - what a dream come true. Laura continues to work as a Sales Director at MillerKnoll.

Kelly Snyder Bigsby lives in Cazenovia, NY with her husband and two kids.

Audrianna Vahue Krajewski moved to Tulsa, OK at the end of 2023 with her husband and two-year-old son. She is currently testing out the SAHM life while diving into her love of building and projects around the house. Follow @builtbyaud!

Class of 2014 10th REUNION YEAR

Congratulations to **Lindsay Burress Palmer** and her husband who welcomed Julian John Palmer, born on 1/5/24.

Class of 2016

Clare Reilly continues to have a busy life, working full time, being AAA President and member-at-large on the Agonian Board, and chasing around her 1-year-old son. Clare and her family are excited to welcome baby number 2 to the craziness in July.

Class of 2020

Samantha Twing Markham had her daughter Grace in June of 2023.

Isabel Wildflower opened a coffee truck.

Opportunities to make a difference

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> "Saving Greek Life" Effort | <input type="checkbox"/> Anchor Reporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boosting Ago Active RUSH | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing Anchor | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing the AAA Organization |
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