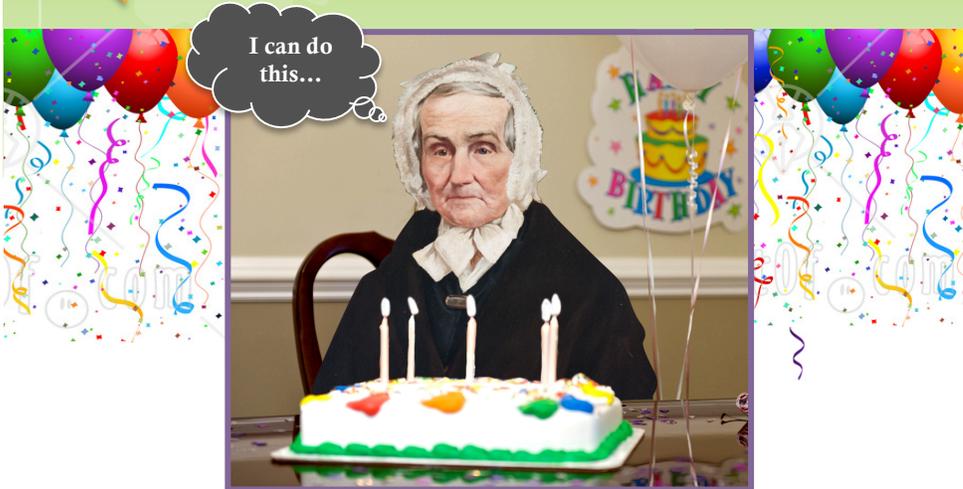


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The e-Newsletter for Agnes Scott College Alumnae in the West

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HOW TO ROCK A QUASQUICENTENNIAL

Parties. Commemorative books. Prestigious speakers. Receptions. Timeline installations. Roundtables. More parties. Dances. Movie shorts. Sing-a-longs. Still more parties. Agnes Scott is pulling out all the stops this year in celebration of its 125th anniversary. The festivities began on Founder's Day, February 21, with a special convocation with political theorist and president emerita of Wellesley College and Duke University Nannerl "Nan" O. Keohane who offered a glimpse of things to come in her address "Out Front or Behind the Scenes? The Future of Women's Leadership." Next up was the much anticipated unveiling of ASC's 125th Anniversary Timeline in the Alston Center, and then a roundtable discussion of women's leadership in the 21st century. "Aim High, Lean In, Speak Out: Women Share Their Leadership Journeys" featured a diverse group of distinguished leaders from business, non-profits, government, and academia—including several amazing alumnae.

In April, the party moves to Alumnae Weekend with a campus-wide celebration and a dance party for students and alums. Then in the fall, parties will be hosted by alums in all regions.

Parties Coming Your Way! Can't make it to Decatur? Do not despair! It behooves us in Southern California to celebrate in style, because...well, we're Southern California! Our local committee (see page 2) is hard at work planning soirees to be held this summer and fall in several locations for the convenience of all local alums, so stalk your mailbox/inbox for announcements and invitations.



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After a few years working in an education policy think tank, Jessie left to pursue an MFA in producing at the Dodge College of Film and Media Arts at Chapman University. Her first film, STONES, written and directed by Ty Sanga and produced as their graduate thesis, was an official selection of the 2011 Sundance Film Festival shorts program. Jessie is committed to producing narrative films and documentaries based on true stories from around the world that illuminate human potential, liberty, and progress. In addition to developing MATKA POLKA and MONGOS ON THE GROUND, Jessie is currently producing Sanga's AFTER MELE with support from the Sundance Institute's Native Lab and Creative Producing Summit.

Last Book Read: *The Dude and the Zen Master* by Jeff Bridges and Bernie Glassman

Values Most About ASC: The appreciation and fostering of critical thinking and curiosity deeply rooted in an Agnes Scott education

"The most beautiful voice in the world is that of an educated Southern woman." Winston Churchill



L to R: Alexis Crane '04, Jeanie Caldwell '83, Flat Agnes, Ann Marie Raffo '85, Mary Bankston '74, Barbara Perrow '51, Fran Doupé '77, Robin Petruzielo, Assoc. Dir. of Capital Gifts (Not pictured: Jeannette Wright '68, Jessie Creel '04)

SoCal Campaign Committee Gears Up for Greatness

Dynamic Team Exudes Enthusiasm and Energy

“The Greatness Before Us” Capital Campaign kicked off in Southern California on January 25 when the local committee met at the home of Mary Bankston '74 in Studio City. With them were Rob Parker, V.P. for College Advancement and Robin Petruzielo, Associate Director of Capital Gifts. After bonding over refreshments and shared memories, the gal pals got down to business vowing to do our part towards the \$100 million goal. It was determined that as important as the *fund*-raising mission is the *friend*-raising mission (i.e. reconnecting alums), and the group bubbled over with ideas for both. Expect a call from them—or better yet, ring up Fran Doupé (818-783-1478) or Mary Bankston (818-627-6134) to say you want to help!

Bakersfield Alumnae Do Lunch

L.A. power brokers have nothing on these women. When “your people” called “my people” in Bakersfield, a small group of movers and shakers soon assembled that would put Hollywood to shame. Even Robin Petruzielo flew to the coast to be present for the confab. Hazel Ellis '58 hosted the ladies at her lovely home. (What exactly went down there the trade press can only speculate!)



Seated L to R., Margaret Webb '58, Elizabeth Saba '59
Standing L to R: Buggs Fontaine '59, Robin Petruzielo, Hazel Ellis '58

AN ECHO (ECHO ECHO ECHO) OF VOICES

Celebrate Agnes Scott’s milestone anniversary with *An Echo of Voices: 125 Years of Agnes Scott College*, a photo book that traces the college’s illustrious history through seven distinct themes – sisterhood, leadership, honor, academics, traditions, the ring, and involvement.

This hardbound, museum-quality book features stunning campus photography by award-winning Atlanta photographer Billy Howard and design by Laurie Shock, a 2010 International Book Award winner. Take a look back at 125 years of learning and laughter as generations of Agnes Scott women were transformed by this amazing institution and went on to lead, nurture, and revolutionize our communities and the world.

To order your copy, visit www.agnesscott.edu/anechoofvoices or mail a check for \$49.95 made payable to Agnes Scott College to Kim Vickers '87, Office of Alumnae Relations, 141 E. College Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030.

–Kim Vickers



WEAR YOUR RING! (And other sage advice from the Admissions Office)

Did you know that **California sends more students to ASC than any other state except Georgia**? Let’s help keep it that way. Sheeva Halati, ASC’s admission counselor working with west coast students--and herself a Californian, offers the following tips for helping locally promote our college:

- Wear your ring; use your gear. Our ring is highly recognizable and a good conversation starter, and ASC gear helps increase our visibility in California.
- Engage with young women you know. Most Cali Scotties came to us because someone they know recommended Agnes Scott.
- Send Sheeva names of interested high school students.
- Volunteer to represent ASC at high school college fairs.



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