

**APRIL 2007**

## **SSAA NEWSLETTER**



The Somers Schools Alumni Association wishes you, your families and friends a Happy New Year as we enter the Spring season! SSAA finished off 2006 with a bang, having achieved **501(c)(3) Federal tax exempt status**, and we are off to a running start in 2007. We would especially like to thank everyone who contributed time, donations, and resources to SSAA last year – we never could have had such a great year without your help!

To celebrate our continued success, we will be hosting the **SSAA Spring 2007 Fundraising Event on Saturday, April 21, 2007 in New York, NY**. Details are listed below. We're looking forward to providing more funding and services to the students in the Somers Central School District. A million thanks for your continued support, and enjoy this Newsletter!

If you have interesting news you'd like to share with other alumni, we'd be happy to publish it in a future Newsletter. Are you getting married, having a child, or have just started a new job? Email us at [info@tuskersalumni.org](mailto: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!

### **SSAA IS NOW A 501(C)(3) TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION!**

**The Somers Schools Alumni Association (SSAA) is a Federal tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code! This means that contributions to the Somers Schools Alumni Association are tax deductible.** It's easy to donate to SSAA! Simply print our Donations form which is included as the last page of this Newsletter, send a check and the completed Donations form to the Somers Schools Alumni Association, and we will send you a receipt. Our address is: **Somers Schools Alumni Association - P.O. Box 229 - Somers, NY 10589.**

Please remember that your company may have a matching gifts program – check with your human resources department in order to maximize your donation! Donations are used for student scholarships, in-school presentations/assemblies, and student/alumni mentoring functions. The Donations form can also be downloaded from the SSAA website at [www.tuskersalumni.org/donations.htm](http://www.tuskersalumni.org/donations.htm). SSAA can't survive without your help, so please donate today!

### **SSAA SCHOLARSHIP – WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

This Spring, SSAA will be offering two \$200 need-based Future Alumni Scholarships to graduating Somers Seniors at the Senior Convocation on June 5. We received so many applications from so many deserving students that we would like to offer up to three scholarships, but we need your help now! The more money we receive from our supporters in tax-deductible donations, the more scholarships we are able to give to Somers students. **If you would like to contribute to the 2007 Future Alumni Scholarship, we need to receive your donation by Friday, April 20, 2007, as we need to notify the deserving applicants well in advance of Senior Convocation.** To contribute to the scholarships, just fill out the Donation form at the end of this Newsletter and mail it to SSAA. If you would like to view the Scholarship application, please visit the SSAA website at [www.tuskersalumni.org/donations.htm](http://www.tuskersalumni.org/donations.htm). Donations to SSAA are gratefully accepted after April 20 as well. Thank you for your support of Somers students!

### **SSAA SPRING 2007 FUNDRAISING EVENT – SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007 AT 9:00PM**

Looking to catch up with old friends this Spring, plus find out ways to help your alma mater? Then come to **SSAA's Spring 2007 Fundraising Event on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at Overlook Lounge New York, NY, from 9:00pm - 1:00am**. Overlook Lounge is conveniently located steps away from Grand Central Station at **225 East 44th Street (between Second & Third Avenues)**. Donations are suggested, 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!

For more information about SSAA events, or if you would like to help organize one of our events, register with us at [www.tuskersalumni.org/join\\_ssaa.php](http://www.tuskersalumni.org/join_ssaa.php). For pictures of past SSAA Events, please visit our Photos page at [www.tuskersalumni.org/photos.htm](http://www.tuskersalumni.org/photos.htm).

## **SOMERS TOWN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – JUNE 30, 2007**

The Town of Somers will be hosting an **Independence Day Celebration** on **Saturday, June 30, 2007**. SSAA is very proud to be participating in the Celebration, which will be one of the largest events in Somers in recent memory. We are encouraging all alumni, particularly Young Alumni (under 21 years of age), to attend and assist SSAA with our commitments. If you are of any age and are interested in volunteering with SSAA during the Celebration, please email **Anna Timone '95** at [atimone@tuskersalumni.org](mailto:atimone@tuskersalumni.org).

## **MENTORING ACTIVITIES**

For the second consecutive year, the Somers Schools Alumni Association hosted a workshop, which included an alumni panel, at the Somers High School Guidance Department's Senior Transition Program on Wednesday, March 28, 2007. SSAA's workshop, called "Getting Involved in College: Balancing Academics with Activities and Athletics", discussed balancing sports and activities with academics, getting involved at college, and support systems available to students. Participating alumni had a wonderful time, and the response from the students was extremely positive.

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. 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 are interested in speaking with a Somers student over the phone or via email about college or career opportunities, please email **Liz Simpson '96** at [esimpson@tuskersalumni.org](mailto:esimpson@tuskersalumni.org)

## **ALUMNI / STUDENT SOCCER MATCH!**

In 2006, representatives of SSAA participated in an Alumni / Student Soccer Match (see Photos page at [www.tuskersalumni.org/photos.htm](http://www.tuskersalumni.org/photos.htm)) in which Somers alumni played the SHS Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. (Did you know that the SHS Girls Varsity Soccer Team went to the State Semi-finals last Fall?!). If you would be interested in participating in another co-ed Soccer match in May 2007, please contact **Tricia Miller '96** at [tmiller@tuskersalumni.org](mailto:tmiller@tuskersalumni.org).

## **YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE**

We're organizing a Young Alumni Committee comprised of recent Somers graduates between the ages of 18-21 who will plan and support SSAA mentoring, fundraising, and reconvening activities. If you are between the ages of 18-21 and are interested in being a part of the Young Alumni Committee, please email **Jenna Fidellow '96** at [jfidellow@tuskersalumni.org](mailto:jfidellow@tuskersalumni.org).

## **WEST COAST GET-TOGETHER**

Several alumni have demonstrated interest in having a West Coast reunion, possibly in the San Francisco Bay Area, and we have had some offers from alumni offering to coordinate this effort. Please email **Nicole Mynarski '93** at [nmynarski@tuskersalumni.org](mailto:nmynarski@tuskersalumni.org) if any of you would be interested in attending this event or coordinating a reunion in your area of the country. If you know of an alumnus on the West Coast who does not yet receive this email and may like to attend a Somers reunion, please have them contact us.

## **REGISTER WITH 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 and update their information on SSAA's website, [www.tuskersalumni.org](http://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. Your personal information will never be shared with a third party.

Keep In Touch,

**Nicole Mynarski '93**

Secretary and Director of Membership, Somers Schools Alumni Association

## **PS – ADDITIONAL THANKS...**

To the SSAA Board – Liz Simpson '96 , Anna Timone '95, Jenna Fidellow '96, Andrew George '93, Tricia Miller '96 and Tom Zeni '94 for their continued dedication to this organization.

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