

WAGNER COLLEGE GUILD

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An Update Letter from President Aletta Diamond

Greetings from the Hill,

Grymes Hill is coming alive with fall colors and it lifts my spirits as I walk across campus. Covid 19 put a halt to that in order to keep our students and staff safe but now “outsiders” like me can once again walk around the Oval (wearing masks) and be rejuvenated. Wagner has always been such a welcoming place and I so much enjoy being around the students. They have so much enthusiasm and energy! I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in our Guild ZOOM meetings but am thrilled that we will have our first in person meeting scheduled for December 8th. It is going to be a grand celebration and we will all be able to welcome President Angelo Araimo and his wife Mary. The Guild continues its mission of supporting Wagner College and its students. Hope to see you on December 8th!



Wishing you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 #15

The Guild Hosts Another Virtual “Luncheon”



The members of the Guild gathered round their computer screens in October for what we hope will be the last virtual luncheon! As usual, the event was well attended and the speakers were both informative and engaging. The special guest speaker was Dr. Aarti Ivanic, the new Dean of the Nicolais School of Business. Dr. Ivanic comes to Wagner from the University of San Diego, where she was the academic director of M.B.A. programs and oversaw curriculum, academic program review and accreditation. She discussed her vision for the Nicolais School of Business, as well as asking for help with finding the best pizza parlor on the island. Needless to say, she had many helpful suggestions!

Register Now – Holiday Luncheon!

Our next event will be the annual **Holiday Luncheon** which will be held on **Wednesday, December 8 at 12:00 p.m. (EST)** in the Faculty Dining Room. We will welcome Wagner College’s Interim President Angelo G. Araimo, who will give an update on the college and campus activities. Please bring a friend to enjoy a delicious lunch and good company. Tickets are \$45, which includes a \$10 donation to the Make a Difference Fund. In keeping with Guild tradition we will have raffles too! We will offer a Zoom option as well for those who wish to join us virtually. Registration is required by December 1. To register please visit <https://alumniconnect.wagner.edu/holiday2021> or contact Karen Kennedy at 718-420-4530. We hope that you will join us!

Member Spotlight: Linda A. Barbes Stein '69 M'73



When Linda Stein was deciding what college to attend her final decision was ultimately an easy one. Following in the footsteps of her parents turned out to be a natural choice for her. John (“Bunny”) ’39 and Lila ’40 had been shining examples that Linda knew would lead her to “that school on the hill.” So much so that it also affected her brother Alan, who graduated from Wagner College in 1971. The Barbes children realized they had made the right decision. After all, how could they have gone wrong attending the school that came to regard Bunny and Lila as the “First Parents” of Wagner?

Linda remained an active Wagner alum after graduation, and moving to Florida did not deter her from continuing to serve in any capacity needed. Of course the Wagner College Guild was a natural landing spot in 2012, as it had been extremely dear to her Mom, Lila for whom our highly successful and prestigious Lila T. Barbes ’40 Guild Endowed Scholarship is named. Linda’s contributions and participation in all aspects of the Guild have become important as we continue to move forward as a vital organ of Wagner College life. And anyone associated with Wagner is well aware that Bunny had served the school in various capacities from 1946 to 1983. In 2004 Linda’s parents’ consistent dedication culminated in the John “Bunny” Barbes ’39 and Lila T. Barbes ’40 Wagner Laureate award “for long and distinguished service to Wagner College” - The most prestigious award given annually by the Wagner College Alumni Association.

After teaching for several years Linda became Director of an Alphetland preschool, met her husband David, moved to Florida and bought an Alphetland of their own in Coral Springs. But in 2015 she caught the acting bug, performing in various theater groups, much of her work recorded on Zoom. Along the way she and her colleagues collected around \$1000 from their audience for the “Feeding South Florida” organization. Many of her performances with the Seaside Players of Lauderdale can be found on YouTube. Rounding things out, Linda competed in various running and racewalking competitions for about a decade, starting in the early 1990’s. She also cared for her parents in South Florida in their later years. Quite an impressive resume for one of our most prominent alums and Guild members, and a member of one of Wagner’s most beloved families.

THE WAGNER COLLEGE THEATRE IS BACK!

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Everyone’s favorite, the Wagner College Theatre program is back with live shows! The next big performance on the main stage theater will be the **“Dance Concert 2021: So Let Us Go On”** directed and arranged by alumna Theresa Flanagan ’04. The piece will be performed December 2-5. During the spring semester, the Wagner College Theatre will produce two musicals, starting with the part operetta, part farce, part screwball comedy **“On the 20th Century”** by Cy Coleman, Adolph Green and Betty Comden. Closing out the season, the WCT will perform **“Cabaret.”** Reserve yourself some tickets for these upcoming shows by contacting The Box Office at (718) 390-3259. They are open every Monday-Friday, Noon - 4:00PM and, for those who like to wait until the last minute, at the Box Office window one hour prior to all performances. Online ticketing is available all other times.