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SOMERS ALUMNI!

The Somers Schools Alumni Association hopes that you, your families and friends had a wonderful summer! As we enter the new school year, there are a number of initiatives we are commencing with the Somers Central School District, as well as some accomplishments we would like to share with you. We hope that you enjoy this edition of our Newsletter, and please keep in touch! Please refer back to the Somers Central School District's website often at www.somers.k12.ny.us to keep informed about what's happening at your alma mater.

Please let us know if you have interesting news you would like to share with other alumni and we will be happy to publish it in a future newsletter. Are you getting married, having a child, or have made professional accomplishments? Let us know at info@tuskersalumni.org. If you have any ideas that you believe would be educationally beneficial to Somers students, please let us know. Additionally, if you have web publishing experience, or would like to contribute to this newsletter, please email us!

NEW REGISTRATION PAGE AT WWW.TUSKERSALUMNI.ORG!

Thanks to the hard work of **Bill Thode '99**, SSAA now has a new and improved registration page! All alumni, friends, and family are encouraged to register themselves on SSAA's website, www.tuskersalumni.org, even if you have already emailed your contact information to us in the past. On our homepage, click "Join SSAA" on the top left corner of the page. You will be prompted to enter your name and contact information, as well as create a username and password, to be stored in our internal database. Your personal information will never be shared with a third party.

FALL 2005 EVENT

Looking to catch up with old friends over Thanksgiving weekend, plus find out ways to help your alma mater? Then come to SSAA's Fall 2005 Fundraising Event on **Friday, November 25, 2005** to be held at **Mica 587 in New York City from 10:00 PM-1:00 AM (or later!)**. The Fall Fundraising Event will be held immediately after the Class of '95 Reunion, which will also be celebrated in New York City. Mica 587 is located at **587 Third Ave between 38th & 39th Streets**, only 3 blocks from Grand Central Station. A \$10 donation is suggested at the door, which will be used to fund future mentoring and enrichment activities for current Somers students. Please note that you must be age 21 or older to attend this Fundraiser. Somers Alumni from ALL classes, friends, and family are encouraged to attend! We hope to see you there!

COLLEGE & CAREER NETWORK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As we have mentioned in previous Newsletters, we are looking for any alumni, parents, or friends who would like to assist Somers High School students in finding summer internships or job "shadowing" opportunities in the New York / Westchester area. Internship and job shadowing opportunities are extremely important in the college application and post-graduation process, and it is helpful for students to see the successes of Somers alumni and for you to share those experiences with students. Since this program is in its primary stages, at this time we are only looking for community interest and are not yet placing students in any positions. If alumni or others are aware of future summer internship / job possibilities, would like to volunteer their time developing this program, or have any questions, please email SSAA at mentor@tuskersalumni.org. Additionally, if you are interested in speaking with a Somers student over the phone or via email about college or career opportunities, please email us at mentor@tuskersalumni.org.

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Join the Somers Central School District to help with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort! The Somers Central School District has adopted St. Tammany Junior High School (grades 6-8) in Slidel, LA, a school which received a great deal of storm damage from the Hurricane. This particular community was chosen because a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina from Slidel is now living in Somers. In addition to holding a Family Fun Day Fundraiser on Sunday, November 13 complete with an adult 5K race, a one mile Fun Run for children, and other family activities (check the Somers Central School District's website at www.somers.k12.ny.us in the coming weeks for more details!), the District is collecting money to purchase supplies for the students and rebuild St. Tammany. Donations can be made out to "Somers Katrina Relief Fund" and can be mailed to the Somers Central School District at the following address: Superintendent's Office, Attn: Somers Katrina Relief Fund, P.O. Box 620, Lincolndale, NY 10540. Thank you for your support!

WEST COAST GET-TOGETHER

Several alumni have contacted us showing interest in having a West Coast reunion. **Dave Spampanato '93** has volunteered to coordinate this effort. Please contact Dave at dspampanato@gmail.com for more details or to help organize the reunion. If you are interested in coordinating a Somers reunion in your area of the country, please contact us at info@tuskersalumni.org and we will try and put you in contact with other local alumni. We look forward to hearing from you!

ALUMNI NEWS

- **Chris Principe '98** and his sketch comedy team Elephant Larry have been making news! Elephant Larry has been featured and reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Time Out New York*, and *New York Press*. They have played to sold-out houses at the New York International Fringe Festival, Chicago SketchFest, SF SketchFest, Best of the Best SketchFest (in Portland), Seattle SketchFest, 2003 HA! Comedy Festival, and at Caroline's on Broadway, the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater, and Madison Square Garden. They are currently performing their eighth all-new show, BOOM at The PIT. Read more about Chris and Elephant Larry at www.elephantlarry.com!
- **Caitlyn Lorenze '97**, President of wholesomebody (www.wholesomebodydc.com), is a registered dietitian specializing in weight management and sports nutrition. She is the co-author of *The Pocket Diet: Perfect Portion Control That Works* (Linx Co, 2005), a new diet that teaches portion control by using pita pockets to monitor portion sizes. Caitlyn and *The Pocket Diet* have been featured in *Shape*, *Oxygen*, *Woman's World*, and *Family Circle* magazines as well as KABC television in Los Angeles and the Food Network's show "Unwrapped".
- This fall, **Michelle Hsia '97**, a graduate student at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC, will be running her second marathon in New York City in an attempt to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association. She successfully completed her first marathon last year at Kiawah Island, SC and raised \$1,700 for the Alzheimer's Association. If you would like to contribute, please email her for further information at hsia@musc.edu.

BABY NEWS!

Jennifer Gilberti Wooley '90 and family welcomed a new baby girl, Ava Mackenzie, on August 13, 2005. Below are pictures of Ava, sister Samantha Ana, and grandfather and retired Somers teacher **Chuck Gilberti**. Congrats to the Gilberti-Wooley family!



We wish you a happy and healthy autumn! Please continue returning to our website, www.tuskersalumni.org, which was designed by **Jessica Palmer '94** - it's constantly being updated as our organization grows. Keep in touch, and we hope to hear from you soon!

Regards,
Elizabeth Simpson - Class of 1996