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Happenings at Mautner: *your guide to the latest news and events in lesbian health*

August 20, 2008

Upcoming Events

Join us at these great upcoming events!

Raffle for a Reason:

You could win \$10,000 in cash, a fabulous getaway, or some flawlessly beautiful bling - your odds are 1 in 200! Only 600 tickets will be sold, for \$100 each. They are going fast and all funds raised support our important programs, so get yours today. To learn more, [click here](#).

Winners will be drawn at the Gala Kickoff Party (see below); you don't need to be present to win.

Mautner at Lambda

Rising: Look out for the Mautner Project at Lambda Rising in the next few months! Stop by and visit us to learn more about our programs, and Raffle for a Reason, on August 24, September 21, and October 5, from noon-3PM. Many thanks to [Lambda Rising](#).

Save the Dates!

Thinking About Quitting? We Can Help.



Are you ready to quit? Mautner Project offers cessation support for all LGBT people and allies, including free nicotine replacement therapy! Next group starts **Tuesday, September 2, 6:30-8:00 PM**. Participating in a supportive program has been proven to double your chances of success. If you are ready to kiss that cigarette butt goodbye for good, visit our

[website](#) or contact Sara Jaye at 202.332.5536 or ssanford@mautnerproject.org! This program is funded, in whole or in part, by the Government of the District of Columbia.

In the News: Nondiscrimination in California Health Care!



On Monday, the California State Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the state's nondiscrimination law extended to the medical profession. The decision stemmed from a lawsuit filed by Guadalupe "Lupita" Benitez, whose physicians refused her a standard fertility treatment based on her sexual orientation. Her Christian doctors claimed that their refusal to provide care was because she was unmarried and that it was protected under First Amendment freedom of religion. The ruling will bar doctors in California from refusing medical treatment to gay men or lesbians because of their religious beliefs. The Mautner Project congratulates Ms. Benitez and [Lambda Legal](#), who advocated on her behalf. Hopefully, the rest of the country will soon follow in requiring health care providers to treat all of their patients equally and with respect.

In the Community

Come see Mautner Project tomorrow night! A Different Kind of Ladies' Night presents **Professional Women's Networking Event** on Thursday, August 21st, 6:30 PM - until. Bring your business cards, relax, connect with women from other professional organizations at

**BIG LOVE
Kickoff Party**

Celebrating the 19th Anniversary Gala and announcing the winners of Raffle for a Reason!

Stay tuned for more details, coming soon.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Friday, October 24
[TOWN Danceboutique](#)

BIG LOVE

*Our 19th Anniversary
Gala*

Valentine's Day

Dinner and Dance

[Click here](#) for more information.

February 14, 2009
Omni Shoreham Hotel

Chi-Cha Lounge, 1624 U Street NW, Washington, DC. Meet your colleagues from: Mautner Project, Slumber Parties by MiriaGari, Where the Girls Go, Tango Insurance Agency, RaeKi Publishing Company, Right from the Start LLC, Democracy Data and Communications, One in Ten, Joyful Creations Personal Chef Service LLC, EPA Gay Lesbian Or Bisexual Employees (GLOBE), Health Sources LLC, and more!

Washington Mystics Presents **Ladies Night!**

Friday, August 29, 5-8 PM

Game Starts at 7:00

The Washington Mystics are excited to host a special evening at the Dewar's Club! Starting at 5:00, this event will feature live music from Magic 102.3, Bacardi Tasting, Massages, Manicures, Makeup artists, light food and drink, and much more. Admission of \$30 includes event access to all vendors, one drink, and one Lower Level ticket to the Mystics v. Chicago Sky game. Come visit the Mautner Project's table and learn about our programs and upcoming events! For tickets, [click here](#).

The Music Ministry of the Metropolitan Community Church of DC proudly presents **Summer Soul 2008!** An annual concert of exciting, praise-filled, glorious music featuring the MCC DC's Gospel Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Praise Team, and special guest soloist Rev. Abena McCray. Sunday, August 24, 3:00 PM. Directed by MCC DC Minister of Music Shirli Hughes. For more information, please contact the church office at www.mccdc.com or call (202) 638-7373.

Gilda's Club of the Delaware Valley, PA presents **Lesbians With Breast Cancer: Creating Healthy Lives**, A Conference for Lesbians with Breast Cancer and their Support Network. Sunday, November 9, 2008, 9 AM - 3 PM, Holly Hedge Estates, New Hope, PA. Sponsored by Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Philadelphia. For more information, please call Kelly or Sandy at (215) 441-3290.

The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians, bisexual, and transgender women who partner with women, and their families, through advocacy, education, research, and direct service. We envision a healthcare system that is guided by social justice and responsive to the needs of all people.

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