



# Wagner College Guild Gazette

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## President's Remarks

Greetings from the Hill,  
Happy 2023! Hoping all had a wonderful holiday season and are ready to help the Wagner College Guild celebrate our 105th Anniversary. To begin marking this milestone we have used inspiration from the original guild shield created by our beloved John "Bunny" Barbes to use as our official logo.



Those of you who attended the Members-Only event in August hosted by Mary Araimo got the first glimpse and were given a lapel pin to proudly wear. (Just a gentle reminder to renew your membership for September 2022 - August 2023 if you haven't already) At our December luncheon members of the Wagner Choir led by director Thomas Juneau, serenaded us to the enjoyment of all in attendance. Our students ALWAYS brighten the room and remind us why we support the mission of The Guild!

Wouldn't it be great to have 105 official members! We hope to see you at the April 12th luncheon.

Wishing you all the very best,

**Aletta Kipp Diamond '65 H '15**



*Executive Committee and the Wagner College Choir Members*

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our next luncheon will be held on  
Wednesday, April 17, 2023 in the Faculty Dining Room! Guest speaker will be  
Pamela Silvestri, Food Critic for the SI Advance.

Don't miss it!

*Future luncheon Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023*

## Scholarship Corner:

One thing that unites all of our alumni Guild members is their recollections of the many fond memories of their time at Wagner. Talk with them and you'll hear endearing stories of classmates, faculty members and just about all other individuals they met on campus. Virtually all alums point to one or two professors who made a profound impression on them while they were students. For Theresa Nauta '74 it was Dr. Jane Bacher of the Nursing Department. Professor Bacher's expertise, personality and her ability to communicate these traits to her students helped Theresa and her fellow nursing students face their careers with enthusiasm, self-confidence, compassion and the skills needed for such a demanding field of endeavor.



Like many commuter alums, Theresa always found it to be quite a relief to walk only the several feet to classes between Main Hall and the Science Building, after the arduous march up Howard Avenue. And later, in the afternoon, a relaxing lunch in the Hawk's Nest, where she and her fellow nursing students would leisurely discuss all things related to their studies and life at Wagner. The demanding nursing curriculum meant keeping various campus activities to a minimum, but Theresa still managed to squeeze in a nice time now and then. And throughout her time on campus nothing prevented her from forging friendships with fellow students that have lasted to this day. Upon finding that she and some of her fellow nursing students needed one gym credit for graduation, they were able to find that credit in a Football Theory course given in the Science Building by head football coach Bob Hicks. Mixed in with several players on the team, the nursing students tackled the course with the same dedication that they applied to their nursing studies. Theresa feels that Coach Hicks was highly surprised and impressed by their detailed essays on the Hail Mary Pass play.

Theresa's first position after graduation was at a Medical-Surgical Unit. Here she gained valuable experience but wished to explore other areas of her profession. The education and skills she had acquired enabled her to enjoy highly successful and rewarding work in ten different positions and seven organizations/agencies over a forty-year nursing career.

All of this brought Theresa back full circle to where, like so many of our alums, it all started. And our Guild is a perfect place for members of the Wagner family like Theresa to remain close to our school while being a member of an organization that has provided so much valuable assistance to the students

**Make a difference and Leave a Legacy!** You can help the Guild further its mission by leaving an estate gift. You will be making a difference in the lives of the students that follow. Please contact me for details:

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