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## Happenings at Mautner: *Happy Holidays*

**December 23, 2008**

### Who's On Your Gift List?



Many of you receive occasional correspondence from us at Mautner Project through snail mail, and you may have just received what is doubtless one of many letters asking for a year-end donation. We want to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to our supporters. Every dollar that you give helps us provide vital services to lesbian, bisexual, and transgender women in the D.C. area and around the country, from training health care providers to treat all of their patients with respect, to driving women with cancer to chemotherapy appointments, to helping smokers quit. If you

### Happy Holidays from Mautner Project!



*Whether you are celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, solstice, or many or none of the above, the Mautner Project staff wishes you a warm, peaceful holiday season with your loved ones!*

### Mautner In the News

Mautner Project is pleased to announce that our Executive Director, Leslie J. Calman, PhD., has been elected to the Board of Directors of the **National Coalition for LGBT Health**. She is excited to work with our partners in the Coalition to help shape and move forward advocacy on behalf of LGBT health issues. The National Coalition for LGBT Health is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals through federal advocacy that is focused on research, policy, education, and training. To learn more about the Coalition, [click here](#).



Mautner Project is also proud to announce two generous grants that will help to fund our important health promotion work in the D.C. area in 2009! The **DC Tobacco Free Families** campaign has selected Mautner Project to spearhead an effort to provide increased tobacco education, outreach and cessation services to LGBT people, and we are looking forward to building a campaign with our partners to bring this vital information to our communities. **Susan G. Komen for the Cure**, a longtime supporter of our work, has funded Removing the Barriers EDUcate: Eliminating Disparities for the Underserved. This program will combine complementary strategies of training both health care providers and peer educators to help ensure that underserved African American women who partner with women get the breast cancer screenings they need.

In other news, Mautner Project is going to be included in a forthcoming edition of the book *Be A Survivor: Your Guide to Breast Cancer Treatment*, by Dr. Vladimir Lange, M.D. The book was created as a resource to help women and their loved ones become active participants in breast cancer treatment and recovery, and Mautner

would like to donate and have not done so yet, you can donate quickly and securely on our website by [clicking here](#).

If you are not currently on our mailing list but would like to be, just email us at [info@mautnerproject.org](mailto:info@mautnerproject.org) or call 202-332-5536!

A safe, healthy and happy holiday season to you all!

Project will be listed in the resource section of a new edition. In the meantime, check out the [website](#).

## Celebrate the Season with Big Love - Get Your Ticket for a Red Hot Singles Table!



### **BIG LOVE**

*Our 19th Anniversary Gala  
Valentine's Day  
Dinner and Dance*

**February 14, 2009**

**6:30 PM - 1:00 AM**

Omni Shoreham Hotel

2500 Calvert St. NW

Washington, DC 20008

Ticket Price: \$200

(\$125 tax-deductible)

### *Featuring*

A special performance by **BETTY**, who have been featured on  
The L Word!

### *And*

The Return of the

**BIG DANCE**,

with music by **DJ JFX**

Celebrate the holiday season by participating in the BIG LOVE Gala! By purchasing a ticket, donating an item to our auction, or placing an ad in our program, you can make a difference in the lives of others by helping us provide vital services for lesbian, bisexual and transgender women. **Plus, Gala tickets make great gifts!**

**BIG LOVE** will also include **Red Hot Singles** tables - a chance for you to mix and mingle with other singles! There will be tables for women and men so come celebrate all the love in your life!

To learn more, please [visit our website](#). You can also call the Mautner Project office at 202-332-5536 or email us at [gala@mautnerproject.org](mailto:gala@mautnerproject.org).

## In the Community

The **Point Foundation** offers higher education **scholarships** for gay and lesbian students. Deadline: February 9, 2009.

The [Point Foundation](#), a scholarship-granting organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students of merit, has announced the opening of its 2009 application season. Students who will be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs for the 2009-10 school year are eligible to apply for the multiyear scholarships. [Click here to apply online!](#)

[Register today](#) for the **National Lesbian Health Summit!** The summit will be held March 6-8 in San Francisco, California, and will welcome all lesbian, bisexual, and queer women and transgender people as well as all of our LGBTIQ friends and allies. It's not too late to submit a workshop proposal or too early to register, so visit the

[website](#) today!

Volunteers are wanted for a **Breast Cancer Prevention Study**. The George Washington University Medical Center is inviting postmenopausal women to participate in a research study for the prevention of breast cancer. You may be eligible if: you have never been diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; you are 60 years old or older **or** you are 35 to 59 years old and have not had a period for 12 months or have had both ovaries removed and have certain risk factors for breast cancer (study staff will calculate risk); you are not in any research studies; and you are not taking any type of hormone therapy. This study is an international clinical trial sponsored by the National Cancer Institute of Canada. Women will be assigned by chance to an investigational drug or a placebo for five years. *For more information or to find out if you are eligible, please call Ginny Levin at **202-741-3048** or send an email to [glevin@gwmail.gwu.edu](mailto:glevin@gwmail.gwu.edu).* The clinic is located one block from the Foggy Bottom metro stop.

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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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