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Happenings at Mautner: *It's National Women's Health Week!*

May 13, 2009

The "L" Word: Lesbians and the Law, June 9



Michele Zavos, a well-known lesbian attorney in the Washington metropolitan area, will discuss issues regarding marriage and domestic partnerships, creating families with children, and estate planning issues, including the preparation of Wills, Living Wills, and Powers of Attorney for Health Care and Finances. Come learn about the District's comprehensive domestic partnership law and what it may mean for you, whether you live in the District or not. Find out about recent legislation in Maryland that extends some benefits to partners. Hear about implications of California marriages and marrying in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Learn about creating legal

Tomorrow!

Are You A M.O.M. (Man of Mautner)?



Join us for an evening of celebration as we honor the men who so generously support the Mautner Project's health and education programs and assistance to their sisters struggling with cancer. Enjoy great food, plentiful drinks, wonderful camaraderie, good music, surprise entertainment, and an auction featuring a lunch with **Congressman Jared Polis** and VIP tickets to see **Stevie Wonder!** All Mautner friends and supporters are welcome.

The 2009 Men of Mautner Award will be presented to our very own **Dr. William E. Gannon, Jr.**, a man who has worked tirelessly for so many LGBT organizations including Mautner Project. Dr. Gannon is featured in this week's "Queery" column in the Washington Blade - learn more about our honoree and why he's so excited about Men of Mautner by [clicking here!](#)

Men of Mautner

Thursday, May 14, 2009

At the residence of Bob Horvath and Patrick Lyden
2422 Tracy Place, NW Washington, DC 20008
6 PM - 8:30 PM

For more information, to purchase tickets, or become a member of the Host Committee visit our website:

www.mautnerproject.org/events/Upcoming_Events/mom_2009.html

We Want to Support You - Online and In Person!

Client services will be starting **three new in-person support groups** this summer (bereavement, cancer survivors and



relationships with the children you are raising, and why that's important. Get information on how your wishes can be carried out regarding health care, finances, and transfer your assets at the end of life. Michele is an engaging and knowledgeable speaker on all of these issues. Don't be afraid of the "L" word - the Law!

Tuesday, June 9,
6:30-8:00 PM
Mautner Project offices
1875 Connecticut Ave.
NW Suite 710
Washington, DC 20009

Mautner's Official Florist, JLB Floral



We are pleased to announce JLB Floral Inc. as the official florist of Mautner Project. Order your flowers and centerpieces and 5% of your total purchase will be generously donated in support of Mautner Project's local and national health programs.

Call (703) 751-4031 and mention Mautner Project with your order. Let JLB Floral provide flowers for any occasion or celebration in 2009 - and you can contribute to Mautner's efforts in helping the lives of others.

caregivers); anyone interested should **call 202-332-5536 and ask for Elizabeth Ide**, Acting Client Services Director. Please tell your friends!



In addition, Mautner Project is proud to announce three new member-driven **email support groups**:

- [Lesbian, Bi & Trans Survivors](#) for women surviving serious illnesses;
- [Lesbian, Bi & Trans Caregivers](#) for women caring for loved ones with serious diseases or disabilities; and
- [Lesbian, Bi & Trans Bereavement](#) for women grieving the loss of a loved one.

Have a story to share or a question to ask? Email the group to connect directly with other survivors, caregivers, or grieving women. Your membership is free and confidential.

Interested? You can become a member through each group's website by clicking "Join This Group" at the top of the page. You can also join by emailing us at DirectServices@MautnerProject.org. Just let us know which group(s) you'd like to join and we'll send you an "invite" with instructions for signing up.

Still have questions? Send us an email at DirectServices@MautnerProject.org and we'll be happy to help.

In the Community



Dance---or learn how to! Two-step, swing, waltz, Latin and line dancing. Take classes with nationally ranked professionals, enjoy exhibition team dancing, competitions, nightly entertainment and open dancing on a huge dance floor! What a way for gay cowboys and cowgirls to celebrate the Fourth! Put on your hat and boots and join us for **Stomps and Stripes Forever**, a national dance hoedown and convention at the Hyatt Regency hotel, this July 2 through 5, 2009! Hoedown proceeds will benefit DC area organizations that support the LGBT community including the Mautner Project! Register at www.Hoedown2009.com.

Researchers are **seeking lesbian and bisexual women** - are you...
· A lesbian or bisexual woman?
· Age 18 or older?

If this sounds like you, then we invite you to participate in a study focusing on your life experiences as a lesbian, bisexual, or queer woman, the challenges you have faced, and how you deal with these challenges. Participants will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for one of several cash prizes of \$50. This is an **anonymous, web-based study** run through the Department of Psychology at the University of Washington. For more information, please go to www.surveymonkey.com/rainbow_women, or contact the Rainbow Women's Project at wproject@u.washington.edu or (206) 543-9151. Please remember that we cannot guarantee the confidentiality of any information sent by email. The goal of the Rainbow Women's Project is

to better understand the specific experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer women and promote their health and well-being. They are especially interested in hearing the diverse voices within our communities.

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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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