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SOMERS ALUMNI!

The Somers Schools Alumni Association wishes you, your families and friends a Happy Spring! 2005 was a hugely successful year for SSAA, and the start of 2006 has been equally as eventful. In addition to participating in various programs with the Somers Central School District and increasing our contact database to almost 1,250 names, **SSAA is now a 501(c)(3) Federal tax exempt organization!** This means that SSAA will be able to provide more funding and services to the students in the Somers Central School District. We thank all of you for your continued support! Please read below for more updates, 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? 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!

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

The Somers Schools Alumni Association (SSAA) was recently approved as 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 now 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 at the address below, and we will send you a receipt:

**Somers Schools Alumni Association
P.O. Box 229
Somers, NY 10589**

Please remember that your company may have a matching gifts program. To find out if your company can equal the donation you give to SSAA, please contact your human resources department. Please ensure that any matching gifts forms are sent along with your donation to SSAA. Donations will be used for student scholarships, in-school assemblies, and student/alumni mentoring functions. The Donations form can also be downloaded from the SSAA website at www.tuskersalumni.org/donations.htm. SSAA can't survive without your help, so please donate today!

SSAA SCHOLARSHIP – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SSAA needs your help! This Spring, SSAA decided to offer a \$200 need-based Future Alumni Scholarship to a graduating Somers Senior at the Senior Convocation on June 6, a gift that was made possible by a generous donation from the Somers Class of '95. 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! An anonymous benefactor has generously offered to match up to \$500 for any donations toward the scholarships. 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 Future Alumni Scholarship, we need to receive your donation by Friday, May 26, 2006, as we need to notify the deserving applicants in advance of the Convocation.** Just fill out the Donation form at the end of this Newsletter and mail it to us at P.O. Box 229, Somers, NY 10589. If you would like to view the scholarship application, please visit the SSAA website at www.tuskersalumni.org/donations.htm. Donations to SSAA are gratefully accepted after May 26 as well. Thank you for your support of Somers students!

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MENTORING ACTIVITIES

The Somers Schools Alumni Association was proud to participate in an alumni panel at the Somers High School Guidance Department's Senior Transition Program on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. SSAA's Panel was called "College 101", and alumni Jenna Fidellow '96, Andy George '93, Tom Zeni '94, and Liz Simpson '96 discussed changing relationships and how to stay connected with high school friends, balancing sports and activities with academics, the college social scene, and getting involved at college. If you're interested in participating in future alumni mentoring programs, please contact us at info@tuskersalumni.org. We are also 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 have any questions, please email SSAA at info@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 info@tuskersalumni.org.

ALUMNI / STUDENT SOCCER MATCH!

The Somers Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, Keenan Deegan, invites you to an Alumni / Student Soccer Match on **Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 10:30 AM, Somers field TBD**. Somers alumni will be playing the current SHS Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (who are both quite good!). If you are interested in participating or attending please contact the Girls Junior Varsity Coach, Anna Timone '95, at annatimone@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

YOUNG ALUMNI COMMITTEE

We're organizing a Young Alumni Committee, comprised of recent Somers graduates between the ages of 18-21. They 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 Board, please email SSAA at info@tuskersalumni.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

FALL 2006 EVENT

We are currently planning our Fall 2006 Event! If you'd like to suggest a venue, please contact us at info@tuskersalumni.org. All funds donated from SSAA events are given back to the Somers Central School District for mentoring and funding activities for Somers students.

CLASSES OF '96 AND '86 REUNIONS

- The Class of '96 Reunion will be held on Friday, November 24, 2006 (the Friday after Thanksgiving) at The Pinnacle Restaurant in Heritage Hills in Somers. To register for the reunion, please send your email address to tuskers1996@yahoo.com.
- To register for the Class of '86 reunion, please contact Joan Caron '86 at Joancaroon@gmail.com.

WEST COAST GET-TOGETHER

Several alumni have contacted us showing 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 us at info@tuskersalumni.org if any of you would be interested in attending this event. 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. Additionally, 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.

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ALUMNI NEWS

- **Peter Doherty '81**, a member of the USA Karate Team for two years, competed in the World Congress of Marital Arts Goodwill Games in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico in January 2005 and earned a gold medal in Sparring and a silver medal in Weapons Kata (forms). He trains under 10 degree grand master Hanshi Jim Smith of Jim Smith Karate in "Goju-Te Karate," which is a style of karate that combines soft, circular blocking techniques with hard, fast counter attacks. Peter is now running his own karate school in Croton-on-the-Hudson, Goju-Te Karate. When Peter isn't working on his karate, he's a personal trainer at Club Fit in Briarcliff Manor, where he has been working for the past five years. Congratulations Peter!
- **John Nastasi '79** has been playing guitar with his band, Celtic Stew, in Fort Myers, FL since 1996. They have recorded two CDs and can be seen live at Dwyer's Pub in Fort Myers every Sunday night. You can hear a sample of Celtic Stew's current CD, "Mermaid Tales", or contact John directly at www.myspace.com/celticstew. John resides in Fort Myers with his wife, **Somers Class of '77 graduate Lucia Fontana**, and his children Joseph and Angela.

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 and update their information 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.

That's it for the May 2006 Newsletter! 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!

Best Regards,

Nicole Mynarski - Class of 1993

Secretary and Director of Membership, Somers Schools Alumni Association



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PO Box 229, Somers, NY 10589**

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