

# Alpha Kappa Phi Inc.

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## CORPORATION MEMBERS

**President: Stephanie Brown '04**

**Vice President: Elizabeth Bucholz Clark '99**

**Treasurer: Hong Nguyen Kuntz '98**

**Secretary: Open**

**House Manager: Open**

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ago House!

According to our records the Ago Sisters moved into 26 Wadsworth Street in 1969. Please join us in celebrating 40 year of the Ago House! This year we are focusing on our House Fund Drive. Every penny donated to the House Fund goes directly back into the House. The House is currently in need of some painting and small repairs. This year we are making some updates in the first floor bathroom. Much of the furniture in the House needs replacing as

well. We are also planning to have the roof replaced soon, which will be very expensive! There is also only going to be ten girls in the House for the 2009 year. The College also has a policy that students must live on campus for their first two years. As such we will not be able to offer rooms to most of the sisters in the newest class. As a result we will not be able to put as much aside for the above stated House projects as we would have liked to. Anything

you can donate will be greatly appreciated and will certainly make a difference. You may donate by mail or online! See page 3 for more information.



The House as it stands today

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The recipient of the 5th Annual Alpha Kappa Phi Scholarship in 2008 was junior Rachel Laber.

Rachel is from Spencerport, NY. She is a Communications major with minors in Psychology and Dance. She has been inducted into the Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honor Society, as well as the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. Rachel served as the public-

ity chairperson for Ago and is the Director of Public Relations for Inter-Greek Council. She is also a member of the Geneseo Dance Ensemble. Rachel loves to dance, read and bake. She is our Pledge Mistress this school year.

ANY donation made to the Geneseo Foundation can be directed to our scholarship. If you donate regularly to the College, or would like to for the first time, contact the Geneseo Foun-

dation and tell them to put your donation into the Alpha Kappa Phi Scholarship Fund! The larger our fund is the better we will be able to assist our sisters!

If you would like to join our scholarship committee and help chose our next recipient then contact Elizabeth by email at [AKPhi\\_Inc@hotmail.com](mailto:AKPhi_Inc@hotmail.com) for more information or visit [www.geneseo.edu/~ago/scholarship](http://www.geneseo.edu/~ago/scholarship).

## Lost Items

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to Judy Thelin Davidson '73. She sent us a package this year with some Agonian items she had from her college days. Enclosed were: an AKΦ sweatshirt,

pledge mug from Spring '71, gold pin with AKΦ engraved on the front and "Big Sis 3-21-1971" engraved on the back, an AKΦ ring, ivory heart pendant, and two anchor AKΦ pins – one with pearls and the other with-

out. Thanks for adding to our collection Judy! If you have any AKPhi items from your sorority days please consider sending them back to us. We will have the collection on display at 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

# Alumni Events 2009



**Alumni and Sisters at Greek Fest on campus May 2009**

Saturday May 2 was Spring Weekend! The sisters hosted wine and cheese and then many of us at-

tended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Greek Fest on campus. There was not an AGO inducted into the Hall of Fame this year, so keep an eye out for the call for nominations so we can recognize someone next year! There was also a formal scholarship presentation for our recipient, Rachel Laber.

September 26 was Homecoming Weekend! There were many alumni back, especially from the early 80's! They made their way back to the Ago House, met the sisters, played some games and had a great time.



**Some sisters back enjoying the Ago House during Homecoming!**

## Alumni Updates

Kerry Fogarty Alexander '87 is an independent college admissions counselor. She started her own business "College Admissions Counseling" check out her site! [www.kacollegeservices.com](http://www.kacollegeservices.com)

Terry York Rauschberg '95 gave birth to a baby girl, Dara Shaine on 2/16/2009. Terry and Jason are enjoying being parents!

Kelly Carson Picone '96 was married this year to Joseph Picone in

Buffalo, NY. They also had a baby girl, Emma Elizabeth on 6/17/09.

Lorrie Thompson Gibbons '00 and her husband Brian are excited to announce the birth of their daughter Carlie Isabella on 4/25/09.

Talya Branca Sirianni '00 was married to Ben Sirianni on 5/16/2009. They honeymooned in Italy!

Meg New Schober '03 was married 10/12/08 to Stephen Schober in Ithaca, New York. Meg works for

the Ithaca City School District as a Special Ed Teacher. She also lives down the road from pledge sister and psuedo big Mackenzie Crick Torelli '03.

Stephanie Brown '04 graduated in 11/2008 from the New York Chiropractic College. Dr. Brown is now accepting patients at Chili Chiropractic and Wellness Center in Rochester,



**Mr. & Mrs. Schober with Mr. and Mrs. Torelli**

## A Message From The President

I want to thank Talya Branca Sirianni '00 for her time serving as Corporation Treasurer. She has decided to step down after 6 years! I know it seems it can't be that hard to collect rent and write checks. But BELIEVE ME much more goes into it than that! We really could not run the Ago House without her hard work, patience and understanding. Talya, thank you for everything!

On a side note I have a personal request. Many alumni have expressed concern to me. It has become apparent that many of our old

photo albums—especially from the late 70's and early 80's are missing. I see first hand every year how much alumni love coming back and seeing their old photos. It is truly heartbreaking to see an alum unable to find photos from their era because someone felt they had the right to take an album(s). I realize some of you may simply want to help put them back together since they are old, but I see albums leave the House every year and I never see any being brought back.

I am asking you to communicate concerns

about the albums to me. I will be working with the sisters to come up with a solution to preserve them. Please do not remove albums from the House, and if you have any in your possession, bring them back on your next trip to Geneseo, or drop them in the mail to the House.

I look forward to seeing you again or meeting you for the first time at our 125th Anniversary next year!

Love in AKPhi,  
Stephanie Brown '04



The Homecoming Float at our 120th Anniversary Celebration in Fall 2005

## 125 Years of the Agonian Sorority

Please join us for our biggest celebration ever! We are in the process of planning our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! **SAVE THE DATE** - The celebration will take place September 25, 2010 during Homecoming. We hope that this will be the largest reunion of alumni EVER! Please feel free to bring your families! We will include more information over the coming months. We will also be keeping alumnae updated by posting information on the website, and sending out emails. Please let us know if you will be attending! The Co-Chairs for this event are Mary Tsikalakis Bistrovich '93 and Stephanie Brown '04. Contact us directly or at [AKPhi\\_inc@hotmail.com](mailto:AKPhi_inc@hotmail.com) to let us know what you would like to see us plan!

### New Look for our Newsletter

We hope you like the new design! To save on our costs we have decided to distribute it by email. Please forward it to other alumni! If you know someone who would still like to receive it in the mail please notify us. We are also looking for feedback so let us know what we should include. Just as a reminder, this Newsletter is for AKPhi Inc to update alums. The Sisters will still be publishing the Anchor separately each spring.

Join us on Facebook



Join the "Ago Alumni" Group on Facebook! We will be keeping in touch and passing on messages. It is also a great way to find our lost alumni!

# Celebrate 40 years of the Ago House!

Yes! I want to donate to the 2009 Ago House Fund! Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_.

Mail donations and this completed form to

Alpha Kappa Phi, P.O. Box 10473, Rochester, NY 14610

You may also give online at <http://www.geneseo.edu/~ago/donations.php>

### ALUMNI RESPONSE FORM

First/Maiden/Married Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Year \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ You may share my information with fellow Sisters  Yes  No

Please send us your updates for our next newsletter! Send them to the above address or email [AKPhi\\_Inc@hotmail.com](mailto:AKPhi_Inc@hotmail.com)