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## From the Executive Director's Desk

Dear Friends of SASSMM:

In this newsletter we give a huge thanks to all our donors and sponsors of our June 4<sup>th</sup> Eighth Annual Golf Tournament and our Sixth Annual Celebrity Gala and Silent Auction.

Both events would not have been successful, or as much fun, if it weren't for our incredible volunteers, Board of Directors and the generosity of those who supported us.

In spite of a challenged economic climate, before expenses, the Golf Tournament raised \$11,845 and our Gala raised \$23,657!!! We were heartened by how many organizations, businesses and individuals supported these events.

Most frequently we heard, "your services are important to the community" and "we want to support your good work." And while our events were happening, our hotline was ringing with survivors needing support.

It takes all of us to confront sexual violence and each of us play a role in investing in our communities. For some, it may be volunteering on the hotline, for others it may be volunteering at an agency event, others may volunteer on our Board of Directors and then others support our services through the generosity of giving a donation or providing sponsorship. All gifts of time and all gifts of financial support are essential to our existence and to making a difference for survivors.

Thank you to each of you for your gifts to SASSMM and know that you have made a difference for those who may not be able to express their personal thanks. Working together we make a statement that sexual violence is never

acceptable and that we hold perpetrators accountable. By breaking the silence surrounding sexual violence, we stand together confronting those who hurt others and supporting those who didn't asked to be harmed.

With regards,  
Susan Hall Dreher  
Executive Director

## A Letter from the Board Chair

Dear Friend,

We entered our budget year very nervous about the impact of the downturn in the economy on all of our funding sources - federal funds, state funds and private donations. While there has been an impact, I'm happy to report that we have also been the beneficiary of tremendous generosity from the readers of this newsletter and the community at large. From an unsolicited major donation from McTeague, Higbee, Case, Cohen, Whitney & Toker, to Bowdoin students who put on the Vagina Monologues as a fundraiser for us, to the Brunswick Police Benefits Association which made us a beneficiary of its May road race, to the corporate sponsors of the golf tournament and to celebrity dinner who sponsor us year after year, to the women of the Brunswick Golf Club who annually organize the golf tournament, to local celebrities and businesses who "wait" tables at our dinner and donate auction items, to many of you who have made donations of their time, talents and treasure - all these important contributions have helped us plug the budget holes brought on by the economy.

I'd also like to point out that the reason why



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### Mission Statement

Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine is an agency of professionals and trained volunteers dedicated to providing advocacy and support for survivors, families and concerned others affected by sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment. SASSMM offers services to improve awareness and response by providing prevention, education and risk reduction programs throughout Eastern Cumberland, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties.

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### Letter from Board Chair (continued)

SASSMM has been able to serve an ever increasing number of people despite the funding challenges is because of the hard work of the SASSMM staff and volunteers. Sue Hall Dreher manages the budget and finances very closely and the staff works hard to find ways to economize and "do more with less". Our hotline volunteers undergo many hours of training and take many hours of call. The board of directors are dedicated and committed to the agency and actively engaged in fundraising and other efforts to benefit SASSMM.

At the risk of repeating my thoughts in the last newsletter, I feel that I need to express my gratitude to all of you again. Thank you to the generous donors, directors, staff and volunteers who all do their part so that SASSMM can deliver on its commitment to support survivors of sexual assault and their families and work to prevent sexual assault from happening in our communities.

Sincerely,  
 Mark M. Waltz  
 SASSMM Board Chair

## 44 Sweat Suits Donated to Support Survivors



Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine's Second Annual Sweat Suit Sunday was a success. As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, SASSMM asked area churches to designate a Sunday for their parishioners to bring in new sweat suits as a donation to the agency.

SASSMM thanks the following churches in the Midcoast region that held Sweat Suit Sunday events in April 2009: Elijah Kellogg Church in Harpswell, Elim Community Church in Bath, Islands Community Church in Bailey Island, St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brunswick, St. John's Parish in Brunswick, Swedenborgian Church in

Bath, Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick, and United Methodist Church in Brunswick.

Since 1983, SASSMM has provided sweat suits to each of the four area hospital emergency departments in our service area, which includes Eastern Cumberland, Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties. The sweat suits are available for individuals who seek emergency medical care as a result of a sexual assault. Often as part of the evidence collection process, the clothing that the survivor was wearing at the time of the assault is taken for analysis. These sweat suits provide the survivor with clean and comfortable clothing to wear home from the hospital.

This year's event resulted in 44 new sweat suits collected for use by SASSMM, a savings of over \$600 for the agency. SASSMM's services are available to survivors of sexual assault, sexual abuse and sexual harassment as well as concerned others, including family members and friends of survivors. Please contact us for support or information at 1-800-822-5999.

If your church would like to know more about participating in next year's event, please contact our office at 725-2181.

Andrea Nicoletta  
Community Educator



## First Annual Teal Dessert

In April, SASSMM teamed with Newcastle Publick House to offer a Teal Dessert. Sexual assault awareness is represented by the color teal. The Newcastle Public House offered their delicious Hot Fudge Brownie Sundae as their Teal Dessert. We thank the Newcastle Public House and all who purchased the dessert. A portion of the proceeds from the dessert was donated to SASSMM to go toward services that

support survivors in the Midcoast area.

Jenn Hemingway  
Community Advocate

## Sexual Assault Response Team Update

For many people, the criminal legal process is confusing and scary. Many, including those called to be witnesses, may not know what to expect out of a trial beyond what they may pick up from popular television shows such as "Law and Order". For this reason, the Office of the Attorney General, in conjunction with the local sexual assault center, has sponsored a "Mock Trial" in different locations around the state for the past five years. This year, SASSMM will be co-hosting the Mock Trial with the Office of the Attorney General and Family Crisis Services. This trial is designed to be as realistic as possible, with attorneys for both prosecution and defense, a judge to preside over the proceedings, witnesses, and a jury made up of local citizens. The audience is primarily Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners (SAFE) and those in training to become SAFEs so they know what to expect if called to testify about a sexual assault forensic exam they have performed. Sexual assault advocates and law enforcement are also encouraged to attend this valuable training.

For more information about this training, or for survivor support for any type of sexual violence throughout the criminal/civil court process, please call 725-2181 or email [sart@sassmm.org](mailto:sart@sassmm.org)

Rebecca Wolfenden  
SART Coordinator

## “IF I TELL”

SASSMM is proud to announce that after more than two years work with numerous stakeholders, our video “If I Tell” is finished. “If I Tell” is a completely accessible film that addresses the issue of sexual violence against individuals with cognitive disabilities. The film models appropriate responses to reinforce safe practices. “If I Tell” was developed for use in safety workshops for individuals with developmental disabilities and for professionals working with individuals with cognitive disabilities. The film is packaged with the facilitators guide and two DVD’s and may be purchased for \$20.00 plus \$6.95 shipping and handling.

For more information about Project Advance or to purchase a copy of “If I Tell” contact Jennifer Hemingway, Community Advocate, at [projectadv@sassmm.org](mailto:projectadv@sassmm.org) or call the SASSMM office at 725-2181.



Jennifer Hemingway  
Community Advocate

## Announcing NEW Classroom Presentations!!

SASSMM is excited to launch three new school-based programs this year:

**Peer Education Program:** The SASSMM Peer Educators are Bowdoin College students specially trained in classroom education and advocacy. Using a peer helper model, they present interactive sexual violence awareness programs for high school students.

**High School Internet Safety:** In response to requests from school personnel, SASSMM created an Internet Safety program targeted at

high school students. Using an interactive game, high school students will explore issues such as privacy, cyber-harassment and online predators.

**Personal Safety Puppet Program:** SASSMM participated in a statewide training to deliver child sexual abuse awareness programs for students in grades K-4 using puppets to present Community Advocate safety information in fun, developmentally appropriate and non-threatening ways.

For more information about SASSMM’s school programs, or to schedule presentations for your school, please contact Bethany Hunter, School Education Coordinator, at 725-2181 or [education@sassmm.org](mailto:education@sassmm.org).

Bethany Hunter  
School Education Coordinator



SASSMM’s 2009 Annual Meeting date to be determined. Please check our website for more information. [www.sassmm.org](http://www.sassmm.org)

## 2009 Ladies' Open Golf Tournament

We were lucky enough to pick one of the very few beautiful days in June for the Eighth Annual Ladies' Golf Open. On June 4, 2009, 84 lady golfers played eighteen holes of golf under sunny skies and raised \$9,000 for SASSMM. Before heading out the players enjoyed breakfast treats provided by the Women's Golf Association and coffee donated by Starbucks Coffee Company.

After a morning out on the course, everyone gathered to enjoy a great lunch of pasta, salads, and desserts cooked up by Chef Jimbo Gallant of the Brunswick Golf Club.

Lee Toyota once again donated the hole-in-one car, but unfortunately nobody drove home in the 2009 Scion xB. Everyone appreciated the contributions made by our generous sponsors, including our six corporate sponsors, 25 hole sponsors, and 33 businesses that donated prizes. We are very grateful for their support.

A huge thanks goes to Barb Rondeau and Annee Tara who played key roles in planning and organization and also competed. We would also like to thank Patrick Badcock and the Brunswick Golf Club staff; Kwik-Kopy, who donated all the printing for the event; and Julie M. Jones who donated her graphic design talent.

The funds raised by this annual tournament allow SASSMM to provide essential services to survivors of sexual assault, and to continue our educational programs in the community.



# THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SASSMM LADIES' OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

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## Sixth Annual Gala and Silent Auction

We "Celebrated Community" at the Sixth Annual SASSMM Celebrity Gala and Silent Auction on Saturday June 20, 2009, and we are so thankful for all of the community members that sponsored the event, donated items to our auction and showed up to have a fun evening eating, dancing and bidding! Our celebrity hosts found various ways to keep the crowd entertained throughout the evening. Bob Warren and his friends performed an energetic rendition of "Eye of the Tiger." Denise Tepler sold baubles and twirly toys, while DJs Mike Halmo and Bill Audette got people moving on the dance floor. Delicious food was served, much of it local; and thanks to the Thorne Dining Hall Staff at Bowdoin College, trays of goodies were brought around to guests.

This year's event included 139 silent auction items, 4 live auction items, a raffle for a beautiful grape garnet and diamond ring donated by Day's Jewelers, 12 celebrity hosts, and over 130 guests and volunteers. The SASSMM Board and Staff were busy making sure things went smoothly and also managed to do some bidding and mingling themselves.

The community truly came together for the evening, and we are grateful to everyone who helped make it possible. We also thank all of those who work with SASSMM on a daily basis to end sexual violence and to increase awareness of the issue. We hope all of our guests had a great time, and we hope to see you next year!

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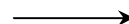
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### *Thank you to our wonderful celebrities!*

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**More than 100 businesses and local artists donated items for the auction. Please support those who help support SASSMM!**

Michael Andreotti	The Chocolate Church
Ash Cove Pottery	Sherry Cleaves
Ashley H Designs	Coastal Maine Popcorn Company
Back Street Bistro and Wine Bar	The Common Table
The Barn Door	Delilah Pottery
Bart & Greg's DVD Explosion	Dick's Sporting Goods
The Basket Case	Discovery Toys
Beale Street Barbeque	Frank Douglass
Beauti Basics	Alane Downes and William Fall
The Benjamin Wales House	Jackie Dube
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Bohemian Rose	Matt Fogg
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**SASSMM Support Groups**  
&  
**Additional Advocacy Services**  
**For Survivors, Parents And Concerned Others**

**Support Groups: A Piece of The Healing Process.**

Survivors of sexual violence are often left with deep feelings of shame, guilt and embarrassment. Many feel they have no one to turn to for support and assistance.

SASSMM provides a confidential, casual and supportive environment for individuals to connect with others who have been through similar life events. Participants share personal experiences, discuss information and exchange resources. Groups focus on healing and moving forward. A variety of survivor-centered groups are offered. **Call 1-207-725-2181** to schedule a pre-group appointment.

**In addition to support groups, SASSMM offers the following services:**

**⌘ One-To-One Support**

For individuals waiting for a group to begin, or simply looking for information and support, SASSMM offers meetings on a scheduled basis.

**⌘ 24-Hour Crisis and Support Line: 1-800-822-5999, TTY dial 1-888-458-5599, from a cell phone call 1-207-725-1500**

Available to survivors of sexual violence and the people who care about survivors, no matter when the assault or abuse occurred.

**⌘ SART Services**

Specific advocacy and assistance around law enforcement and legal proceedings.

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